

A painting of a young woman with brown hair pulled back, wearing a white dress with puffed sleeves and a green lace collar and cuffs. She is sitting in a dark, ornate chair, looking directly at the viewer with a neutral expression. The background is dark and indistinct.

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Cover: *Ruth Loring* by Sarah Goolb Putnam, circa 1896-1897. Above: Show-and-tell with the staff of the Office of Attorney General Maura Healey, before the event Robert Treat Paine's Life and Influence on Law, December 11, 2018

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The mission of the Massachusetts Historical Society is to promote understanding of the history of Massachusetts and the nation by collecting and communicating materials and resources that foster historical knowledge.

FY2019 BY THE NUMBERS

RECORD-BREAKING
1 GALA

ACQUIRED **352** LINEAR FEET OF MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL

3

MAJOR EXHIBITIONS
WITH MORE THAN
4,200 VISITORS

5,278

ATTENDEES AT **59** PROGRAMS,
38 BROWN-BAG LUNCHES,
AND **34** SEMINARS

152

LINEAR FEET PROCESSED

227

YEARS OF PUBLISHING

9,435

COLLECTION ITEMS CIRCULATED

*(DOES NOT INCLUDE SELF-SERVICE
MATERIALS, INCLUDING MICRO-FILMED
COLLECTIONS, OR USE OF COLLECTION
ITEMS BY MHS STAFF)*

56

FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED
INCLUDING MHS-NEH LONG-
TERM, MHS SHORT-TERM,
TEACHER, AND STUDENT

27 WORKSHOPS

2,565

RESEARCH VISITS

MHS READING ROOM OPEN **285** DAYS

FROM 824 INDIVIDUAL
RESEARCHERS

THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT ALL POSSIBLE!

Year in Review

Reaching out, thinking big, and making history—what a year it has been for the MHS!

We welcomed new staff and new Board members, connected with multiple audiences, processed 152 linear feet of material, welcomed researchers from around the world, and broke fundraising records at our new Making History Gala all while strategizing about our future.

A renewed sense of energy, purpose, and focus among the staff—at all levels and in all departments—is evident every day as we reach out to answer the need for civic participation and historical knowledge. Delivering the day-to-day, top-quality work for which we are known is our top priority.

Throughout the year, scholars moved in and out of the building, researching in the reading room, leading seminars, participating in brown-bag lunch programs, and discussing a robust slate of fellowship applications. Teachers and students participated in twenty-seven workshops complete with demonstrations and discussions all while learning the skills of an historian with primary sources. Visitors enjoyed three fascinating exhibitions: *Entrepreneurship and Classical Design in Boston's South End: The Furniture of Isaac Vose and Thomas Seymour, 1815 to 1825*, *Fashioning the New England Family*, and “Can She Do It?": *Massachusetts Debates a Woman's Right to Vote*, as well as gallery tours, pop-up displays, and Saturday building tours. What's more:

- Thanks to a robust, diverse, and engaging roster of programs, we broke attendance records for the fifth consecutive year.
- As the state sponsor of National History Day in Massachusetts, we expanded school participation in the program by almost 20%. Greater awareness, in-classroom introductory workshops, and partnerships with Mass Humanities and the Mass Cultural Council contributed to the increase.
- Publication was the Society's first form of education and outreach, and there is much to celebrate on that front with the completion of volume 4 of the five-volume edition of *The Papers of Robert Treat Paine* and volume 14 of *Adams Family Correspondence*.
- We celebrated the life and legacy of Abigail Adams with a series of rotating exhibitions, gallery talks, public programs, and an online bracket in which participants voted for their favorite Abigail letter.
- Our unparalleled collection continues to grow, as do our online resources. This year, 352 linear feet of manuscripts were acquired from 115 gifts and 5 deposits.
- Carefully cataloged records, professionally executed finding aids, and a congenial atmosphere enticed 824 individual researchers who made 2,565 visits to the MHS this year.

Your support has made these successes possible and we thank you for your commitment. We remain deeply honored to serve as President and Chair of this wonderful organization and are grateful to the Boards, staff, supporters, and friends as we work together to determine our future.

Let's continue to make history!



Paul W. Sandman
Chair, Board of Trustees



Catherine Allgor
President

Impact

National History Day

“It made history real, meaningful and personal for students. The wide variety of topics and the richness and depth of conversations I had with kids, and the things I learned from them contributed to one of the most valuable and meaningful things I have ever done as a teacher.”

