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Guide to the Dewey-Lowell Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 1616

CREATOR: Dewey family

TITLE: Dewey-Lowell family papers

DATES: 1548-1942, bulk 1833-1903

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.21 linear feet (25 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The Dewey-Lowell Family Papers consists of correspondence, manuscripts,

ephemera, photographs, notebooks, scrapbooks, and other documents created by, used, or possessed by members of the Dewey and Lowell families in New England during the 19th century. Many of the materials relate to, or are directly linked or created by notable politicians, abolitionists, writers, preachers, and businessmen from the mid to late 19th century. The collection spans the years 1779-1942, with the bulk of the material relating to the Civil

War and life during the surrounding years.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Cumberland Rare Books on the Henry C. Taylor Fund, Danford N. Barney, Jr. Fund, Alfred Z. Baker Fund, Elinor and Leonard Bernheim Fund, Stanton Francis Kennedy Fund, and the Jack Callaway Fund, 2023.

October 2023 acquisition purchased from Swann galleries.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

Biographical / Historical

Born in 1794 in Sheffield, Massachusetts, Orville Dewey was a famous Unitarian preacher, who began his career in New Bedford as the Pastor of the Unitarian Church from 1823 to 1833. In 1835, he joined the ministry at the Second Unitarian Church of New York, overseeing the construction of the Church of the Messiah (following the destruction of his church due to a fire), located at 728-30 Broadway. Resigning in 1848, Dewey took time to attend to a chronic health condition, traveling to Europe for treatment as he would numerous times during his life. He picked up again with a series of lectures at the Lowell Institute in 1855. Between 1858 and 1862 he was the pastor of the New South Church in Boston, where he eventually retired to live on his home in Sheffield, dying in 1882. Among Dewey's descendants are his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Dewey (1821-1910), a noted author and translator and Charles Orville Dewey (1831-1901), a soldier with the Massachusetts 49th Infantry during the Civil War.

One of the Boston Brahmin families, the Lowell Family descended from John Lowell of Newburyport (1743-1802). With many famous descendants, the family became well known and intertwined with other literary, political, educational, and religious circles. Among some of the well-known family members are William Lowell Putnam, Mary Lowell Putnam, James Russell Lowell, Augustus Lowell, Charles Lowell, Robert Traill Spence Lowell, John Lowell, Jr., Amy Lowell, and Robert Lowell.

Scope and Contents

The Dewey-Lowell Family Papers consists of correspondence, manuscripts, ephemera, photographs, notebooks, scrapbooks, and other documents related to the ancestors and descendants of Orville Dewey

and the Lowell family. Alongside individual entries of daily life, the scrapbooks and notebooks include newspaper clippings, advertisements, quotes, photographs, and ephemera pasted in, as well as pressed plants. The correspondence deals largely with family matters, news, and professional and personal engagements, specifically in the years preceding, during, and following the American Civil War. The notebooks and scrapbooks are largely compiled by Mary L. Dewey and many include materials created by or related to her father, Charles Orville Dewey, and grandfather, Orville Dewey. Of particular interest are the family's relationships with famous literary and political figures of their time, including Daniel Webster, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Horace Greeley, Isabella Stewart Gardner, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Wendell Phillips, William Cullen Bryant, George Washington, Sarah Chauncey Woolsey, and William Henry Furness. Also included are deeds and land acquisition documents (dating from 1779 to 1816) related to Silas Dewey, Orville Dewey's father, loose photographs and albums documenting different generations of the Dewey family and their lives (as well as early photographic processes) and a manuscript map of *The Siege of Algiers, 1816*.

October 2023 acquisition consists of correspondence, Orville Dewey's diary dating from 1865 to 1880, a 26-page manuscript titled Oration Delivered on the 4th of July, 1811 on the 35th Year of the American Independence, clippings, an ink drawing of Dewey's home in Sheffield, Massachusetts, and a large scrapbook with documents related to family history. This addition also includes material documenting and related to marriage ceremonies performed by Orville Dewey between the years 1826 and 1833.

