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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Percival, James Gates, 1795-1856

TITLE: James Gates Percival collection

DATES: 1800-1944

BULK DATES: 1820-1850

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.34 linear feet (16 boxes) + 1 broadside folder, 1 art

LANGUAGE: Most materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The James Gates Percival Collection consist of writings, notebooks, personal papers, correspondence, maps, and other papers that document Percival's life and work. Writings are autograph manuscripts of poetry and prose compositions on linguistics, geology, and geography, including several drafts of his Report on the Geology of Connecticut, as well as chemistry notes by West Point professor James Cutbush. Percival's notebooks contain writings and notes on a broad range of topics in addition to his classroom notes from school, college, and medical school days. Personal papers include contracts, agreements, and subscriber lists related to his publications; inventories and invoices documenting his large library collection; and other financial papers, primarily bills for personal expenses including room, board, and clothing. Correspondence files hold letters to and from many prominent colleagues and scholars such as Benjamin Silliman and Edward C. Herrick in New Haven, friends including George Hayward in Boston, his publishers Sidney Babcock, Samuel G. Goodrich, and Samuel Walker, and editors such as Eliza Leslie and Louisa C. Tuthill. Percival was a member of the New Haven Sing-Song Club and the collection documents his contributions to that organization. Also present is a portrait painting of Percival by his brother Edwin Percival, and a group of papers regarding Percival's life and work compiled by J. H. Ward, Herbert E. Gregory, and others, including a memoir of him by Caroline Howard Gilman.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Julius H. Ward (Yale 1860), after 1866. Other acquisitions are noted at the folder level.

Custodial History

Althea Green Wilson discusses the history of Percival's papers in the *Yale University Library Gazette* 28 (no. 2, October 1953). Several of the items in the collection were published in J. H. Ward's volume *The Life and Letters of James Gates Percival* (Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1866).

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

James Gates Percival Collection. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

This finding aid was produced from a previously existing card set in the Manuscripts Catalog. All pertinent bibliographical information has been retained, as has the arrangement of the material and the corresponding catalog numbers assigned by former library staff members. Some of the manuscripts were annotated by Donald Gallup, curator of the Yale Collection of American Literature. A folder with photocopies of the Percival catalog cards is filed in the front of box 1.

Former call numbers: Za Percival, Uncat Za File Percival, Iw P412 +1, Za P412 +1, Za P412 +S1, Art Storage 698, Za Objects 38, u.1927.132

James Gates Percival (1795-1856)

James Gates Percival, an American poet, physician, linguist, geologist, bibliophile, and autodidact, was born in Kensington, Connecticut, on September 15, 1795. After attending boarding school he entered Yale College in 1810 and graduated in 1815. Percival began medical school at the University of Pennsylvania in 1818 but returned to Yale to complete his degree in 1820. He practiced medicine in Connecticut and Charleston, South Carolina, and briefly taught chemistry at West Point in 1824. Returning to Connecticut, he studied linguistics and European languages (particularly German), assisted Noah Webster with his *American*

Dictionary of the English Language (1828), and prepared new editions of Vicesimus Knox's *Elegant Extracts* (1826) and Conrad Malte-Brun's *A System of Universal Geography* (1834). His former Yale professor and mentor Benjamin Silliman encouraged Percival's appointment as Connecticut state geologist in 1835, which led to his amassing great quantities of geological data that were eventually published in his volume *Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut* (1842). Hired to survey lead mines in Illinois and Wisconsin in 1853, Percival spent his last years in the Midwest, becoming the state geologist of Wisconsin in 1854; he died in Hazel Green, Wisconsin, on May 2, 1856.

Percival began writing poetry while in boarding school, his most notable work being the epic-length poem "The Commerciad"; later verses were published in the early 1820s in the New Haven *Microscope*, the *United States Literary Gazette*, and other newspapers. His collected *Poems* (1821) included his well-regarded "Prometheus" and inspired the publication of *Prometheus Part II with Other Poems* (1822). His series *Clio I*, *Clio II* (both 1822), and *Clio III* (1827) were followed fifteen years later by his final volume of poetry, *The Dream of a Day* (1843).

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into six series: I. Writings, 1800-1854. II. Notebooks and Notes, 1807-1840. III. Personal Papers, 1819-1851. IV. Correspondence, 1816-1856. V. Printed Material, 1822-1856. VI. Maps and Artwork, 1830-1840. VII. Other Papers Related to Percival and His Work, 1859-1944.

Collection Contents

Series I: Writings, 1800-1854

1.67 linear feet (4 boxes)

The series primarily contains autograph manuscripts by Percival that include his literary and scientific work. The folders hold drafts and notes as well as finished compositions meant for publication.

Series I is organized into five subseries: Poetry, Linguistics, Prose, Geology, Geography, and Other Topics; within those subseries material is arranged by the consecutive numbers assigned by library staff.

Poetry

b. 1, f. 1	1. Clio I: Essay on the Imaginative Mind and original manuscript of long poem beginning "The world is full of poetry..." Begins: Ego, apis matinae more, modoque. Autograph manuscript, incomplete.	undated
b. 1, f. 2	2. Clio I: financial details Manuscript in unidentified hand.	undated
b. 1, f. 3	3. Clio II: Preface, and fragment of poem entitled "Freedom" Two versions of preface, both incomplete.	undated
b. 1, f. 4	4. Clio III: errata with title: "Errors of Clio" and autograph manuscript drafts, many incomplete Removed from his <i>Clio III</i> (New York, 1827); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	undated
b. 1, f. 5	5. The Commerciad, A Mock Heroic Autograph manuscript of preface and first canto. 85[5] pages. Page 74-[89] miscellaneous poems and verses unpublished. Last leaf has list of militia personnel by towns with distance from Boston.	undated
b. 1, f. 6-7	6. The Dream of a Day and Other Poems Autograph manuscripts of poems collected and published in 1843. Includes folder of poems translated from German and Russian.	undated
b. 1, f. 8-9	7. Prometheus, Parts I and II Autograph manuscript incomplete.	undated
b. 1, f. 10	8. Prometheus, Part II. Preface and Lesser Poems. Autograph manuscript incomplete, and original manuscript drafts of poems published in 1822.	undated
b. 1, f. 11	9. The Wreck Original manuscript, incomplete.	undated
b. 1, f. 12	10. Zamor Manuscript fragment of a tragedy.	1815
b. 1, f. 13-14	11. Poems Original manuscript drafts and fragments of poems published. Identified in the two volumes published in Boston, 1859.	undated

