

MARY BROWN CHASE SLADE  
PAPERS

12 Artifact Boxes

Provenance: Slade Collection, 1975

Related Holdings:

TA/SLA - Preface to *History of Thetford*  
TA/SLA - *Thetford Academy's First Century*  
A 39 - Copper Cuts for TA's First Century  
M 60 - Thetford Vital Statistics  
M 50 & BV 11 - Thetford Proprietor's Book  
Thp/SLA - *Novello's Collection of Trios*

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mary Brown Chase Slade , (1871-1966) was born in West Newbury, MA, the daughter of Elwood Norton and Anna (Noyes) Chase. A graduate of Newbury High School, she studied music at Smith College for a year (1887-1888) and then studied violin in Boston. In 1891, she married Rev. William Slade, a native of Thetford. After serving churches in Massachusetts and Connecticut, the Slades returned to Thetford in 1907, and Mr. Slade served as pastor in North Thetford (1907-1912), and Thetford Hill, and as principal of Thetford Academy (1912-1917). From 1917 to 1922, the Slades lived in Atlanta, returning to Thetford in 1922.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Slade became much interested in the history of Thetford and its Academy, and devoted much of the rest of their lives to studying their history. They discovered the Town Charter and Joseph Steward's portrait of Rev. Asa Burton. An indefatigable worker in the days before copiers and computers, Mrs. Slade read widely and deeply, copying documents and other sources in meticulous writing. She was so thorough, in fact, that she did not finish writing down what she knew. Her main published work was *Thetford Academy's First Century 1819 - 1919* (1956). She also wrote school articles in the *Vermont* magazine and other periodicals.

Sources: Materials in Collection, obituary in Slade genealogical file.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling 12 manuscript boxes, contains writing, notes and correspondence of Mary B. Slade collected during her historical work from 1920 to 1966.

Boxes 1 and 2 contain the chapter layout of a projected history of Thetford, with historical writing arranged according to that chapter order. The remaining boxes are labeled by general subject.

### BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

#### BOX 1:

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_____	Unnumbered Folders: Chapter Headings, Partial Manuscript, Historical
_____	Folder 1: Chapter I, Secondary Sources for a History - Thetford under NH
_____	Folder 2: Chapter I, Secondary Sources for a History, cont.
_____	Folder 3: Chapter I, Thetford Under NY
_____	Folder 4: Chapter II, Earliest Settlement of Thetford,, Surveying, Proprietors
_____	Folder 5: Chapter III, Early Families, Town Charter, Black Families
_____	Folder 6: Chapter III, Hill families, Moving of Meeting House
_____	Folder 7: Chapter III, Early Families, Families of Other Towns
_____	Folder 8: Chapter IV, Town Business, Warnings out of Town
_____	Folder 9: Chapter IV, Town Business, Thetford Hill Village
_____	Folder 10: Chapter IV, Town Business, Building, Labor - Town Meeting House
_____	Folder 11: Chapter V, Thetford in the Wars, Revolution, Quebec Expedition
_____	Folder 12: Chapter V, Revolutionary War Manuscript Chapter

#### BOX 2:

_____	Folder 1: Chapter VII, Town Builders
_____	Folder 2: Chapter VIII, Contributions to the World Outside - Preachers, Teachers
_____	Folder 3: Chapter X, Orders, Church Records on Conflict, Musical Societies
_____	Folder 4: Chapter XII, Churches, Separation of Church and State
_____	Folder 5: Chapter XII, Churches - Asa Burton
_____	Folder 6: Chapter XIII, Thetford Academy and Local Education, Talk on Music

#### Box 3:

Numerous (unsorted) files pertaining to Thetford Academy and other topics.

Box 4:

\_\_\_\_\_ Numerous Files - Correspondence, Genealogy, History, Miscellaneous by Alphabet

Box 5:

\_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous Notes

Box 6:

Notes on the Founding of Oberlin College

Box 7:

Correspondence - Miscellaneous, historical  
Transportation  
Proprietors  
Proprietors - Lot Grants  
Background Notes - VT Settlement  
Notes - Connecticut  
Laws  
NY Charter - Proprietors  
Land Transfers  
Notes on American Revolution  
Cheyney - Early American Information  
Norwich Town Vital Statistics  
Agriculture  
Negroes  
Tories  
Notes - Early Days  
Notes - Crafts and Customs  
2 Envelopes - Book Notes

Box 8:

\_\_\_\_\_ Genealogy  
Notes - MBS  
Notes - Printed Sources  
"Workingman's Gazetteer", Woodstock, VT  
\_\_\_\_\_ "Loyalist Episcopalians in Claremont, NH"

“Vermont Chronicle”  
“Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts”  
“Orange County Conference of Churches” - Notes  
Vermont Old Cemetery Association  
Religion  
Secondary Sources - Religion  
Notes on Religion  
Education form Published Sources  
TA Clippings

Box 9:

Notebooks marked “1”: Genealogy  
Notebooks marked “2”: Church Records - Vital Records

Box 10:

Notebooks marked “4”: Church Information  
Notebooks Marked “5”: Education

Box 11:

\_\_\_\_\_ Notebooks marked “6”: Quotations, references  
\_\_\_\_\_ Notebooks marked “7”: Quotes from Publications

Box 12:

Notebooks marked “8”: Thetford Settlement Information  
Notebooks marked “9”: Notes on Early America