Arrangement

The Dewey-Lowell family papers are arranged into six series based on material type:

Series I. Notebooks, scrapbooks and other bound material, circa 1796-1933 Series II. Correspondence, circa 1777-1942 Series III. Manuscripts, circa 1548-1901 Series IV. Ephemera, circa 1748-1891 Series V. Deeds and related land acquisition documents, 1779-1816 Series VI. Photographs, circa 1880-1903 Series VII. October 2023 acquisition, 1812-1899

All series are arranged chronologically with the exception of Series III, Manuscripts, which is arranged by author last name. Series II, Correspondence, is divided into two sub-series based on family.

Collection Contents

Series I: Notebooks, scrapbooks, and other bound material, circa 1796-1933

Series I contains writings from members of both families documented in this collection. Primarily represented are writings from the Dewey family. In addition to Mary Dewey's own notebooks and journal, are scrapbooks of writings, clippings, ephemera, and other material she compiled, consisting of pasted in letter fragments, journal entries, drafts, and sermons by Orville Dewey and Charles Orville Dewey. The scrapbooks in the series also contain materials from travels in the West Indies, poetry manuscript material, and quotes from historical figures and various epitaphs.

In addition to the writings and correspondence fragments in this series, the scrapbooks include realia, ephemera, and pressed leaves, mostly compiled by Mary L. Dewey and Charles Orville Dewey. Also included are diaries and notebooks, including Charles Orville Dewey's diary from his time in the Civil War (also including pressed leaves) and Mary L. Dewey's notebooks of poems and journal entries.

Arranged chronologically.

| b.1 | Scrapbook [correspondence, manuscripts, and other material] Pasted in letters, envelopes, manuscripts, and notes from both Dewey and Lowell families. Includes materials related to Louisa May Alcott, Horace Greeley, and Caroline Kirkland, among others. Includes a autographed envelope sent by George Washington. | circa 1796-1897 |
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| | Boxes 1, 2, 11, 12, and 15: In-process material pending conservation treatment. | |
| b. 2 | Scrapbook diary, Mary L. Dewey Clippings from Orville Dewey's diaries. Contains letter fragments and Mary L. Dewey's last will and testament. | 1851–1911 |
| b. 3 | Scrapbook, Charles Orville Dewey Clippings from Charles Orville Dewey's diaries. | 1856–1891 |
| b. 4, f. 1 | Civil War diary, Charles Orville Dewey | 1862 |
| b. 4, f. 2 | The Works of Orville Dewey, with a Biographical Sketch, inscribed Published volume inscribed by Mary L. Dewey. | 1883 |
| b. 4, f. 3 | Visitor log for Dewey College | 1886 |
| b. 5 | Scrapbook, [Mary Louise Dewey, from her loving father] Poetry and letter fragments. | circa 1892-1897 |
| b. 6 | Scrapbook, Mary L. Dewey [special letters written to daddy] Letters, letter fragments, and stamps pasted in. | 1893-1898 |
| b. 7, f. 1 | Diary, Charles Orville Dewey Clippings from Charles Orville Dewey's diaries, some newspaper clippings pasted in. | 1894-1895 |
| b. 8 | Notebook [prayers and poems] "Copied from papers found inside father's desk"; includes sketch of Dewey family tree. | circa 1898 |

