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FRENCH, HENRY FLAGG (1813-1885)
PAPERS, 1850-1870
1/2 Box, 74 items

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Henry Flagg French, the son of Daniel and Sarah W. (Flagg) Bell French, was born in Chester, NH August 14, 1813. He attended Harvard and prepared for the law in his father's office in Chester. He was admitted to the bar in 1835 and practiced in Chester until 1840 when he moved briefly to Portsmouth and then to Exeter, NH. He held a number of offices including the following: county solicitor 1838-1848; bank commissioner from 1848-1852; Justice of the Court of Common Pleas 1855-1859; assistant district attorney for the county of Suffolk, MA from 1862-65; and second assistant secretary of the United States Treasury 1876-1885.

French had a lifelong interest in agriculture and traveled to Europe on an agricultural mission. He later gave addresses and published his observations in letters to the "New England Farmer" and a volume he published on Farm Drainage.

French's first wife was Anne, daughter of Chief Justice Richardson of Chester. They had four children. His second wife was Pamela M., daughter of John Prentiss of Keene.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

These papers are photocopies of the originals which are still privately held. Most of them are from French to his sisters, with a couple to his wife and children from Europe. Family matters are the usual topic, health, problems with children in school and comments about his writing. From April to September 1857 there are letters describing his voyage to Europe and sightseeing in England, Belgium, Prussia and other stops during the agricultural mission.

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