

THOMAS R. LAMBERT (1809-1892)
 PAPERS, 1834-1856, 1910
 1/2 Box, 67 items

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Thomas Ricker Lambert was the son of William and Abigail Lambert of South Berwick, Maine. He received an appointment to West Point, but was unable to finish due to health problems. Next he tried the printers trade but then entered the law office of Nicholas Emery of Portland Maine. He practiced first in Somersworth, NH but then moved to Portsmouth. After only two years at law in 1834, he was appointed as a chaplain in the Navy. In 1836 he was ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. He remained a Navy chaplain for twenty years. He resigned in 1855 and spent the next twenty-eight years as Rector at St. John's Church in Charlestown, Mass.

In 1845 he married Mrs. Jane Standish Colby of New Bedford, Mass. They had one son.

Lucy Lambert, sister of Thomas R. Lambert, married John Parker Hale (1806-1873). (See register for collection Acc.# 1926-6 for his biography). They had two daughters. Elizabeth (Lizzie), born in 1835, who Edward M. Kinsley of West Point, NY and Lucy L. Hale, born in 1841, who married William E. Chandler. Chandler became A U.S. Senator and Secretary of the Navy. See the Register for his collection Acc.# 1926-6 for further biographical information. Their son, John Parker Hale Chandler was born in 1885.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

In his correspondence with his wife and daughter, John Parker Hale writes of his speaking engagements, and describes events, people and places. To his daughter Lizzie he gives some advice on behavior including a lecture on lying by actions rather than by words.

Thomas R. Lambert writes home to his sister and his mother from aboard various Naval vessels including the Brandywine, the United States and the Constitution. He describes social life on the ship and in ports during cruises to Brazil, Chili, and Peru and then across the Atlantic to Athens, Malta, Cadiz, and Marseilles, France. He discusses the places, a little politics, mountain climbing etc. Lambert states that he has learned of Lucy's marriage in an old newspaper he found. He complains that he has bad luck in receiving mail from home. He speaks of his duties as a Chaplain to the sailors.

In the Misc. letters, folder 8, is a 1844 letter from E.W. Toppan to J.P. Hale discussing politics. There is also the fragment of a letter from S.A. Hale discussing the breaking of his engagement to a miss Woodman in 1838.

Folder 9 contains letters written by "Jack" presumably John Parker Hale Chandler to his mother and father in 1910.

Fld 1 John P. Hale to/from wife Lucy Lambert, 1839-1856
(8 items)

Fld 2 John. P. Hale to daughter Lizzie, 1853-1854
(7 items)

Thomas R. Lambert

Fld 3 to Lucy Lambert Hale, 1831-1834 (13 items)

Fld 4 same , 1835 (7 items)

Fld 5 same , 1836-1839 (10 items)

Fld 6 same , 1846 (9 items)

Fld 7 to his mother Abigail Lambert, 1834-38, 46
(9 items)

Fld 8 Misc. letters to John Parker Hale and Lucy, 1844-
1846 (4 items)

Fld 9 "Jack" to mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. William E.
Chandler, 1910 (7 items)

CARDS MADE FOR THE CATALOG:

Hale, John Parker (1808-1873)

Occ-minister

Hale, Lucy Lambert (b. ca. 1814)

U.S. Navy

Hale, Elizabeth (Lizzie) (b. 1835)

South America

Chandler, Mrs. William E. (b. 1841)

Europe

Chandler, John P. H. (b. 1885)

Mediterranean Sea

Hale, S.A. (active ca. 1830-50)

Toppan, E.W.