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**SUMMARY:** The principal figures in these papers are Peter Verstille of Wethersfield and Hartford, Connecticut, his wife Naomi Ridgway Verstille, their children and grandchildren. Most of the papers consist of correspondence, but also included are financial and legal papers, among them accounts of the estate of Peter Verstille and lists of house furnishings. The largest part of the correspondence is the exchange of letters between Nancy and Charlotte Verstille, granddaughters of Peter Verstille. Both were teachers and discuss their experiences at schools in various parts of New England and the South. The letters of Nancy Verstille also include an account of an operation performed in 1817. The Dabney family of Massachusetts were major correspondents and their letters contain a description of the bankruptcy of the family in 1818.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Richard J. Hooker, 1955.

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## Biographical / Historical

For a chart outlining the genealogical relations of the Verstille family, please consult the [Genealogical Chart](#).

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## Scope and Contents

The papers, 1754-1858, of the Verstille family of Connecticut consist largely of correspondence, although some business and financial papers are also included. The approximately 600 letters are arranged by family member. Each item and all correspondents are listed in the register.

The papers of the merchant Peter Verstille of Wethersfield and Hartford, Connecticut, and his wife Naomi (Ridgway) Verstille consist of letters from business associates and family members, dealing almost entirely with business matters. One particularly interesting letter comes to Verstille from Enoch Brown (1778 May 12), announcing his decision to sell a favorite slave due to anti-slavery agitation in Boston.

There is a small amount of family and business correspondence of Peter and Naomi's daughter-in-law Eliza Verstille and of her sons William, Tristram, and Seldon, and daughter-in-law Rebecca, but the largest portion of the collection by far is made up of the correspondence of Eliza's daughters Nancy and Charlotte. These are letters which the two sisters exchanged with each other, with family members, and with friends, especially members of the Dabney family of Salem, Massachusetts, during the first half of the nineteenth century. Charlotte taught at the Franklin Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, for some years, and then at a variety of places in New England and the South, as did Nancy, and their activities at their various schools are a frequent topic in their letters. Other often-discussed matters are Charlotte's determination to stay single and devote herself to teaching and religion, news of family and friends, church and social events, and the health of the sisters. Nancy suffered from a tumor that was surgically removed in September of 1817, and her letters describe the disease and recovery; there are also several letters from her doctor, John G. Warren. The letters of the Dabneys are concerned with all these matters and with the bankruptcy of their

family in 1818, and a host of other family problems. The letters of William Caton to Charlotte describe his journey to Oswego and Sacketts Harbor, New York, and his duties as a naval surgeon before and during the War of 1812.

The collection contains a small amount of correspondence of Naomi Verstille's third husband, Rev. Joseph Perry, largely letters from fellow ministers concerned with church matters. His correspondents include James Dana, Selleck Silliman, and Chauncey Whittelsey. Also among his papers are a sermon, a letter to his son, and a letter to the father of his slave concerning the boy's purchase (1792). The remaining correspondence in the collection consists of letters, many of them unidentified, to others than Verstille family members. The collection is completed by an assortment of bills, receipts, accounts, estate papers, and miscellaneous items such as lists of furnishings and calling cards, arranged chronologically.

Many of the items are in fragile condition and must be handled with care.

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## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1754-1858, undated

Peter Verstille: incoming letters		
b. 1, f. 1	Richard Alsop, Middletown	1766 February 17
	Edward Best, Boston	
b. 1, f. 1	1755 April 7 English	1755 April 7
b. 1, f. 1	1755 June 16	1755 June 16
b. 1, f. 1	Sarah Bradford, Boston	1765 October 8
	Thomas Bromfield, Boston	
b. 1, f. 1	1761 December 22	1761 December 22
b. 1, f. 1	1762 June 9	1762 June 9
b. 1, f. 1	1762 August 19	1762 August 19
b. 1, f. 1	1762 September 9	1762 September 9
b. 1, f. 1	1762 December 24	1762 December 24
b. 1, f. 1	1763 February 17	1763 February 17
b. 1, f. 1	1763 September 1	1763 September 1
b. 1, f. 1	1763 October 13	1763 October 13
b. 1, f. 1	1764 March 7	1764 March 7
b. 1, f. 1	1765 March 23	1765 March 23
b. 1, f. 2	Enoch Brown, Boston	1778 May 12
b. 1, f. 2	James Browne, Portsmouth	1754 September 19
	John Browne, Boston	
b. 1, f. 2	1764 December 18	1764 December 18
b. 1, f. 2	1766 June 25	1766 June 25
b. 1, f. 2	1766 July 15 English	1766 July 15
b. 1, f. 2	1766 August 19	1766 August 19

