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# **Guide to the Dewey-Lowell Family Papers**

## **YCAL MSS 1616**



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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1616

**CREATOR:** Dewey family

**TITLE:** Dewey-Lowell family papers

**DATES:** 1548-1942, bulk 1833-1903

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.21 linear feet (25 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English.

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

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

War and life during the surrounding years.

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#### **Administrative Information**

## **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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October 2023 acquisition purchased from Swann galleries.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## Biographical / Historical

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

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

## **Scope and Contents**

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

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

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

### Arrangement

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

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

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

### **Collection Contents**

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

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

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

Arranged chronologically.

b. 1	Scrapbook [correspondence, manuscripts, and other material]  Pasted in letters, envelopes, manuscripts, and notes from both Dewey and Lowell families. Includes materials related to Louisa May Alcott, Horace Greeley, and Caroline Kirkland, among others. Includes a autographed envelope sent by George Washington.  Boxes 1, 2, 11, 12, 15, 19, and 20: In-process material pending conservation treatment.	circa 1796-1897
b. 2	Scrapbook diary, Mary L. Dewey Clippings from Orville Dewey's diaries. Contains letter fragments and Mary L. Dewey's last will and testament.	1851–1911
b. 3	Scrapbook, Charles Orville Dewey Clippings from Charles Orville Dewey's diaries.	1856-1891
b. 4, f. 1	Civil War diary, Charles Orville Dewey	1862
b. 4, f. 2	The Works of Orville Dewey, with a Biographical Sketch, inscribed Published volume inscribed by Mary L. Dewey.	1883
b. 4, f. 3	Visitor log for Dewey College	1886
b. 5	Scrapbook, [Mary Louise Dewey, from her loving father] Poetry and letter fragments.	circa 1892-1897
b. 6	Scrapbook, Mary L. Dewey [special letters written to daddy] Letters, letter fragments, and stamps pasted in.	1893–1898
b. <b>7</b> , f. 1	Diary, Charles Orville Dewey Clippings from Charles Orville Dewey's diaries, some newspaper clippings pasted in.	1894–1895
b. 8	Notebook [prayers and poems] "Copied from papers found inside father's desk"; includes sketch of Dewey family tree.	circa 1898

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

b. 15 Scrapbook undated

Pasted in clippings, pieces written by Orville Dewey.

Boxes 1, 2, 11, 12, 15, 19, and 20: In-process material pending conservation treatment.

### Series II: Correspondence, circa 1777-1942

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

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

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

### Dewey family (continued)

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

### Dewey family (continued)

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

#### Lowell family (continued)

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

## Series III: Manuscripts, circa 1548-1901

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

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

	Bartlett, William Francis	
b. 17, f. 33	[Address to returning soldiers], autograph manuscript	1883
	Boker, George Henry	
b. 17, f. 34	[Praying, - alas! In vain!], autograph manuscript	undated
	Emerson, Ralph Waldo	
b. 17, f. 35	My Garden, autograph manuscript	undated
	Furness, William Henry	
b. 17, f. 36	[John Brown song], autograph manuscript	undated
	Lowell, James Russell	
b. 17, f. 37	[We all must fight our dragon], autograph manuscript	undated
b. 17, f. 38	Thistle-Downs, autograph manuscript	undated
	Russell, Laura Dewey	
b. 17, f. 39	Russell, Laura Dewey  Manuscript poems, notebook	circa 1882-1885
b. 17, f. 39		circa 1882-1885
b. 17, f. 39 b. 17, f. 40	Manuscript poems, notebook	circa 1882-1885 undated
	Manuscript poems, notebook  Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey	
	Manuscript poems, notebook  Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey  Common Things, autograph manuscript	
b. 17, f. 40	Manuscript poems, notebook  Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey  Common Things, autograph manuscript  Unidentified	undated
b. 17, f. 40 b. 17, f. 41	Manuscript poems, notebook  Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey  Common Things, autograph manuscript  Unidentified  Unidentified autograph manuscript	undated
b. 17, f. 40 b. 17, f. 41 b. 23, f. 3	Manuscript poems, notebook  Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey  Common Things, autograph manuscript  Unidentified  Unidentified autograph manuscript  Siege of Algiers, The [map]	undated 1548 1816
b. 17, f. 40 b. 17, f. 41 b. 23, f. 3 b. 17, f. 42	Manuscript poems, notebook  Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey  Common Things, autograph manuscript  Unidentified  Unidentified autograph manuscript  Siege of Algiers, The [map]  Forging Our Chains, autograph manuscript	undated 1548 1816 1901

## Series IV: Ephemera, circa 1748-1891

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

Arranged chronologically.

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

## Series V: Deeds and related land acquisition documents, 1779–1816

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

Arranged chronologically.

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

## Series VI: Photographs, circa 1880-1903

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

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

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

### Series VII: October 2023 acquisition, 1812-1899

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

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

#### **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.

Lowell, James Russell, 1819-1891

#### **Geographic Names**

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

#### **Genres / Formats**

Albumen prints
Maps (documents)
Photograph albums -- United States -- 19th
century
Photographs -- 19th century
Scrapbooks
Stereoscopic photographs
Tintypes (prints) -- United States -- 19th
century

#### **Subjects**

American poetry
Authors, American -- 19th century -Correspondence
Soldiers -- United States -- Correspondence
Unitarianism

#### **Names**

Alcott, Louisa May, 1832-1888
Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878
Emerson, Ralph Waldo, 1803-1882
Gardner, Isabella Stewart, 1840-1924
Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872
Hawthorne, Nathaniel, 1804-1864
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1894
Kirkland, Caroline M. (Caroline Matilda), 1801-1864
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882
Washington, George, 1732-1799
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852
Woolsey, Sarah Chauncey, 1835-1905

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Dewey family Lowell family Dewey, Orville, 1794-1882 Dewey, Mary, 1821-1910 Dewey, Charles Orville, 1831-1901