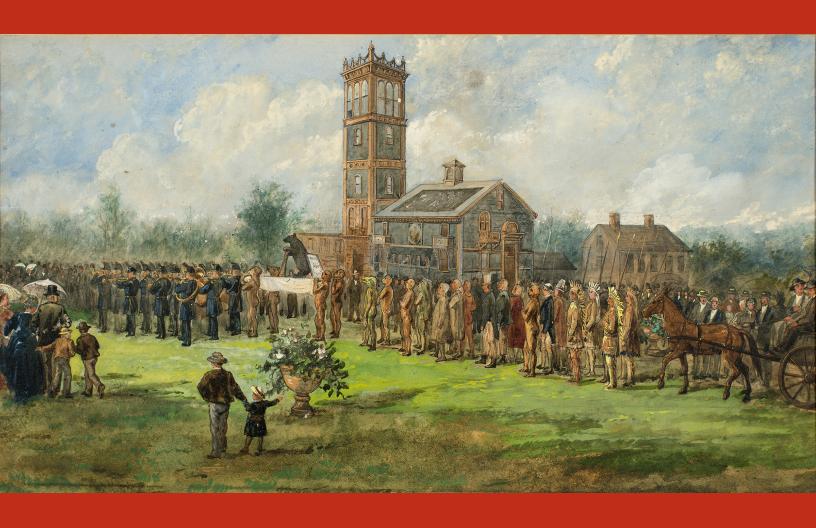
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New Acquisitions

The MHS acquired 156 linear feet of manuscript material in FY2018 through 109 gifts and 3 deposits including:

Gifts

Estate of Mary Paige Alford: Clapp family papers, including diaries and account books kept by Ebenezer Clapp and Ebenezer Clapp, Jr.

Rosamond Allen: Lamb-Revere family papers
American Independence Museum (Exeter,
NH): Small notebook containing the
minutes of two meetings of the Committee
on Furnishing Faneuil Hall, 1899

American Textile History Museum: Letter from Abbott Lawrence regarding the building of the city of Lawrence, 1846

Bryan Anderson

Anonymous: Lease of two oxen and one horse to be used at the farm of John Hull of Muddy River, 1671

Anonymous: Letter from John Greenleaf Whittier to Ellen A. Dow, 1882

Margaret Baker

John Barber

Wilhemina Batchelder-Brown: Batchelder-Lewis family papers

Nicola Beisel: Record book of the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice, 1884–1888

Martha J. Bell

Jerimiah Bergstrom: Sermons and other papers of Rev. Benjamin Reynolds Bulkely of the First Parish in Concord

Richard Bitzer

Boston Children's Museum

Boston Society for the New Jerusalem, Inc. (Church on the Hill) (deposit): *Church* records, 1816–2018

Les Bowser

George Bresnick, on behalf of the H. Stanley Bresnick Foundation

Charles E. Brewer

Sarah Brockmann, in memory of Richard Rice Long: *Marcy-Dodge family papers and photographs*

Armand Cerbone: Photographs of the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court, ca. 1929–1932; Superior Court justice Joseph R. Ripley of Wellesley; and the Hendricks Club

Carol Chappel: Pocket diaries kept by James Arthur Garfield Hoyt of Ware, 1897–1900 Faith Childs: Bowditch-Knauth-Jones-Childs family papers

Martha A. Churchill

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Margaret Dyer Coleman, on behalf of the great-grandchildren of Daniel Harrison Spofford and in memory of Helen Fisk Dyer: Civil War letters and photographs of Daniel H. Spofford of the 1st Mass. Infantry Regiment

Gretchen Conklin: John Appleton Knowles family papers, 1785–1980

Connecticut Historical Society:

Miscellaneous manuscripts including the diary of Jemima Brewer of Wilbraham, 1843–1850, and an autograph copy of the poem and song, "America," signed by Samuel Francis Smith

Lori W. Cotter

Dianne Cross and Robert Jefferson: Photographs of members of the Mass. General Court, 1896–1900

Curtis Club (deposit): Additions to the Curtis Club records

Robert Darling

James Darnell

Mary Morgan Davis and John L. Davis: Civil War letter from John Hutter of the 12th

Mass. Volunteer Infantry

Elaine Denning

Marian Mathison Desrosiers Allegra Di Bonaventura

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David Doss

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Sarah Forbes: Additions to the William Hathaway Forbes and Edith Emerson Forbes papers and commissions to John B.