Poetry (continued)

b. 1, f. 15-16	12. Poems Original manuscript drafts and fragments of published and unpublished poems, unidentified.	undated
b. 1, f. 17	13. Youthful verse Manuscripts of poems written at the ages of 16, 18, and when he was in college.	undated
b. 1, f. 18	14. Aeschylus' Prometheus Boundleaves Autograph manuscript of Percival's translation. Accompanied by fragment of a letter to "Dear Sir", New Haven, May 28, 1823. On verso of leaf 2 of his translation of Aeschylus' Prometheus Bound [q.v.]; and a letter to his mother, New Haven, June 16, 1823, on version of leaves 3-4 of his translation of Aeschylus' Prometheus Bound.	1823, undated
b. 1, f. 19	15-16. Phi Beta Kappa poem, Yale College, with a fair copy in Percival's hand	1825
b. 1, f. 20	17. Athelstan, A Tragedy Autograph manuscript, incomplete.	undated
b. 1, f. 21	18. Lord Byron's Farewell Manuscript of poem of eleven stanzas. Accompanied by: "A Name, Byron," unfinished manuscript copy. On same page: poem of three stanzas beginning: Soft to slumber on ye moss bring...; "Dream of L. Byron," manuscript verses; and farewell of Child Harold from Lord Byron. Manuscript copy of verses.	undated
b. 1, f. 22	19. God Autograph manuscript verses, begins: "O! Thou, infinite in extent."	undated
b. 2, f. 23	20. Hail to the Morning... Poem of three stanzas, autograph manuscript. Removed from his <i>The Dream of a Day</i> (New Haven, 1843); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	undated
b. 2, f. 24	21. Homer; original manuscript draft of a translation of a poem by Stolberg Poem of three stanzas, autograph manuscript.	undated
b. 2, f. 25	22. Horatian Odes Autograph manuscript of Percival's translations of <i>Odes of Horace</i> . L.IV.3 joined with sealing wax.	undated
b. 2, f. 26	23. January Thaw Manuscript poem of four stanzas.	undated
b. 2, f. 27	24. Linnean Ode Original manuscript draft, incomplete. Printed in <i>Clio III</i> with title: Birth-day of Linnaeus.	1826 May 24
b. 2, f. 28	25. The Seasons, a Serial. Original manuscript of part of the sonnet series "Slavonia." Purchased on the Plain Fund, 1938.	undated

Poetry (continued)

b. 2, f. 29	26. The Spirit of Life Autograph poem. Removed from his <i>Clio III</i> (New York, 1827); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	undated
b. 2, f. 30	27. To A Belle Autograph manuscript signed and dated. Published in <i>Knickerbocker</i> , December 1837. Copy not in Percival's hand.	1828
b. 2, f. 31	28. To Live Beyond the Grave... Autograph manuscript of poem with signature pasted on.	undated
b. 2, f. 32	29. To Those... Autograph manuscript signed of one verse of poetry, with two manuscript copies in Percival's hand.	undated
b. 2, f. 33	30. Unity Four-verse song with musical notes along the top of the page. On verso: Miss Charlotte Seldon.	undated
b. 2, f. 34	31. Written After Reading The Paradise of Coquettes Manuscript of long poem [unpublished?]	undated
b. 2, f. 35	32. The Whig Amnesty Manuscript copy of his poem of five stanzas, and a card with Italian quotation and his signature inserted. Purchased on the Henry P. Driggs Memorial Fund.	undated
b. 2, f. 36	33. Political campaign songs Autograph manuscripts of words written by Percival, including The Whig Town and Specimens of a New Nursery.	1840
b. 2, f. 37	34. Notes on poets and poetry Miscellaneous manuscript fragments including lists of poets.	undated
b. 2, f. 38	35. Recollections. Poem. George Pallavicini Speaks in Prison.	undated
b. 2, f. 39	36. Song written as an accompaniment to an original Air by the Blind Harper Removed from his <i>The Dream of a Day</i> (New Haven, 1843); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	undated
b. 2, f. 40	37. Goodrich, Maryanne Wolcott, poem.	circa 1815
b. 2, f. 41	38. [Dedication] Begins: "To those,/Who have wakened the fancy," His title: "To those, Who have wakened the fancy" (not found in editions of Percival's verse). Purchased from the Seven Gables Bookshop on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1957.	1822 Nov

Poetry (continued)

b. 2, f. 42	39. Classic Melodies. Autograph manuscript (incomplete?). Verse imitations of ancient measures, with an introductory note in prose. Contents: Elegiac - iambic - Anacreontic - Anapestic, I. Gift of James T. Babb (Yale 1924), 1962.	undated
b. 2, f. 43	40. "The Irish Harper" Purchased from Walter R. Benjamin Autographs on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1964.	undated
b. 2, f. 44	41. "Half nonsense verses, composed to sing the Marseillaise, without forcing the words" Purchased from the Seven Gables Bookshop on the Danford N. Barney, Jr. Fund, 1965.	undated
b. 2, f. 45	42. "Bear this present to my maiden..." Removed from: his <i>Poems</i> , vol. I (London: 1824), 2008; gift of Francis B. Trowbridge (Yale 1887, LLB 1890), 1899.	undated
b. 2, f. 46	43. "O! Sing to me!" Purchased from Claudia Queen on the George B. Alvord Fund, 2009. Addressed to Maria Worcester	undated
Linguistics		
b. 2, f. 47	100. Studies in Verse Manuscript verses in imitation of verses in different languages namely: Sanscrit (<i>sic</i>), Persian, Arabic, and Eastern species, with scansion notes.	undated
b. 2, f. 48	101. Epigrammes Carlistes Six epigrams in French. On reverse: Epigrammi Pontificali in Italian and Bundes Epigrammen in German. Autograph manuscript. And another copy of the Italian and two of the French epigrams with other notes on the same sheet.	undated
b. 2, f. 49	102. On the relations of languages Manuscript essay and table exhibiting the conditions and affinities of the principal known languages.	undated
b. 2, f. 50	103. Linguistic notes: comparative Miscellaneous manuscript notes chiefly on general Indo-European languages.	undated
b. 2, f. 51	104. Linguistic notes: Indo-European Manuscript notes on a comparative Indo-European grammar never published.	undated
b. 2, f. 52	105. Translations of poems From various foreign languages, published and unpublished, but chiefly fragmentary and unidentified.	undated
b. 2, f. 53	106. Linguistic notes: English Manuscript notes concerning English grammar.	undated

Linguistics (continued)

b. 2, f. 54	107. Linguistic notes: French, Spanish, Basque Manuscript notes on grammar as well as translations from Basque.	undated
b. 2, f. 55	108. Linguistic notes: Gaelic Manuscript notes on Gaelic (Irish) words and grammar. With his manuscript notes on Shaw's Gaelic grammar.	undated
b. 2, f. 56	109. Linguistic notes: German Manuscript notes on German words and grammar.	undated
b. 2, f. 57	110. German poems, original and translated Autograph manuscripts. Partial contents: - Die Wurde den Frauen. - Der Tanz. - Zu meinem Herrn. - Der Levenstreit. - Der deutsche Verein. - The German maiden's patriot song. - The doves. - The shop-girl. - Der deutsche Patriot.	undated
b. 2, f. 58	111. Linguistic notes: Greek and Latin Manuscript notes on Greek and Latin words and Grammar. Including Greek poems with translation.	undated
b. 2, f. 59	112. Linguistic notes: Hebrew, Arabic, Syrian Manuscript notes on Hebrew words and grammar; an alphabetical table comparing Arabic, Syrian, Samar, and Hebrew letters; and a calendar in Yiddish (not in Percival's hand).	undated
b. 2, f. 60	113. Linguistic notes; Hungarian, Bohemian, Czech Manuscript notes on the Hungarian language and on Bohemian literature, a poem translated from Bohemian, and Czech poetry.	undated
b. 2, f. 61	114. Linguistic notes: Italian Manuscript notes on Italian grammar.	undated
b. 2, f. 62	115. Linguistic notes: Russian, Polish, Armenian Manuscript notes on the Russian and Polish languages with examples of poetry from both.	undated
b. 2, f. 63	116. Linguistic notes: Sanscrit, Bengalese Manuscript notes on the Sanscrit and Bengalese languages.	undated
b. 2, f. 64	117. Linguistic notes: Scandinavian Manuscript notes on the Danish, Swedish, and Eskimo languages with examples of poetry with translations from Danish and Swedish. And "To Ole Bull." Manuscript of poem in Norwegian with English translation on reverse.	undated
Prose		
b. 2, f. 65	200. On the Art of Printing and the Freedom of the Press Autograph manuscript of an oration or college disputation.	undated
b. 2, f. 66	201. The Atheneum Prospectus in Percival's hand announcing his editorship of the magazine. It did not materialize.	undated

