The Hudson Collection consists of mid-seventeenth through early nineteenth century correspondence, accounts, legal documents, land papers, business papers, and shipping papers of families living in the Essex County, Massachusetts towns of Newburyport, Salisbury, and Amesbury; also in Boston, New York City, and Rumford (now Concord), New Hampshire. The papers document family matters; sea-faring; trade between New England and New York, and the West Indies, Great Britain, Russia (Archangel), and other New World and European ports; land transactions; and contain references to political and other events of the day. The bulk of the papers document the intermarried Hudson and Rogers families who lived in Newburyport, with branches in New York and Boston, mid-eighteenth through early nineteenth centuries.

Included are the papers of Captain James Hudson (ca.1718-1792), Newburyport sea captain and owner of a salt-works at Salisbury; his son Henry Hudson (1747-1823), a Newburyport merchant; Henry Hudson's wife, Anna Rogers Hudson,
and their son John Rogers Hudson (b.1764), also a merchant in Newburyport; Anna Rogers Hudson’s father John Rogers, a Boston merchant, her mother, Mary Davenport Rogers, and other family members. Mary Davenport Rogers was a niece of Benjamin Franklin (her mother was Sarah Franklin Davenport, Benjamin Franklin’s sister), and some papers, 1770-1793, concerning Franklin’s estate are included.

Also included are papers of members of the related Balch family of Newburyport, 1766-1837; and of the Hodge family of Newburyport, 1778-1816; the Morse family of Amesbury, 1737-1820, particularly Benjamin Morse, an Amesbury constable and highway surveyor; the True family of Salisbury, 1659-1835, particularly James True, (b.1764), Captain Henry True (1644-1735, militia officer and town clerk), and Deacon Samuel True; and the Rolfe family of Rumford (Concord), New Hampshire.

Some additional personal, town, church, school, business, and ship papers are in the collection. Included among these are: an undated Essex County, Massachusetts tax list (ca.1750); records, 1826-1836, of the Newburyport Lancaster school; papers, 1773-1797, of Ezra Merrill, a ship’s ironworker who lived in Salisbury; recipes for medical remedies; two account books, 1778-1781, of the Newburyport firm Togerson and Co. concerning the ships America and Delight; records, 1780-1784, of the schooner Success; papers of shipbuilder William Hackett of Salisbury concerning the building of the ship Massachusetts at Braintree, 1787-1791; and notes of protest for storm damages made by Captain Christopher H. Cooksey at Rio de Janeiro before the United States Consul, for his ship Exonous.

Included among a small group of miscellaneous letters and documents, ca. 1647-1853, is an undated (pre-Revolutionary) fragment of a military commission belonging to Richard Saltmarsh, possibly the prominent Massachusetts colonist of that name, ca.1610-1694.
Hudson and Rogers families, papers, 1742-1862; n.d.

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Captain James Hudson
Accounts, 1755-1785
Account books, 1742-1788 (11)
Land papers, 1751-1777
Correspondence, 1743-1785
Marriage contract with Mary Gwynn, [1780]
Saltworks records (Salisbury, Mass.), 1766-1770
Shipping papers, 1746-1786; n.d.

John Rogers Hudson
Accounts, 1806-1813; 1833-1834
Correspondence, 1803-1829

Legal, financial, and insurance papers, 1816-1820
Shipping papers, 1805-1833

Wallett and Cox, London agents of Henry Hudson and
Letters and accounts, 1785-1789

Anna Rogers Hudson
Letters received, 1790-1826; n.d.

Charles Hodge Hudson
Papers, 1840-1843; 1862

Hannah Walch Hudson
Letters received, 1826; n.d.

Henry Hudson
Accounts, 1766-1812
Account book, 1799-1805 (1)
Henry Hudson
Insurance papers, 1796-1797
Correspondence, 1781-1821
Shipping papers, 1787-1862

Henry Hudson Jr., bookbinder
Papers, 1800-1823

John Rogers
Letters from Boston correspondents, 1793-1797
Letters from Portsmouth, N.H. correspondents, 1778-1796
Letters from John Rogers Jr., 1779-1795
Letters from Henry Hudson, 1780-1796

Letters from Anna Rogers Hunter, 1785-1795
Fragmentary, unidentified, and undated letters
Accounts, 1777-1792; n.d.
Account books, 1744-1795 (8)

Mary Davenport Rogers
Letters received, 1786-1800; n.d.
Benjamin Franklin estate papers, 1770-1793

Balch family, papers, 1766-1837; n.d.
Hudson-Balch genealogical note
Daniel Balch, land papers, 1766-1825
Correspondence between Elizabeth and Charles H. Balch, 1824-1837
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James Hudson, account book, 1762-1783
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