

# Guide to the John Lounsbury Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1300

**CREATOR:** Lounsbury, John, 1809-1895

**TITLE:** John Lounsbury papers

**DATES:** 1813-1895

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of medical notes, notebooks, school materials, prescriptions, and poetry of John and Mary Lounsbury.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Historical Medical Library, 1980.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Lounsbury was born on August 16, 1809, in Bethany, Connecticut. He prepared for college at Wilbraham Academy, and graduated from Yale Medical School in 1837. For a short time, he practiced medicine in Hamden, before moving to Oxford, Connecticut, in 1840. He specialized in chronic diseases. In April 1843, Lounsbury married Mary Church, who had been a teacher in New York and Connecticut. He was an advocate of Episcopal parochial schools for girls and attempted to establish one in Oxford. Throughout his life, Lounsbury enjoyed writing poetry. He died on April 6, 1895, in Oxford, Connecticut.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers consist of medical notes, notebooks, school materials, prescriptions, and poetry of John and Mary Lounsbury.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence, poems, and other material	1813-1838
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence to John Lounsbury and Mary Church	1839-1878
b. 1, f. 3	Miscellaneous correspondence	1874, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence from Mary Church in New York to her brother	n.y. May 25
b. 1, f. 5	Arithmetic book for Mary Church, probably while attending Newburgh Academy	Circa 1824-1826
b. 1, f. 6	[Handwriting lessons] with bills on reverse English	1826 November 10, November 15
b. 1, f. 7	Bookkeeping exercises, Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts	1829-1833
b. 1, f. 8	Andrews, Charles C., "Geographical Exercises for Infant Schools..." New York	1831
b. 1, f. 9	"Elements of Geography by S.W.S. for the Use of the Public Primary Schools New York" English	1833 January
b. 1, f. 10	Primary school documents and lessons	Circa 1835-1836
b. 1, f. 11	Poetry and educational documents	1836-1837, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Documents relating to education and poetry (often about education or children)	1878, undated
b. 1, f. 13	Drawings and documents on primary education and Mary Church's career as a teacher	undated
b. 1, f. 14	Notebook with lessons for young children and poems	undated
b. 1, f. 15	"Lesson on Infant Schools" English	undated
b. 1, f. 16	Lessons on light, botany, paper, and architecture, and various hymns and poems	undated
b. 1, f. 17	Medical journal containing medical documents	Circa 1838-Circa 1843
b. 1, f. 18	Notebook with medical notes	undated
b. 1, f. 19	Medical notes	undated
b. 1, f. 20	"A Concise and General View of the Several Pneumonitides" English	undated
b. 1, f. 21	Prescriptions, treatments, formulas, medical writings, and other documents	undated
b. 1, f. 22	Documents relating to the treatment of various diseases and John Lounsbury business cards	undated
b. 2, f. 23	Hymns	1831, 1835

b. 2, f. 24	Poetry and other writings, often written on scraps of other documents or envelopes	Circa 1836-Circa 1895
b. 2, f. 25	"Matrimony" poem English	undated
b. 2, f. 26	Admission tickets to lectures at the Medical Institution of Yale College and related documents	1834-1836
b. 2, f. 27	Clippings	1873 and undated
b. 2, f. 28	"Soda Water Apparatus for 1879 Manufactured by John Matthews" catalogue English	1879
b. 2, f. 29	Marriage notice for third sabbath of March	undated
b. 2, f. 30	Resolutions	undated

## **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.

### **Subjects**

Medicine -- Formulae, receipts, prescriptions

### **Genres / Formats**

Poems

### **Names**

Lounsbury, John, 1809-1895