Prose (continued)

b. 2, f. 67	202. On Greek liberty Autograph manuscript of essay. 3 pages with verses on page 4.	undated
b. 2, f. 68	203. Kidd's Money Autograph manuscript of essay on Captain Kidd.	undated
b. 2, f. 69	204. Letters on the Author of Junius, by E. H. Barker. Quotation from the appendix which refers to Percival.	undated
b. 2, f. 70	205. The Next President Original autograph manuscript of editorial for the <i>Daily Herald</i> , on the presidential election stating that he will not support Calhoun. Never printed.	1823
b. 2, f. 71	206. Newspaper contributions Original autograph manuscripts of articles chiefly for the <i>Daily Herald</i> and in the form of letters to the editors. Subjects are chiefly linguistic.	undated
b. 2, f. 72	207. Nosology Autograph manuscript fragment of article on the nose printed in the <i>Daily Herald</i> August 17, 1833.	1833
b. 2, f. 73	208. On Bowring's translations Autograph manuscript article (incomplete) with reference to Talvj.	undated
b. 2, f. 74	209. Oration on the Comparative Value of a Scientific and Military Reputation Autograph manuscript of Yale College commencement oration.	1815
b. 2, f. 75	210. Phi Beta Kappa oration, Yale College Manuscript copy in Percival's hand.	1822
b. 3, f. 76	211. The Plague of Athens from YE 2d Book of Thucydides Peloponessian War English translation by Percival.	undated
b. 3, f. 77	212. Prospectus for a Literary Paper and Prospectus of a New Weekly Miscellany George B. Alvord (Yale 1895) Collection.	undated
b. 3, f. 78	213. A story untitled and unfinished beginning: In the winter of seventy-six...	undated
b. 3, f. 79	214. The Travellers' Club No. II On reverse: Poem beginning: When first from the land of the tyrants & slaves...	undated
b. 3, f. 80	215. Prose Miscellaneous autograph manuscripts, fragmentary, of his prose writing, probably translations.	undated
b. 3, f. 81	216. Anti-phrenology Autograph manuscript fragment of article against phrenology.	undated
b. 3, f. 82	217. Port Folio No. II Autograph manuscript of article on writing as a trade.	undated

Prose (continued)

b. 3, f. 83	218. Address written in resignation as president of some medical association	undated
b. 3, f. 84	219. National university Moved from letters 676 in 1964.	undated
Geology		
b. 3, f. 85	300. <i>Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut</i> Five incomplete drafts of the report with extraneous matter, one on the lead and silver mines of Middletown. Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	circa 1840
b. 3, f. 86	301. <i>Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut</i> Complete draft of report rewritten before published. Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	circa 1840
b. 3, f. 87-89	303. <i>Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut</i> Autograph manuscript of report as it was finally published. preface incomplete, with index at end. Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	circa 1840
b. 3, f. 90	304. Geological maps and formation notes for his <i>Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut</i> Recatalogued from Z117.011, v.1, in 1941.	1835-1840
b. 3, f. 91	305. Synopsis of the Geological Map of the State [Connecticut] Outline of geological structure of Connecticut as reported in his report on the state. Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	1835-1840
b. 3, f. 92	306. Statement of accounts of his tours through Connecticut in making the geological survey of the state Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	1835-1840
b. 3, f. 93	307. First report on the geology of Wisconsin Incomplete manuscript.	circa 1854
b. 3, f. 94	308. Report on the Trap and sandstone of New Jersey Autograph manuscript fragments of the report. See Series V for a related map.	undated
b. 3, f. 95	309. Lake Erie trip, a geological account Incomplete.	undated
b. 3, f. 96	310. General View of the Geology of the South & Middle Bass Islands and their Appendages... Autograph manuscript complete.	undated
b. 3, f. 97	311. Coal Mine in Nova Scotia Autograph manuscript of geological report. Transferred from Rare Book Room, 1952.	undated

Geology (continued)

b. 3, f. 98	312. Views on a Railroad Route from New Haven by Danbury to Fishkill Autograph manuscript report addressed to a committee.	circa 1849
b. 3, f. 99	313. Geology notes Miscellaneous and fragmentary notes on geology of Connecticut, Wisconsin, and possibly New Jersey.	undated
b. 3, f. 100	314. Testimony of geological formation in Glastonbury Includes record of Percival's expenses on six journeys from New Haven to Glastonbury Transferred from Rare Book Room, 1952.	1850 Jan 31

Geography

b. 4, f. 101	350. Malte-Brun, <i>A System of Universal Geography</i> Autograph manuscript notes and maps used in his revision, with two other maps.	circa 1834
b. 4, f. 102	351. Malte-Brun, <i>A System of Universal Geography</i> Autograph manuscript notes, corrections, and additions with 1 leaf of corrected proof on "Europe." Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	circa 1834
b. 4, f. 103	352. "The Varieties of the Human Race" Two drafts of the appendix, for his revised edition of Sir Richard Phillips's <i>A Geographical View of the World</i> , accompanied by corrected page proofs.	circa 1825
b. 4, f. 104	353. General Distribution of the Animal Kingdom into Four Great Divisions Autograph manuscript of material used for his 1836 revised edition of Sir Richard Philips's <i>The Wonders of the World</i> .	circa 1835
b. 4, f. 105	354. A System of Ethnography. Proposal for a publication which never materialized On reverse: A System (Outline) of the Geography of History.	undated
b. 4, f. 106	355. History of the Eruption of Etna Translated from the Italian of Ferrara Autograph manuscript of material used for his 1836 revised edition of Sir Richard Philips's <i>The Wonders of the World</i> .	circa 1835
b. 4, f. 107	356. Geography notes Autograph manuscript fragments of notes probably used for his revised edition of Sir Richard Philips's <i>The Wonders of the World</i> or <i>A Geographical View of the World</i> .	undated

Other Topics

b. 4, f. 108	357. Webster's Dictionary Percival's autograph manuscript notes (fragments) used in its revision.	undated
b. 4, f. 109-110	358. Botany lectures and botany notes taken on field trips around New Haven	1819-1822

Other Topics (continued)

b. 4, f. 111	359. Prolegomena Intended as an Introduction to the Study of Therapeutics & Materia Medica	[1820?]
b. 4, f. 112	360. Outline of a paper on science for the <i>American Journal of Medicine</i>	1823
b. 4, f. 113	361. "Chemical Apparatus and Instruments with the Agents and Reagents Necessary for a Course of Chemistry &c." by James Cutbush Autograph manuscript by Cutbush, dating from his position as professor at West Point, and used by Percival.	1820 Feb
b. 4, f. 114	362. Synod of Lothian & Tweeddale Autograph manuscript list of the towns making up the various Presbyterian synods in Scotland.	1802
b. 4, f. 115	363. Knox's <i>Elegant Extracts</i> Autograph manuscript notes used in Percival's 1826 edition of <i>Elegant Extracts</i> by Vicesimus Knox.	circa 1826
b. 4, f. 116	364. Military and Naval Engagements from the Commencement of the American Revolution to the Present Time Prospectus of a proposed volume "not less than 600 pages octavo & illustrated by 48 engravings on wood."	undated
b. 4, f. 117	365. Notes on cities and regiments with names of officers making up the militias of the various states The most complete lists are for Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York.	undated

Series II: Notebooks and Notes, 1807-1840*1.46 linear feet (4 boxes)*

The series consists of a set of volumes in which Percival recorded his schoolwork, his poems, the books in his library, his expenses for trips taken, and notes on a variety of topics including linguistics. Prominent among them are his notes on the geology of Connecticut (which complements material in Box 3) and item number 420, which records of his dealings with his publishers.

