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Title HALE FAMILY. PAPERS  
Approximate inclusive dates 1818-1874  
Date of receipt unknown Received from Gift  
Volume on arrival unknown  
Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2½ AB (1 l.f.)  
Condition Fair to good. Some letters torn and stained.  
Restrictions None  
Description

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Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
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## HALE FAMILY PAPERS

### Biography

The Hale family was a Newburyport, Massachusetts, family of ten siblings, among whom were Benjamin, Josiah Little, Thomas, Joshua, Ebenezer, Moses Little, and Alice.

Benjamin Hale, Sr. (1797-1863), was a prominent 19th-century educator who taught at the Saco Academy, Bowdoin College, the Gardiner Lyceum, and Dartmouth College, and became the third president of Hobart College (then Geneva College). He had two children, Benjamin Hale, Jr., and Sarah Hale.

Josiah Little Hale and Thomas Hale were active in the insurance business in New York City, Josiah as vice-president of Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company and Thomas as third vice-president of that firm, president of the Merchants Marine Insurance Company, and secretary of the Pacific Mutual Insurance Company. These two brothers were also founding members of the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn, New York.

Moses Little Hale was the secretary of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company in Boston. Alice Hale married John C. March, who became a minister in Newburyport following his studies for the ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary. Joshua and Ebenezer also lived in Newburyport.

### Description

The Hale Family Papers span the years 1818 to 1874 and consist of handwritten and printed documents including letters, legal papers, accounts, actuarial charts, leaflets, and architectural prints. They are organized into six subgroups and eleven series, given on the container list.

Most of Benjamin Hale's letters in the collection are to family members and are of a personal nature. His lectures given at Geneva College are on religious topics.

Josiah Little Hale's letters received mainly pertain to business. His papers as chairman of the Building Committee, Church of the Pilgrims, include accounts and contracts. There is also a lithographed church ground plan with pew prices - and penciled-in family names - as well as a lithograph by Nathaniel Currier's shop of the plan of pews for the Bleecker Street Presbyterian Church in New York. Thomas's papers as treasurer of the Church of the Pilgrims are mostly receipts.

The letters and letters received of the Reverend John C. March discuss religious as well as personal matters. His fellow seminarian Jacob Stone is a prominent correspondent.

The largest series is the Hale family's insurance company papers, which are the business papers of Josiah Little, Thomas, and Moses Little Hale, as well as insurance policies held by other family members. They are organized by the name of the insurance firm. The series contains some interesting printed ephemera, as do other series. An example filed with the Merchants Marine Insurance Company papers is an 1841 leaflet of the Sailor's Home on Cherry Street, erected by the American Seamen's Friend Society.

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Container List

Container

- 1 BENJAMIN HALE, SR.
- I) Letters, 1818-1859  
(includes some letters of Benjamin Hale, Jr., and Sarah Hale, 1838-1865)
  - II) Lectures Given at Geneva College, 1838-1855
- JOSIAH LITTLE HALE
- III) Letters Received, 1827-1872
  - IV) Papers as Chairman, Building Committee, Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, 1844-1845
- THOMAS HALE
- V) Papers as Treasurer, Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, 1850-1853
- 2 THOMAS, JOSHUA, EBENEZER, and MOSES LITTLE HALE and unidentified family members
- VI) Letters Received, 1831-1852, n.d.
- REV. JOHN C. MARCH
- VII) Letters, 1825-1841
  - VIII) Letters Received, 1832-1847
- 3 HALE FAMILY
- IX) Shipping Interests, 1815-1851  
Ebenezer, 1815  
Josiah Little, Moses Little & Thomas, 1824-1827  
Thomas & Joshua, 1851
  - X) Insurance Company Papers, A-Z, 1830-1874  
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, 1830-1869  
Commercial Insurance Company of the City of New York, 1833-1874  
Franklin Insurance, 1846  
Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, 1837-1863  
Merchants Marine Insurance Company, 1836-1844  
National Insurance Company, 1845  
Neptune Insurance Company of the City of New York, 1842-1846  
Orient Mutual Insurance Company, 1856  
Pacific Mutual Insurance Company, 1855-1872  
Provident Life Mutual Insurance Company of the State of N.Y., 1843  
Union Mutual Insurance Company, 1858-1872  
Washington Fire and Marine Insurance Company, 1826-1831  
Other Companies' Unsorted Printed Matter

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Architectural prints from series IV