| b. 9 | Scrapbook diary, Mary L. Dewey Diary entries compiled with poems and quotations, pasted in clippings. | 1898-1899 |
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| b.10 | Scrapbook diary, Charles Orville Dewey Clippings from Charles Orville Dewey's diaries, inscribed "from the diary of Charles Orville Dewey, 1899-1900." | 1899–1900 |
| b. 11 | Scrapbook, Mary L. Dewey Travel diary scrapbook from trip to the West Indies, includes postcards, ephemera, clippings, plant life. Boxes 1, 2, 11, 12, and 15: In-process material pending conservation treatment. | 1904 March 8 - 1904 April 2 |
| b. 12 | Scrapbook, Mary L. Dewey Travel diary scrapbook from trip to the West Indies, includes postcards, ephemera, clippings, plant life. Boxes 1, 2, 11, 12, and 15: In-process material pending conservation treatment. | 1904 |
| b. 7, f. 2 | Book of Days, Mary L. Dewey Diary entries, pasted in clippings. | 1907–1929 |
| b. 7, f. 3 | Notebook, Mary L. Dewey Poems, quotes and pasted in clippings. | 1907 |
| b. 7, f. 4 | Daily reminder, Mary L. Dewey Poems, diary entries, quotes and pasted in clippings. | 1909–1925 |
| b. 13 , f. 1 | Diary, Mary L. Dewey [Lest We Forget] Diary entries, pasted in clippings. | 1911–1915 |
| b. 13, f. 2 | Scrapbook, Mary L. Dewey Clippings, ephemera, brief diary entries. | 1933–1934 |
| b. 13, f. 3 | Notebook, Mary L. Dewey Diary entries, poems, quotes, clippings, pressed leaves. | 1933–1935 |
| b. 13 , f. 4 | Scrapbook, notebook, Mary L. Dewey Pasted in clippings and poems. | undated |
| b. 13 , f. 5 | Memorandum notebook, Mary L. Dewey Poems, clippings, ephemera. | undated |
| b. 14, f. 1 | Diary notebook, Mary L. Dewey Poems and quotations. | undated |
| b. 14, f. 2 | Notebook, Mary L. Dewey Epitaph quotes. | undated |
| b. 14, f. 3 | Notebook, Mary L. Dewey Epitaph quotes, clippings. | undated |
| b. 14, f. 4 | Empty bindings, notes | undated |

b. 15 Scrapbook undated

Pasted in clippings, pieces written by Orville Dewey.

Boxes 1, 2, 11, 12, and 15: In-process material pending conservation treatment.

Series II: Correspondence, circa 1777-1942

Series II contains letters (and in some cases the corresponding envelope) addressed to and from members of each family. Spanning multiple generations of Deweys and Lowells, the bulk of the letters in this series date between 1840-1900. Many of the letters concern the Civil War and life in New England during those years. Also included is correspondence from noteworthy historical figures of the time period.

Arranged into two sub-series based on family. Each sub-series is arranged in chronological order.

| | Dewey family | circa 1833-1942 |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| b. 16, f. 1 | Emerson, Ralph Waldo to Louisa Dewey | 1833 May 10 |
| b. 16, f. 2 | Ware, Henry to Orville Dewey | 1839 May 8 |
| b. 16, f. 3 | Bryant, William Cullen to Orville and Jerusha Dewey | 1846-1863 |
| b. 16, f. 4 | Brooks, Charles to Orville Dewey | 1856 May 20 |
| b. 16, f. 5 | Dewey, Orville to Charles Orville Dewey | 1857 March 12 - 1857 May 5 |
| b. 16, f. 6 | Dewey, Julia and William to Charles Orville Dewey | 1857 |
| b. 16, f. 7 | Dewey, Louisa to Charles Orville Dewey | 1857–1860 |
| b. 16, f. 8 | Brown, Harry Orville to Charles Orville and Julia Dewey | 1858-1884 |
| b. 16, f. 9 | Dewey, Orville [Dear Friend] | 1860 April 28 |
| b. 16, f. 10 | Franklin, Susanna to Julia Dewey | 1863 April 2 |
| b. 16 , f. 11 | Dewey, Julia to Charles Orville Dewey | 1862 |
| b. 16, f. 12 | Dewey, Orville to Charles Orville Dewey | 1862-1863 |
| b. 16, f. 13 | Dewey, Julia to Charles Orville Dewey | 1862-1863 |
| b. 16, f. 14 | Dewey, Charles Orville [Civil War letters] | 1862-1863 |
| b. 16, f. 15 | Dewey, Louisa to Charles Orville Dewey | 1863 |
| b. 16, f. 16 | Dewey, Katherine to Charles Orville Dewey | 1863 |
| b. 16, f. 17 | Dewey, William to Charles Orville Dewey | 1863 |
| b. 16, f. 18 | Letters to Charles Orville Dewey | circa 1863 |
| b. 16, f. 19 | Dewey, Orville to Julia Dewey | 1864 December 25 |
| b. 16, f. 20 | Griffin, Nathaniel Herrick to Orville Dewey | 1865 |
| b. 16, f. 21 | Dewey, Orville to Jerusha Dewey | 1865-1866 |
| b. 16, f. 22 | Dewey, Orville to William Dewey | 1866 June 5 |
| b. 16, f. 23 | Dewey, William to Charles Orville and Julia Dewey | 1866-1870 |