## Peter Verstille: incoming letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 2	Benjamin Carnes, Boston	1756 October 2
b. 1, f. 2	John Carnes, Boston	1756 October 11
b. 1, f. 2	Richard Champney, Boston	1755 June 3
b. 1, f. 2	William Clark, Dedham	1775 July 27
b. 1, f. 2	Alexander Cochran, Boston	1754 August 6
b. 1, f. 2	Edward Foster, Boston	1754 June 11
	J.W. Gibbs	
b. 1, f. 3	New York	1775 October 18
b. 1, f. 3	Bethlehem	1777 November 29
b. 1, f. 3	Sam Hardcastle, Boston	1755 June 30
	Benjamin Henshaw, Middletown	
b. 1, f. 3	1765 August 3	1765 August 3
b. 1, f. 3	1766 August 9	1766 August 9
b. 1, f. 3	1776 March 9	1776 March 9
	Samuel Hughes, Boston	
b. 1, f. 3	1755 January 27	1755 January 27
b. 1, f. 3	1755 February 17	1755 February 17
b. 1, f. 3	1755 February 24	1755 February 24
b. 1, f. 3	1755 March 17	1755 March 17
b. 1, f. 3	1755 March 18	1755 March 18
b. 1, f. 3	1755 March 31	1755 March 31
b. 1, f. 3	1755 April 28	1755 April 28
b. 1, f. 3	1755 September 9	1755 September 9
b. 1, f. 3	Peter Hughes, Boston	1768 September 30
b. 1, f. 4	Robert Jenkins, Boston	1764 August 30
	Stephen Mears, Hartford	
b. 1, f. 4	1772 December 15	1772 December 15
b. 1, f. 4	1774 February 21	1774 February 21

## Peter Verstille: incoming letters &gt; Stephen Mears, Hartford (continued)

b. 1, f. 4	1773 April 5	1773 April 5
b. 1, f. 4	1773 June 28	1773 June 28
b. 1, f. 4	1773 September 27	1773 September 27
b. 1, f. 4	1774 April 25	1774 April 25
b. 1, f. 4	1774 September 5	1774 September 5
Samuel M. Mitchell, Wethersfield		
b. 1, f. 4	1772 July 1	1772 July 1
b. 1, f. 4	1773 October 17	1773 October 17
b. 1, f. 4	1774 April 27	1774 April 27
b. 1, f. 5	Joseph Pease, Suffield	1773 July 26
b. 1, f. 5	John Raynolds, Enfield	1773 June 5
b. 1, f. 5	Philip Ridgway, Boston	1769 October 12
Samuel Ridgway		
b. 1, f. 5	No place	1761 September 14
b. 1	Boston	
b. 1, f. 5	1762 September 16	1762 September 16
b. 1, f. 5	1763 May 12	1763 May 12
b. 1, f. 5	1765 May 23	1765 May 23
b. 1, f. 5	1766 September 18	1766 September 18
b. 1, f. 5	1764 November 10	1764 November 10
b. 1, f. 5	1769 August 23	1769 August 23
b. 1, f. 5	1769 September 28	1769 September 28
b. 1, f. 5	1770 August 30	1770 August 30
Samuel Ruggles, Boston		
b. 1, f. 6	1776 September 15	1776 September 15
b. 1, f. 6	1777 January 30	1777 January 30



## Peter Verstille: incoming letters &gt; Samuel Ruggles, Boston (continued)

b. 1, f. 6	1777 July 23	1777 July 23
b. 1, f. 6	1778 January 14	1778 January 14
b. 1, f. 6	Josiah and William Russell, Providence	1769 November 28
b. 1, f. 6	Solomon Smith, Hartford	1773 April 26
	Naomi Verstille	
b. 1, f. 6	Boston	1768 April 22
b. 1, f. 6	Hartford	1773 May 11
b. 1, f. 6	Wethersfield	[no year] July 18
	Nathaniel Warner, Boston	
b. 1, f. 6	1765 October 10	1765 October 10
b. 1, f. 6	1761 June 1	1761 June 1
b. 1, f. 7	Nathaniel Wheatley, Boston	1766 March 19
b. 1, f. 7	Abijah Willard, Lancaster	1773 June 1
	Josiah Willard	
b. 1, f. 7	Hartford	1773 May 26
b. 1, f. 7	Newington	1773 July 5
b. 1, f. 7	Portion of note of Thos. Wooster, no place	Undated
	Naomi (Ridgeway) Gedney Verstille Perry: incoming letters	
b. 1, f. 8	Caleb Blanchard, Boston	1769 March 24
b. 1, f. 8	Elisha Callender, Wethersfield	1785 March 11
b. 1, f. 8	Justin Ely, West Springfield	1784 December 2
b. 1, f. 8	J. Green, Westfield	1783 August 5
	Benjamin Henshaw, Middletown	
b. 1, f. 8	1783 April 22	1783 April 22
b. 1, f. 8	1784 October 2	1784 October 2
b. 1, f. 8	Elenor Lyman, Suffield	1773 July 23
b. 1, f. 8	Samuel Lyman, Springfield	1785 April 7
b. 1, f. 8	J. Perry, Springfield	1783 May 5
b. 1, f. 8	John Reynolds, Enfield	1768 October 11

## Naomi (Ridgeway) Gedney Verstille Perry: incoming letters (continued)

## Samuel Ridgway, Boston

b. 1, f. 8	1763 July 27	1763 July 27
b. 1, f. 8	1768 October 27	1768 October 27
b. 1, f. 8	1769 March 23	1769 March 23
b. 1, f. 8	1769 April 6	1769 April 6
b. 1, f. 8	1769 April 20	1769 April 20
b. 1, f. 8	1769 October 17	1769 October 17
b. 1, f. 8	(unsigned, nephew), Philadelphia English	Undated

