

# **NICHOLS FAMILY PAPERS**

**1806 – 1960**

(bulk 1850 – 1960)

Manuscript Collection Number 1

Physical Description: 10 document boxes, 1 oversize box, and 1 oversize folder (6 linear feet)

Acquisition Information: Acquired by the Nichols family and bequeathed by Rose Standish Nichols to the Nichols House Museum in 1960. Supplemented by gifts from George Taloumis, Southard Menzel, Elizabeth Shurcliff Lowell, Sarah Shurcliff Ingelfinger, and Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II. See Acquisition Note.

Access: This collection is open for research.

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## **ABSTRACT**

This collection consists of the papers of the Nichols family of Boston, specifically those of Arthur Howard Nichols (1840-1923), his daughter Rose Standish Nichols (1872-1960), and other family members. Included are family correspondence, diaries and other personal papers, financial and professional papers, and printed matter.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Below are brief biographical sketches of the Nichols family members represented in this collection, arranged by date of birth.

### **John Perkins Nichols (1798-1891)**

Born in Amherst, New Hampshire, to Timothy Nichols III and Susannah (Towne) Nichols. Moved to Boston in 1828 and married Mary Ann Clarke in 1831. Worked as a cabinet-maker and co-owned a granite quarry in Concord, New Hampshire. Had three sons, but only one, Arthur Howard Nichols, lived past childhood.

### **Charles Nichols (1808-1885)**

Born in Amherst, New Hampshire, to Timothy Nichols III and Susannah (Towne) Nichols. As a young man, trained and worked painting, chair-making and cabinet-making. Relocated to Boston in 1827 and worked in several daguerreotype galleries. Gave up work in 1856 and devoted the remainder of his life to religious study and missionary work, living with his brother John Perkins Nichols.

### **Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols (1810-1885)**

Born in Wilton, New Hampshire to David Ramsey Clarke and Anna Spaulding (Fiske) Clarke. Married John Perkins Nichols in 1831. Mother of Arthur Howard Nichols and to two other children, George Perkins Nichols and Alfred Adams Nichols, who died in childhood.

### **Arthur Howard Nichols (1840-1923)**

Born in Boston to John Perkins Nichols and Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols. Attended the Endicott School, the Boston Latin School, Harvard College (class of 1862), and Harvard Medical School (class of 1866). Studied in Europe in 1863 and 1866-1868. Married Elizabeth Fisher Homer in November 1869. Had three daughters, Rose Standish, Marian Clarke, and Margaret Homer and a son, Sidney Homer, who died in childhood (1876-1881). Practiced medicine in Boston from 1868 until his death. Lived and worked at 55 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, from 1885. Was a devotee and scholar of hand bells and tower bells, publishing four monographs on the subject.

### **Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols (1844-1929)**

Born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, to Thomas Johnston Homer and Mary Elizabeth (Fisher) Homer. Attended private schools in Boston. Married Arthur Howard Nichols in November 1869. Had three daughters, Rose Standish, Marian Clarke, and

Margaret Homer and a son, Sidney Homer, who died in childhood (1876-1881). Died at her country home in Cornish, New Hampshire, in September 1929.

**Rose Standish Nichols (1872-1960)**

Born in Boston to Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols. A pioneering woman in the profession of landscape and garden design. Published three books on European garden design. Helped found the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom and active in the women's rights movement, the peace movement, and other progressive causes of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Served as the Boston area agent for the sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, who was married to her maternal aunt, Augusta (Homer) Saint-Gaudens. Lived in the Nichols family home at 55 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, from 1885 until her death in 1960. Bequeathed the home to a trust to operate as a house museum. The Nichols House Museum, Inc. has been open to the public since 1961.

**Marian Clarke Nichols (1873-1963)**

Born in Boston to Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols. Educated at Radcliffe College (class of 1899). A prominent activist and government reformer. Served as executive secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association from 1903-1963; was the first female member of the National Civil Service Reform League; served as chairwoman of the legislative committee of the Boston League of Women Voters; and was executive secretary of the Beacon Hill Association for seventeen years.

**Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff (1879-1959)**

Born in Boston to Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols. Married Arthur Asahel Shurtleff (spelled Shurcliff after 1930) in 1905. Had six children, Sidney Nichols Shurcliff, Sarah Parsons Shurcliff (later Ingelfinger), William Asahel Shurcliff, John Perkins Shurcliff, Elizabeth Homer Shurcliff (later Lowell), and Alice Warburton Shurcliff. Was an accomplished carpenter. Shared her father's hobby of hand bell ringing.