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| b. 16, f. 24 | Dewey, Julia to William Dewey | 1866 |
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| b. 16, f. 25 | Dewey, Julia | 1866 |
| b. 16, f. 26 | Ensign, Jane to Julia and Charles Orville Dewey | 1866-1868 |
| b. 16, f. 27 | Dewey, Orville [letter fragments] | circa 1866-1871 |
| b. 16, f. 28 | Joanna, Senna to Louise and Julia Dewey | 1867 December 1 |
| b. 16, f. 29 | Dewey, William to Charles Orville and Julia Dewey | 1869-1870 |
| b. 16, f. 30 | Dewey, Julia to William Dewey | 1870 |
| b. 16, f. 31 | Dewey, Mary to Orville Dewey | 1872 |
| b. 16, f. 32 | Dewey, Orville to Laura Dewey Russell | 1873 October 29 |
| b. 16, f. 33 | Curtis, George to Orville and Mary Dewey | 1873-1888 |
| b. 16, f. 34 | Livermore, Abiel Abbott to Orville Dewey | 1875 March 25 |
| b. 16, f. 35 | Westover, Luther to Julia Dewey | 1877 |
| b. 16, f. 36 | Bellows, Henry to Orville and Louisa Dewey | 1877-1880 |
| b. 16, f. 37 | Dewey family letters and notes | circa 1880s |
| b. 16, f. 38 | Bartol, Cyrus to Orville Dewey | 1880 February 23 |
| | | 23 |
| b. 16, f. 39 | Dewey, Mary | 1883-1908 |
| b. 16, f. 39 b. 16, f. 40 | Dewey, Mary Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb | |
| | | 1883-1908 |
| b. 16, f. 40 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 b. 16, f. 42 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey Jackson, Charles to William Dewey | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 1886 March 28 1886 September |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 b. 16, f. 42 b. 16, f. 43 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey Jackson, Charles to William Dewey Bartholomew, Asa to William and Russell Dewey | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 1886 March 28 1886 September 22 |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 b. 16, f. 42 b. 16, f. 43 b. 16, f. 44 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey Jackson, Charles to William Dewey Bartholomew, Asa to William and Russell Dewey Hale, Edward E. to Mary Dewey | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 1886 March 28 1886 September 22 1894–1904 |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 b. 16, f. 42 b. 16, f. 43 b. 16, f. 44 b. 16, f. 45 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey Jackson, Charles to William Dewey Bartholomew, Asa to William and Russell Dewey Hale, Edward E. to Mary Dewey Lodge, Henry Cabot [envelope] | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 1886 March 28 1886 September 22 1894–1904 circa 1897 |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 b. 16, f. 42 b. 16, f. 43 b. 16, f. 44 b. 16, f. 45 b. 16, f. 46 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey Jackson, Charles to William Dewey Bartholomew, Asa to William and Russell Dewey Hale, Edward E. to Mary Dewey Lodge, Henry Cabot [envelope] Dewey, George to Mary Dewey | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 1886 March 28 1886 September 22 1894–1904 circa 1897 1899 |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 b. 16, f. 42 b. 16, f. 43 b. 16, f. 44 b. 16, f. 45 b. 16, f. 46 b. 16, f. 47 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey Jackson, Charles to William Dewey Bartholomew, Asa to William and Russell Dewey Hale, Edward E. to Mary Dewey Lodge, Henry Cabot [envelope] Dewey, George to Mary Dewey Eliot, Charles M. to Mary Dewey | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 1886 March 28 1886 September 22 1894–1904 circa 1897 1899 1900 |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 b. 16, f. 42 b. 16, f. 43 b. 16, f. 44 b. 16, f. 45 b. 16, f. 46 b. 16, f. 47 b. 16, f. 48 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey Jackson, Charles to William Dewey Bartholomew, Asa to William and Russell Dewey Hale, Edward E. to Mary Dewey Lodge, Henry Cabot [envelope] Dewey, George to Mary Dewey Eliot, Charles M. to Mary Dewey Everett, William to Mary Dewey | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 1886 March 28 1886 September 22 1894–1904 circa 1897 1899 1900 1900 July 10 |
| b. 16, f. 40 b. 16, f. 41 b. 16, f. 42 b. 16, f. 43 b. 16, f. 44 b. 16, f. 45 b. 16, f. 46 b. 16, f. 47 b. 16, f. 48 b. 16, f. 49 | Presgrave, Laura to Katherine Dewey Cobb Martineau, James to Mary Dewey Jackson, Charles to William Dewey Bartholomew, Asa to William and Russell Dewey Hale, Edward E. to Mary Dewey Lodge, Henry Cabot [envelope] Dewey, George to Mary Dewey Eliot, Charles M. to Mary Dewey Everett, William to Mary Dewey Parebo, Ernst to Mary Dewey | 1883–1908 1884 1885 December 31 1886 March 28 1886 September 22 1894–1904 circa 1897 1899 1900 1900 July 10 1902 February 5 1916 September |