—Kristen Tabacco, Lynn Classical High School

National History Day in Massachusetts, the state affiliate of National History Day (NHD), is a year-long interdisciplinary program focused on historical research, interpretation, and creative expression for students in grades 6 through 12. Students conduct research on a historical topic of their choosing and present their work through a documentary film, website, performance, paper, or exhibition. Since 2017, the MHS has sponsored this program, leading a host of volunteers, educators, and students through local and regional competitions and then to the national finals.

Impact Case Study: The Lynn School District

Searching for a way to improve history education in its schools, the Lynn School District approached the MHS to find a proven history program that would hone both research and writing skills. National History Day fit the bill.



MHS staff encouraged Lynn to bring the NHD approach to student research into their school gradually. Beginning in the 2018–2019 academic year, teachers focused on integrating the program into their curriculum. The effort made a strong impression on teachers and students, including Lynn Classical High School teacher Kristen Tabacco, who called NHD “perhaps the most vital program we can use as educators today.”

Joseph Severe, then a junior at Classical High, also had an exceptional experience with NHD that year. Challenging himself to reach the regional competition Joseph revised a paper he had written on the legacy of Emmett Till for his submission. He not only made it to the competition but also won a Mass Humanities Frederick Douglass Award. In addition to the \$500 prize given to the student, the award also grants \$500 to the student’s school to purchase books related to African-American history and culture. Envisioning a robust Civil Rights section, Joseph augmented that amount by donating part of his prize money to the library for additional books. He also used his money to launch an after-school program for students in need.

The impact of NHD for students is manifold. For students like Joseph it offers the opportunity to delve into a topic they are passionate about while developing research and writing skills they may not practice again until college. NHD also rewards and nurtures civic-mindedness, providing a platform for students to solve issues in their community as active citizens. As Kristen Tabacco stressed during a celebration event at the Massachusetts State House on April 22, 2019, “It is more important than ever to teach students to think for themselves, and to learn how to evaluate the huge influx of information coming at them every day. [Our] children need to learn valuable skills like evaluating bias, corroborating evidence and sources, and determining validity and reliability of sources and media.”

Growth Potential

After its first year of NHD curriculum integration—and success at the 2018–2020 regionals—the Lynn School District has moved on to adding the competition component to the program for students district-wide in 2019–2020. Now Massachusetts must work toward more growth across the Commonwealth. The nearly 6,000 Bay State stu-

dents who currently participate in NHD are only 1% of those eligible. One of our most pressing goals is to boost that number as quickly as possible—especially since NHD requirements align with newly implemented history education standards. But more resources are required to remove obstacles and increase access to this transformative program. Fees must be eliminated or reduced; legislators need to dedicate state funding for NHD in Massachusetts; high-quality training and materials must be made available to teachers; and easily searchable materials, particularly primary and secondary sources, need to be accessible to students.

Teachers are eager to integrate NHD into their curricula. Students who participate in NHD also perform better in other academic subjects, not just history. And the practical skills that this program fosters—communication skills, both spoken and written, and critical thinking—help shape them into successful global citizens.



Lynn Representative Peter Capano, Joseph Severe, and MHS President Catherine Allgor at the celebration event at the Massachusetts State House.

2019 NHD in Massachusetts by the Numbers

5,900 STUDENTS FROM 64 SCHOOLS

791 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

333 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE STATE COMPETITION

70 STUDENTS WENT TO NATIONALS

Washington 25. April 1808.

Acquisition Spotlight

Letters to William and Caroline Eustis

“It is remarkable that such an important group of letters had been in private hands. Not only are they in pristine condition but it is wonderful to have found several previously unknown letters that contain newly discovered content. The enormous generosity of the donor has enabled us to make these letters available to the public.”

—Brenda Lawson, VP for Collections

In FY2019, an outstanding collection of sixteen letters came to the MHS from an anonymous donor. Of these letters, fourteen were written to William Eustis, a physician and statesman, and two were exchanged between Caroline Eustis and Dolley Madison. Correspondents include Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, James Madison, James Monroe, Elbridge Gerry, the Marquis de Lafayette, and James Sullivan, governor of Massachusetts and founding president of the MHS. The letters pertain primarily to politics and include topics such as the Louisiana Purchase, foreign policy, Jefferson's Embargo Act of 1807, relations with the Indians, the War of 1812, and the responsibilities of a first lady. More personal notes appear in letters that graciously extend invitations to dine, regretfully decline tickets to the theater, and ask after family and mutual friends.