Series II is organized into two subseries: Notebooks and Notes; within those subseries material is arranged by the consecutive numbers assigned by library staff.

Notebooks		
b. 5, f. 118	400. Seasons of New England. Winter[-Spring] Written at the age of 16. Series of long poems intended to include the four seasons, but not finished. Inscribed inside back cover: Philadelphia Dec 1815.	1811
b. 5, f. 119	401. Latin language notes and a bibliography of language of America	undated
b. 5, f. 120	402. College notes on the sciences Contents: Mr. Silliman's private lectures on mineralogy. - Mr. Kingsley's lectures on history. - Husbandry. - Botany. - A view of the natural order of Linnaeus from the Encyclopedia Britannica. - System of Nature by Charles Line. - Additional genera from Shaw's General Zoology. - Murray's Chemistry. - Chemistry. - A course of Natural Science.	1810-1815
b. 5, f. 121	403. College notes chiefly on the sciences Contents: Disputes and decisions by Dr. Dwight. - British poets. - Scotch airs and words adapted to them. - Diseases of children, Ives. - Dr. Ives on Materia Medica. - Dr. Smith on Nervous Diseases. - Botany notes.	1810-1815
b. 5, f. 122	404. College notes on Benjamin Silliman's chemistry lectures 1-84	1810-1815
b. 5, f. 123	405. College notes and later linguistic bibliographies Contents: System of Rhetoric compiled from Blair's lectures and Dr. Dwight's remarks - Logic - Moral Philosophy - Dr. Dwight's advice. - Linguistic bibliographies - Disputations. - Mr. Kingsley on languages.	1810-1815
b. 5, f. 124	406. College notes and linguistic bibliography Contents: Disputations - Linne's Systema Natura - Submersed algae from Dilwynn's Conservae. - System of theology from Vincent to Dr. Dwight - Wilson's Ornithology. - Linguistic bibliography.	1810-1815
b. 5, f. 125	407. An Epitome of Wilson's Ornithology Autograph manuscript notes on his readings.	undated
b. 6, f. 126	408. Science and linguistic notes Contents: Zoology compiled from Shaw, Buffon, Pennant. - Mithradates vol. II, European languages vol. III, African languages - American languages.	undated
b. 6, f. 127	409. College notes and later linguistic notes and bibliography Contents: Mr. Day's Lectures on Natural Philosophy - Mithradates, vol. II - Linguistic notes. - F. Adelung's Uebersicht - Literature of languages.	1810-1815

Notebooks (continued)

b. 6, f. 128-130	410. Geological notes and journals of his survey of Connecticut Seven volumes of notes used for his <i>Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut</i> (1842). Four notebooks gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	circa 1840
b. 6, f. 131	411. Geological notes on territory around New Haven: Derby, North Foxon, etc. Also containing 13 pages of geological maps. Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	1840
b. 6, f. 132	412. Survey notes for a canal or railroad in Connecticut Two volumes with geological notes on the territory from New Haven to New London along the shoreline.	undated
b. 7, f. 133	413. Autograph manuscript notebook, probably of geological excursions in Connecticut, between June and August 1839 Bound with marbled-paper covers and green leather spine. Gift of Lemuel A. Welles (Yale 1893, MA 1895), 1939.	1839
b. 7, f. 134	414. Poems Contents: To a young lady who had lent me Hayley's Triumphs of Temper. - Ode to melancholy. - Ode to fancy. - On viewing one summer evening the house of my nativity in a state of desertion. - Sonnets. - To a rose. - Ode on death. - Elegy. - Ode for the Fourth of July. - Ode to music. - On hearing a lady singing in the tow-r of Montevideo. - On the death of Miss ___ who was drowned while bathing on Rockaway Beach. - Loch Maree. - On finding the Anamone Hepatica. - To the Gentiana Crinita the last flow-r of autumn. - To religion. - An imprecation. - Monody on Perry. - Other untitled verses. Many of these were first published in <i>The Microscope</i> , New Haven, 1820.	undated
b. 7, f. 135	415. Catalog of books in his library, sales records of his <i>Poems</i> , linguistic notes, etc. Contents: Catalogue of books. - Contents of Irving's Sketch Book. - Delineation of Scotland; extracts from the Beauties of Scotland. - Poem to Scotland. - Sales record of his Poems. 1821 - Sismondi, <i>Literature du midi de l'Europe</i> . - Notes on Spanish, Portuguese, German, Danish, and Italian literature. - Ode von Goethe zum Herrn Byron. - Languages and alphabets. - Aikin's British poets. - Hazlett's British poets. - Alphabets used in Webster's Dictionary. - Botany notes. - Rules for printing Arabic. - Linguistic notes on Danish Swedish, Russian, English, Wallachian, Romaic, Bulgarian. - Questions on Polit. econ. - Scotch literati 1792 by William Creech. - Welch grammar.	circa 1820
b. 7, f. 136	416. Medical lecture notes taken at the University of Pennsylvania From Dr. Eli Ives' <i>Materia Medica</i> class; also notes of a journey through the Catskills.	1818
b. 7, f. 137	417. Science notes taken from his reading Contents: The transactions of ye Linn. Soc. vol. 9. - Geological inquiries. - Aikin's Annual Review, vol. 7.	undated

Notebooks (continued)

b. 7, f. 138	418. Natural history notes taken on his reading Contents: Summary of Buffon's History of animals. - Notices of works in Natural History from Ailin's Annual Review. - Review of Science of ye 18th cent. from Millar Retrospect. - Synopsis Avium Rari.	undated
b. 7, f. 139	419. Exercise book School copy-book chiefly lists of books to be read.	1807 Sep 11
b. 7, f. 140	420. Records of books and publishing Catalog of books in his library in 1827; record of accounts, 1825-1829; lists of books purchased; record of financial dealings with publishers, 1826-1828. Purchased from Joseph Lindsey, 1953.	1825-1829
Notes		
b. 8, f. 141	450. <i>An Historical Account of the Most Celebrated Voyages...</i> by William Mavor Notes on Mavor's book	undated
b. 8, f. 142	451. College disputes of his junior and senior years Including: Blackstone and notes on law - Division and arrangement of sciences - Napoleon - Franklin - National university - Physical and moral causes of national greatness - Is the mind always active? - Divorces - Active and passive commerce - Religion is necessary to government - Moral or natural causes - Power of Christianity - Natural history - Theatres.	1814-1815
b. 8, f. 143	452. Chronology of Scotch Airs: notes on four epochs of Scotch folk songs	undated
b. 8, f. 144	453. Notes on humor in "Sign," "Cross readings," and proper names	undated
b. 8, f. 145	454. Theoretical notes on music made while a member of the New Haven Sing-Song Club	undated
b. 8, f. 146	455. Notes on religion and a sermon on Romans 10	undated
b. 8, f. 147	456. Miscellaneous notes on various subjects not including sciences or linguistics	undated
b. 8, f. 148	457. Notes on his reading on all subjects: linguistics, geography, sciences, history, etc.	undated
b. 8, f. 149	458. List of scholar's names dated Remsen, Dec. 26, 1800 On verso: students paid for "Wood and Board" Purchased from Joseph Lindsey, 1953.	1800
b. 8, f. 150	459. Scraps Purchased on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1963.	undated

Series III: Personal Papers, 1819-1851*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

The series holds many of Percival's financial papers documenting his payments for room, board, clothing, laundry, and other expenses, including his agreement with the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, where Percival lived from 1843 through 1851. Prominent among the papers are records related to his large collection of books: almost one hundred leaves of book inventories, more than twenty leaves of organizational schemes for the volumes, over eighty receipts from booksellers in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and New Haven between 1819 and 1841, and insurance papers covering the collection. Also here are agreements regarding his publications, and a few general financial records. Other records for his publications and library are in Series II, Box 7, folder 140.

