N.Y.E OF COLLECTION: GAY-OTIS Papers

SOURCE: Purchase - July 1, 1953

SUBJECT: Personal and business papers relating to shipping, farming and real estate in New England, the Maritime Provinces, and some correspondence relating to these activities in South Carolina, Cuba, Kentucky and Louisiana

DATES COVERED: ca. 1740 - 1900

NUMBER OF ITEMS: 5,877 (cataloged) ca. 1,000 (uncataloged)

STATUS: (check appropriate description)

Cataloged: x Listed: Arranged: x Not organized:

Correspondence & Diaries

MSs & documents

CONDITION: (give number of vols, boxes, or shelves)

Bound: 

Boxed: 

Stored: 

LOCATION: (Library) Special Collections

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RESTRICTIONS ON USE

DESCRIPTION: Letters (personal; business; legal), manuscripts (prose, poetry; diaries) and documents (deeds; receipts; invoices; account books) of two important New England families whose British ancestors settled in Massachusetts during the second quarter of the seventeenth century (John Gay, a founder of Dedham, Mass., 1635 and John Otis, a founder of Hingham, Mass., 1636). The eighteenth century materials focuses on the personal and business correspondence of Calvin, Jotham and Martin Gay (sons of Rev. Ebenezer Gay, 1696-1787) who were engaged in shipping between New England and the Maritime Provinces. There are occasional letters of Jotham and Martin referring to the American Revolution. The Otis family correspondence of this century, likewise, is of a purely routine and personal nature. For example, there are only four letters of Col. James Otis (1702-1778) and only two of his son, James, the patriot, (1725-1783). Gay and Otis family interests intertwine during the nineteenth century due to the marriage of Mary Allyne Otis to Ebenezer Gay (1771-1842), who are among the chief correspondents of this century, along with their children including Sidney Howard Gay, the journalist and author, and Winckworth Allan Gay, the landscape painter. The Otis correspondence centers around the business, real estate and personal interests of Mary A. Otis Gay's brothers: John, Joseph and William Otis.

FOR A LIST OF THE BOXES and THEIR CONTENTS

For a list of the Correspondents SEE FOLLOWING PAGES.
No. of boxes
52  Correspondence (cataloged)

1  Diaries (W. A. Gay: European trips; F. M. Gay; Thomas Otis)(cataloged)
Notebook. (W. A. Gay: Sketchbook; West Point notebook) (cataloged)
Unidentifiable correspondence (arranged alphabetically by recipient)(uncataloged)
Genealogical records (Gay; Otis; Walter)(uncataloged)

The remainder of the collection is uncataloged

5  Manuscripts &documents (identified and arranged alphabetically by surname)
1  Manuscripts &documents -- Gay family (identified)
1  Manuscripts & documents -- Otis family (identified)
1  Manuscripts & documents -- Otis, Joseph (The United States in acc’t with J. Otis 1803-1801)
1  Documents -- Gay family account books (identified).
1  Documents -- Bills & receipt. (unidentified)
1  Documents -- Miscellaneous (unidentified)
1  Documents -- Miscellaneous documents & scraps (mainly 19th cent. Gay family)
1  Gay Family:  a) Photographs (mainly 19th century)
                   b) Memorabilia (mainly 19th century)
                   c) Notebooks (mainly 19th century)
                   d) Ms. Book (mainly 19th century)

Otis, James Jr: James Otis to James Otis Jr., Accounts, 1748-1758, is filed in Box 56: "Manuscripts and Documents (identified) O-Q"
Cited by Waters in History of Childhood Quarterly I (Summer 1973), p. 146 as “Accounts” 1784-1758, fols. 1-6