Dating from 1803 to 1823, this collection includes previously unknown letters by John Quincy Adams, James and Dolley Madison, and James Monroe, as well as letters by Thomas Jefferson, the Marquis de Lafayette, Elbridge Gerry, and James Sullivan.

Thanks to documentary editing projects that track the existence of every known letter written to or from their subject, we know that five of the letters were completely unknown. Another four were known only from retained copies of outgoing correspondence, with the location of the originals a mystery. They complement letters already in the MHS collections among our presidential papers and Eustis family correspondence.

Physician, Statesman, and Army Surgeon

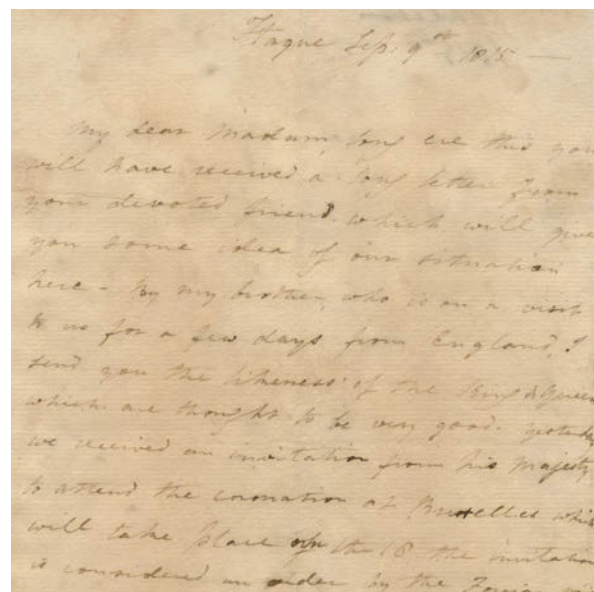
Born in Cambridge in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1753, William Eustis began his career as an army surgeon during the American Revolution. He represented Massachusetts in Congress from 1801 to 1805 and again at the end of his career from 1820 to 1823. In 1801 William married Caroline Langdon—later called Madame Eustis. Twenty-seven years his junior, she was reputed to be well-read and very beautiful. She managed William's household first in Washington, DC, during his initial term as a U.S. representative and as secretary of war under James Madison

(1809–1812), and later in The Hague from 1814 to 1818 when he was named envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Netherlands.

From 1819, the Eustises settled at Shirley Place (now the Shirley-Eustis House) in Roxbury where they entertained lavishly, hosting John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, and, famously, the Marquis de Lafayette, among others. William was elected governor of Massachusetts in 1823, serving until his death from pneumonia in 1825. Madame Eustis survived her husband by forty years. Having torn up the carpets of their home in Washington to make uniforms for soldiers fighting in the War of 1812, in the final years of her life she knit socks for Union soldiers. Before her own death in 1865, she “was accustomed to remark that few people were permitted to witness the birth of a nation to watch it grow, growing with it, and to see its life struggle and end victory, as she was at last able to do.” (Ida Ayres, “Shirley Place,” *The New England Magazine*, n.s. 15, no. 6 [February 1897]: 755).

Highlights from the Collection

Among the highlights is a previously unknown letter written by John Quincy Adams on April 25, 1808, in which he offers his reasoning for breaking with the Federalist Party on matters of foreign policy, in particular his support for Thomas Jefferson's Embargo: “There is so much of self-delusion in human Nature, that I know not whether a man



Above: Caroline Eustis to Dolley Madison, September 9, 1815.
Left: John Quincy Adams to William Eustis, April 25, 1808.

