

The Quincy Sewall Abbot Collection
Lovett Family Papers
1769-1864

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Abstract:

The Lovett Family Papers focus on the siblings and ancestors of Louise Kilham Lovett (1831-1906.) For the most part, they relate to people and events of Beverly, MA.¹

Collection Creator: Quincy Sewall Abbot

Provenance: The collection was donated to Historic Beverly by Quincy Sewall Abbot in 2018 consisting of personal papers, genealogy, and photographs of the Lovett family.

Conservation/Processor Notes:

This collection contains primary sources

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Lovett Family Papers, Historic Beverly, 117 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915.

Biographical Sketch

In 1852, Louise Kilham Lovett (LKL) (1831-1906) who grew up in Beverly, married Edmund Quincy Sewall, Jr. (EQS Jr.) (1828-1908). The correspondence in this collection is mostly to Louise K. Lovett from her siblings (Theodore and Benjamin Lovett), parents (Samuel Porter Lovett and Lucy Lovett (Lovett)), and their ancestors.

¹LKL's letters to her parents after her marriage to Edmund Quincy Sewall, Jr. in 1852 deal mostly with events in Milwaukee. Therefore, they have been excluded from this collection and were included with the Sewall Family Papers donated to the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA in 2016.

The daughter of Louise K. Lovett and Edmund Q. Sewall Jr, Caroline Ward Sewall (1860-1939), married William F. Abbot (WFA) (1853-1922). William F. Abbot, born in Beverly, MA, was a son of Fanny Ellingwood Larcom (Abbot) (FLA) (1807-1883) and Joseph Hale Abbot (1802-1873) (JHA). Joseph Hale Abbot ran a private grammar school in Beverly in 1824-1825 and was First Principal of the Beverly High School in 1861-1867². Hence, William F. Abbot's ancestry included both the Larcom Family and the Lovett Family; he became the historian and genealogist for the Sewall & Lovett family as well as for the Abbot & Larcom family³. William F. Abbot did substantial research on the earlier generations of both families. Many of the research documents bear the initials AAG or full name of Augustus A. Galloupe, one of the founders of Historic Beverly in the late 19th and early 20th century. William F. Abbot consulted him frequently.

The accumulated family papers and research were inherited by WFA's son Theodore Sewall Abbot (1897-1992) who left them to his son Quincy Sewall Abbot (1932 - Present).

Scope and Content Note

The Lovett family papers consist of correspondence between family members. There are some letters to Edmund Quincy Sewall Jr, as well as letters from Fanny Larcom (Abbot) and Edmund Quincy Sewall, Sr. after Lucy Lovett died in Series I. A majority of the correspondence is original hand manuscripts aside from Series Ia & Ib. These versions are typed by Quincy Abbot or by typists hired by him. Series II contains personal items from Lucy Lovett, Theodore Lovett, Benjamin Lovett, and Samuel P. Lovett. Series III contains the genealogical research and information about the Lovett family including the where the name "Lovett" originated. This collection also contains some photographs of not all, but some family members are in series IV. Series V is a digital copy of the list of files related to the Lovett family papers.

Series List:

This collection is arranged into V series.

SERIES I: Correspondence

- a. Sewell Note
- b. Excerpts from letters c-g
- c. Theodore Lovett to sister Louise K. Lovett. 1846-1847
- d. Theodore Lovett to sister Louise K. Lovett and Edmund Quincy Sewall, Jr. 1850 1857
- e. Theodore Lovett to grandmother Lucy Lovett
- f. Samuel Porter Lovett to daughter Louise K. Lovett. 1844-1864
- g. Samuel Porter Lovett to Lucy Lovett. 1825.
- h. Benjamin Lovett to Louise K. Lovett. 1852.
- i. Lucy Lovett to daughter Louise K. Lovett. 1846-1863

² JHA taught at Bowdoin College, Phillips Exeter, and his own Private School in Boston in the other years.

³ The Larcom Family Papers were also donated to Historic Beverly in 2018.

- j. Louise K. Lovett from Fanny Larcom (Abbot) and Edmund Quincy Sewall Sr. 1864.

