

Guide to the Backus Historical Society Records

RG 306



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 306

CREATOR: Backus Historical Society (Newton, Mass.)

TITLE: Backus Historical Society Records

DATES: 1853–1961

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Backus Historical Society Records, 1853-1961, are primarily records of administration and documentation of library accessions. In addition, there is a group of material identified as Collected Papers, although there is no record to verify provenance of these manuscripts.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.306>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.306>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from Andover Newton Theological School, 2017

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation

Backus Historical Society Records (RG 306), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

The Backus Historical Society was organized March 10, 1853, with a mandate "to collect and to preserve by publication or otherwise materials illustrative of the history of Baptist churches." Early work of the Society revolved around annual meetings at which papers were presented for discussion and the republication of Isaac Backus' *A History of New England, with Particular Reference to the Denomination called Baptists*. However, later concerns of the Society revolved around the growing collection of books, pamphlets and manuscripts.

In 1865 the Library was moved to Colby Hall on the campus of Newton Theological Institution, and later moved again to the new Hills Library at Newton. Records of the early 1900s show increasing concern of the members regarding the care and preservation of the library collection. Interest in moving the Library to Boston where the collection would be in proximity to the Congregational Library resulted in negotiations with trustees of the Ford Memorial Building and a move to that site. It became evident that a full-time librarian was needed to properly maintain the Library; so in 1907 the Society and the American Baptist Missionary Union hired Arthur W. Smith as librarian, and shared the expense of his salary.

Largely because of the work of Smith, the New England Baptist Library Association was formed in 1908. The Backus Historical Society, American Baptist Missionary Union, Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society and Boston Baptist Social Union were corporate members which deposited library collections in a single facility, but retained ownership of the material. The Society's Library became known as the Backus Collection of New England Baptist Library. This arrangement was satisfactory for approximately the next 20 years; and once again the Society's interest focused on discussion of papers presented at meetings. However, the affiliation of Andover Theological Seminary and Newton Theological Institution resulted in discussion of reorganization and in 1931 the Society voted to move its Library to Andover Harvard Theological Library, Harvard Divinity School, to establish a collection of Baptist material there. The Library was moved to Cambridge in 1932 and in 1934 the Society voted to separate from New England Baptist Library Association and to affiliate with Newton.

The 1934 vote above was the last record of the Society until a meeting in 1952. The Society's work was revived in the familiar form of annual meetings and the presentation of papers for discussion. The last meeting of record was May 2, 1961; there is no reference to a decision to dissolve the corporation. There is no reference in Society records to the transfer of the Library to Andover Newton Theological School.

Scope and Contents

The Backus Historical Society Records, 1853-1961, are primarily records of administration of the Society and documentation of its library accessions. Records organized in the Library series include a group of material identified as Collected Papers; there is no record to verify provenance of these manuscripts. The Isaac Backus Papers (now [RG 280](#)) were owned by the Society; and these Collected Papers were filed with the Backus Papers. When the Backus Papers were cataloged by Andover Newton Theological School library staff, manuscripts postdating the life of Isaac Backus were removed and placed with the Society's records.

The Collected Papers are arranged chronologically. There are two significant groups of manuscripts filed in this chronology: correspondence of Irah Chase and correspondence of the secretary of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society (predecessor organization of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts/TABCOM). The remaining manuscripts are primarily letters, autobiographical statements and church historical sketches.

The records have been kept in the order described in the finding aid originally prepared by Andover Newton Theological School library staff, with some unorganized material added at the end.

Arrangement

The collection is organized in six series:

- I. Legal Records
- II. Administrative Records
- III. Ad Hoc Committees
- IV. Papers Read to the Society
- V. Library
- VI. Added Material

Collection Contents
Series I: Legal Records

b. 1, f. 1	Constitution	1853
b. 1, f. 2	Agreement between the Backus Historical Society and the American Baptist Missionary Union	1907

Series II: Administrative Records

Secretary		
b. 1, f. 3	Minute book, includes constitutions and membership lists	1853 March 10– 1962 May 2
b. 1, f. 4	Membership lists	1907-1908, no date
b. 1, f. 5	Applications for membership	1907
b. 1, f. 6	List of officers, 1853-1907	
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence	1912, no date
b. 1, f. 8	Notes, circular regarding Backus Historical Society	1907-1908, no date
Treasurer		
b. 1, f. 9	Annual reports	1859, 1894, 1896-1908, 1955, 1960
b. 1, f. 10	Account book	1893-1912, 1941
b. 1, f. 11	Receipts	
Librarian		
b. 1, f. 12	Annual reports	1859, 1892, 1894-1912, no date