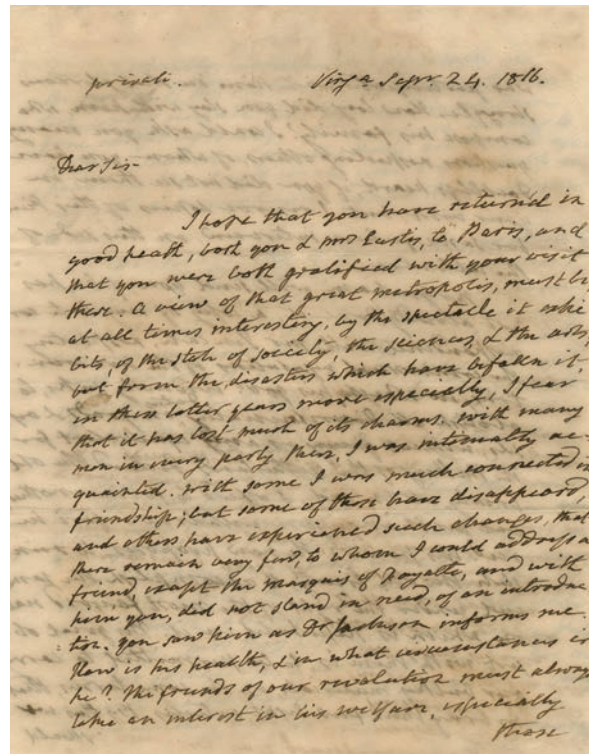
can always, and especially on trying occasions, answer with much more certainty for the purity of his own motives, than other men can answer for him. I can therefore only say that I believe myself to have acted solely and exclusively from considerations of a public nature, and with a single view to the real interests of the nation." He continues, "I cannot yet bring myself very severely to censure a course of policy which I believe was dictated by the love of Peace." Adams left the Senate less than two months later after the state legislature, still controlled by Federalists, elected his successor.

Another previously unknown letter comes from James Monroe. Writing on September 24, 1816, Monroe inquires as to the health of the Marquis de Lafayette, with whom the Eustises had stayed while in Paris: "there remain very few, to whom I could address a friend, except the Marquis of Lafayette. . . . How is his health, & in what circumstances is he? The friends of our revolution must always take an interest in his welfare, especially those who participated with him in that glorious struggle." The Eustises would return the Marquis de Lafayette's hospitality nearly a decade later when they hosted him at Shirley Place in 1824 during his grand tour of America. The marquis slept in the guest room, his bodyguard on the front lawn, and poor Madame Eustis had to organize and cook a celebratory feast on two day's notice when official plans in Boston proper suddenly fell through.

In her letter to Dolley Madison dated September 9, 1815, Caroline Eustis recounts that she and her husband "received an invitation from his Majesty to attend the coronation at Bruxelles." In honor of the occasion, she sends Madison portraits of the new monarchs, William I and Wilhelmina of Prussia, writing, "By my brother, who is on a visit to us for a few days from England, I send you the likeness of the King & Queen which are thought to be very good." In her letter of May 17, 1816, Madison acknowledges their receipt: "Your Brother was so good as to send me the engravings. They ware of high value as coming from you, & being fine likenesses."

In a poignant letter written on October 1, 1823, John Quincy Adams sends his regrets and returns tickets to the theater in Portland, preferring to spend as much time with his father as he could before returning to Washington. He writes: "The desire to spend with my father, all the time, which I can now, and perhaps ever dispose of to that purpose has induced me to renounce my contemplated tour to Portland, and I have remained with him instead of going there." While the MHS already held a retained letterbook copy of this letter, the location of the recipient letter was unknown.

The collection is fully digitized and available online at: www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0179.



Above: James Monroe to William Eustis, September 24, 1816.

Why the MHS? Meet Joan Fink



The Honorable Joan Fink has become a regular at the MHS, volunteering with the staff several times a week for almost a decade, in addition to her service on the Council of Overseers and several committees. The mutual admiration between Judge Fink and the MHS began around the time she decided to retire, when she found herself deep in a conversation about the Civil War with her friends Julia and Fred Pfannenstiehl. The latter, an MHS Trustee, recognized a fellow history-lover and recommended that she visit the MHS.

After an introductory tour with Peter Drummey, Judge Fink embarked on her first volunteer project: preparing transcriptions of Civil War documents for a years-long web feature commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Working with Elaine Heavey, director of the library, she dug into the MHS collections to find likely objects (often letters or diary entries), transcribe the historical text for presentation online, and do the research that would put each item in context. Finding it “fascinating to read the different letters, and not just those from the soldiers but also children, nurses, doctors, even a couple on their honeymoon,” she discovered through their own words “how they were all touched by the war.”

By the time that project wrapped up, Judge Fink was hooked on “the joy of immersing oneself in this material” and on the MHS. She brought her now polished facility for reading nineteenth-century documents and her knowledge of the Civil War to the Publications Department, where she has worked with the editors to prepare the digital edition of the diary that Charles Francis Adams, Sr., kept on his diplomatic mission to England from 1861 to 1868. Among the many pleasures of reading Adams’s daily entries, she notes “the large number of issues that are still so important today—these are not at all in the past!” She sees how much is relevant and how much we still “deal with the legacy of the Civil War.”