Gay, Ebenezer, 1792-
The diary of . . . 1792-1810
SEE: Plimpton
    Ms 1920
    1810
Abbott, Joseph Hale
Abraham, Nathaniel
Adams, Ansel
Adams, John (1735 - 1826)
Adams, John Quincy
Ainslie, Thomas
Ainsworth, Richard
Alden, Oliver
Allan, George
Allan, John (1746/7 - 1805)
Allan, William Jr.
Allan, William
Allan, Winchworth
Allen, Homes
Allen, John
Allen, Nathaniel
Allen, William
Allsopp, George
Allyn, Henry - Allyn, Samuel
Ames, Thomas
Amory, Francis
Anderson, Joseph (Treasury Dept.)
Anderson, Thomas D.
Art Union of Philadelphia (George W. Dewey)
Atkins, Benjamin E.
Atkins, Gibbes
Atwood, Sears et al.
Avery, Edward
Avery, John
Aylwin, Thomas
Backus, Joshua
Bacon, Ebenezer
Bagnell, Edward
Bailey, John
Baird, Robert
Balch, William G.
Bangs, Benjamin
Bangs, John D.
Barker, Betty
Barker, Joshua
Barker, Robert
Barr, John A.
Bartlett, W. O.
Bartlett, Z.
Bascom, Timothy
Bass, Henry
Baxter, Shubael
Bayley, Daniel
Baylies, William
Beach, William T.
Beale, Robert
Beek, John Gerbrand
Belcher, Joseph
Belding, G. H.
Bell, Samuel
Bennett, James
Bent, Jesse
Bent, Martin
Berry, Watson
Benton, H.
Binney, Amos
Binney, Jonathan
Black, Mary Gay (Mrs. William)
Black, Rufus S.
Black, Thomas
Black, William
Blake, Amelia E.
Blake, George
Blake, H. F.
Blake, John
Blake, Joseph
Blish, Joseph Jr.
Bosler & Company
Boss, John Jr.
Botsford, Amos
Bostwick, Zachariah
Bourne, Benjamin
Bourne, Benjamin Jr.
Bourne, Hannah D.
Bourne, Richard
Bowen, Silvanus Jr.
Boyle, John
Brackett, Joshua
Bracony, A.
Bradford, Charles F.
Bradford, Gamaliel
Bradford, Solomon
Bradhurst, John M.
Bradley, J. H.
Bradley, William A.
Brent, Daniel
Brewer, C. & Company
Brickwood, John
Bridge, Benjamin
Bronson, Benjamin
Bromley, Edward
Brooke, Jane E.
Brooks, Charles
Brooks, Ebenezer
Brooks, Isaac
Brooks, Obediah
Brooks, P. C.
Brooks, Thomas
Brown, Daniel
Brown, Joseph
Bryson, Peter
Bull, Henry
Bullard, Charles B. (and Benjamin Lincoln)
Burgby, John
Burn, Edward & Sons
Burn, Edward
Burns, George H.
Burr, David
Burrells, George Jr.
Byles, Mary & Catherine
Cabot, W.
Callbeck, Phillips
Callender, John
Callender, Joseph
Canning, E. W.
Carter, Emanuel
Cary, A. & Co.
Cary, Alpheus, Jr.
Cary & Dickinson
Cazneau, Edward
Cebra, John
Champney, Benjamin
Chandler, John
Chapin, Elizabeth Margaret Gay (Mrs. Jacob)
Chapman, A. W.
Chase, Benjamin
Chase, Oliver
Child, Everett, & Co.
Chipman, John
Chipman, Joseph
Chipman, Samuel
Clap, Elisha
Clap, Ezra
Clap, Nathaniel
Clapp, E.
Clapp, W. W. (The Evening Gazette)
Clark, Isaac
Clark, Jonas
Clark, L.
Cleveland, Charles
Cobb, Elijah
Cobb, Matthew
Cobb, Thomas
Coffin, John
Cogley, Josephine O.
Colby, Harrison Gray Otis