SERIES II: Other Documents

- a. Lucy Lovett
- b. Capt. Paul Thorndike
- c. Theodore Lovett
- d. Benjamin Lovett
 - i. Benjamin Lovett and the ships captained
 - ii. Benjamin Lovett (1827-1855. Brother of LKL)
 - iii. Misc. Benjamin Lovett records
- e. Samuel P. Lovett papers
- f. Samuel P. Lovett
- g. Essay: *Characteristics of a Dog*

SERIES III: Genealogy and Research

- a. Descendants of John Lovett
- b. *The Name and Family of Lovett* by Media Research Bureau
- c. *A Lovett Genealogy, Emigrant Ancestor, John Lovett*
- d. A Fraser of Lovat Genealogy. The Fraser-Lovett Families of Scotland & England
- e. Charles H. Brown to Miriam Abbot. 1929
- f. A. A. Galloupe to William F. Abbot. 1910
- g. Mass. Historical Society log

SERIES IV: Likenesses

- a. Photographs of Lovetts

SERIES V: Flash Drive

- a. List of files on Flash Drive (Not in Box)

Content List

SERIES I. Correspondence

Series/Arrangement Note: This series contains letter correspondence between the Lovett Family in the period 1825- 1864. This series also contains some transcripts of the letters written. The series is arranged based on who they were addressed to: Theodore Lovett, Samuel Porter Lovett, Benjamin, Lucy Lovett, and Louise K. Lovett.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
MV-File Cabinet 1	1	I. a	<i>Sewall Note – 14</i>	n.d.

	1	I. b	Typed excerpts from letters c-g between the Lovett family	1844-1866
	1	I. c	Theodore Lovett to sister Louise K. Lovett	1846-1874
	1	I. d	Theodore Lovett to sister Louise K. Lovett and Edmund Quincy Sewall Jr.	1850-1857
	1	I. e	Theodore Lovett to grandmother Lucy Lovett	n.d.
	1	I. f	Samuel Porter Lovett to daughter Louise K. Lovett	1844-1864
	1	I. g	Samuel Porter Lovett to Lucy Lovett	1825
	1	I. h	Samuel Porter Lovett to Lucy Lovett	1852
	1	I. i	Lucy Lovett to daughter Louise K. Lovett	1846-1863
	1	I. j	Louise K. Lovett from Fanny Larcom (Abbot) and Edmund Quincy Sewall Sr.	1864

- a. *Sewall Note – 14*. Highlights of Lovett letters.
- Note: This was circulated to family in 2005.
- b. Typed excerpts from letters c-g between the Lovett family typed by QSA focusing on family and Beverly events, however, information about Beverly residents was omitted (1844-1866).
- c. Theodore Lovett to sister Louise K. Lovett [13 letters], 1846-1847 (Original).
- Note: Louise was 15 and away at school when the letters started from her six-year older brother. Theodore’s discussion of his life in Beverly as a young man is most interesting, especially June 26, 1847, discussing an evening he and friends spent serenading various houses in town.
- d. Theodore Lovett to sister Louise K. Lovett and Edmund Quincy Sewall Jr. [8 letters], 1850-1857 (Original).
- Note: Theodore discusses life in Troy working on building a railroad and on a visit to Milwaukee. EQS Jr. and Theodore Lovett worked on the same RR project in New York State.⁴
- e. Theodore Lovett to grandmother Lucy Lovett [1 letter], undated (Original).
- Note: includes addressed envelope “Ms. S. P. Lovett” Letter addressed “Dear Grandma”