Judge Fink’s unwavering advocacy of the MHS has had other unexpected outcomes as well, including the recent accession of a cache of previously unknown Eustis family correspondence. While these letters still rested in private hands, those stewards learned about the care and access that the MHS could provide thanks to Judge Fink, and hence the gift came here. As our ambassador, she had swayed them with her descriptions of not just the research value, but the very “joy that the scholars and the public get in reading such collections.” As a collections discoverer, our friend has taken part in the excitement known to archivists here: the satisfaction of keeping Massachusetts items local and the thrill of realizing such new finds are still out there. Judge Fink’s own description of the experience? “Bone-chillingly exciting.”

Clearly, Joan Fink’s deep and multifaceted commitment to her colleagues at the MHS has created a lively relationship that benefits everyone. And the excitement and joy she brings to her engagement with our collections is felt among the staff who work with her on these projects, creating historical knowledge together and being “part of a professional family” at 1154 Boylston Street.

New Acquisitions

The MHS acquired 352 linear feet of manuscript material in FY2019 through 115 gifts and 5 deposits including:

- Gifts**
- Beatrice Adams: *Papers of Charles Francis Adams (1910-1999)*
- Adams Memorial Society: *Additions to the Adams Memorial Society records*
- Algonquin Club: *Algonquin Club records*
- Catherine Allgor
- Matthew Almy: *Henry S. Smith papers*
- Jack J. Alves
- Roger Amory: *Amory family papers*
- Anonymous: *Letters to William and Caroline Eustis*
- Anonymous: *Additions to the Bowditch-Codman-Balch family papers*
- Alpie Atabay
- George S. Bain: *Printed material and photographs related to Boston's T Wharf*
- Susan K. Baker
- Virginia Batchelder: *Drafts of manuscript reminiscences by Dr. Lincoln Ripley Stone*
- Wilhemina Batchelder-Brown: *Additions to the Batchelder-Lewis family papers*
- Michael C. Batinski: *Records of the Ladies/Leicester Shakespeare Club*
- Geoffrey G. and Sylvia L. Bell
- Belmar Historical Society
- Martha Reardon Bewick
- Boothbay Region (ME) Historical Society: *Civil War diary of Henry C. Hall*
- Diane Brackett
- Jonathan Brecher
- Mary J. Brophy
- Laura Burnham: *Additions to the Kimball-Griswold family papers*
- Cambridge Boat Club (deposit): *Additions to the Cambridge Boat Club records*
- Charlestown (N.H.) Historical Society: *Letters to Ernest H. Blodgett*
- Dakota City Heritage Village
- Kenneth Dargis Sr., from the collection of Stanley W. Dargis Sr.: *Letter from Increase Sumner to his wife, Elizabeth*
- Anne Devereaux
- Janet Donati
- David Doss
- Laura Dowd: *Civil War letters of Charles H. Dow*
- Peter Drummey
- Will Dunfey
- Billie Earnest
- W. Dean Eastman: *Addition to the John Melzard papers*
- Bill F. Faucett
- Dennis Fiori
- First Baptist Church of Boston (deposit): *Records of the First Baptist Church of Boston*
- J. M. Forbes Archives Committee (deposit): *Additions to the Forbes family papers and photographs*
- Friday Evening Club: *Additions to the Friday Evening Club records*
- Donna Friend
- William L. Gaddis
- Elizabeth B. Gardner: *Additions to the Fay-Mixer family photographs*
- Lorraine J. German
- Nathaniel Goddard and Georgia Goddard Schneider: *Additions to the Amory-Goddard family papers*
- Richard T. Greene
- Grimes-King Foundation for the Elderly, Inc. (deposit): *Additions to the records of the Home for Aged Colored Women and its successor, the Grimes-King Foundation for the Elderly*
- Joshua Hamerman
- Harding family in memory of their Eckfeldt heritage: *Roger Weed Eckfeldt family papers*
- Charlotte Harris
- Judy Hayes
- Frank Heffron
- Greg Hill: *Civil War letter from Elisha W. Lapham to Albert Green*
- Arthur C. Hodges: *Diary, 2018 (addition to his collection of diaries)*
- Susan C. Imbarrato
- Ben Jacques
- F. Washington Jarvis: *F. Washington Jarvis papers*
- Jesup Memorial Library
- Brian Johnson
- Susan La R. Kearns: *Samuel Hay Savage family papers*
- Michelle Kennedy: *Scrapbook containing printed programs of operas at the Boston Opera House, 1909-1914, probably collected by Giovanni Polese*
- Robert E. and Anne Killheffer: *Scrapbook compiled by Harriette Hall Brooks*
- King Manor Museum (Jamaica, NY): *Charles Tuttle family papers*
- Robert Knapp Jr. and Helena Meyer-Knapp: *Davis, Goodwin, Sturgis, and Tappan family papers and letters from Aileen Tone to Louisa Hooper Thoron*
- Lawrence Public Library
- Jane Wigglesworth Lescure: *Additions to the Richard B. Wigglesworth papers*
- Estate of John Lowell: *Papers of John Lowell*
- Peter Lowitt
- Beth Luey
- W. Russell MacAusland: *Daguerreotype of William H. Prescott & son by Southworth & Hawes, ca. 1845-1850*
- Paul McKenna
- Dina G. Malgeri: *Malgeri family papers*
- Ellen C. Merritt (combination gift/purchase): *Civil War books from the library of Earle P. Merritt*
- Lynn V. Metzger: *Manuscript reminiscences attributed to Mary Crowninshield (Silsbee) Whitwell*
- Jeffrey D. Miller
- Margo Miller: *Additions to the Margo Miller papers*
- James S. Myers
- Joan Ann Nelson
- Leslie K. Nesky in memory of John (Jack) E. Smith
- Lois M. Nevils
- North Bennet St. School
- Sarah C. M. Paine: *Robert Treat Paine manuscripts*
- Pejepscot Historical Society (Brunswick, ME)
- Judy Petersen
- Leif Peterson
- Gift in memory of Sarah Beale Phillips: *Beck-Alleyne family papers*
- N. Powell
- Susan P. Proctor: *Notes/accounts of Robert Treat Paine*
- Sue Radonsky
- Malcolm J. Rohrbough
- Benjamin Rosko
- Byron Rushing (deposit): *Additions to the Byron Rushing papers*