Dewey family (continued)

| b. 16, f. 52 | Channing, William Henry to Mary Dewey | undated |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| b. 16, f. 53 | Sedgwick, Catherine to Julia Dewey | undated |
| b. 16, f. 54 | Root, George to Orville Dewey | undated |
| b. 16, f. 55 | Rackemann, Elizabeth to Orville Dewey | undated |
| b. 16, f. 56 | Cobb, Frank to Charles Dewey | undated |
| b. 16, f. 57 | Dewey, Louisa to Julia Dewey | undated |
| b. 16, f. 58 | Dewey, Julia [letters and fragments] | undated |
| b. 16, f. 59 | Dewey, William to Russell Dewey | undated |
| b. 16, f. 60 | Cushing, Caleb to Charles Dewey Day | undated |
| Low | vell family | circa 1777-1898 |
| b. 23, f. 1 | Hallowell, Benjamin to Robert Traill and George Meserve | 1771 |
| b. 17, f. 1 | Whipple, William to Joshua Bracket | 1777 |
| b. 17, f. 2 | Whipple, William to Josiah Bartlett | 1779 |
| b. 17, f. 3 | Whipple, William to John T. Gilman | 1784 |
| b. 17, f. 4 | Buckminster, J.S. to William Emerson | 1807 |
| b. 17 , f. 5 | Croker, John Wilson | 1824 |
| b. 17 , f. 6 | Munroe, James | 1842 |
| b. 17, f. 7 | Hawthorne, Nathaniel to James Russell Lowell | 1843 April 14 |
| b. 17, f. 8 | Coleman, Lyman to Charles Northend | 1849 |
| b. 17, f. 9 | Silliman, Benjamin to Joseph Wightman | 1849 |
| b. 17, f. 10 | Shaw, Lemuel to Charles Lowell | 1852 |
| b. 17 , f. 11 | Lowell, Charles [anti-slavery letter] | 1854 |
| b. 17, f. 12 | Adams, Charles F. to Charles Lowell | 1857 |
| b. 17, f. 13 | Sumner, Charles to Samuel Putman | 1858 |
| b. 17, f. 14 | Lowell, Robert Traill Spence to James T. Fields | 1862 |
| b. 17 , f. 15 | Clarke, James Freeman to Mary Lowell and Georgina Putnam | circa 1866-1877 |
| b. 17 , f. 16 | Brookfield, Jane Octavia | 1870 May 17 |
| b. 17, f. 17 | Howells, William Dean to Mary Lowell Putnam | 1870 November 24 |
| b. 17, f. 18 | Thaxter, Celia to Georgina Putnam | circa 1874 |
| b. 17, f. 19 | Longfellow, Hendry Wadsworth, to Mary Lowell Putnam | 1879 April 30 |

