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Whittier, John Greenleaf (1807-1892)
Poet, Quaker, Abolitionist
[18—to 1924]

John Greenleaf Whittier papers

Includes notes by Whittier, as well as correspondence and notes about Whittier and his papers by Reverend J. B. Silcox and Samuel T. Pickard. Includes notes by Silcox and collected print material about poet Robert Browning. Correspondence with librarians, Paul E. Gray and John Moulton at Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Mass. about Whittier bibliographic information.

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Short biography from the John Greenleaf Whittier website
(www.johngreenleafwhittier.com):

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John Greenleaf Whittier, born December 17, 1807 in the southwest Parlor of the Whittier Homestead, was the first son and second child of John and Abigail (Hussey) Whittier. He grew up on the farm in a household with his parents, a brother and two sisters, aunt and uncle, and a constant flow of visitors and hired hands for the farm.

Whittier's first poem to be seen in print appeared in 1826 in the *Newburyport Free Press*, where the abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison was editor. Under Garrison's encouragement Whittier actively joined the abolitionist cause and edited newspapers in Boston and Hartford. He was associated with the *Atlantic Monthly Magazine* from 1857 until his death.

In 1831, he brought a book of prose works, "Legends of New England," and the next year returned to his native town to run the farm after his father's death, and later moved to Amesbury. Until the Civil War, he became increasingly involved in the abolitionist cause, serving in numerous capacities on the local, state and national levels. He was also involved in the formation of the Republican Party.

With the publication of *Snow-Bound* in 1866, Whittier finally enjoyed a relatively comfortable life from the profits of his published works. It is *Snow-Bound* for which he will always be best remembered as a poet. Nearly every volume of his verses published thereafter was truly a best seller. Whittier died on September 7, 1892 at a friend's home in Hampton Falls, NH, and was buried with the rest of his family in Amesbury.

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Box 1 25 folders	
Folder 1	'Dred – American Slavery' by Harriet Beecher Stowe – article and review April 1857 [?] print with manuscript note on first page
Folder 2	<i>The Whittier Centenary, 1807-1907</i> Print
Folder 3	Holograph fragment of Whittier's handwriting
Folder 4	Samuel T. Pickard, Amesbury, Mass., to Reverend J. B. Silcox, ALS October 12, 1906
Folder 5	'Burning Driftwood' J.G. Whittier, print poem clipping
Folder 6	'Important Notes re: our visit to Haverhill' holograph notes by Silcox [?]
Folder 7	Sordello, 1840 Silcox manuscript notes on Browning
Folder 8	Silcox manuscript and typescript notes on Browning
Folder 9	Clippings and print on or by Browning collected by Silcox
Folder 10	Silcox typescript Browning notes
Folder 11	Silcox holograph notes on Browning
Folder 12	Paul Elder & Co. [booksellers] to Silcox TLS October 10, 1924 Re: available Whittier book
Folder 13	[Bartlett?] from Haverhill, Mass., to Silcox December 24, 1907 Re: Whittier, envelope only

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Folder 14	Albert L. Bartlett to Silcox TLS and envelope September 11, 1906 Re: Whittier
Folder 15	Holograph notes on Whittier by Silcox
Folder 16	Manuscript notes on Whittier books Envelope, September 15, 1906 Haverhill, Mass., to Silcox
Folder 17	Facsimile of ALS Whittier to Miss Johnson, 4/3/1891
Folder 18	Paul E. Gray, Haverhill Public Library, Mass., to Silcox TLS and envelope September 13, 1906 Re: Whittier
Folder 19	Facsimile of holograph poem, 'The Book' By Whittier
Folder 20	Paul E. Gray to Silcox ALS and envelope September 25, 1906
Folder 21	Mary A. Reed to Silcox ALS and print card, re: Whittier December 8
Folder 22	John Moulton to Silcox TLS and enclosures January 27, 1909 Re: Whittier
Folder 23	John Moulton to Silcox TLS and enclosures May 15, 1909 Re: Whittier
Folder 24	John Moulton to Silcox TLS May 26, 1909

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Folder 25	Pickard to Silcox Clippings and envelope October 13, 1906 Re: Whittier