Lawrence A. Ruttman
 Saint Olaf College
 Xavier F. Salomon
 Anthony M. Sammarco
 Alvin Schaut
 Elaine J. Schofield
 Barbara Broome Semans
 L. Dennis Shapiro: *Letter from John Quincy Adams to Peleg W. Chandler, May 25, 1846*
 James and Susan Shaw: *Digital copies of photographs of Amos A. Lawrence and his descendants*
 Nadia Steinzor
 Mary Otis Stevens: *Additions to the Mary Otis Stevens papers*
 Lucille Stott
 Deborah Lyn Thompson
 Richard G. Tomlinson
 H. Joe Voss
 Roger S. Webb
 Trentwell M. White: *Transcription of a diary kept by Truman Ripley Hawley by sea on his way to the Gold Rush*
 Bradford Adams Whittemore: *Log of the ships Sachem and Pagoda*
 Mandy Williams
 Suzanne Withers
 Conrad E. Wright: *Records of the Committee for a New England Bibliography*

Art and Artifacts

Timothy W. Allison-Hatch: *Posthumous oil portrait of Col. Robert Gould Shaw by Horace R. Burdick*
 Ann Mason Denny in honor of Charles Storror Denny: *Silver tankard by Benjamin Burt*
 Patricia E. Kane and David V. Galvin: *Copper nails removed from the Paul Revere dome on St. Stephen's Church*
 Robert Knapp Jr. and Helena Meyer-Knapp: *Sampler embroidered by Marian "Clover" Hooper at age seven*
 Mary Otis Stevens: *Silver cup by Jones & Co. given to Mary Otis, 1833*
 Anthony Terranova: *School medals from the Chauncy Hill School awarded to David R. Whitney and William Fiske Whitney Jr.*
 Barbara P. Worcester: *Oil portraits of Mary Josephine (Hopkins) Loring and her daughter, Ruth Loring, by Sarah G. Putnam*

Purchases

Account book kept by Silas Baker of South Yarmouth, 1832-1868
 Medical account book kept by Dr. William Baylies of Dighton, 1803-1820