Series III: Ad Hoc Committees

b. 1, f. 13	Report of Committee to negotiate with the Trustees of the Ford building	1905 October 16
b. 1, f. 14	Report of Committee on enlargement of funds	1907 January 27

Series IV: Papers Read to the Society

b. 1, f. 15	List of papers read to the Society	
b. 1, f. 16	Lucius E. Smith, A view of the ecclesiastical laws of New England from the foundation of the colonies to the final separation of church and state	1865
b. 1, f. 17	Henry S. Burrage, The beginnings of Waterville College, now Colby University, with a sketch of its first president, Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin, D.D.	1890
b. 1, f. 18	R.J. Adams, History of the Second Baptist Church of Holyoke, Massachusetts	1892
b. 1, f. 19	Henry M. King, The Baptists and religious liberty in this country	1895
b. 2, f. 1	William H. Bowen, Six-Principle Baptists	1896
b. 2, f. 2	Alvah Hovey, Possessions of the Backus Historical Library	1898
b. 2, f. 3	Charles H. Watson, Chapin Howard Carpenter, 1835-1887 RG306-0002-0003: 2021-04-22-2024-01-08	1920
b. 2, f. 4	George E. Horr, Bits of Lay History	1924

Series V: Library

Catalogues		
b. 2, f. 5	Catalogue	1857
b. 2, f. 6	Catalogue of pamphlets	1879
Accessions		
b. 2, f. 7	Catalogue of Backus manuscripts obtained	1830
b. 2, f. 8	Accession list; list of items sold	1904–1909
Collected papers		
b. 2, f. 9	Stephen Gano to Thomas Baldwin; from Providence, RI RG306-0002-0009-1806: 2024-01-08	1806 December 19
b. 2, f. 9	Lemuel Burkitt to [Thomas Baldwin]; from [Northampton], NC RG306-0002-0009-1807: 2024-02-15	1807 July 21
b. 2, f. 9	Stephen Gano to [Thomas Baldwin]; from Providence, RI	1808
b. 2, f. 9	Edmund Botsford, Autobiographical journal RG306-0002-0009-1809: 2024-02-15	1809
b. 2, f. 9	John Leland, Autobiography RG306-0002-0009-1810: 2024-02-15	1810
b. 2, f. 10	Joseph Cornell to President and Trustees of Sturbridge Evangelical Baptist Missionary Society; from Sturbridge	1813 March 2
b. 2, f. 10	M. Person, View of the aboriginal Americans	1813 March 2
b. 2, f. 10	M. Person, Brief view of the aboriginal Americans	1813 March 12
b. 2, f. 10	M. Person, British influence	1813 April 2
b. 2, f. 11	William Batchelder to James Duncan	1815 February 16
b. 2, f. 11	W.H. Rowe to Isaac James; from Weymouth, MA	1815 October 11
b. 2, f. 11	Daniel Sharp to Irah Chase; from Boston	1816 November 7
b. 2, f. 11	Leonard Woods to Boston Baptist Association; from Andover, MA	1817 September 15
b. 2, f. 12	Daniel Sharp to Jonathan Smith; from Boston RG306-0002-0012-1818a: 2024-02-15	1818 July 24
b. 2, f. 12	Thomas Baldwin to Jonathan Smith; from Boston RG306-0002-0012-1818b: 2024-02-15	1818 July 25
b. 2, f. 12	Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for the United States to brethren of the Baptist denomination	1818 August 10
b. 2, f. 13	Samuel Eddy (for Brown University) to David Benedict; from Providence, RI	1818 September 4