Lowell family (continued)

| b. 17, f. 20 | Brooks, Phillips to Charles Lowell | 1879 May 18 |
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| b. 17, f. 21 | Long, John D. to James Freeman Clarke | 1881 August 7 |
| b. 17, f. 22 | Lowell, Augustus to Mary Lowell Putnam | 1885 November 22 |
| b. 17, f. 23 | Lowell, James Russell to Georgina Putnam | circa 1886 |
| b. 17, f. 24 | Lowell, James Russell to Mary Lowell Putnam | 1887 |
| b. 17, f. 25 | Putnam, Georgina [envelope] | 1887 |
| b. 17, f. 26 | Howe, Julia Ward | circa 1898 |
| b. 17, f. 27 | Webster, Daniel to Samuel Putnam [envelope] | undated |
| b. 17, f. 28 | Gardner, Isabella Stewart to Mary Lowell Putnam | undated |
| b. 17, f. 29 | Higginson, H.C. to Mary Lowell Putnam | undated |
| b. 17, f. 30 | Jameson, Anna to Mary Lowell Putnam | undated |
| b. 17, f. 31 | Mohl, Mary to Mary Lowell Putnam | undated |
| b. 17, f. 32 | Sontag, Henriette | undated |
| b. 23, f. 2 | Dummor, Willliam [appointment letter] | undated |

Series III: Manuscripts, circa 1548-1901

Series III consists of manuscripts written by some of the most famous figures of the era, including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Sarah Chauncey Woolsey, and William Henry Furness. Most of the manuscripts are poetry, in the author's hand, but also included are speeches and song lyrics.

Arranged alphabetically by author last name, with manuscripts by unidentified authors at the end of the series.