- f. Samuel Porter Lovett to daughter Louise K. Lovett [12 letters], 1844-1864 (Original).
- Note: Father gives advice to Louise while away at school and staying with Uncle Dunlop. (Dec. 5, 1844 letter.) Samuel Porter Lovett reflects on wife's death and having to pay to have Funeral Sermon printed. (1864 letters.)
- g. Samuel Porter Lovett to Lucy Lovett [1 letter] (with transcript), 1825 (Original).
- Note: SPL asks Lucy to marry him after the death of his first wife, Caroline Lovett Chapman, who was a sister of Lucy Lovett.
- h. Samuel Porter Lovett to Lucy Lovett [1 letter], 1852 (Original).
- i. Lucy Lovett to daughter Louise K. Lovett [20 letters], 1846-1863 and undated (Original).
- Note: Letters are about husband's creditors seeking money from him after store failed and Church members leaving over "nigger preaching" by the preacher. (July 22, 1863 letter).
- j. Louise K. Lovett from Fanny Larcom (Abbot) and Edmund Quincy Sewall Sr. [2 letters], 1864 (Original).
- Note: Condolences to Louise K. Lovett on the death of mother Lucy Lovett. Includes 3 envelopes.

SERIES II. Other Documents.

Series/Arrangement Note: This series contains paper of Samuel P. Lovett-his journals from steamer trips, his and his wife's wedding card, newspaper articles, and store receipts to name a few. Items are arranged based on who they are about or belonged to. The original order was kept.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
MV-File Cabinet 1	1	II. a	Lucy Lovett	1864
	1	II. b	Capt. Paul Thorndike	1698
	1	II. c	Theodore Lovett	1857-1838
	1	II. d	Benjamin Lovett	1745-1855
	1	II. e	Samuel P. Lovett Papers	1806-1978
	1	II. f	Samuel P. Lovett	1860, 1863, 1866
	1	II. g	Essay. <i>Characteristics of a Dog.</i>	n.d.

- a. Lucy Lovett.
- The Christian's Hope of Immortality.* A Sermon on the death of Lucy Lovett. 1864.

- Note: Widower S. P. Lovett paid for the printing. ***See 2.12.1864 letter of SPL to LKL Sewall.**
- b. Capt. Paul Thorndike.
 - * Probate Appointment to Mary Thorndike and son Paul Thorndike. 1698.
 - Note: See notes with envelope. (Handwritten copy)
- c. Theodore Lovett
 - Beverly Junior Artillery notice. August 7, 1838.
 - An Illustration of Electrical Attraction and Electrical Oppression. No Date. (n.d.)
 - Note: Probably school or college paper.
 - Estate Papers, October 1857
 - Obituary, 1857, Photocopy
- d. Benjamin Lovett
 - **d. i.** Benjamin Lovett and the ships captained.
 - *(BL?) Sewall Note 7. Dinner with John Adams and John Quincy Adams in Bilbao on ship Rambler in Dec. 1779.
 - Note: [Family lore is confused as to whether BL (1756-1804) was the captain or BL (1729-1805.) See documents in Sec. IV-a.] In any event it is clear that a Benjamin Lovett invited John Adams and John Quincy Adams to dine on the ship Rambler in Bilbao, Spain in Dec. 1779.
 - *(BL?) Extracts relative to the Bilbao dinner from diaries of John Adams and John Quincy Adams.
 - Extracts from records of merchants, John & Andrew Cabot, of Bilbao trip & Adams dinner.
 - (BL?) Other extracts from ship papers.
 - (BL?) Extracts from articles about New England ships and merchants of the time.
 - (BL?) Extracts from Nathan Dane Papers about Lovetts
 - Additional Documents
 - Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) Correspondence regarding Lovett Family Papers, 1997.
 - Screenshots of the PEM website connecting BL to the Rambler.
 - Massachusetts Historical Society (MHS) Database Entry on the Nathan Dane papers.
 - MHS Collection Request form for the Nathan Date Papers. Photocopy.
 - Notes on Early Ship Building in Massachusetts. Photocopy.
 - New England Vessels in the Expedition Against Louisburg. 1745.
 - New England Historic Genealogical Society printout.
 - **d. ii.** Benjamin Lovett (1827-1855. Brother of LKL).
 - Two Estate papers, 1855.
 - Small journal, 1855.
 - **d. iii.** Misc. Benjamin Lovett records. (Photocopies)

