

# Guide to the Cummings Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 860

**CREATOR:** Cummings family

**TITLE:** Cummings family papers

**DATES:** 1794-1886

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The principal figures are Charles Cummings, a minister in Sullivan, New Hampshire and his daughter Anna Gove Cummings Boyden. Included are notebooks, account books, and diaries kept by Charles Cummings and schoolbooks of his daughter before her marriage in 1838. Also in the papers are family correspondence and legal and financial papers.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1945.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Joseph Cummings was born in 1745 and died on September 24, 1788. He graduated from Harvard College in 1768. He married Anna Grove on December 5, 1776. They had six children.

Reverend Charles Cummings was born in 1777 and died in December 27, 1849. He was a Baptist preacher. He married Polly Hemenway on October 9, 1798. They had seven children.

Cyrus Cummings was born in 1782 and died on April 26, 1827. He married Susan Wildes on May 25, 1809. They had five children. He managed the Topsfield Tavern in Topsfield, Massachusetts.

Source: *The Cummings Memorial* by George Mooar.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence and other papers relating to descendants of Joseph Cummings (1745-1788) make up the Cummings Family Papers. Aside from a small amount of correspondence and a variety of deeds and other legal and financial papers relating to lands in New Hampshire, the Papers contain several sermons by Charles Cummings, his diaries, notebook, account book, and journal, as well as essays and a French exercise book of his daughter, Anna Gove (Cummings) Boyden.

These papers were purchased by Yale University in 1945.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1 - 3	Correspondence	1802-1886, undated
b. 1, f. 4 - 5	Legal and financial papers	1806-1848
Charles Cummings (1777-1849)		
b. 1, f. 6	Notebook of arithmetic	1794-1798
b. 1, f. 7	Diaries	1806, 1809, 1815
b. 1, f. 8	Account book	1814-1839
b. 1, f. 8	Journal	1838-1840
b. 1, f. 9	Three sermons	undated
Anna Gove (Cummings) Boyden, 1820-		
b. 1, f. 10 - 11	Essays	Circa 1836-1837
b. 1, f. 12	French exercise book [of A. G. Boyden?]	Circa 1836
b. 1, f. 13	Unidentified autobiographical fragment	1828 December

## **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**

Clergy  
Families  
Women -- Education

### **Geographic Names**

New England  
New Hampshire -- Religion  
Sullivan (N.H.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books  
Diaries  
Sermons

### **Names**

Boyden, Anna Gove Cummings, b. 1820  
Cummings, Charles, 1777-1849

### **Families**

Cummings family