

John Warren Williams Family Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: John Warren Williams Family Papers

Span Dates: 1839-1895

ID No.: MSS45849

Creator: Williams, John Warren, 1815-1843

Extent: 50 items; 1 container; 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Importer of Boston, Massachusetts. Diary, account book, travel journal, family portraits, scrapbook, letter, and printed matter.

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.

People

Elssler, Fanny, 1810-1884.

Williams family.

Williams, George F., 1817-1882. George F. Williams account book. 1864-1882.

Williams, John Warren, 1815-1843.

Williams, Martha Ann Tilton, 1827-1919. Martha Ann Tilton Williams travel journal. 1894-1895.

Organizations

Great Western (Steamship)

Subjects

Merchants--Massachusetts--Boston.

Shipping--Massachusetts--Boston.

Shipping--New York (State)--New York.

Places

Boston (Mass.)--Commerce.

Europe--Description and travel.

Occupations

Importers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of the family of John Warren Williams, importer of Boston, Massachusetts, were given to the Library of Congress by Arthur H. Williams in 1953 and 1979.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1984. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the John Warren Williams family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of the John Warren Williams family are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John Warren Williams Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the family of John Warren Williams (1815-1843) span the years 1839-1895. The collection consists of a diary of Williams, an account book kept by his brother, George F. Williams; a travel journal of a European trip by Martha Ann Tilton Williams (Mrs. George F. Williams), 1894-1895; photographs; a letter; scrapbook; and printed matter.

The diary of John Warren Williams, 1839-1842, reflects his commercial interest engaged principally in the importation of flour. It contains notes about the entrance of ships and their cargoes at Boston and New York and remarks on notable events such as the arrival of *Great Western* (steamship) in New York from Bristol on May 3, 1840, with many passengers, including dancer Fannie Elssler, who later performed in Boston. Other historical events recorded include a meeting the next day of the National Young Men's Whig Club Convention at Baltimore.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Account book, George F. Williams, 1864-1882
BOX 1	Diary, John Warren Williams, 1839-1842 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Travel journal of European trip, Martha Ann Tilton Williams (Mrs. George F. Williams), 1894, May 26-1895, Sept. 1 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Letter of Armstrong Williams to his mother, Martha Ann Tilton Williams (Mrs. George F. Williams), 1895, Aug. 9
BOX 1	Photographic portraits
BOX 1	Miscellany
BOX 1	Scrapbook, 1853-1882
BOX 1	Clippings, circa 1895