Paine

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Friday Evening Club (through Bernard McFadd): Additions to the Friday Evening Club records, 2017–2018 William L. Gaddis: Photograph album containing Gaddis's images of Boston buildings and street views, 1960s

Elizabeth B. Gardner: Additions to the Fay-Mixter-Spooner-Galloupe family papers and photographs

Barbara Gellner

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David Heckman

Arthur C. Hodges: Addition to his diaries, 2017 Coletta Holmes: Five letters written to David Hewes

Laurie Hungerford

Charles Kennamer: Photograph of the Boston Bloomers, a women's baseball team, ca. 1890s–1910s

Skillman Library, Lafayette College

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Estate of Helen Johnson Lawrence

Henry Lee: Additions to the MHS archives Jane Wigglesworth Lescure: Additions to the Richard B. Wigglesworth papers and photographs

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Molly W. Lowell: James Hale Lowell papers

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Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation: World War II letters of Frank W. White of Watertown, and other items

Margo Miller: Additions to the Miller family papers

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Nashua (N.H.) Historical Society Needham Free Public Library

Zachary Nowak: Additions to the Fenway Garden Society records

Ohio History Connection: Circular Letter of the Historical Society, Respectfully addressed to every Gentleman of Science in the Continent and Islands of America...Jeremy Belknap, Corresponding Secretary, November 1, 1791, and other items

Oneida County History Center

Anne Orlando

Nancy Osgood, on behalf of Nancy, David, and Christopher Osgood, in memory of William B. Osgood and in honor of the Holyoke and Osgood families: Osgood-Holyoke-Ward-Batchelder family papers, photographs, art, and artifacts

R. C. Oster: Letter from Foster Hagar to his brother, 1897, recalling the Siege of Fort Wagner in July 1863

Marc-William Palen

James M. Perkins: George Livermore papers
Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer: Letters from Louisa
Thoron and Aileen Tone regarding Pfeiffer's
interest in Henry Adams's search for
non-ecclesiastical French music of the 13th
century

Caroline and Cynthia Pratt: Southwick and Dudley family papers

Ruth Eldridge Race: Two scrapbooks of Mass. State senator and Somerville mayor Charles W. Eldridge

Cathy J. Reed: College notebook kept by Henry Osborn Taylor in a history course at Harvard taught by Henry Adams

Kenneth W. Rendell, in honor of Dennis Fiori:

Manuscript copy of the constitution of the

Massachusetts Historical Society, [1790s]

Pamela Reynolds: Letter from J. Grant Forbes to F. Murray Forbes, 1898

Jeff Rolls

Robert Stewart Royer, Candy Royer, and Richard Kinsey Royer: Manuscript copies of letters from John Adams and John Quincy Adams

St. Botolph Club (deposit): Additions to the St. Botolph Club records

Alvin Schaut

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Nancy Sjolund: Certificate book of the Back Bay Land Trust in Boston

L. Smith

Reiner Smolinski

Alan Spear: Manuscript notebook containing records of a militia unit in Sandwich kept by William Bassett and Edmund Freeman, 1700–1704, and notes on Freeman family history by Edmund Freeman

Nancy Dall Spinner: Johan S.C. Dall papers, photographs, and artifacts

David F. Squire

Cecilia Staudt: $Pencil\ sketches\ by\ Everit\ A.$ Herter

Elizabeth Swift: Commission issued to William Swift as a surgeon's mate in the U.S. Navy, 1813

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Carmen D. Valentino: Letters from Sarah Bowdoin Dearborn diaries and memoranda books kept by John Moseley Abbot