## Charlotte Verstille

## Incoming letters

b. 1, f. 9-10	Caton, William, Jr.	
b. 1, f. 9	From Utica	1810 August 19
	From Oswego	
b. 1, f. 9	1810 August 14	1810 August 14
b. 1, f. 9	1810 September 3	1810 September 3
b. 1, f. 9	1810 September 28	1810 September 28
b. 1, f. 9	1810 October 9	1810 October 9
b. 1, f. 9	1810 November 4	1810 November 4
	From Sackets Harbor	
b. 1, f. 9	1810 November 26	1810 November 26
b. 1, f. 9	1810 December 1	1810 December 1
b. 1, f. 9	1810 December 22	1810 December 22
b. 1, f. 9	1811 February 12	1811 February 12
b. 1, f. 10	1811 March 30	1811 March 30
b. 1, f. 10	1811 May 20	1811 May 20
b. 1, f. 10	From Brig <i>Oneida</i> , Sackets Harbor	1811 July 11
	From Schooner <i>Collector</i> , Lake Ontario	1811 October 26

Charlotte Verstille > Incoming letters > Caton, William, Jr. > From Schooner Collector, Lake Ontario  
(continued)

b. 1, f. 10	Enclosing letter from Capt. Woolsey	1811 November 8
b. 1, f. 10	From Sackets Harbor	[1811?]
b. 1, f. 10	From U.S. Schooner <i>Sylphe</i>	1813 September 20
b. 1, f. 10	From Vergennes, Vt.	1814 March 11
	Dabney, Abigail Mason	
	From Salem	
b. 1, f. 11	1800 February 25	1800 February 25
b. 1, f. 11	1807 June 7	1807 June 7
b. 1, f. 11	1816 February 19	1816 February 19
b. 1, f. 11	1816 June 28	1816 June 28
b. 1, f. 11	1818 March 24	1818 March 24
b. 1, f. 12	1818 April 15	1818 April 15
b. 1, f. 12	1818 April 22	1818 April 22
b. 1, f. 12	No place	1818 May 2
	From Salem	
b. 1, f. 12	1818 June 12	1818 June 12
b. 1, f. 12	1818 June 25	1818 June 25
b. 1, f. 12	1819 January 11	1819 January 11
b. 1, f. 12	1819 March 7	1819 March 7
b. 1, f. 12	1819 April 4	1819 April 4
b. 1, f. 12	1819 April 26	1819 April 26
b. 1, f. 13	1819 June 19	1819 June 19
b. 1, f. 13	To Sophia Tudor, from Boston	1821 June 16
b. 1, f. 13	To Charlotte Verstille, from Boston	September 16 [1821?]
b. 1, f. 13	To Elizabeth Tudor, from Salem	1823 January 22
b. 1, f. 14-19	Dabney, Elizabeth G.	
b. 1, f. 14	From Salem	1808 May 30
b. 1, f. 14	No place	1808 June 6
	From Salem	

## Charlotte Verstille &gt; Incoming letters &gt; Dabney, Elizabeth G. &gt; From Salem (continued)

b. 1, f. 14	1809 October 15	1809 October 15
b. 1, f. 14	1809 December 10	1809 December 10
	No place	
b. 1, f. 14	1810 January 30	1810 January 30
b. 1, f. 14	1810 February 1	1810 February 1
b. 1, f. 14	1810 February 5	1810 February 5
b. 1, f. 14	1810 April 16	1810 April 16
b. 1, f. 14	1810 May 1	1810 May 1
b. 1, f. 14	1810 August 21	1810 August 21
b. 1, f. 14	1811 November 13	1811 November 13
b. 1, f. 15	1812 May	1812 May
b. 1, f. 15	1812 May 7	1812 May 7
b. 1, f. 15	1812 May 19	1812 May 19
b. 1, f. 15	1812 June 12	1812 June 12
b. 1, f. 15	1812 August 23	1812 August 23
b. 1, f. 15	1812 October 4	1812 October 4
b. 1, f. 15	1812 October 25 English	1812 October 25
b. 1, f. 15	From Salem	1812 November 9
b. 1, f. 15	No place	1813 September 20
b. 1, f. 15	From Salem	1813 December 28
	No place	
b. 1, f. 15	1814 February 4	1814 February 4
b. 1, f. 15	1814 March 4	1814 March 4
b. 1, f. 15	1814 October 30	1814 October 30
b. 1, f. 16	1814 November 15	1814 November 15
b. 1, f. 16	1814 November 27	1814 November 27

## Charlotte Verstille &gt; Incoming letters &gt; Dabney, Elizabeth G. (continued)

	From Salem	
b. 1, f. 16	1814 December 22	1814 December 22
b. 1, f. 16	1815 January 5	1815 January 5
b. 1, f. 16	1815 March 8	1815 March 8
b. 1, f. 16	1815 March 26	1815 March 26
b. 1, f. 16	No place	1815 April 18
b. 1, f. 16	From Salem	1816 February 12
b. 1, f. 16	No place	1816 March 29
	From Salem	
b. 1, f. 16	1816 April 7	1816 April 7
b. 1, f. 16	1816 May 20	1816 May 20
b. 1, f. 16	1816 August 13	1816 August 13
b. 1, f. 16	No place	1816 October 8
	From Salem	
b. 1, f. 17	1816 December 11	1816 December 11
b. 1, f. 17	1816 December 24	1816 December 24
b. 1, f. 17	1817 February 15	1817 February 15
b. 1, f. 17	1817 March 1	1817 March 1
b. 1, f. 17	1817 March 25	1817 March 25
b. 1, f. 17	1817 September 18	1817 September 18
b. 1, f. 17	1817 September 12	1817 September 12
b. 1, f. 17	No place	1817 November 2
	From Salem	
b. 1, f. 17	1817 December 8	1817 December 8
b. 1, f. 17	1817 December 24	1817 December 24
	From Boston	
b. 1, f. 18	1818 January 15	1818 January 15