Collected papers (continued)

b. 2, f. 14	Sentiments in the prospect of death supposed to be near (unknown hand; probably statements of Joseph Grafton)	1819
b. 2, f. 14	Stephen Gano to Thomas Baldwin; from Providence, RI	1819 March 22
b. 2, f. 15	Pew deed for Daniel Alden--North Baptist Church	1819 November 15
b. 2, f. 15	Lucius Bolles (for Executive Committee of Baptist Education Society) to John Burleigh; from Salem, MA	1819 December 14
b. 2, f. 16	Elbridge Gale to Lucius Bolles; from Framingham, MA	1820 October
b. 2, f. 17	? to Jonathan Going; from Worcester, MA	1821 March 12
b. 2, f. 17	William Staughton to D.B. Brown; from Philadelphia (I. Chase copy)	1821 October 29
b. 2, f. 18	William Staughton to Irah Chase; from Philadelphia	1821 November 21
b. 2, f. 18	William Staughton to Irah Chase; from Philadelphia	1821 December 14
b. 2, f. 19	J.M. Winchell to Irah Chase; from Boston, MA	1822 September 22
b. 2, f. 20	Account of Warren Baptist Association, 9/1821-4/1823	1823 April 26
b. 2, f. 21	Stephen Gano to E.B. Rogers; from Providence, RI	1824 January 31
b. 2, f. 21	Stephen Gano to Thomas Baldwin; from Providence, RI	1824 March 10
b. 2, f. 22	Daniel Sharp (for Third Baptist Church, Boston) to Boston Baptist Association	1824 September 12
b. 2, f. 23	Stephen Gano to Thomas Baldwin; from Providence, RI	1825 February 18
b. 2, f. 23	Daniel Sharp to Irah Chase; from Boston	1825 August 22
b. 2, f. 23	David Wright to Jonathan Going; from Westfield, MA	1825 November 10
b. 2, f. 23	E.C. Dyer (for the Board) to Baptist Education Society of the Young Men of Boston	1825 December 10
b. 2, f. 23	Thomas Rand to Jonathan Going; from Ware Factory Village, MA	1825 December 27
b. 2, f. 24	Stephen Gano to daughter Eliza; from Providence, RI	1826 January
b. 2, f. 25	David James to Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts	1827
b. 2, f. 25	Salmon Ensign to Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society; from Northampton, MA	1827 May 31
b. 2, f. 25	Extract of letter from Randolph, Pa (I. Chase description)	1827 November 20

Collected papers (continued)

b. 2, f. 26	William Spencer to Daniel Sharp; from Oxford, MA	1827 November 21
b. 2, f. 26	Peter Chase to Daniel Sharp; from Hinesburgh, VT	1827 December 5
b. 2, f. 27	Assessors of the town of Worcester to the Board of Overseers of the Centre School District in Worcester	1828
b. 2, f. 27	Ebenezer Poole, Jr. (for Gloucester Baptist Church and Society) to Daniel Sharp; from Gloucester, MA	1828 January 7
b. 2, f. 27	Eliab Going to Daniel Sharp; from Rushford	1828 January 23
b. 2, f. 27	William Bruce (for Committee of Superintendence) to Daniel Sharp; from Bruceville	1828 February 2
b. 2, f. 27	Jacob Hatch to Daniel Sharp; from Dexter, ME	1828 February 7
b. 2, f. 28	Holland Turner to Lucius Bolles; from Rouses's Point, NY	1828 February 11
b. 2, f. 28	Samuel Glover to Daniel Sharp; from Boston	1828 February 12
b. 2, f. 28	Peter Chase to Daniel Sharp; from Hinesburgh, VT	1828 February 13
b. 2, f. 28	Jacob Hatch to Daniel Sharp; from Dexter, ME	1828 February 21
b. 2, f. 29	William Spencer to Daniel Sharp; from Cincinnati, OH	1828 March 6
b. 2, f. 29	Squier Abbott to Daniel Sharp; from Henrietta, OH	1828 March 15
b. 2, f. 29	John Haynes to Lucius Bolles; from Norway, NY	1828 March 31
b. 2, f. 29	Whitman Metcalf to Daniel Sharp; from Sardinia, NY	1828 May 11
b. 2, f. 29	[Irah Chase] to Lincoln and Edmands; from Newton, MA	1828 May 14
b. 2, f. 29	Peter Chase to Daniel Sharp; from Hinesburgh, VT	1828 May 15
b. 2, f. 30	Joshua Eveleth to Jonathan Going; from Southbridge, MA	1828 May 19
b. 2, f. 30	Elijah Foster to Jonathan Going; from Amesbury, MA	1828 May 19
b. 2, f. 30	Peter Chase to Daniel Sharp; from Hinesburgh, VT	1828 May 20
b. 2, f. 30	Dunstable (NH) Baptist Church to Directors of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society	1828 May 26
b. 2, f. 30	Ebenezer Poole, Jr. (for Gloucester Baptist Church) to Board of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society	1828 May 26
b. 2, f. 30	William Spencer to Daniel Sharp; from Oxford, MA	1828 May 29
b. 2, f. 31	[Joseph Grafton] to E.W. Freeman	1828 June 9
b. 2, f. 31	Asa Bingham to Amos Bingham; from Camillus, NY	1828 July 6
b. 2, f. 31	John Peak to Daniel Sharp; from Lynn, MA	1828 July 12