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Thomas J. Zaccheo: George Higginson family papers

Mark Zashin: Speech on the U.S. Future and the Panama Canal by Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., ca. 1977

Art and Artifacts

Phyllis Anderson, William Beck, Anne E.
Bentley, Rakashi Chand, Anna Clutterbuck-Cook, Alicia Cornwell, Ondine LeBlanc,
Katie Loughrey, Ruth Nemzoff, Laura
Roberts, Emily Ross, Nina Silber, Pamela
Swing: Contributors of hats, photographs,
signs, recollections, and memorabilia from
the Women's Marches of 2017 and 2018

Elizabeth B. Gardner: Portrait of James Henderson Elliot by Gilbert Stuart, 1808

Norfolk (Conn.) Historical Society: Unattributed portrait of Lucy (Woodbridge) Edwards, ca. 1832

Nancy, David, and Christopher Osgood, in memory of William B. Osgood: Unattributed watercolor depicting the funeral for the bear, Billy Bruin, who died while in the captivity at the zoo at Ridge Hill Farms, Needham, [ca. 1874]

Janet O. Wilson: Wedgwood souvenir plates of the Old State House, Quincy Homestead, and the Old South Church

Purchases

Papers of West Newton educator Lucy Ellis Allen

Civil War letters of Dwight E. Armstrong of the 10th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry B.F. Keith's New Theater, Boston, Mass. (Boston: Geo. H. Walker), ca. 1895 Boston Harbor, undated pastel by Arthur Clifton Goodwin

Letter regarding the establishment of a reading room and the selection of a librarian, possibly for Samuel Hale Parker's Boston

Union Circulating Library, 1815
Boston's Own Medical Detachment, 301st
Infantry, Hibernian Hall, Roxbury,
Saturday Evening April 20 1918, souvenir
program for a dance

Diaries kept by Rev. Luman Boyden, Methodist minister and head of the Boston City Missionary Society, 1854–1863

Letters to Dr. George Brown, superintendent of the Elm Hill Private School and Home for the Education of Feeble-Minded Youth, Barre, and to his son and grandson, 1860–1935

Records of the Byfield (Newbury) Methodist Episcopal Church, 1830-1920s

Account books for the livery business and stable of William Castilo of Foxboro, 1878–1884

[Thomas Chapman], False Reconstruction; or, The Slavery that is not Abolished (Saxonville, Mass.), 1876

Diary of Sarah Louise (Newcomb) Clark of Lynn, 1852–1856

Letters written by Judge John Davis, 1782–1841
"Account of Last Two Month's Service in U.S. Army
by H.L. Estabrooks 1864," Capt. Henry L.
Estabrooks' (2nd Mass. Volunteer Infantry)
account of his capture and escape from a POW
Train

Record book of the First Engine Company of firefighters in Watertown, 1820–1832

Letter from African-American artist Meta Vaux Warwick Fuller describing the treatment of Blacks on a bus in Massachusetts, 1928

Account books related to the Lenox Iron Works and a rum distillery kept by Joseph Goodwin, 1787–1819

Letters to Irvin Henshaw of Buzzards Bay in response to his 1965 letter-writing campaign in opposition to gun control legislation

Letters from Henry Lee Higginson, including several written during his Civil War service

An Accurate Map of the English Colonies in North America Bordering on the River Ohio, [by John Hinton], (London: Published in the Universal Magazine), 1754



Women's March contributions: (top row left to right) Women's March, Washington DC, by Nina Silber; Women's March, Boston, by Emily Ross. (middle row left to right) Headed to the march, by Ravi Montenegro; Image of hat, by Nina Silber; On the Commons, by Ondine LeBlanc. Bottom (bottom row left to right) Protesters on the Common, by unidentified; Pam Swing wearing a pussy hat holding a sign with the word "Listen."