## Charlotte Verstille &gt; Incoming letters &gt; Dabney, Elizabeth G. &gt; From Boston (continued)

b. 1, f. 18	1818 January 20	1818 January 20
	From Salem	
b. 1, f. 18	1818 February 7	1818 February 7
b. 1, f. 18	1818 March 3	1818 March 3
b. 1, f. 18	1818 April 28	1818 April 28
b. 1, f. 18	No place	1818 May 14
b. 1, f. 18	From Salem	1818 May 7
b. 1, f. 18	No place	1818 May 19
	From Salem	
b. 1, f. 18	1819 August 15	1819 August 15
b. 1, f. 18	1819 September 23	1819 September 23
b. 1, f. 18	From Chelsea	1820 October 29
	No place	
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	From Gloucester	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	From Salem	Undated
	No place	
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 19	Unaddressed letter from Elizabeth Dabney	
b. 1, f. 19	Letter from Elizabeth Dabney to Mr. and Mrs. Tuckerman, no place	Undated
b. 1, f. 20	J.S. Beekman, Bloomingdale	1813 January 18
b. 1, f. 20	C.E. Belden, Fayetteville, N.C.	Undated

## Charlotte Verstille &gt; Incoming letters (continued)

Catharine Buck		
From Andover		
b. 1, f. 20	1812 December 18	1812 December 18
b. 1, f. 20	1813 March 17	1813 March 17
b. 1, f. 20	New York	1813 October 5
From Andover		
b. 1, f. 20	1814 February 15	1814 February 15
b. 1, f. 20	1815 April 2	1815 April 2
b. 1, f. 20	H.F. Catlin, New Marlborough	1817 June 2
b. 1, f. 20	Martin Curtis, Granville	1846 December 16
b. 1, f. 20	Margaret Dabney, Salem	1818 April 27
b. 1, f. 20	Ann Grant, East Windsor	1812 June 29
b. 1, f. 20	P.W. Grant, East Windsor	1820 August 4
b. 1, f. 21	C.T. Haigh, Fayetteville, N.C.	1821 October 23
W.K.		
b. 1, f. 21	Salem	1810 January 7
Boston		
b. 1, f. 21	1812 December 29	1812 December 29
b. 1, f. 21	1812 February 13	1812 February 13
b. 1, f. 21	Glen King, Salem	1811 June 14
b. 1, f. 21	C. Kittredge, Andover	1814 April 4
b. 1, f. 21	B. Loring, Andover	1815 April 18
J. Millet, Newark		
b. 1, f. 21	1812 June 28	1812 June 28
b. 1, f. 21	1812 August 9	1812 August 9
Milo North		
b. 1, f. 21	North Marlborough	1810 May 29
b. 1, f. 21	Salisbury	1815 June 7

## Charlotte Verstille &gt; Incoming letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 22	H. Osgood, Andover	1811 December 29
	Harriot Osgood	
b. 1, f. 22	Westfield	1813 September 7
b. 1, f. 22	Andover	1812 February 2
b. 1, f. 22	Hannah Osgood, Andover	1817 April 29
b. 1, f. 22	J. Osgood, no place	Undated
b. 1, f. 22	Nancy Read, Belfast	1809 February 3
b. 1, f. 22	P.G. Robbins, no place	Undated
	Peter Gilman Robbins	
b. 1, f. 22	Lynn	1812 November 25
b. 1, f. 22	No place	Undated
b. 1, f. 22	L.P. Seaver, Fayetteville	1821 February 25
b. 1, f. 23	Benjamin Stebbins, Boston	1815 December 24
b. 1, f. 23	William Stebbins, Windsor	1814 January 29
	Susan Stebbins	
	Salem	
b. 1, f. 23	1809 September 30	1809 September 30
b. 1, f. 23	1810 February 4	1810 February 4
b. 1, f. 23	1810 March 20	1810 March 20
b. 1, f. 23	1810 May 10	1810 May 10
b. 1, f. 23	1810 September 5	1810 September 5
b. 1, f. 23	Gloucester	1811 June 29
b. 1, f. 23	No place	Undated
b. 1, f. 23	Salem	Undated
b. 1, f. 23	No place	Undated
	Sophia Tudor	
	East Windsor	



## Charlotte Verstille &gt; Incoming letters &gt; Sophia Tudor &gt; East Windsor (continued)

b. 1, f. 24	1819 October 16	1819 October 16
b. 1, f. 24	Undated	Undated
b. 1, f. 24	No place	Undated
b. 1, f. 24	Chas. W. Wooster, New York	1815 December 4
b. 1, f. 24	Wm. Verstille, Bordeaux	1804 August 2
b. 1, f. 24	Unsigned, East Windsor	1823 August 18
b. 1, f. 24	Unsigned, Boston	Undated
b. 1, f. 24	Unsigned, no place	Undated
b. 1, f. 24	Harriet East Windsor	Undated
Outgoing letters		
b. 1, f. 25	Elizabeth Dabney, from East Windsor	1809 October 3
	Nancy Verstille	
b. 1, f. 25	New York	1810 September 5
b. 1, f. 25	East Windsor	1810 October 19
b. 1, f. 25	No place	1810 November 12
b. 1, f. 25	Eliza Verstille, from Andover	1811 October 21
	Nancy Verstille, from Salem	
b. 1, f. 25	1812 January 3	1812 January 3
b. 1, f. 25	1812 January 6	1812 January 6
b. 1, f. 25	Eliza Verstille, from Salem	1812 January 31
b. 1, f. 25	Nancy Verstille, from Andover	1812 March 8
b. 1, f. 25	Eliza Verstille, from Andover	1812 September 12
	Nancy Verstille	
b. 1, f. 25	From Andover	1812 October 18
b. 1, f. 25	From Salem	1812 December 12
b. 1, f. 26	Eliza Verstille, from Salem	1813 January 11
b. 1, f. 26	Nancy Verstille, from Salem	1813 March 20
b. 1, f. 26	Eliza Verstille, from Andover	1813 April 29