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Colby, Maria Otis (Mrs. Philip)
Colby, Philip
Colman, Henry
Colman, James F.
Conway, W. T.
Cook, Clarence
Cook, Samuel et al.
Cooke, Thomas
Cottnam, Samuel
Cranch, William
Crawford, William H.
Creighton, John
Crook, Thomas
Crocker, David
Crocker, Henry
Crocker, John B.
Crocker, Joseph, Jr.
Crocker, William
Cross, Amos
Crowell, Ezra
Crowell, John
Crowell, Simon
Cummins, Anna M.
Curtis, George W.
Curwin, Samuel
Cushing, Charles, Jr.
Cushing, Elisabeth
Cushing, Thomas, Jr.
Cutler, James C.
Dalton, Michael & Tristram
Damen, Mary
Dana, James
Dana, Samuel
Dana, William
Darby, Sarah (Mrs.
Davies, Ann S.
Davis, Abner
Davis, Daniel
Davis, Elisha T.
Davis, Job C.
Davis, John
Davis, John W.
Davis, Wendell
Day, John
Dean. (?), J.
Dearborn, N. M. and Neill, Thomas
Delano, John
De Le' Dernier, Francis
Delindemir, Frank
Dennis, Benjamin
Derby, Eliza Hasket
Derby, Richard
Deschamps, Isaac
Dewolf, Benjamin
Dickinson, Thomas
Dillingham, John
Diman, David
Dimock, Charles
Dixwell, John James
Doane, Elisha
Doane, Joseph
Dobree, P. F.
Dodd, Timothy
Doll, E. Adams
Dolliver, Peter
Donnison, William
Dougherty, James
Draper, Margaret (Mrs. Richard)
Drew, George
Drown, T.
Dugall, William
Dunbar, John D.
Dunham, Thomas
Durando, G. L.
Durant, Thomas
Dyer, Edward
Dyson, G. E.
Talle (?), F.
Ede, Peter
Eldridge, John
Eliot, Mary F. Eliot, Ephraim
Elliot, Isabella Amanda
Elmer, Cornelia
Etter, Peter
Fales, William N.
Fearing, Israel
Fellowes, Nathaniel
Fenwick, Robert
Fernandez, J. M.
Fessenden, William
Field, H. W.
Fillis, John
Finney, Ebenezer
Fiske, Mary Allyn
Fiske, Mary Otis Gay (Mrs. Robert T. P.)
Fiske, Oliver
Fiske, Robert Treat Paine
Fiske, Sarah Duncan
Fitzgerald, Lewis
Foster, Benjamin
Foster, John, Jr.
Foster, Josiah
Fowle, William B.
Francklin, Michael
Freeman, James
Freeman, Jonathan Otis
Freeman, Joshua
Freeman, Josiah
Freeman, Nathaniel
Freeman, Russel
Freeman, Shadrach
Frothingham, Abby L.
Frothingham, Richard
Fuller, Henry H.
Fuller, Timothy
Furnald, Dorothy (Mrs.
Furnald, John
Gallatin, Albert
Gallo, Antill
Gannett, Caleb
Gardiner, John
Gassert, Edward
Gassert, F.
Gay, Abigail, Jerusha & Joanna
Gay, Abigail (1729 - 1804)
Gay, Arthur Otis
Gay, Arthur T.
Gay, Calvin
Gay, Charles William
Gay, Rev. Ebenezer (1696 - 1787)
Gay, Ebenezer (1771 - 1842)
Gay, Ebenezer (1818 - 1899)
Gay, Ebenezer Howard
Gay, Eleanor Allen (Mrs. Martin)
Gay, Elizabeth Jones Neall (Mrs. Sidney Howard)
Gay, Elizabeth Young (Mrs. Henry Pinckney)
Gay, Ellen Blake Blood (Mrs. Ebenezer)
Gay, Frances Maria
Gay, Henry Pinckney
Gay, Jotham
Gay, Martin (1760 - 1778)
Gay, Martin (1726 - 1809).
Gay, Martin (1803 - 1850)
Gay, Mary Allyne Otis (Mrs. Ebenezer)
Gay, Ruth Atkins (Mrs. Martin)
Gay, Samuel (1754 - 1817)
Gay, Sidney Howard
Gay, Walter
Gay, William
Gay, Winchworth Allan
Gibbons, A. H.
Gilbert, Eliza R. Gay (Mrs. Thomas)
Gilbert, Thomas
Glynn, A. G.
Godfrey, George
Goldehwait, Thomas
Gordon, Frazer
Gordon, H. G.
Gore, Christopher
Gore, John
Gorham, Benjamin
Gorham, Daniel
Gorham, Nathaniel (Supervisor, District
of Massachusetts)
Gorham, Thomas, Jr.
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Gorham, William
Gould, Lucretia D. G.
Gould, Robert
Grafton, Joseph
Grant, Joseph P.
Grants & Stone
Gray, Joseph
Gray, Samuel
Green, Duff
Green, Isaiah L.
Greenleaf, Ebenezer
Greenough, David
Gresham, S. H. R.
Grinnell, Eliza R.
Gross, Micah
Gulliver, Samuel
Hall, Benjamin
Hall, C. J.
Hall, David A.
Hall, John
Hall, Joseph
Hall, Susie
Hall & Hiller
Hallett, Benjamin
Hallett, Charles
Hamilton, Charades K.
Hamilton, M. Draper (Mrs.
Hamlin, Seth
Hammond, Benjamin
Harris, William
Harrod, Benjamin
Hatch, Nathaniel
Hawes, Benjamin
Hawes, Joseph
Hayman, Edward P.
Hedge, Barnaby
Henley, David
Henshaw, Benjamin
Henshaw, Joshua
Hersey, Sarah
Hesilnye (?), Sarah (?)
Hewes, Virgil H.
Higgins, Hannah
Higgins, Joseph
Hill, George
Hill, Paris
Hilliard, William
Hillman, Jethro
Hinckley, Chipman
Hickley, Isaac
Hinckley, James
Hinckley, Nathaniel
Hinckley, Samuel