- Photographs of the study of Oliver Wendell Holmes and of Kingsmill Marrs
- Account book of a general store kept by Richard W. Holmes of Plymouth, 1834-1842
- Plaster bust of Thomas Jefferson from the original plaster cast by Jean-Antoine Houdon, ca. 1980s
- John Crane, An Oration. Delivered at Douglass, Monday, July 5th, 1802...(Worcester: Daniel Greenleaf), July 16th, 19th, 1802
- Account book kept by leathersmith and shoemaker Benjamin Lyon of Dorchester, 1753–1797
- Diaries of Edith Coffin (Colby) Mahoney and her father, William Roberts Colby of Salem, 1898–1927
- Account book kept by optician J.W. McVine of West Gardner, 1894–1907
- Photographs of the Miller family of Roxbury and Dorchester, ca. 1920s–1960s
- A Mirror for the Intemperate (Boston: Henry Bowen's Chemical Print. For N. Boynton, Boston. Sold by D. Osborn, Lenox), [ca. 1830], broadside on linen
- Account books kept by Leander Moody, a tavern keeper of the Roberts Meadow village of Northampton, 1826–1848
- Letters to and from "Ipswich painter" Carl H. Nordstrom and his wife Agnes, 1908–1952.
- Order of Procession For the Funeral of His Excellency, JAMES SULLIVAN, Esq... December 16, 1808, [Boston], 1808, broadside
- Letters from supercargo and later Captain Augustus Percival of Orleans, 1868-1883
- Farming account book kept by Henry Phelon of Feeding Hills (Agawam), 1806-1834
- The Poor Slave. Dedicated to the Friends of Humanity (Boston: Boston Chemical Print Company, ca. 1834), cotton handkerchief
- Letters from Marine Lt. T.F. Ready of Belmont from Vietnam, 1967–1968
- Journals kept by James Thomas Robinson of North Adams, 1842–1853
- Manuscript agreement by citizens of Salem to share in the expenses of the "Whig District celebration of the Fourth of July," June 1840
- Letter from Francis Shaw to his brother Quincy Adams Shaw expressing his grief days after the death of his son, Robert Gould Shaw, at the Siege of Fort Wagner, [July 22], 1863
- Letter from I. Shaw regarding the provisioning of troops during Shays' Rebellion, 1787

- Journal and logbook of the Schooner Governor Carver kept by Nathaniel Spooner, 1793– 1817
- Correspondence and ephemera of artist Emily Burling Waite of Worcester, Boston, and Washington, D.C., 1905–1982
- Account book kept by day laborer David Warren of Westborough, 1830–1832
- Letters from painter and photographer Isaac Augustus Wetherby recalling his role in the abolitionist movement in Boston, 1896, 1901
- Account books kept by an unidentified Bostonarea hat manufacturer, 1830–1837

Financial Statements

Statement of Activities (in thousands)

	2018	2017
Unrestricted revenues and support		
Gifts and grants	\$ 1,677	\$ 1,203
Fellows and Members dues	107	132
Royalties and rights	71	88
Seminars, conferences, workshops, and other events	260	272
Other revenues	51	38
Other revenues	51	30
Release of restricted gifts	565	292
Endowment	 3,285	3,274
	6,016	5,299
Operating Expenses	 6,176	6,118
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(160)	(819)
Non-operating activity		
Endowment gifts, grants, and bequests	1,190	847
Purchase of collections	(90)	(58)
Proceeds from sale of collections	1	_
Investment return, net gai	6,966	12,838
Endowment support	 (3,285)	(3,274)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 4,622	\$ 9,534

Statement of Financial Position (in thousands)

	2018		2017
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,267	\$	2,403
Endowment investments at market value	82,595		78,941
Property, equipment, and other assets	11,004		11,252
Other assets	 1,754		1,608
Total assets	\$ 98,620	\$	92,204
Liabilities	\$ 1,168	\$	1,284
Long-term debt	1,170		1,257
Net assets			
Unrestricted	38,424		36,185
Temporarily restricted	41,486		39,169
Permanently restricted	 16,372	_	16,309
Total net assets	 96,282		91,663
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 98,620	\$	94,204

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