## Charlotte Verstille &gt; Outgoing letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 26	Nancy Verstille, from Andover	1813 July 17
b. 1, f. 26	Eliza Verstille, from Andover	1814 April 28
b. 1, f. 26	Nancy Verstille, from Andover	1814 July 11
	Eliza Verstille, from Andover	
b. 1, f. 26	1814 July 29	1814 July 29
b. 1, f. 26	1814 September 14	1814 September 14
b. 1, f. 26	1814 September 26	1814 September 26
	Nancy Verstille	
b. 1, f. 26	Andover	1814 October 13
b. 1, f. 26	East Windsor	1814 December 4
b. 2, f. 27	Eliza Verstille, from Andover	1815 May 5
	Nancy Verstille	
	From Andover	
b. 2, f. 27	1815 June 11	1815 June 11
b. 2, f. 27	1815 July 4	1815 July 4
b. 2, f. 27	1815 September 16	1815 September 16
b. 2, f. 27	New York	1816 May 4
	East Windsor	
b. 2, f. 27	1817 September 11	1817 September 11
b. 2, f. 27	1817 September 22	1817 September 22
b. 2, f. 27	1817 November 1	1817 November 1
b. 2, f. 27	1818 January 21	1818 January 21
b. 2, f. 27	Unidentified, from East Windsor	1818 February
	Nancy Verstille	
	East Windsor	
b. 2, f. 27	1818 March 5	1818 March 5
b. 2, f. 27	1818 March 7	1818 March 7

## Charlotte Verstille &gt; Outgoing letters &gt; Nancy Verstille (continued)

Fayetteville		
b. 2, f. 28	1819 May 13	1819 May 13
b. 2, f. 28	1819 September 27	1819 September 27
b. 2, f. 28	1820 April 1	1820 April 1
b. 2, f. 28	1820 July 22	1820 July 22
b. 2, f. 28	1820 October 18	1820 October 18
b. 2, f. 28	1820 December 20	1820 December 20
New Haven		
b. 2, f. 28	1824 January 3	1824 January 3
b. 2, f. 28	1824 January 30	1824 January 30
b. 2, f. 28	1824 March 18	1824 March 18
b. 2, f. 28	1824 April 12	1824 April 12
b. 2, f. 28	1839 July 30	1839 July 30
b. 2, f. 28	1839 November 4	1839 November 4
b. 2, f. 28	Tybee Light House	1839 November 19
b. 2, f. 28	Athens, Georgia	1847 August 18
b. 2, f. 28	Columbus	1856 October 18
b. 2, f. 29	E. Tennessee	1857 August 22
b. 2, f. 29	No place	Undated
b. 2, f. 29	New Haven	Undated
b. 2, f. 29	No place	Undated
b. 2, f. 29	East Windsor	Undated
b. 2, f. 29	No place	Undated
b. 2, f. 29	New Haven	Undated
Eliza Verstille, no place		
b. 2, f. 29	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 29	Undated	Undated

Nancy Verstille

## Nancy Verstille (continued)

## Incoming letters

## Dabney, Abigail Mason

## From Salem

b. 2, f. 30	1804 February 1	1804 February 1
b. 2, f. 30	1816 October 10	1816 October 10
b. 2, f. 30	1818 September 7	1818 September 7

## No place

b. 2, f. 30	1818 September 10	1818 September 10
b. 2, f. 30	1818 September 27	1818 September 27

## From Salem

b. 2, f. 30	1819 February 22	1819 February 22
b. 2, f. 30	1819 August 23	1819 August 23
b. 2, f. 30	1819 September 24	1819 September 24
b. 2, f. 30	1819 October 18	1819 October 18
b. 2, f. 31	1820 April 2	1820 April 2
b. 2, f. 31	From Chelsea	1820 October 23
b. 2, f. 31	From Boston	1821 June 12
b. 2, f. 31	From Chelsea	1821 September 22

## From Salem

b. 2, f. 31	1823 March 25	1823 March 25
b. 2, f. 31	1823 June 28	1823 June 28
b. 2, f. 31	1824 February 16	1824 February 16
b. 2, f. 31	1824 August 11	1824 August 11
b. 2, f. 31	1824 September 13	1824 September 13
b. 2, f. 31	1824 October 18	1824 October 18
b. 2, f. 31	1827 July 13	1827 July 13

