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DANA, SYLVESTER Jr. (1816-1910)
PAPERS, 1845-1865
14 Items, 1/2 Box

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Rev. Sylvester Dana Sr. (1769-1849) was born in Ashford, CT. At the age of three the family moved to Wilkesbarre. His father was killed when the town was attacked by Tories and indians in 1778. His mother returned with the children to Ashford where Sylvester worked on various farms until 1793 when he entered Yale College. In 1798 he was licensed to preach. For the next few years he moved about preaching in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. In 1801 he settled in Orford, NH. where he remained for 21 years. From 1823 to 1833 he preached for the Congregational society comprised of western Orford and Fairlee, Vermont. From 1834 until his retirement in 1837 he was in Thornton, NH. He then moved to Concord, NH. As a result of a fire at his home in 1844 most of his manuscripts sermons and personal papers were lost.

He married Hannah Kimball, daughter of Deacon John Kimball, of Concord, NH in 1802. Four of their nine children survived to adulthood: Anna (Dana) Barrows, Charles Backus Dana, Sylvester Dana Jr., Hannah (Dana) Tappan.

Sylvester Dana Jr. (1816-1910) See following page.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

Sylvester Dana Sr. is represented by a manuscript autobiography of sixty-eight pages written ca. 1840.

Sylvester Dana Jr.'s journal, 1846 and memorandum books, 1845-1849 include entries on the weather, family matters, people, local events. He comments on convicts at the state prison and religious matters. The correspondence comprises letters to friends including one in which he brings a friend up to date on details of his life and career. There are 48 letters in the book of outgoing correspondence. Topics include missionaries, politics, War with Mexico and family history.

- Fld 1 Genealogy of the Dana Family (2 items)
- Sylvester Dana Sr.
- Fld 2 Autobiography (1 item, 68 pages)
- Sylvester Dana Jr.
- Fld 3 Journal, draft (1 item)
- Fld 4-9 Memorandum Book, 1845, 1846-1849 (1 item, 228 pages)
- Fld 10 Correspondence, 1845, 47, 65 (3 items)
- Fld 11 Copies of outgoing correspondence, 1846-47 & undated and Memoranda on life of Abraham Lincoln by Charles S. Dana (6 items)

CARDS MADE FOR CATALOG:

Genealogy-Dana Family	Occ-minister
Occ-Judge	Dana, Sylvester Sr. (1769-1849)
Concord, NH	Lincoln, Abraham-subject
Diaries	Orford, NH
Autobiography	