**Sources:**

Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols obituary clipping. Nichols family papers, Nichols House Museum.

Marian C. Nichols obituary clipping. *The Boston Herald*, May 2, 1963. Copy in possession of the Nichols House Museum.

Memoir of Arthur Howard Nichols, *Harvard Graduates Magazine*, Mar. 1923. Nichols family papers, Nichols House Museum.

Memoir of Arthur Howard Nichols, unidentified source. Nichols family papers, Nichols House Museum.

“Macdaddy Doodadle...” [article on Arthur Howard Nichols] by B. June Hutchinson, *Notes from the Nichols House Museum*, Volume 5, Issue 2, Fall/Winter 2005.

Arthur Howard Nichols, “Some Descendants of Richard Nichols of Ipswich,” Boston, 1910. Photocopy in the possession of the Nichols House Museum.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The papers of the Nichols family of Boston, Massachusetts, consist of six linear feet of correspondence, diaries, financial records, and printed matter spanning the years 1806-1960, with the majority of the material falling between 1850 and 1960. The primary authors are Arthur Howard Nichols, his daughter Rose Standish Nichols, as well as other members of their family. The collection offers an in-depth look at the personal, financial, and professional lives of the Nichols family.

A significant element of the collection is the correspondence, arranged in Series I. Many of the earliest letters, from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, offer a detailed account of Arthur’s life as a student during the 1850s and 1860s. The late nineteenth and early twentieth century correspondence is also mainly Arthur Howard Nichols,’ though the focus turns to his professional life and other interests. The later correspondence is mostly between the other members of the Nichols family, including Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols and her daughters, Rose Standish Nichols, Marian Clarke Nichols, and Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff. The Nichols family arranged some correspondence by subject (preserved in Subseries B) and Rose Standish Nichols arranged some of her most important correspondence alphabetically (preserved in Subseries C). Rose’s alphabetical correspondence consists of small numbers of letters from activists, politicians, writers, artists, and other distinguished individuals.

The largest segment of the collection is the financial and legal papers, arranged in Series II. The bulk of the series are financial records, particularly those of Arthur Howard Nichols and Rose Standish Nichols. Rose Standish Nichols’ financial records date from 1938-1959 and are detailed and voluminous. Arthur Howard Nichols’ financial papers include both personal and professional records. The professional financial records often include medical information on his patients, offering revealing documentation of the practice of medicine in Boston in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Arthur’s notes on medical cases threatening litigation, which appears in Series III, complement these records.

The diaries and notebooks, arranged in Series III, offer a more personal perspective on the family, particularly Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols. Elizabeth’s two diaries offer two very different windows into her life: one is a detailed girlhood diary written between 1857-1858, while the other she began at the time of her husband’s death in 1923, chronicling her life as a widow. The diaries and notebooks also offer a detailed view of the personal and religious life of Charles Nichols, Arthur Howard Nichols’

great uncle. Other personal documents that add insight into the interests and activities of Arthur Howard Nichols are located in Series V. These include Arthur's medical society programs, dinner club menus, political papers, and passenger lists from his travels to Europe.

While the collection offers a great deal of detailed information on the personal and financial lives of the Nichols family, as well as the professional life of Arthur Howard Nichols, papers documenting the professional life of Rose Standish Nichols are largely absent. Many letters pertain to her activism and her social life, but there is a dearth of material on her career as a garden designer.

### **ACQUISITION NOTE**

An acquisition note explaining the collection's provenance and listing all known accessions follows the box and folder list.

### **SEPARATION REPORT**

Photographs found in the collection were removed to Nichols family photographs (Photo. Coll. 1). Blank postcards found in the collection were removed to the Rose Standish Nichols postcard collection (Postcard Coll. 1).

### **RELATED COLLECTIONS**

Other manuscript collections related to the Nichols family include:

- Arthur Howard Nichols papers, Massachusetts Historical Society.
- Arthur Asahel Shurcliff papers, Massachusetts Historical Society.
- Papers of the Nichols-Shurtleff family, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute.
- [Rose Nichols papers], Historic New England Library and Archives.
- Emerson and Nichols family papers, State Library of Massachusetts.