## Dabney, Elizabeth G.

## Nancy Verstille &gt; Incoming letters &gt; Dabney, Elizabeth G. (continued)

b. 2, f. 32	From East Windsor	[1815]
	From Salem	
b. 2, f. 32	1817 May 10	1817 May 10
b. 2, f. 32	1818 July 16	1818 July 16
b. 2, f. 32	1818 July 22	1818 July 22
b. 2, f. 32	1818 August 1	1818 August 1
b. 2, f. 32	1818 August 6	1818 August 6
	From Cambridge	
b. 2, f. 32	1818 August 16	1818 August 16
b. 2, f. 32	1818 August 22	1818 August 22
b. 2, f. 32	From Exeter	1818 September 19
	From Salem	
b. 2, f. 32	1818 October 6	1818 October 6
b. 2, f. 32	1818 November	1818 November
b. 2, f. 32	1818 November 30	1818 November 30
b. 2, f. 32	1818 December 24	1818 December 24
b. 2, f. 33	1819 May 10	1819 May 10
b. 2, f. 33	No place	1819 May 22
	From Salem	
b. 2, f. 33	1819 June 6	1819 June 6
b. 2, f. 33	1819 June 15	1819 June 15
b. 2, f. 33	1819 July 20	1819 July 20
b. 2, f. 33	1820 February 20	1820 February 20
	From Chelsea	
b. 2, f. 33	1820 October 17	1820 October 17
b. 2, f. 33	1821 April 20	1821 April 20
b. 2, f. 33	1821 April 23	1821 April 23
b. 2, f. 33	1821 May 17	1821 May 17

## Nancy Verstille &gt; Incoming letters &gt; Dabney, Elizabeth G. (continued)

	From Salem	
b. 2, f. 34	1823 August 18	1823 August 18
b. 2, f. 34	1827 November 17	1827 November 17
b. 2, f. 34	1828 January 8	1828 January 8
	No place	
b. 2, f. 34	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 34	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 34	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 34	Undated	Undated
	From Salem	
b. 2, f. 34	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 34	Undated	Undated
	No place	
b. 2, f. 34	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 34	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 35	John S. Barnes, East Windsor	1858 March 20
b. 2, f. 35	E. Benjamin, Boston	1818 March 15
b. 2, f. 35	Phoebe Beyers, Milton	1850 January 22
	Catharine Buck	
b. 2	New York	
b. 2, f. 35	1810 September 5	1810 September 5
b. 2, f. 35	1812 July 9	1812 July 9
b. 2, f. 35	1813 March 28	1813 March 28
b. 2, f. 35	1814 February 3	1814 February 3
b. 2, f. 35	1814 September 8	1814 September 8
b. 2, f. 35	1814 October 12	1814 October 12
b. 2, f. 35	1814 December 3	1814 December 3
b. 2, f. 35	No place	Undated

## Nancy Verstille &gt; Incoming letters (continued)

b. 2, f. 35	George Buckham, New York	1846 February 20
b. 2, f. 35	William Caton, Jr., New York	1812 July 12
b. 2, f. 36	J. Dabney, Salem	1807 May 27
b. 2, f. 36	Margaret Dabney, Salem	
b. 2, f. 36	1828 April 2	1828 April 2
b. 2, f. 36	1828 November 15	1828 November 15
b. 2, f. 36	1831 October 31	1831 October 31
b. 2, f. 36	1834 November 2	1834 November 2
b. 2, f. 36	Ann Grant, East Windsor	
b. 2, f. 36	1839 October 26	1839 October 26
b. 2, f. 36	1847 November 20	1847 November 20
b. 2, f. 36	1849 October 8	1849 October 8
b. 2, f. 36	N.W. Hall	
b. 2, f. 36	Hartford	1839 March 9
b. 2, f. 36	Brooklyn	1840 February 4
b. 2, f. 36	Eliza Horton, Providence	1821 January 30
b. 2, f. 37	E. Jackson, Jr., Middletown	1832 August 29
b. 2, f. 37	James Killam, no place	Undated
b. 2, f. 37	Tracy Liscome, no place	Undated
b. 2, f. 37	C.H. Ogden, Nassau Hall	1811 November 16
b. 2, f. 37	Mary Ogden, New Haven	
b. 2, f. 37	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 37	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 37	N.P., no place	Undated
b. 2, f. 37	Sarah Padelford, Taunton	1799 January 14
b. 2, f. 37	T.W. Patton, New York	1819 July 31
b. 2, f. 37	Aaron Perrin, East Windsor	1839 February 15

## Nancy Verstille &gt; Incoming letters (continued)

b. 2, f. 37	Elizabeth H. Read, Salem	1807 September 17
	P. Robinson	
b. 2, f. 37	Boston	1814 August 7
b. 2, f. 37	No place	1818 March 26
b. 2, f. 37	Boston	1819 December 30
b. 2, f. 38	T. Tern, no place	[no year] February 22
	H. Tudor	
b. 2, f. 38	Middlebury	1819 September 14
b. 2, f. 38	Providence	1823 July 14
	Sophia Tudor	
b. 2	East Windsor	
b. 2, f. 38	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 38	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 38	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 38	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 38	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 38	Providence	1802 June 10
b. 2, f. 38	No place	Undated
	Frank Turner, New Haven	
b. 2, f. 39	1839 November 16	1839 November 16
b. 2, f. 39	1839 December 9	1839 December 9
b. 2, f. 39	1840 November 21	1840 November 21
b. 2, f. 39	1841 July 8	1841 July 8
	M.C. Turner	
b. 2, f. 39	New York	1832 September 11
b. 2, f. 39	No place	1834 August 29