Series III is organized by the consecutive numbers assigned by library staff.

b. 9, f. 151	500. Agreement with the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, New Haven For the rental of rooms in the east end of the hospital (incomplete).	circa 1843
b. 9, f. 152	501. Agreement with Sidney Babcock for a volume of poems Removed from his <i>The Dream of a Day</i> (New Haven, 1843); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	1842 Dec 28
b. 9, f. 153	502. Agreement with Sidney Babcock for a revised edition of Sir Richard Philips's <i>The Wonders of the World</i> Removed from <i>The Tablet</i> . (New Haven, 1831); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	1831 Nov 26
b. 9, f. 154	503. Articles of agreement with Nathan Whiting to prepare for publication a history of the United States as a continuation of Botta's History of the War of Independence	1833 Jun 26
b. 9, f. 155	504. Agreement with S. Converse concerning the proof-reading of Noah Webster's dictionary Transferred from Rare Book Room, 1952.	undated
b. 9, f. 156	505. Agreement with Captain W. W. Cobb of the U.S. Army concerning his duties as an army surgeon Transferred from Rare Book Room, 1952.	1824 Nov 1
b. 9, f. 157	506. Subscriber lists for the 1823 edition of his poems	1822-1823
b. 9, f. 158	507. Subscriber lists for the 1832 edition of his poems	1831-1832
b. 9, f. 159	508. Coat of arms: explanation of the Percival family coat of arms	undated
b. 9, f. 160	509. Pedigree of the Percival family: manuscript chart showing genealogy of Percival's ancestors	undated
b. 9, f. 161	510. Will and testament, Berlin, Connecticut Document making Eli Ives and George Hayward his executors and leaving his personal property first to his mother, Elizabeth Porter, and after her to the Medical Society of Connecticut. Transferred from Rare Book Room, 1952.	1829 Apr 7
b. 9, f. 162	511. Book lists of books ordered and/or purchased for his library	undated

b. 9, f. 163	512. Statement of books received from C. Wiley	1823-1825
b. 9, f. 164	513. Notes toward the arrangement of books in his library	undated
b. 9, f. 165	514. Receipts and bills for books purchased in New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, and Boston	1819-1841
b. 9, f. 166	515. Book lists of foreign books many of which he purchased for his library	undated
b. 9, f. 167	516. Receipts for German books purchased	1823-1846
b. 9, f. 168	517. Receipts for clothing, furniture and household repairs, New Haven	1822-1847
b. 9, f. 169	518. Receipts for rent and board in New Haven and Boston	1822-1851
b. 9, f. 170-171	519. Receipts, miscellaneous, chiefly for laundry, wood, and coal.	1824-1847
b. 9, f. 172	520. Other financial papers Bank notes and deposits, stock receipts, and promissory notes of Percival, his mother Elizabeth Porter, and his brothers Oswin and Edwin. Also includes a statement of his financial condition giving reasons of his indebtedness of \$1,500. Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	1821-1847
b. 9, f. 173	521. Insurance policy of the Protection Insurance Company covering Percival's library in Berlin, Connecticut	1829 Jul 1
b. 9, f. 174	522. A. H. Maltby & Co., agreement to furnish paper and printing for 1000 copies of <i>Prometheus Part II</i>	1822 Oct 23
b. 9, f. 175	523. General Hospital Society of Connecticut, Prudential Committee Lease for rooms in Hospital building, New Haven, for lodging, study, and storage of his library and minerals.	1843 Jan 8
b. 9, f. 176	524. Agreements with Samuel Walker of Boston For the publication of Percival's revisions of Vicesimus Knox's <i>Elegant Extracts</i> and Conrad Malte-Brun's <i>A System of Universal Geography</i> .	1825-1834
b. 9, f. 177	525. Agreement with Samuel Griswold Goodrich Agreement that Percival will prepare an abridged biographical dictionary with Ezra Sargeant's edition of John Lemprière's <i>Universal Biography</i> (1810) as the basis, dated December 17, with letter (formerly 627.7) of December 29 declining the job.	1824

Series IV: Correspondence, 1816-1856*1.25 linear feet (4 boxes)*

Series IV contains a collection of correspondence to and from Percival which was acquired from various sources. Prominent among the correspondents are Dr. George Hayward of Boston, and Percival's publishers Sidney Babcock, Samuel G. Goodrich, and Samuel Walker.

Publication references noted are to J. H. Ward, *The Life and Letters of James Gates Percival* (Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1866).

Organized into three subseries: Letters from James Gates Percival; Letters to James Gates Percival; and Third-Party Correspondence; within those subseries material is arranged by the consecutive numbers assigned by library staff.

Letters from James Gates Percival

Several letters are drafts or copies kept by Percival.

b. 10, f. 178	600. To Charles D. Archibald Three letters, one containing a report on the Acadian coal mines, Londonderry, with diagrams. Purchased from the Seven Gables Bookshop on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1957.	1851
b. 10, f. 179	601.1. To R. S. Baldwin Concerns his <i>Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut</i> . Published in Ward, pp. 354-73, with date "about May 20, 1841."	circa 1841
b. 10, f. 180	601.2. To Park Benjamin Two notes, including "Lays" submitted for publication. On reverse of one, Russian poem with translation.	1835 Aug 31
b. 10, f. 181	601.3. To Mrs. M. Bruen Purchased from the Seven Gables Bookshop on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1957.	1823 Jun 30
b. 10, f. 182	602.1. To W. S. Cardell, concerning the etymology of the verb "to be." Signed: Philocujus.	1827
b. 10, f. 183	602.2. To L. J. Cist Accompanied by a letter to Cist from J. L. Penckes enclosing a Percival autograph (not present). Removed from his <i>Poems</i> (New York, 1823); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	1837-1838
b. 10, f. 184	602.3. To S. Converse, concerning Webster's Dictionary	1827 Aug 28
b. 10, f. 185	602.4. To G. L. Cross	1829 Apr 1
b. 10, f. 186	602.5. To Lewis G. Clark To editor of the <i>Knickerbocker</i> , New Haven, enclosing two songs for possible publication; negative photostat of original letter in the Samuel Rossiter Betts Autograph Collection (MS 603, Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library).	1841 Apr 5