Hirst, Arthur
Hobart, Aaron
Hodgdon, S. P.
Hoffman, Amelia
Holbrook, Anthony
Holbrook, Thomas
Holly, Sally
Holmes, Benjamin Mulb
Holmes, Charles J.
Holyoke, Gus
Hornans, Benjamin
Hooper, S.
Hopkins, Barnabas
Hopkins, Theophilus
How, Josiah
How, William
Howard, George H.
Howard, Jerusha Gay (Mrs. Simeon)
Howard, Simeon
Howes, Prince
Howes, Solomon
Howland, John
Hubbell, R. W.
Huddark, A. Townsend
Hughes & Bryson
 Hunt, William Morris
Hunt, Mary H.
Hunt & Bull
Hurd, John
Huston, John
Ingham, Joseph & Josiah
Ingle, John P.
Inman, Ralph
Jackson, Hall
Jackson, J.
Jackson, Joseph (?)
Jacobs, Samuel
James, Thomas & William Cochran
Jarvis, Leo
Jenifer, W. H.
Jenkins, Samuel
Johnson, Lewis
Jones, George & Hannah
Joy, John
Keith, James
Kellogg, D. O.
Kidder, Joseph, Jr.
King, Daniel
King, William
Kirkland, John T.
Knaut, Philip
Knowles, Caleb
Ladd, S. I.
Lamb, James
Lamb, Thomas
Lane, George
Lane, George Bradford
Lawrence, Joseph
Lee, Frank
Lee, Francis L.
Lee, John
Lee, Samuel
Lee, Thomas
Leffingwell, Lucretia
Leigh, Benjamin
Leverett (?), Zachary
Lewis, Daniel, Jr.
Lewis, Samuel & James Hinckley
Lewis, Thatcher
Lincoln, Abner
Lincoln, Benjamin
Lincoln, Benjamin, Jr.
Lincoln, E.
Lincoln, Enoch
Lincoln, James O.
Lincoln, Levi, Jr.
Lincoln, (Mrs.) L. B.
Lincoln, Mary, Jr.
Lincoln, Mary F.
Lincoln, Mary
Lincoln, Otis
Lincoln, Theodore
Lindsay & Hill
Livret (?), James
Lloyd, William
Lombard, Binney
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth
Lothrop, Barnabas
Lovell, Thomas
Lovett, John O.
Low, James
Lyell, Charles
McConkey, B. M.
McConn, W. T.
McCordey, Robert
McCulloch, James H.
McDonald, John G.
McMaster, John
McMaster, Patrick
McMaster, Patrick & Co.
McNeill, William
Mandell, Moses
Mann, Horace
Mannier, Charles
Marrable, Thomas
Martyn, Sennacherib
Master, Daniel W.
May, Sarah R.
Mayo, Charles A.
Meigs, E. S.
Meigs, Josiah
Meigs, Robert J.
Mellen, P.
Milk, Job
Miller, Charles, & Son
Miller, Francis
Miller, John
Millidge, Stephen
Minot, Jonas Clarke
Mirick, Constant
Moorfield, A. T.
Morrill, Feaslee, Jr.
Morton, Daniel W.
Munroe, Everett and Ezekiel Hayden
Murray, Alexander
Nally, E.
Nance, John W. and Mary
Nance, John Webb
Neall, Daniel
Newton, Henry
Nichols, A.
Nickerson, Richard
Norton, John
Norwood, Samuel
Nourse, Michael
Noyes, Elizabeth
Nye, Salmon
Nye, Seth F.
Nye, Zenas
Odin, John
O'Kelly, Hatch
Okile, John
Orbaness, Anthony
Osgood, Eliza (Mrs.
Osgood, Joseph O.
Osgood, George O.
Osgood, George
Osgood, Isaac
Otis, Ann "Nancy" Bourne (Mrs. Nathaniel)
Otis, Arthur
Otis, Charles
Otis, Charles J.
Otis, Horatio N.