## Nancy Verstille &gt; Incoming letters &gt; M.C. Turner (continued)

b. 2, f. 39	New Haven	Undated
b. 2, f. 39	G. Verstille, New York	1839 November 10
	H.W. Verstille	
b. 2, f. 39	New Haven	1840 July 15
b. 2, f. 39	East Windsor	1840 September 4
	Sheldon Verstille	
b. 2, f. 39	New Haven	1843 August 24
b. 2, f. 39	Buchanan, Texas	1847 August 7
	W.H. Verstille	
b. 2	New York	
b. 2, f. 39	1852 September 1	1852 September 1
b. 2, f. 39	1853 September 16	1853 September 16
b. 2, f. 39	Wardville	1856 November 24
	John G. Warren, Boston	
b. 2, f. 40	1818 August 21	1818 August 21
b. 2, f. 40	1818 October 13	1818 October 13
b. 2, f. 40	1820 February 18	1820 February 18
b. 2, f. 40	1826 October 3	1826 October 3
b. 2, f. 40	C.W. Wooster, New York.	1816 February 7
b. 2, f. 40	L. Wooster, New York	Undated
	N.W., no place	
b. 2, f. 40	1810 May 12	1810 May 12
b. 2, f. 40	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 40	Maria Wooster, New York	Undated
	E.W., no place	
b. 2, f. 40	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 40	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 40	Undated	Undated

## Nancy Verstille (continued)

	Outgoing letters	1804-1821
b. 2, f. 41	Eliza Verstille, New Haven	1804 October 31
b. 2, f. 41	Maria Wooster, East Windsor	1805 November 24
b. 2, f. 41	Peter Verstille, East Windsor	1808 December 21
b. 2, f. 41	Charlotte Verstille, East Windsor	1814 May 6
b. 2, f. 41	Eliza Verstille, New York	1814 June 2
	Charlotte Verstille, Patterson, N.J.	
b. 2, f. 41	1814 August 15	1814 August 15
b. 2, f. 41	1814 October 2	1814 October 2
b. 2, f. 41	Eliza Verstille, Paterson	1815 March 17
	Charlotte Verstille	
b. 2, f. 41	Paterson	1815 February 13
b. 2, f. 42	East Windsor	1815 January 1
b. 2, f. 42	Lydia Wooster, East Windsor	1816 January 2
	Charlotte Verstille	
b. 2, f. 42	Boston	1817 September 14
b. 2, f. 42	Salem	1817 September 27
b. 2, f. 42	Boston	1818 February 15
b. 2, f. 42	Salem	1818 April 8
b. 2, f. 42	East Windsor	1820 August 28
b. 2, f. 42	Sheldon Verstille, East Windsor	1821 April 15
b. 2, f. 42	Charlotte Verstille, no place	Undated
	Tristram Verstille: incoming letter	
b. 2, f. 43	J. Charlton, East Windsor	1825 August 30
	William Verstille: incoming letters	
b. 2, f. 43	T. Allen, no place	Undated
b. 2, f. 43	Richard Alsop, Middleton	1788 June 9
b. 2, f. 43	William Gibbs, Philadelphia	1781 March 19

## William Verstille: incoming letters (continued)

b. 2, f. 43	Bysell Haskell, East Windsor	1802 April 22
b. 2, f. 43	John Knapp, Philadelphia	1790 November 20
b. 2, f. 43	P. Lanman, Norwich	1792 October 7
b. 2, f. 43	M. Liscome, Taunton	Undated
b. 2, f. 43	Ann Olds, London	1803 August 9
b. 2, f. 44	Sam Ridgway, Boston	1785 June 27
b. 2, f. 44	C. Richardson, no place	1792 May 16
b. 2, f. 44	Asa Spalding, Norwich	1793 April 4
b. 2, f. 44	N. Tillinghast, Taunton	1801 July 5
b. 2, f. 44	Michael Todd, New Haven	1792 December 22
b. 2, f. 44	E.W., no place	Undated
b. 2, f. 44	J. Wright, Philadelphia	1791 April 25
b. 2, f. 44	Copy of a letter from Wm. Verstille to Benj. Thanks, New York	1787 December 14
b. 2, f. 44	Thos. Wooster, New Haven	1788 January 4
Eliza Verstille: incoming letters		
b. 2, f. 45	Mary Liscome, Taunton	[no year] June 6
b. 2, f. 45	S.R. Miller, Baton	1804 October 5
b. 2, f. 45	Peter Verstille, Salem	1806 August 6
b. 2, f. 45	Tristram Verstille, Robertville	1812 August 26
b. 2, f. 45	William Verstille, Boston	1803 October 2
b. 2, f. 45	W.H. Verstille, New York	Undated
L. Wooster, New York		
b. 2, f. 45	1804 March 4	1804 March 4
b. 2, f. 45	Undated	Undated
b. 2, f. 45	1815 March 1	1815 March 1
b. 2, f. 45	Rebecca Verstille: incoming letter	1840
b. 2, f. 45	H. W. Verstille, New Haven	1840 July 15
b. 2, f. 45	Sheldon Verstille: incoming letter	1838 October 28
Rev. Joseph Perry		