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b. 10, f. 187	603. To Samuel Dickson	1831
b. 10, f. 188	604.1. Fragment to Mr. Editor	undated
b. 10, f. 189	604.2. To William W. Ellsworth Concerns his geological survey and gives the resolutions for 1837 and 1838.	1840 Jun 17
b. 10, f. 190	604.3. To A. Esty	1853 Nov 28
b. 10, f. 191	606.1. To the Rev. Mr. Samuel Gilman Purchased from the Seven Gables Bookshop on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1957.	1822
b. 10, f. 192	606.2. To Dr. H. Gridley	1847 Mar 2
b. 10, f. 193	607.1. To George Hayward	1829 Nov 28
b. 10, f. 194	607.2. To Frederic Stanhope Hill Including poems and translation for publication in "The Memorial."	1827 Oct 11
b. 10, f. 195	607.3. To Anan Hine On reverse: Czech and Bohemian linguistics.	1838 Aug 13
b. 10, f. 196	607.4. A.L.S. to Hon. S. T. Hosmer Removed from J. H. Ward, <i>The Life and Letters of James Gates Percival</i> (Boston, 1866); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	1824 Jan 13
b. 10, f. 197	607.5. To Dr. Samuel G. Howe Including the manuscripts of his sonnet series, "Slavonia." Purchased on the Plain Fund, 1938.	1832 Dec 16
b. 10, f. 198	608.1. To Dr. Eli Ives	1816, undated
b. 10, f. 199	611. To J. W. Lapham	1853 Feb 26
b. 10, f. 200	612.1. To Robert McMenomy Concerns the purchase of six volumes of Dante.	1827 Dec 3
b. 10, f. 201	612.2. To George Morey Published in Ward, p. 255.	1824 Jul 24
b. 10, f. 202	612.3. To L. K. Murdock	1845 Jul
b. 10, f. 203	613. New Haven Sing-Song Club Six autograph manuscript communications "To the New Haven Sing-Song Club" describing German songs which he translated for them. One leaf purchased from the Carnegie Book Shop on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1951.	undated
b. 10, f. 204	615. To his brother Edwin Percival	undated

Letters from James Gates Percival (continued)

b. 10, f. 205	617.1. To Rev. Edward Robinson Addressed to "wetheste Frau", the first paragraph is in German, and the letter concerns the translation of German poetry. The letter is intended for Mrs. Robinson (Talvj).	1836 Feb 26
b. 10, f. 206	617.2. To John Arnold Rockwell Purchased from the Seven Gables Bookshop on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1957.	1838 Oct 30
b. 10, f. 207	618.1. To H. Seifert	1855 Feb 27
b. 10, f. 208	618.2. To S. M. Stone Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	undated
b. 10, f. 209	618.3. To W. L. Stone On reverse: fragment of a long poem.	1823 Feb 29
b. 10, f. 210	619.1. To George Ticknor On reverse: list of French books; published in Ward, p. 325.	1832 Jul 18
b. 10, f. 211	619.2. To George Ticknor Negative photostat of original letter in the Samuel Rossiter Betts Autograph Collection (MS 603, Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library).	1843 Nov 15
b. 10, f. 212	619.3. To Messrs Townsend, Fairbanks and Greenleaf Committee Including five stanzas of poetry for publication.	undated
b. 10, f. 213	622.1. To A. Waldie Manuscript copy in Percival's hand. Removed from his <i>Poetical Works</i> , vol. 1 (Boston, 1859); gift of Owen Franklin Aldis (Yale 1874), 1911.	1835 Apr 11
b. 10, f. 214	622.2. To C. C. Washburn Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	1855 Jan. 20
b. 10, f. 215	622.3. To Noah Webster Concerns the Dictionary	circa 1827
b. 10, f. 216	622.4. Four letters to Henry White Two letters purchased from G. E. Thompson, 1926; two letters gift of Howard S. Mott, 1952.	1855
b. 10, f. 217	622.5. To the Assignee or executor of Charles Wiley deceased	1826 Mar 20
b. 10, f. 218	622.6. To D. C. Williams On reverse: nine stanzas of poetry.	1841 Jun 17
b. 10, f. 219	624. Five letters to J. Lawrence Yvonne All published in Ward: June 11, 1822, pp. 95-100; June 26, 1822, pp.102-09; Apr. 17, 1823, pp. 153-57; June 14, 1823, pp. 159-63; July 18, 1823, pp. 166-73; Sept. 23, 1823, p. 176.	1822-1823
b. 10, f. 220	626. Three letters to his mother Elizabeth Porter	1823-1843

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b. 10, f. 221	627.1-8. Seven notes and fragments to unidentified recipients 627.2 is from the Daggett Autograph Collection; 627.3 quotes and translates from Aristophanes <i>Frogs</i> ; 627.8 concerns linguistics. A final draft of 627.6 is in the Boston Public Library. 627.7 was moved to folder 525.	1828-1834
b. 10, f. 222	628. Notes, fragments of letters, invitations, etc. containing fragments of poems, translations, linguistic notes, etc.	undated
<p>Letters to James Gates Percival</p> <p>Many of the letters in this section are from representatives of American institutions (including Yale and other colleges), learned societies, special committees, businesses, and governments but the letters were filed under the signer's name.</p>		
b. 11, f. 223	650.1. Adair, Robert F.	1851
b. 11, f. 224	650.2. Adams, Charles Baker	1846
b. 11, f. 225	650.3. Adams, James Turvill	1844
b. 11, f. 226	650.4. Andrews, Ethan Allen Gift of Joseph I. Lindsey, 1940.	1846
b. 11, f. 227	650.5. Archibald, Charles D.	1852
b. 11, f. 228	650.6. Augur, Hezekiah	1840-1844
b. 11, f. 229	651.1. Babcock, Sidney One 1846 letter gift of Joseph I. Lindsey, 1940.	1831-1855
b. 11, f. 230	651.2. Babcock, W. R.	1823
b. 11, f. 231	651.3. Bacon, Delia Salter	1836
b. 11, f. 232	651.4. Baldwin, A. C.	1842
b. 11, f. 233	651.5. Baldwin, Christopher Columbus	1834
b. 11, f. 234	651.6. Bailey, Ebenezer	1833-1834
b. 11, f. 235	651.7. Barnard, Henry	1838-1840
b. 11, f. 236	651.8. Barnes, J. S.	1839
b. 11, f. 237	651.9. Barstow, William Augustus	1854-1855
b. 11, f. 238	651.10. Beck, Lewis Caleb	1839
b. 11, f. 239	651.11. Belden, H.	1825
b. 11, f. 240	651.12. Benjamin, Park	1835
b. 11, f. 241	651.13. Boardman, William W.	1836-1842
b. 11, f. 242	651.14. Brewster, James	1841
b. 11, f. 243	651.15. Bronson, Arthur	1822-1823