| b. 17, f. 33 [Address to returning soldiers], autograph manuscript 1883 Boker, George Henry b. 17, f. 34 [Praying, - alas! In vain!], autograph manuscript undated Emerson, Ralph Waldo b. 17, f. 35 My Garden, autograph manuscript undated Furness, William Henry b. 17, f. 36 [John Brown song], autograph manuscript undated Lowell, James Russell b. 17, f. 37 [We all must fight our dragon], autograph manuscript undated b. 17, f. 38 Thistle-Downs, autograph manuscript undated Russell, Laura Dewey b. 17, f. 39 Manuscript poems, notebook circa 1882-1885 Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey b. 17, f. 40 Common Things, autograph manuscript undated Unidentified b. 17, f. 41 Unidentified autograph manuscript 1548 b. 23, f. 3 Siege of Algiers, The [map] 1816 b. 17, f. 42 Forging Our Chains, autograph manuscript undated b. 17, f. 43 [Last Watch], autograph manuscript undated | Boker, George Henry b. 17, f. 34 [Praying, - alas! In vain!], autograph manuscript undated Emerson, Ralph Waldo b. 17, f. 35 My Garden, autograph manuscript undated Furness, William Henry b. 17, f. 36 [John Brown song], autograph manuscript undated Lowell, James Russell b. 17, f. 37 [We all must fight our dragon], autograph manuscript undated b. 17, f. 38 Thistle-Downs, autograph manuscript undated Russell, Laura Dewey b. 17, f. 39 Manuscript poems, notebook circa 1882-7 Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey b. 17, f. 40 Common Things, autograph manuscript undated Unidentified Unidentified Unidentified autograph manuscript 1548 | |
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| b. 17, f. 34 [Praying, - alas! In vain!], autograph manuscript undated Emerson, Ralph Waldo b. 17, f. 35 | b. 17, f. 34 [Praying, - alas! In vain!], autograph manuscript undated Emerson, Ralph Waldo b. 17, f. 35 | |
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| b. 17, f. 35 | b. 17, f. 35 My Garden, autograph manuscript Furness, William Henry b. 17, f. 36 [John Brown song], autograph manuscript undated Lowell, James Russell b. 17, f. 37 [We all must fight our dragon], autograph manuscript undated Russell, Laura Dewey b. 17, f. 39 Manuscript poems, notebook Circa 1882-7 Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey b. 17, f. 40 Common Things, autograph manuscript undated Unidentified Unidentified autograph manuscript 1548 | |
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Series IV: Ephemera, circa 1748-1891

Series IV consists of ephemera from both Dewey and Lowell families. Included are tickets for a ship, Civil War passes, receipts for donations, clippings, and other printed material dating from 1748 to 1891.

Arranged chronologically.

| b. 17, f. 46 | Silver price certificate | 1748 |
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| b. 17, f. 47 | Pass for the Ardent [ship] | 1779 |
| b. 17, f. 48 | Printed act on importing currency | 1787 |
| b. 17, f. 49 | Subscriptions, West Church | 1793 |
| b. 17, f. 50 | Union College bill, Webster, Charles | 1811 |
| b. 17, f. 51 | Copyright receipt, Dewey, Orville | 1838 October 29 |
| b. 17, f. 52 | Introductory lecture at Apollo Association, Dewey, Orville | 1840 July 4 |
| b. 17, f. 53 | Chemical Bank check | 1845 |
| b. 17, f. 54 | Civil War passes | 1862 |
| b. 17, f. 55 | Boarding School for Young Ladies ephemera | 1868 |
| b. 17, f. 56 | New York Genealogical and Biographical Record | 1875 October |
| b. 17, f. 57 | Memorial Ode to Thomas Wentworth Higginson | 1881 |
| b. 23, f. 4 | Berkshire Courier | 1887 October 26 |
| b. 17, f. 58 | James Russell Lowell Memoriam, Holmes, Olive Wendell | circa 1891 |
| b. 17, f. 59 | A Model Love Affair [clipping] | undated |
| b. 17, f. 60 | Receipt for donation to Plymouth Monument | undated |
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Series V: Deeds and related land acquisition documents, 1779–1816

Series V includes letters and related land deeds between the years 1779 to 1816. These pertain largely to the Dewey family, most notably Orville Dewey's father, Silas Dewey.

Arranged chronologically.

| b. 17 , f. 61 | Deed, Fowle, Daniel to Keith Spence | 1779 |
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| b. 17, f. 62 | Deed, Forbes, Samuel to Silas Dewey, Thomas Stevens, and Sylvester Root | 1802 |
| b. 17, f. 63 | Deed, Gleason, Arial to Thomas Stevens | 1802 |
| b. 17, f. 64 | Deed, Noble, Russell to Silas Dewey | 1803 |
| b. 17, f. 65 | Deed, Callender, Aaron to Silas Dewey | 1813 |
| b. 17, f. 66 | Deed, Callender, Aaron to Silas Dewey | 1816 |

Series VI: Photographs, circa 1880-1903

Series VI contains photographs of the Dewey family. Many of the photographs are formal portraits of family members, most notably the immediate family members of Charles Orville Dewey and Harriet Dewey, with some more candid family group photographs included within the photograph albums.