## Rev. Joseph Perry (continued)

## Incoming correspondence

b. 2, f. 46	Nathaniel Appleton, Boston	1768 May 20
b. 2, f. 46	George Beckwith, Lyme	1770 March 29
b. 2, f. 46	James Dana, Wallingford	1770 August 16
b. 2, f. 46	Enoch Huntington, Middletown	1783 February 20
S. Locke		
b. 2, f. 46	Cambridge	1772 May 12
b. 2, f. 46	No place	1773 June 29
Samuel Ridgway		
b. 2	Boston	
b. 2, f. 46	1781 June 7	1781 June 7
b. 2, f. 46	1783 January 2	1783 January 2
b. 2, f. 46	No place	Undated
b. 2, f. 47	Selleck Silliman, Fairfield	1781 March 26
b. 2, f. 47	Neh. Strong, New Haven	1776 April 17
b. 2, f. 47	J. Troster, [place illegible]	1769 April 29
Chauncey Whittelsey, New Haven		
b. 2, f. 47	1774 June 15	1774 June 15
b. 2, f. 47	1783 February 14	1783 February 14
b. 2, f. 47	Unknown correspondent to Joseph Perry, Wethersfield	1783 February 7
b. 2, f. 47	A Sermon, apparently of Rev. Joseph Perry	Undated
Outgoing correspondence		
b. 2, f. 47	Bushman, a Negro, West Springfield	1792 February 8
b. 2, f. 47	Joseph Perry, Sherburn	1783 April 25
Miscellaneous Letters		
b. 2, f. 48	J. Beekman to J. Mitchell, Blooming Dale	1812 September 16
b. 2, f. 48	L. Chester to Roswell Grant	1792 March 23
b. 2, f. 48	John W. Church to Mr. Worthington, Angelica	1839 September 16
b. 2, f. 48	M.J. Church to Mr. Ayrault, Triana	Undated

## Miscellaneous Letters (continued)

b. 2, f. 48	C. B. Everest to Jesse Charlton, Windham	1817 June 24
b. 2, f. 48	Betsey Felton to Mrs. James Felton, New Haven	1839 May 12
b. 2, f. 48	E. Gaylord to Emeline Bowe, Fowlerville	1830 November 9
b. 2, f. 48	E. Horton to Sophia Tudor, Providence	1823 April 12
b. 2, f. 48	Wm. Hoskins, to Ebenezer Grant, Windham	1785 August 26
b. 2, f. 48	E. Jackson, Jr., to Henry Watson, Middletown	1832 August 16
b. 2, f. 49	E. Liscomb to Miss Westerly, New York	1840 September 18
b. 2, f. 49	Mary Liscome to ?, no place	1810 June 3
	Eliza Nivison to "Dear Aunt" [Verstille ?], New York	
b. 2, f. 49	1854 English	1854
b. 2, f. 49	1856 English	1856
b. 2, f. 49	1856 English	1856
b. 2, f. 49	E. F. Reed, to W. F. Grant, New York	1825 April 4
b. 2, f. 49	Polly Robinson to ?, Boston	1820 October 21
b. 2, f. 49	Eliza [Smith] to Normand Smith, St. Louis	1836 May 10
b. 2, f. 49	Abiah Storrs, to Mary Potter, Watertown	1786 March 13
b. 2, f. 49	Mr. Warren to Elizabeth Dabney, no place	Undated
b. 2, f. 49	Dorcas White to Warren Stebbins, no place	Undated
b. 2, f. 49	Capt. Woolsey to Wm. B. Hall, Champlain	1804 December 29
b. 2, f. 50-51	Unidentified	1814, 1825-1839, undated
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b. 2, f. 52	Receipt, Wm. Whitwell, Boston	1756 January 13
b. 2, f. 52	Bill from Peter Verstille to John Robert	1759
b. 2, f. 52	Account of Peter Verstille with John Robert & John Gould	1761 October 5
b. 2, f. 52	Bill of Benomi Olcott, East Windsor	1763 December 20
b. 2, f. 52	Receipt of Peter Verstille to Ebenezer Plummer	1766

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b. 2, f. 52	Bill of John Barrett & Sons to Ebenezer Grant & Sons, Boston	1767 November 6
b. 2, f. 52	Capt. Daniel Phelps, bill, Barbados	1771
b. 2, f. 52	Peter Verstille, Rate Bill	1772
b. 2, f. 52	Bill of John Barrett & Sons to Ebenezer Grant & Sons, Boston	1772 October 1
b. 2, f. 52	Peter Verstille, account current with Hayley and Hopkins	1772 December 31
b. 2, f. 52	Account of estate of Peter Verstille with Smith & Coit	1778
b. 2, f. 52	Account of estate of Peter Verstille with Naomi Verstille	1780
b. 2, f. 52	Items bought from estate of Peter Verstille by Lt. Samuel Mears	1780
b. 2, f. 52	Paperbound book listing estates of Naomi Perry and Peter Verstille	1785
b. 2, f. 52	Receipt of Benomi Olcott, East Windsor	1792 April 6
b. 2, f. 52	Receipt of Abiel Gaylord, East Windsor	1799 March 2
b. 2, f. 52	Receipt of Jonathan Bissell, East Windsor	1799 September 14
b. 2, f. 52	Note of Wm. Verstille	1800 June 7
b. 2, f. 52	I.O.U. of (?) Gaylord, East Windsor	1807 April 8
b. 2, f. 52	Receipt of (?) King, New York	1812 November 27
b. 2, f. 52	Account list	1820
b. 2, f. 52	I.O.U. of P. Winthrop Grant, East Windsor	1828 December 12
b. 2, f. 52	I.O.U. of P. Winthrop Grant, East Windsor	1830 December 20
b. 2, f. 52	Lock of the hair of Rev. Elijah Woolsey	1849
b. 2, f. 52	Bill for Nancy Verstille, New York	1853 September 16
b. 2, f. 53	Calling card, poem, lists of furniture and foodstuffs, other papers	Undated
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b. 3	ALS, E. Horton to Sophia Tudor	1823 April 12
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