Account book kept by an unidentified carpenter in Berlin, MA, 1848-1853
 Blackstone Library Association, [*Constitution of the Blackstone Library Association* (Blackstone: ca. 1855)], broadside
 Papers related to amateur photographer and inventor Francis Blake
 Circular letter from the Boston Selectmen stipulating the sizes and prices of breads, March 25, 1772
 Several letters from George S. Boutwell
 Photo album pages containing photographs of the Church of All Nations in Lowell
 Manuscript sermons by Abijah Cross of West Haverhill, 1825-1836
 Manuscript log kept by H.M.H. Currier on a voyage around the world on the U.S.S. West Virginia, 1904-1908
 Edmund Dwight family letters, 1848-1862
Edward W. Brooke, The Republican Candidate for Attorney General [Boston: 1862], photo postcard
 Miniature school girl maps created by H[elena] G. Fairbanks
A Few Facts Respecting the American Colonization Society and the Colony at Liberia. For Gratuitous Distribution. (Boston: Printed by Peirce and Williams), 1830
 Civil War journal kept in loose leaf form by Pvt. Howard J. Ford of Cambridge
Free Men of Bristol District. Fellow Citizens. . . [Taunton, Mass., 1830-1832], Anti-masonic broadside
 William Lloyd Garrison Jr., *A Plea for Universal Suffrage* (Boston: *Woman's Journal*), 1881
 Printed circular letter from the selectmen of Gloucester to local towns requesting aid for the citizens who lost their homes and businesses in a fire, September 18, 1830
 Benjamin Goddard diary, 1844-1846
 Day book kept by John Gott and his son Capt. John Gott of Gloucester, 1795-1830
 George Frisbie Hoar, *Woman Suffrage Essential to the True Republic*, an address delivered at the annual meeting of the New England Woman Suffrage Association (Boston: *Woman's Journal*), 1876
 Typescript diary/autobiographical memoir and other papers of Wilfred A. Joubert, 1885-1939
 Pen & ink sketches of summer amusements in Massachusetts and New Hampshire by Mildred Frances Knight
 Account book for an iron foundry in Dalton operated by Daniel Lawrence, 1817-1845

Ledger kept by Boston apothecary Theodore Metcalf & Co.
 Diaries/account books attributed to Mary Ann (Price) Valentine Osgood of Hopkinton and Boston, 1833-1852
 Ledger kept by Nathan Peirson Jr., a tanner and merchant in Richmond, 1799-1825
 Millinery account book attributed to Catherine Rice of Weymouth, 1826-1830
 Pocket diaries kept by Mary C. Rood, 1862-1902
 Letters exchanged between Sarah White Shattuck and her father, Lemuel Shattuck
 Letters from artist Joseph Lindon Smith to Margaret Wesselhoeft, 1911-1912
 Journal of a trip from Boston to Rio de Janeiro attributed to William Curtis Stevenson, 1847-1848
Sulphur Bitters, the Great Blood Purifier (Boston: A.P. Ordway), [1884]
 Pocket diary attributed to Frances Elizabeth (Chase) Swift, 1871
To the Public. The unparalleled success attending the use of. . . Dr. Ward's Vegetable Asthmatic Pills (Boston: D. Hooten), 1830s, advertised and sold by Thomas Hollis, broadside
 Diary and memoranda book kept by Acton teacher Caroline E. Tuttle, 1853-1855
 Verdi, Giuseppe, *The Two Foscari: A Lyrical Tragedy in Three Acts. . . Performed by the Italian Opera Company for the First Time in the United States at the Howard Athenaeum, May 10, 1847* (Boston: Washburn's Press), 1847
 Diary kept by Boston merchant Robert Waterston, 1849
 Mary Elizabeth Williams diary
Worcester's Experience. A Year of No-License Compared with License. . . (Boston: Massachusetts No-License League), 1909, broadsheet

In Memoriam Amalie M. Kass

When Amalie M. Kass passed away in May 2019, the loss was felt broadly throughout her many communities. Here at the MHS, where Mrs. Kass has been so deeply engaged and supportive for more than thirty years, her loss had a deep impact on staff and Board members alike.

Mrs. Kass became a Fellow of the Society in 1995, joined the Board of Trustees (then the Council) a year later, and served as the head of that body from 2002 to 2009—the first woman to do so. She brought to that work a vision for the Society informed by the many ways she engaged with it: as a teacher, historian, author, and philanthropist, Mrs. Kass was a part of the MHS across the spectrum of its mission.

She knew firsthand the process of teasing evidence from archival records, having arrived at 1154 Boylston Street in the 1980s in order to use the collections to pursue her study of medical history. Like many of our researchers, she crafted rigorously gathered evidence into works of published history, including her books *Perfecting the World: The Life and Times of Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, 1798-1866* (1988), co-authored with her husband Edward H. Kass, and *Midwifery and Medicine in Boston: Walter Channing, M.D., 1786-1876* (2001). Her self-

“On so many projects her wisdom was invaluable. Her generosity was magnificent and in difficult times helped lead us out of trouble. She will be missed by us all.”