Collected papers (continued)

b. 2, f. 31	J.L. Holman to Daniel Sharp; from Aurora, IN	1828 July 28
b. 2, f. 31	Holland Turner to Daniel Sharp; from Rouses Point, NY	1828 August 12
b. 2, f. 32	Williston Baptist Church, Certificate regarding ministry of P. Chase	1828 September 1
b. 2, f. 32	Peter Chase to Daniel Sharp; from Boston	1828 September 15
b. 2, f. 32	Simeon Crowell to Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society; from South Yarmouth, MA	1828 September 16
b. 2, f. 33	Henry J. Hall to William Leverett; from Greenfield, IA	1828 October 24
b. 2, f. 33	[Benjamin] Willard to Board of Massachusetts Baptist Convention; from Northampton, MA	1828 October 30
b. 2, f. 33	Winthrop Poole (for Gloucester Baptist Church and Society) to trustees of Board of Massachusetts Domestic Missions	1828 November 10
b. 2, f. 33	Simeon Crowell to Daniel Sharp; from South Yarmouth, MA	1828 December 29
b. 2, f. 34	Eliab Going to Daniel Sharp; from Rushford	1829 January 26
b. 2, f. 34	Benjamin Oviatt to Ensign Lincoln; from Smithport	1829 January 29
b. 2, f. 34	Thomas Rand to Jonathan Going; from New Salem, MA	1829 February 4
b. 2, f. 34	John Spalding to trustees of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society; from Franklin, MA	1829 April 3
b. 2, f. 34	Jonathan Blake to Ensign Lincoln; from Randolph, MA	1829 April 10
b. 3, f. 1	Eliab Going to Daniel Sharp; from --	1829 May 2
b. 3, f. 1	Peter Chase to Daniel Sharp; from Williston, VT	1829 May 23
b. 3, f. 1	The objects of Williston Academy (letter to editor of Spectator)	1829 June 2
b. 3, f. 1	Peter Chase to Howard Malcom; from Williston, VT	1829 June 12
b. 3, f. 2	John Peak to Daniel Sharp; from South Reading, MA	1829 July 1
b. 3, f. 2	B.F. Edwards to Heman Lincoln; from Edwardsville, IL	1829 July 8
b. 3, f. 2	Thomas Marshall to C.P. Grosvenor; from Petersham, MA	1829 July 8
b. 3, f. 3	Asa Averill to Howard Malcom; from Woodsville, NH?	1829 October 2
b. 3, f. 3	Ezra Going to Jonathan Going; from Wayne	1829 October 21
b. 3, f. 3	John Spalding to Howard Malcom; from Franklin, MA	1829 November 2
b. 3, f. 3	Jonathan Blake to Daniel Sharp; from Randolph, MA	1829 December 8