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b. 11, f. 244	651.16. Bruen, Mrs. Contains subscription list.	1823
b. 11, f. 245	651.17. Buckingham, Joseph Tinker	undated
b. 11, f. 246	651.18. Bucklin, George A.	1823
b. 11, f. 247	651.19. Bull, E. W.	1840
b. 11, f. 248	651.20. S. Burdett and Co.	1833
b. 11, f. 249	651.21. Burrall, Edward C.	1855
b. 11, f. 250	651.22. Burruss, John W.	1835
b. 11, f. 251	652.1. Calhoun, John Caldwell	1824
b. 11, f. 252	652.2. Calhoun, William Barron	1832
b. 11, f. 253	652.3. Came, C. G.	1846
b. 11, f. 254	652.4. Capen, Nahum	1832
b. 11, f. 255	652.5. Carey, Henry Charles	1826
b. 11, f. 256	652.6. H. C. Carey & I. Lea	1825-1832
b. 11, f. 257	652.7. Carey, Lea & Carey	1828-1829
b. 11, f. 258	652.8. Carey, Matthew	1826
b. 11, f. 259	652.9. Carter, James Gordon	1825
b. 11, f. 260	652.10. Carter, J. H.	1843
b. 11, f. 261	652.11. Caulkins, F. M.	1845
b. 11, f. 262	652.12. Clark, Lewis Gaylord	1835-1841
b. 11, f. 263	652.13. Clark & Edison	undated
b. 11, f. 264	652.15. Clarke, John J.	1834
b. 11, f. 265	652.16. Coit, Samuel	1853
b. 11, f. 266	652.17. Colman, Samuel	1825-1832
b. 11, f. 267	652.18. Cone, Francis H.	1825
b. 11, f. 268	652.19. Conner, James	1827-1829
b. 11, f. 269	652.20. Converse, Sherman One 1828 letter gift of Joseph I. Lindsey, 1940.	1823-1828
b. 11, f. 270	652.21. Cook & Smith	1851
b. 11, f. 271	652.22. Cresson, Elliott	1833
b. 11, f. 272	652.23. Cross, Jeremy L.	1823-1829

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b. 11, f. 273	652.24. Curtis, J. G.	1855
b. 11, f. 274	653.1. Daniels, Edward	1853
b. 11, f. 275	653.2. Dawes, Rufus Negative photostat copy, gift of Thomas O. Mabbott, 1935.	1828
b. 11, f. 276	653.3. Delf, Thomas	1851
b. 11, f. 277	653.4. Demarest, J.	1833
b. 11, f. 278	653.5. Charles Dickens Committee of Arrangements, Hartford	1842
b. 11, f. 279	653.6. Dickson, Samuel Henry	1832
b. 11, f. 280	653.7. Dow, Lucius K. Gift of Joseph I. Lindsey, 1940.	1824
b. 11, f. 281	653.8. Dunglison, Robley	1843
b. 11, f. 282	653.9. Dwight, Benjamin Woodbridge	1843
b. 11, f. 283	653.10. Dwight, H. E.	1821
b. 11, f. 284	654.1. Edson, Clement M.	1836
b. 11, f. 285	654.2. Ellsworth, William Wolcott	1839-1842
b. 11, f. 286	654.3. Everett, John	1822
b. 11, f. 287	655.1. Fairfield, Sumner Lincoln	1834
b. 11, f. 288	655.2. Farnam, Henry	1852
b. 11, f. 289	655.3. Fessenden & Co.	1833-1834
b. 11, f. 290	655.4. Finney, C.	1820
b. 11, f. 291	655.5. Follen, Charles	1837
b. 11, f. 292	655.6. Fowler, Orson Squire	1838
b. 11, f. 293	656.1. Gilmor, Robert	1832
b. 11, f. 294	656.2. Goodrich, Samuel Griswold Gift of Joseph I. Lindsey, 1940; letter of December 23, 1823, purchased on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1963.	1823-1826
b. 11, f. 295	656.3. Gorham, John	undated
b. 11, f. 296	656.4. Gould, Benjamin Apthorp	undated
b. 11, f. 297	656.5. Gray, Alexander T.	1855
b. 11, f. 298	656.6. Gray & Hewitt	1820, 1823
b. 11, f. 299	656.7. Green, Duff	1834

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b. 11, f. 300	656.8. Greene, George Washington	undated
b. 11, f. 301	656.9. Gridley, Horatio	undated
b. 11, f. 302	656.10. A. S. D. & B. F. Griffin	1831
b. 11, f. 303	656.11. Griswold, Rufus Wilmot	1842
b. 11, f. 304	656.12. Guest, John W.	1855
b. 12, f. 305	657.1. Hayward, George One 1827 letter gift of Joseph I. Lindsey, 1940; letters of March 7, 1826, and August 30, 1829, purchased on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1963.	1825-1832
b. 12, f. 306	657.1. Hitchcock, Edward	1838
b. 12, f. 307	657.2. Hart, Seth	1826
b. 12, f. 308	657.3. Herrick, Edward Claudius	1838-1854
b. 12, f. 309	657.4. Hill, Frederick Stanhope	1826
b. 12, f. 310	657.5. Hillhouse, James Abraham	undated
b. 12, f. 311	657.6. Hitchcock, Ethan Allen	1832
b. 12, f. 312	657.7. Hitchcock, Samuel J.	1825-1845
b. 12, f. 313	657.8. Hooker, Charles	1820-1825
b. 12, f. 314	657.9. Howe, Hezekiah	1828-1834
b. 12, f. 315	657.10. Howe, Samuel Gridley	1834
b. 12, f. 316	657.11. Humphrey, Hector	1823
b. 12, f. 317	657.12. Hungarian Committee of New York	undated
b. 12, f. 318	657.13. Hunter, Edward M.	1855, 1856
b. 12, f. 319	657.14. Hyer, William	1834
b. 12, f. 320	658. Ives, Eli Certification of James Gates Percival as a scholar and Doctor of Medicine, Yale College.	1821 Sep 21
b. 12, f. 321	659.1. Jackson, Charles Thomas	1851
b. 12, f. 322	659.2. Jenison, S. M.	1834
b. 12, f. 323	659.3. Jewett, Pliny Adams	1842
b. 12, f. 324	659.4. Johnston, John	1837
b. 12, f. 325	659.5. Joslin, Benjamin F.	1823
b. 12, f. 326	660.1. Kingsley, James Luce	1828
b. 12, f. 327	660.2. Kinsley, F. J. C.	1824

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b. 12, f. 328	660.3. Knapp, John	1834
b. 12, f. 329	661.1. Lapham, Increase Allen	1833
b. 12, f. 330	661.2. Learned, William Law	undated
b. 12, f. 331	661.3. Lee, William	1824
b. 12, f. 332	661.4. Leggett, William	1824
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b. 12, f. 352	663.1. Neill, Miss	1823
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b. 12, f. 362	665.6. Porter, William S.	1842
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b. 12, f. 364	665.8. Pickering, Henry Gift of Howard S. Mott, 1953.	1825
b. 12, f. 365	667.1. Ramsey, Alexander	1854
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b. 12, f. 370	667.6. Richards, Thomas Addison	1842
b. 12, f. 371	667.7. Ritner, M.	1848
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b. 12, f. 374	667.10. Rockwell, John A.	1835
b. 12, f. 375	667.11. Rountree, John H.	1834
b. 12, f. 376	667.12. Russ, John Denison	1833
b. 12, f. 377	668.1. Silliman, Benjamin One 1824 letter gift of Joseph I. Lindsey, 1940.	1819-1845
b. 12, f. 378	668.2. Seifert, Heinrich	1854-1855
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b. 12, f. 381	668.5. Squier, Ephraim George	1842
b. 12, f. 382	668.6. Stedman, John W.	1842
b. 12, f. 383	668.7. Stevenson, W.	1834
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b. 12, f. 393	669.5. Turner, Harriet B.	1832
b. 12, f. 394	669.6. Tuthill, Louisa C.	1847
b. 12, f. 395	669.7. Twining, Alexander Catlin	undated
b. 12, f. 396	669.8. Tomlinson, Henry A.	1835
b. 13, f. 397	670. Underwood, Jonas	1821-1822
b. 13, f. 398	671. Van Bibber, Thomas E.	1843
b. 13, f. 399	672.1. Walker, Samuel One 1834 letter gift of Joseph I. Lindsey, 1940.	1826-1835
b. 13, f. 400	672.3. Walsh, Robert	1830
b. 13, f. 401	672.4. Washburn, Cadwallader Colden	1855
b. 13, f. 402	672.5. Washington, John Noodle	1843
b. 13, f. 403	672.6. Webster, William Greenleaf	1843
b. 13, f. 404	672.7. Wheatley, Ona M.	1848
b. 13, f. 405	672.9. Whiting, Daniel P.	1832
b. 13, f. 406	672.10. Whiting, Mary	1834
b. 13, f. 407	672.11. Whiting, Nathan C.	1847, 1854
b. 13, f. 408	672.12. Wiley, Charles	1823
b. 13, f. 409	672.13. Willard, Emma Hart	1829-1833
b. 13, f. 410	672.14. Woodbridge, William Channing	undated
b. 13, f. 411	672.15. Woodbury, Levi	1837
b. 13, f. 412	672.16. Woods, Leonard	1835
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b. 13, f. 415	672.19. Worrall, Thomas Augustus	1832
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b. 13, f. 417	672.2. White, Henry Purchased from G. E. Thompson, 1926.	1856
b. 13, f. 418	674.1. Yung Wing	1854
b. 13, f. 419	674.2. Yvonnet, James Lawrence	1822-1824