Arranged chronologically, with undated photographs listed at the end of the series.

| b. 18, f. 1 | Dewey, Russell and Dewey, Harriet Tintype, collodion on paper prints | circa 1880s |
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| b. 18, f. 2 | Dewey, Charles Orville | circa 1880s |
| b. 18, f. 3 | Humphrey, Anna, Grammar School | circa 1884-1886 |
| b. 18, f. 4 | Dewey, William | circa 1896-1916 |
| b. 18, f. 5 | Dewey, Russell, Dewey, Harriet, and Dewey, William | circa 1898-1901 |
| b. 18, f. 6 | Vorck, Martha Dewey Collodion on paper prints | circa 1900-1910 |
| b. 18, f. 7 | Dewey, William and Dewey, Martha | circa 1900-1920 |
| b. 19 | Photo album, Mary L. Dewey [family portraits] Albumen prints. | 1903 |
| b. 20 | Photo album, Mary L. Dewey [family portraits] Albumen, collodion, and tintype prints. | 1903 |
| b. 21 | Photo album, Mary L. Dewey [portraits] Albumen prints, noted figures from era, some with autographs. | circa 1903 |
| b. 18, f. 8 | Dewey, William and Dewey, Harriet | undated |
| b. 18, f. 9 | Dewey, William | undated |
| b. 18, f. 10 | Dewey, Harriet | undated |
| b. 18, f. 11 | Hatch and Dewey Clothing | undated |
| b. 18, f. 12 | Dewey, Russell | undated |
| b. 18, f. 13 | Dewey, Julia | undated |
| b. 22, f. 1 | Unidentified photographs [children, family life, cars] | undated |
| b. 22, f. 2 | Unidentified photographs [family life, nature, children] Stereoscope, albumen, collodion on paper prints | undated |
| b. 22, f. 3 | Unidentified photographs [group photographs, children] | undated |

Series VII: October 2023 acquisition, 1812-1899

Consists of correspondence, Orville Dewey's diary dating from 1865 to 1880, a 26-page manuscript titled Oration Delivered on the 4th of July, 1811 on the 35th Year of the American Independence, clippings, an ink drawing of Dewey's home in Sheffield, Massachusetts, and a large scrapbook with documents related to family history. This addition also includes material documenting and related to marriage ceremonies performed by Orville Dewey between the years 1826 and 1833.

| | Scrapbooks, and other bound material | 1776-1880 |
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| b. 25 | Scrapbook, family history | 1776-1848 |
| b. 24, f. 1 | Diary, Orville Dewey | 1865–1880 |
| | Correspondence | 1812-1899 |
| b. 24, f. 2 | Bellows, Henry to Orville Dewey | 1860-1881 |
| b. 24, f. 3 | Bryant, William Cullen to Orville Dewey | 1850-1877 |
| b. 24, f. 4 | Chadwick, John White to Mary Dewey | 1882-1899 |
| b. 24, f. 5 | Dewey, Orville, letters | 1822-1868 |
| | Manuscripts | 1812 |
| b. 24, f. 6 | Oration, Orville Dewey | 1812 |
| | Ephemera | circa 1856-1884 |
| b. 24, f. 7 | Clippings | circa 1876-1884 |
| b. 24, f. 8 | Pamphlets | circa 1856 |
| | Documents | 1826-1835 |
| b. 24, f. 9 | Copyright certificate | 1835 |
| b. 24, f. 10 | Marriages performed by Orville Dewey | 1826-1833 |
| | Artwork | 1896 |
| b. 24, f. 11 | St. David's at Sheffield | 1896 |
| | Drawing, ink on paper. | |

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