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b. 3, f. 3	Peter Chase to Howard Malcom; from Newton, MA	1829 December 31
b. 3, f. 4	Thomas Marshall to Howard Malcom; from Petersham, MA	1830 January 7
b. 3, f. 4	William Sedgwick to Howard Malcom; from Zanesville, OH	1830 January 9
b. 3, f. 4	Samuel Wait to Howard Malcom; from Newbern, NC	1830 January 20
b. 3, f. 5	Seth Ewer to Howard Malcom; from Attleboro, MA	1830 February 4
b. 3, f. 5	John T. Moses to Howard Malcom; from Exeter, NH (incomplete)	1830 February 10
b. 3, f. 5	Hubbel Loomis to Lucius Bolles; from East Dudley, MA	1830 February 17
b. 3, f. 6	John T. Moses to Daniel Sharp; from Exeter, NH	1830 March 4
b. 3, f. 6	Seth Ewer to Jonathan Going; from Taunton, MA	1830 March 6
b. 3, f. 6	Isaac Kimball to Jonathan Going; from Wallingford, CT	1830 March 7
b. 3, f. 6	Solomon Peck to Howard Malcom; from Amherst, MA	1830 March 7
b. 3, f. 7	B.L. Chambers to R.M. Johnson; from Georgetown, KY	1830 March 8
b. 3, f. 7	John Spalding to Howard Malcom; from Franklin, MA	1830 March 26
b. 3, f. 7	William Sedgwick to Howard Malcom; from Zanesville, OH	1830 April 15
b. 3, f. 7	Samuel Wait to Howard Malcom; from Newbern, NC	1830 April 24
b. 3, f. 7	Ezra Going to Jonathan Going; from Buckland, MA	1830 April 26
b. 3, f. 8	Stephen Pillsbury to Howard Malcom; from Hebron, NH	1830 May 1
b. 3, f. 8	E.W. Freeman to Jonathan Going; from Lowell, MA	1830 May 17
b. 3, f. 8	[Joseph Grafton] to ?; from Newton, MA	1830 June 9
b. 3, f. 8	William Sedgwick to Howard Malcom; from Zanesville, OH	1830 June 11
b. 3, f. 8	Charles Train to Jonathan Going; from Framingham, MA	1830 June 18
b. 3, f. 8	Elias Megregory to Jonathan Going; from North Leverett, MA	1830 June 30
b. 3, f. 9	? to Jonathan Going; from Newton, MA	1830 July 23
b. 3, f. 9	J. Greene to Jonathan Going; from Sturbridge, MA	1830 August 2
b. 3, f. 9	Samuel Wait to Howard Malcom; from Newbern, NC	1830 August 3
b. 3, f. 9	D. Wright to Jonathan Going; from Cummington, MA	1830 August 3
b. 3, f. 10	Hanover Baptist Society to Jonathan Going; from Hanover, MA	1830 August 4
b. 3, f. 10	B.F. Remington to Jonathan Going; from Savoy, MA	1830 August 13
b. 3, f. 10	[Benjamin] Willard to Jonathan Going; from Northampton, MA	1830 August 25

Collected papers (continued)

b. 3, f. 11	Certificate regarding completion of course of study at Newton Theological Institution for Jeremiah Hall	1830 September 9
b. 3, f. 11	J_ Greene to Jonathan Going; from Leicester, MA	1830 October 18
b. 3, f. 11	Gideon B. Perry to Jonathan Going; from New Bedford, MA	1830 October 22
b. 3, f. 11	William Hubbard to Jonathan Going; from Middleboro, MA	1830 December 7
b. 3, f. 11	Horace Hunt to Jonathan Going; from New Salem, MA	1830 December 11
b. 3, f. 11	Quincy Hersy to Jonathan Going; from Hingham, MA	1830 December 27
b. 3, f. 11	William Sedgwick to William Leverett; from --	1830 December 31
b. 3, f. 12	B.F. Remington to Jonathan Going; from Leyden, MA	1831 March 12
b. 3, f. 12	Nicholas Branch to Jonathan Going; from Springfield, MA	1831 March 12
b. 3, f. 12	John Booth to Howard Malcom; from Troy, MI	1831 March 17
b. 3, f. 12	Hubbel Loomis to William Leverett; from Kaskaskia, IL	1831 April 1
b. 3, f. 12	Joseph R. John to Heman Lincoln; from Troy, OH	1831 April 11
b. 3, f. 13	Board of Managers of Rhode Island Baptist Convention, Request to Massachusetts Domestic Missionary Society for financial aid	1831 May 20
b. 3, f. 13	Elisha Andrews to Board of Trustees of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society; from Boston, MA	1831 May 26
b. 3, f. 13	Elisha Andrews to Heman Lincoln; from Boston, MA	1831 May 27
b. 3, f. 13	[Joseph Grafton] to ?; from Newton, MA	1831 June 9
b. 3, f. 14	Whitman Metcalf to Board of Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts; from Sardinia, NY	1831 July 6
b. 3, f. 14	Franklinsville (NY), Farmersville (NY) and Freedom (NY) Baptist churches to Massachusetts Horne Missionary Board	1831 July 7
b. 3, f. 14	John Booth to William Leverett; from Troy, MI	1831 July 9
b. 3, f. 14	Jonathan Blake to Secretary of Massachusetts Baptist Convention; from Sardinia, OH	1831 July 17
b. 3, f. 14	Peter Chase to William Leverett; from Franklin, MA	1831 July 27
b. 3, f. 15	Hubbel Loomis (et al.) for Corresponding Committee of the Union Meeting of Baptists in Illinois to William Leverett; from Kaskaskia, IL	1831 August 22
b. 3, f. 15	Hubbel Loomis to William Leverett; from Kaskaskia, IL	1831 August 23
b. 3, f. 15	Joseph R. John to William Leverett; from Troy, OH	1831 September 5