- *Military and Civil Service of Lovetts. Some bear initials AAG. (Augustus A. Galloupe.)
- Revolutionary War Service for BLs and other Lovetts. (1 documents)
- Picture of Lovett house @ 218 Cabot Street with description.
- 1790 Census Records of Benjamin Lovett from Ancestry.com.
- * Capture of Ship *Lark*.

e. Samuel P. Lovett Papers

- Good Behavior Certificate 1806
- Wedding Card for S. P. Lovett and Lucy Lovett
- Typed excerpts from Louisa Lake book.
- *Obituaries. (Typed copies.)
- E-mails re: Obituary & silver pitcher.
 - Note: Current location/owner of pitcher is unknown.
- Photocopies of newspaper articles
 - Store break-in, marriages, store ads, theft from a tree of an apple weighing 18 ounces
 - Ad for raisins, figs, almonds, and sale of a ship (1798).
- Store receipt for Mary Dane

f. Samuel P. Lovett

- Journals of steamer trips from Boston to Philadelphia in 1860, 1863, 1866
 - Typed excerpts.

g. Lucy Lovett.

- Note: Possibly written or copied by LKL.

SERIES III. Genealogy and Research

Series/Arrangement Note: This series contains genealogy information and research on the Lovett family. The items are arranged in chronological order, except for the undated items.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
MV-File Cabinet 1	1	III. a	Descendants of John Lovett	1638-1727
	1	III. b	<i>The Name and Family of Lovett</i> by Media Research Bureau	n.d.
	1	III. c	<i>A Lovett Genealogy, Emigrant Ancestor, John Lovett.</i>	n.d.
	1	III. d	A Fraser of Lovat Genealogy. The Fraser-Lovett Families of Scotland & England.	n.d.
	1	III. e	Charles H. Brown to Miriam Abbot letter	n.d.

	1	III. f	Letter from A. A. Galloupe to William F. Abbot	n.d.
	1	III. g	Mass. Historical Society log	1769

- a. Descendants of John Lovett. 1638-1727.
 - Louise Kilham Lovett – one to the 6th generation and 2 paths to the 7th generation
 - Benjamin Lovett – Four are ancestors of Louise K. Lovett and one is a brother of Louise K. Lovett.
 - Descendants of John Lovett.
 - Note: William F. Abbot sent this chart to Louise K. Lovett and Edmund Quincy Sewall, Jr. Photocopy of handwritten chart (partial copy)
 - Ancestry chart of Louise Kilham Lovett
 - William F. Abbot to Louise K. Lovett (Sewall) letter (handwritten and includes transcript)
 - Note re: Giles and Mary Corey
- b. *The Name and Family of Lovett* by Media Research Bureau. n.d (Typed copy)
- c. *A Lovett Genealogy, Emigrant Ancestor, John Lovett.* (photocopy)
- d. A Fraser of Lovat Genealogy. The Fraser-Lovett Families of Scotland & England. (Photocopy)
- e. Charles H. Brown to Miriam Abbot letter
 - RE: Lovett Genealogy proof for DAR submission.
 - Note: Miriam was a daughter of William F Abbot and granddaughter of Louise K. Lovett.
- f. Letter from A. A. Galloupe to William F. Abbot (photocopy)
 - RE: Various Lovett ancestors.
- g. Mass. Historical Society log
 - John Lovett 1769 voyage in Schooner Volant to Sable Island and Cape Henry. (Photocopy)

SERIES IV. Likenesses

Series/Arrangement Note: This series contains photographs of the Lovetts. All the photographs are framed, including the daguerreotype. This is not arranged in any particular order.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
MV-File Cabinet 1	2	IV. a	Photographs of the Lovett- Box 2: Oversized.	n.d.

- a. Photographs of Lovetts
- Benjamin Lovett (1827-1855). Brother of LKL
 - Nancy Lovett. Sister of Louise Kilham Lovett
 - Lucy Lovett, wife of S. P. Lovett. 2 copies of the photo.
 - Photo of “Capt. Samuel P. Lovett.”
 - Note: Captain title may be honorific.
 - Daguerreotype of unidentified Lovett woman.

SERIES V. Flash Drive

List of files on Flash Drive (Not in Box)