Otis, Harrison Gray (1765 - 1848)
Otis, Harrison Gray, Jr.
Otis, James (1702 - 1778)
Otis, James (1725 - 1783)
Otis, Job (1777 - 1758)
Otis, Jonathan (1723 - 1795)
Otis, John (fl. 19 cent.)
Otis, John (1774 - 1854)
Otis, Joseph (1725 - 1810)
Otis, Joseph (1771 - 1854)
Otis, Joseph, Jr. (son of J. O. 1771 - 1854)
Otis, Manuel Z.
Otis, Maria Walter (Mrs. Joseph)
Otis, Nathaniel Walter
Otis, Richard William
Otis, Samuel Allyne
Otis, Thomas
Otis, Walter M.
Otis, William
Otis, William F.
Otis, William M.
Paddock, Adino
Page, S. A.
Paine, George
Falfrey, John G.
Palmer, Joseph
Park, Thomas B.
Parker, A.
Parker, Benjamin
Parker, Isaac
Parker, Rebecca M. (nee Davis)
Parker, Robert
Parkman, Charles
Parkman, Daniel
Parsons, Oliver
Parsons, Theophilus
Patriotic Bank
Pearce, Joseph
Pearson, Moses
Pease, Daniel
Peirce, Ann
Peirce, Daniel
Peirce, George
Peirce, Joshua
Percival, M.
Perkins, John
Phelps, Charles
Philander
Phillips, Caleb
Pickman, Benjamin
Pickman, Benjamin (1745-1849)
Pitts, James
Pond, Eliphalet
Porchinger, R. von
Potter, Eliza A.
Potter, Mary S.
Potter, Simeon
Pottinger, Thomas B.
Pratt, E. W.
Pratt, Enoch
Pratt, G. W.
Price, James
Prince, Paul
Prince, James
Procter, John
Punchard, John
Purkitt, Henry
Quincy, Edmund
Quincy, John W.
Quincy, Josiah
Quirk, Edward
Fankin, Robert
Peck, B. T.
Peck, John
Reynolds, Nathaniel
Richards, Nathaniel, David Lincoln, et al.
Richardson, James
Rider, John
Righly, Edward
Rittenhouse, W. B. (Treasury Dept.)
Robbins, Eliza
Roberts, William H.
Robinson, Joseph
Robinson, M.
Rogers, Eliza S.
Rogers, John
Rogers, Timothy
Rogers, William J.
Rogers, W. I.
Rutch, William
Rudsdale, M.
Rush, Richard
Russell, Jeremiah Condy
Russell, John Lewis
Russell, Mercy Ann
Russell, N. P. (West Boston Society)
Russell, William S.
Safford, Joseph & Joseph Allen
Saltonstall, Eliza (Stewart)
Sampson, Josiah
Sampson, Zabdiel
Sanford, Benjamin
Sargent, James O.
Sargent, Kate O.
Savage, Charles
Scollay, John
Scott, William
Scudder, Daniel
Scudder, David
Scudder, Ebenezer, Jr.
Scudder, Elisha G.
Scull, Gideon D.
Seabury, Thomas
Sears, John
Sewell, H.
Sewell, Thomas
Shattuck, William
Shaw, Lemuel
Shaw, William S.
Shepherd, J. H.
Sherman, A.
Shippen, Nathaniel
Shurtleff, Benjamin
Siddall, Ralph
Silver, Diana Gay (Mrs. William)
Silver, Henry
Simpson, John
Slocum, H.
Small, Thomas
Smith, George
Smith, Joseph E.
Smith, Mary L. Walter (Mrs. Nathaniel)
Smith, Nathaniel, Jr.
Smith, Richard
Smith, Samuel (?)
Smith, Stephen
Smith & Stillman
Snow, Sarah
Snow - Silvanus - Sommerville, Thomas
Sparkout, Nathaniel
Spooner, Bourne