Collected papers (continued)

b. 3, f. 15	Leland Howard, Certificate regarding church membership of Sewall S. Cutting, Windsor, VT	1831 September 6
b. 3, f. 15	M. Fairfield to Lucius Bolles; from Troy, OH	1831 September 11
b. 3, f. 16	H.J. Hall to William Leverett; from Cornwall, VT	1831 October 7
b. 3, f. 16	Watertown Baptist Church to Trustees of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society	1831 November 6
b. 3, f. 16	John Booth to William Leverett; from Troy, MI	1831 December 16
b. 3, f. 16	H.J. Hall to William Leverett; from Cornwall, VT	1831 December 24
b. 3, f. 16	William Sedgwick to William Leverett; from Zanesville, OH	1831 December 26
b. 3, f. 16	Willard Kimball to Heman Lincoln; from East Bethel, VT	1831 December 28
b. 3, f. 17	Micaiah Fairfield to William Leverett; from Troy, OH	1832 February 2
b. 3, f. 17	Lucas Austin to Jonathan Going; from Holland, MI	1832 February 7
b. 3, f. 17	Willard Kimball to William Leverett; from East Bethel, VT	1832 February 20
b. 3, f. 18	Appleton Morse to Abial Fisher; from Princeton, MA	1832 March 21
b. 3, f. 18	Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard Baptist Church to Secretary of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Convention (also includes 5/13/1832 and 5/15/1832 documents)	1832 March 25
b. 3, f. 18	Gloucester First Baptist Church to Board of Massachusetts Baptist Convention	1832 April 28
b. 3, f. 18	New Bedford First Baptist Church to Abial Fisher	1832 May 7
b. 3, f. 18	Holmes Hole Baptist Church to Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Convention (with 3/25/1832 document and filed in that chronology)	1832 May 13
b. 3, f. 18	Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard Baptist Church to Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Convention (with 3/25/1832 document and filed in that chronology)	1832 May 15
b. 3, f. 18	Elisha Andrews to William Leverett; from Hinsdale, MA	1832 May 29
b. 3, f. 18	[Joseph Grafton], Autobiographical statement	1832 June 9
b. 3, f. 18	Levi Pierce to Abial Fisher; from Middleboro, MA	1832 June 15
b. 3, f. 19	Benjamin Willard to Abial Fisher; from Northampton, MA (includes 10/25/1832 postscript)	1832 July 26
b. 3, f. 19	Luther Hunt to Board of Massachusetts Baptist Convention; from New Salem, MA	1832 July 29

Collected papers (continued)

b. 3, f. 19	Eliab Going to William Leverett; from Rushford	1832 September 5
b. 3, f. 20	Joseph Grafton to John Stanford; from Newton, MA	1833 April 11
b. 3, f. 20	Joseph Grafton, Autobiographical statement	1833 June 9
b. 3, f. 20	Summons for Zattu? Pickens to appear before Isaac Stearns, justice of the peace Plymouth County	1833 June 12
b. 3, f. 20	Isabella M. Snow to [J. Grafton]; from Millbury, MA	1833 December 30
b. 3, f. 21	History of Baptist church in Belchertown, MA (date is last dated entry)	1837
b. 3, f. 22	History of Baptist church of Wilbraham and Monson, MA (date is last dated entry)	1839
b. 3, f. 23	Letter of recommendation for Horatio Lilley	1859? September 20
b. 3, f. 23	Annual letter of Boston First Baptist Mariners Church to Boston North Association	1861
b. 3, f. 24	Fragile originals; copies filed in chronological order	

Series VI: Added Material

b. 3, f. 25	Newspaper articles about Backus Historical Society	1853–1907
b. 3, f. 26	The Backus Family: A Genealogical Memoir	1890
b. 3, f. 27	Metal illustration plate - Isaac Backus	

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Corporate Body

Backus Historical Society (Newton, Mass.)