—William Clendaniel, MHS Trustee Emeritus

discipline as an author is also reflected in the Massachusetts Historical Review, where she published articles that exemplify the care and clarity we hope for in all scholarly communication.

“She was almost unique in being a skilled researcher who was as at home in our reading room as at an MHS board meeting or social event,” notes Peter Drummey, Stephen T. Riley Librarian, who knew Mrs. Kass from her early research trips to the MHS. In June 2017, the office next to the reading room, used to register new researchers, was officially dedicated as the Kass Room, recognizing the great value she placed on the Society’s open welcome to all seekers of historical understanding.

As a Trustee, Mrs. Kass participated in the Society’s governance for more than two decades. As Chair of the Board, she guided the MHS through nearly a decade of some of its most significant change, leading especially in the area of education.

Drawing on her background as a high school history teacher, Mrs. Kass fostered education in the Society’s programming, allowing us to move from happenstance events for visiting groups to a deliberate and funded suite of opportunities for students and especially teachers, including on- and off-site workshops, online resources, and fellowships. The leadership role the MHS now plays in running National History Day in Massachusetts (see pages 2-3 for more) originated from Mrs. Kass’s vision, and her commitment to improving history education determined the initial mission of the Council of Overseers, which she led as its inaugural chair.

An effective leader and administrator, Mrs. Kass contributed to the Society on a richly human level, meeting everyone as an individual with warmth and respect. In this, she brought new friends to the



Society and a sense of recognition and gratitude to all who conducted the institution's everyday business. And the equilibrium with which she could keep on course the occasionally quarrelsome meeting was unparalleled. Through it all, the guidance she brought reflected her deeply held understanding of the importance of history—focused, well-grounded, thoughtful history—to the nation's democratic values. She grasped the crucial nature of the work we do at the MHS and supported that work with her insight and energy, and that gift continues to support and motivate us today.

MHS Trustee Robert G. Ripley, Jr. shared, "I am forever grateful to Fred Ballou for introducing me to Amalie. My first visit to the MHS, to meet her

and discuss committee assignments, was a glorious introduction and the first of many visits. Working on Martha's Vineyard, I would meet Amalie for lunch over the summer and will cherish those luncheons and our talks about all things history and the MHS. A most marvelous woman who will be missed deeply."

What's the Buzz Around the MHS?

Our vast collections are used for a range of projects by reasearch fellows, and a broad array of topics are presented through workshops, programs, seminars, and brown-bag lunches. Looking at these subjects, one can learn a lot about the trends in historical study. The words on these two pages reflect the terms and names used by our scholars and speakers. The topics that came up most frequently are presented in black in the center of the page. The larger the font size, the more often the scholars used them to describe their work.



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Statement of Activities (in thousands)

	2019	2018
Unrestricted revenues and support		
Gifts and grants	\$ 1,384	\$ 1,677
Fellows and Members dues	55	107
Royalties and rights	58	71
Seminars, conferences, workshops, and other events	405	260
Other revenues	154	51
Release of restricted gifts	611	565
Endowment	<u>3,358</u>	<u>3,285</u>
	6,025	6,016
Operating Expenses	<u>6,426</u>	<u>6,176</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(401)	(160)
Non-operating activity		
Endowment gifts, grants, and bequests	545	1,190
Purchase of collections	(71)	(90)
Proceeds from sale of collections	—	1
Investment return, net gai	7,872	6,966
Endowment support	<u>(3,358)</u>	<u>(3,285)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>\$ 4,587</u>	<u>\$ 4,622</u>

Statement of Financial Position (in thousands)

	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,094	\$ 3,267
Endowment investments at market value	87,613	82,595
Property, equipment, and other assets	10,705	11,004
Other assets	<u>1,693</u>	<u>1,754</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 103,105</u>	<u>\$ 98,620</u>
Liabilities		
Long-term debt	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,168
Net assets		
Unrestricted	39,795	38,457
Temporarily restricted	44,012	41,486
Permanently restricted	<u>17,062</u>	<u>16,339</u>
Total net assets	<u>100,869</u>	<u>96,282</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 103,105</u>	<u>\$ 98,620</u>

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