Spooner, Ebenezer
Spooner, John A.
Spooner, Samuel
Spooner, Walter
Sprigg, Benjamin
Stephens, Thomas
Stearns, John
Steward, James
Stewart, Hannah
Stoddard, Noah
Stone, Nathan
Stone, Nathaniel
Stone, Silvanus
Stone, William
Storer, Ebenezer
Storrow, Ann C.
Story, Joseph
Story, William
Stower, Ebenezer
Strettell, John
Sturgis, John
Sturgis, Russell
Sturgis, Samuel
Sturgis, Thomas
Suckling, George
Sullivan, George
Sullivan, Richard
Sutherland, Alexander
Swift, Jonathan
Thacher, John
Thacher, Peter O.
Thacher, Samuel
Thacher, Thomas
Thaxter, Jane Otis (Mrs. Quincy)
Thaxter, John, Jr.
Thayer, J.
Thomas, Bononi
Thomas, John
Thomas, Joshua
Thomas, Orsamus
Thomson, John
Thorndike, George Quincy
Tiffany, William S.
Tilton (?), John
Tillson (?), Peter
Tisdales, Antipas & William
Toland, Henry
Tong, Winkworth
Trumbull, Joseph
Trumbull, Samuel
Tucker, John
Tuckerman, Abraham
Tuckerman, Abner
Tuckerman, W. S.
Tuor, Delia
Tudor, William
Tupper, Benjamin
Tupper, Eldad
Turner, Mary
Tyler, Charles
Underwood, Nathan
Upham, Timothy
Varnum, James M.
Varnum, Joseph B.
Waddington, Samuel T.
Wade, Charlotte
Wait & Pierce
Wales, Abby L.
Wales, George W.
Wales, Nathaniel (Estate of Timothy Reed)
Wallace, James
Wallace, John, Jr.
Walley, Thomas
Walsh, Robert
Walter, A. M.
Walter, Thomas
Walter, William
Ward, Jonathan
Warham, Potts & Smith
Warren, Charles H.
Warren, Henry
Warren, James, Jr.
Warren, James (1726 - 1808)
Warren, James, Jr.
Warren, Mary (Mrs.
Warren, "Mary Ann
Warren, Mercy Otis (Mrs. James)
Warren, P. W.
Washington, George
Waterman, Samuel
Watkins, W. H.
Watson, George
Weightman, R. C.
Weir, Robert Walker
Weld, Benjamin
Welles, Arnold
Wendell, John
Weston, Caroline
Weston, Isaiah
Weston, R. W.
Wethered, Samuel
Wheaton, Henry
Wheelwright, Edward
Whistler, George Washington
White, Samuel
Whiting, Ebenezer
Whiting, Gamaliel
Whiting, William Bradford
Whitman, Isaac W.
Whitman, Josiah
Whitman, Kilbourn
Whitney, William M.
Whitten, Thomas
Whitp., D. P.
Wild, Hamilton Gibbs
Willard, Calvin
Willard, E. C.
Willard, Samuel
Williams, Anna Augusta
Williams, E. O.
Williams, Edward H.
Williams, Elizabeth
Williams, J. Otis
Williams, Lemuel, Jr.
Williams, Maria
Williams, Nathaniel
Williams, Sarah S.
Wimbles, William
Wing, Cornelius
Winslow, Abby Frothingham Gay (Mrs. Isaac)
Winslow, Ann
Winslow, Edward
Winslow, Edward G.
Winslow, Frances Gay (Mrs. Isaac)
Winslow, Isaac (1813 - )
Winslow, John
Winslow, Joshua
Winslow, Zenas
Wood, David
Wood, George
Wright, Ebenezer
Wright, Ferdinand H.
Wright, William Bund
Ximenez, Helen Otis (Mrs. Felipe)