Third-party Correspondence

b. 13, f. 420	676. Letters of introduction written for Percival Contains letters from E. Averill to A. Woolsey (1821); Christopher Preston Barnum to his brother George (1841); Thomas Church Brownell to Richard Channing Moore (1825); Henry Waggaman Edwards to Luther Loomis (1840); Jeremiah Day (1821); Daniel Dunbar to Mary Ward, with rental agreement (1828); Charles Hooker to Dr. Simons (1842); J. L. Jenckes to F. E. Phelps (1854); William Leete Stone to D. S. Jones (undated); Nathaniel Sheldon Wheaton to Mr. Jarvis (1824); and Thomas Augustus Worrall to Dr. Jonas Underwood (1822).	1821-1854
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Series V: Printed Material, 1822-1856*0.33 linear feet (2 boxes)*

The series contains clippings and ephemera published during Percival's lifetime.

b. 14, f. 421	Invitations and ephemera	1825-1854, undated
b. 14, f. 422-425	Clippings, general	1822-1856
b. 14, f. 426	Clippings, general	undated
b. 14, f. 427	Clippings, Germanic and Slavonic (primarily New Haven Sing-Song Club)	1832-1847
b. 15 (Oversize), f. 428-429	Clippings, general	1823-1841
b. 15 (Oversize), f. 430-431	Clippings, Germanic and Slavonic (primarily New Haven Sing-Song Club)	1840-1841

Series VI: Maps and Art, 1830-1840*4 Folders*

Includes 1 art storage item

Series VI primarily contains twenty-two hand-drawn maps in ink, graphite, and crayon on paper; several of the maps were annotated on their versos by Percival's biographer J. H. Ward. The nineteen maps of Connecticut record in minute detail data on the geology of the state, and may have been created for Percival's work *Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut* (1842) or his *Geological Reports on the Middletown Silver-lead mines, Middletown, Connecticut* (1853). Another map is labeled on its verso "Trap and Sandstone of New Jersey" and is likely related to material in Box 3, folder 94 (Report on the Trap and sandstone of New Jersey).

The remaining two maps are of foreign lands: Scotland and northern Europe. The former was previously misidentified by the library as a map of Pennsylvania, probably due to the initials "Pa" (meaning parish) after each place name inscribed on it. The latter portrays parts of countries in northern Europe including Holland, France, Denmark, Germany, Prussia, and Austria. It may have been prepared for Percival's 1834 edition of Malte-Brun's *System of Universal Geography*; it was inscribed on the verso by Ward: Documents showing Percival's studies, but of no quotable or practical value J. H. W.

Also here is a portrait painting of Percival by his brother Edwin Percival. He was born in Kensington, Connecticut, in 1793, studied art in Hartford, Connecticut, and died in greatly reduced circumstances in Troy, New York, about 1847.

b. 15 (Oversize), f. 432	Geology maps of Connecticut (16 maps) Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	circa 1840
b. 16 (Broadside), f. 433	Geology maps of Connecticut (3 maps) and New Jersey Gift of Chester R. Longwell (Yale PhD 1920), 1939.	circa 1840
b. 16 (Broadside), f. 433	Scotland and Europe	circa 1830
b. 17 (Art), f. 434	James Gates Percival, by Edwin Percival; oil on panel Gift of the Misses Brandegee, 1927.	circa 1830

Series VII: Other Papers Related to Percival and his Work, 1859-1944

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

The series holds small groups of material that document Percival's life. It includes some of J. H. Ward's correspondence and research notes, a folder of material regarding Percival collected by Herbert E. Gregory, and other manuscript and printed material written about Percival, including a memoir by Caroline Howard Gilman.

Series VII is organized by the consecutive numbers assigned by library staff.

550. J. H. Ward papers

Material collected by Ward, author of *The Life and Letter of James Gates Percival* (1866), supplemented with later purchases by the library.

b. 18, f. 435	Correspondence Letters from J. S. Barnes, Lyman Draper, William Chauncey Fowler, Horatio Gridley, Sheldon Moore, Benjamin Noyes, and Louisa C. Tuthill.	1859-1866
b. 18, f. 436	Manuscript notes, chiefly contemporary reports, used in writing the book	circa 1865
b. 18, f. 437	Letters from James T. Fields, and one letter from William Cullen Bryant to Fields Purchased on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1963.	1859-1861
b. 18, f. 438	Letter from Chester Smith Percival Purchased on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1963.	1888 Oct 4
b. 18, f. 439	551. Biographical notes on Josiah Hurlbut and James Gates Percival, author unknown	undated
b. 18, f. 440	552. Herbert E. Gregory papers Correspondence and research notes regarding Percival.	1893-1904
b. 18, f. 441	553. "Recollections of J. G. Percival at Charleston, South Carolina," by Caroline Howard Gilman Purchased on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1963.	undated
b. 18, f. 442	554. Sketch of Percival the poet, from the <i>North American Review</i>	undated
b. 18, f. 443	555. Miscellaneous clippings	1944, undated

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Corporate Body

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Contributors

Percival, James Gates, 1795-1856
Cutbush, James, 1788-1823
Gilman, Caroline Howard, 1794-1888
Gregory, Herbert E. (Herbert Ernest), 1869-1952
Percival, Edwin, 1793-1847?
Ward, J. H. (Julius Hammond), 1837-1897

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Manuscript maps -- United States -- 19th century
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Linguists -- United States -- 19th century
Poets -- United States -- 19th century

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Cutbush, James, 1788-1823
Gilman, Caroline Howard, 1794-1888
Goodrich, Samuel G. (Samuel Griswold), 1793-1860
Gregory, Herbert E. (Herbert Ernest), 1869-1952
Hayward, George, 1791-1863
Herrick, Edward Claudius, 1811-1862
Leslie, Eliza, 1787-1858
Percival, Edwin, 1793-1847?
Percival, James Gates, 1795-1856
Silliman, Benjamin, 1779-1864
Tuthill, Louisa C. (Louisa Caroline), 1798-1879
Walker, Samuel, active 1832-1851
Ward, J. H. (Julius Hammond), 1837-1897
Yvonnet, James Lawrence, -1824