**OVERVIEW OF ARRANGEMENT**

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
		<b>Series I. Correspondence, 1853-1960</b>
		<b>Subseries A. Chronological, 1853-1959</b>
		Letters that the Nichols family did not organize according to subject or author were arranged into chronological order. Consists mostly of Arthur Howard Nichols letters to his mother, other Nichols family correspondence, and Arthur Howard Nichols professional correspondence.
1	F1	Undated (n.d.) Includes a nineteenth-century letter from Arthur Howard Nichols to Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols; a card to "Aunt Rose" from Carlyle; and a partial letter by Rose Standish Nichols.
1	F2	1853-1859 Letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, and a letter to Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols from Anne Atherton.
1	F3	[1860s] Partial letter from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, and envelopes addressed to Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols.
1	F4	1861 Letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, from Wayland, Mass., where he was helping measure the depths of the Concord River under Henry David Thoreau.
1	F5	1862-1863 Letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, from Europe.
1	F6	1864 (21-23 June) Ten page letter from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from Ghent, Belgium.
1	F7	1864 Letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from various European cities; and one letter from C.M. Jones to Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols.
1	F8	1866 (Sep.) Letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from various European cities.
1	F9	1866 (Oct.-Dec.)

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		Two letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from Vienna, Austria.
1	F10	1867 (Mar.-Apr.) Three letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from Florence, Rome, and Naples, Italy.
1	F11	1867 (June-Sep.) Letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from Austria.
1	F12	1867 (Oct.-Dec.) Two letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from Vienna, Austria; and two letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his uncle, Charles Nichols, written from Vienna, Austria.
1	F13	1868 (Jan.- Apr.) Three letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from Vienna, Austria and Dresden, Germany.
1	F14	1868 (May) Letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, and his uncle, Charles Nichols, written from Berlin, Germany.
1	F15	1868 (June-Sep.) Letters from Arthur Howard Nichols to his mother, Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols, written from various European cities.
1	F16	1875-1887 Includes personal and professional letters from correspondents including: Marian Clarke Nichols to Rose Standish Nichols, Justin Winsor to Arthur Howard Nichols, and G.D. Townshend, M.D., to Arthur Howard Nichols.
1	F17	1890-1892 Includes personal and professional letters of Arthur Howard Nichols. Correspondents include George B. Shattuck and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols.
1	F18	1896-1898 Includes personal and professional letters of Arthur Howard Nichols. Correspondents include the Consulting Board of Danvers Lunatic Asylum, George H. Mellon, and Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff.



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1	F19	1901-1902 Includes personal and professional letters, correspondents include: Arthur Howard Nichols to Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff, Consulting Board of Danvers Lunatic Asylum to Arthur Howard Nichols, and Rose Standish Nichols to Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols.
1	F20	1903-1909 Includes personal and professional letters, correspondents include: [Albert Almon] to Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols to Rose Standish Nichols.
1	F21	1910-1914 Includes personal and professional letters, correspondents include George B. Shattuck to Arthur Howard Nichols, Rose Standish Nichols to Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols, and James DeNormandie to Arthur Howard Nichols.
1	F22	1915-1919 Includes personal and professional letters, correspondents include: Arthur Howard Nichols to Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff, Rose Standish Nichols to Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols, Marian Clarke Nichols to Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff, and Arthur Howard Nichols to the editor of the <i>Boston Transcript</i> .
1	F23	1921-1928 Includes several letters to Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff from her sister, Rose Standish Nichols, and her mother, Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols; also includes a draft of a letter written by Arthur Howard Nichols to "the editor" regarding "peaceful picketing."
1	F24	1930 Includes personal letters to Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff, a personal letter from John Beach to Sarah Shurcliff Ingelfinger; also includes an order confirmation from the Institute of American Genealogy to Rose Standish Nichols.
1	F25	1933-1939 Personal letters to Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff including one from "Uncle Oliver" and two from Rose Standish Nichols. One letter from Rose Standish Nichols addresses the plans for 55 Mount Vernon St. after her death.
2	F1	1940-1945

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		Personal letters between Rose Standish Nichols and her sisters, Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff and Marian Clarke Nichols; includes a letter of 18 Sep. 1940 that addresses donating 55 Mount Vernon St. to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.
2	F2	1946 Ten page letter from Helen Shurtleff to her sister-in-law, Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff. <sup>1</sup>
2	F3	1947-1953 Personal letters including several to Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff from Sidney Homer and Helen Shurtleff and a postcard from Marian Clarke Nichols to Southard Menzel.
2	F4	1953 (Apr.) - 1959 Includes personal letters from Helen Shurtleff to Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff from Europe; two postcards to Rose Standish Nichols; two letters from Rose Standish Nichols to her nephew, William Asahel Shurcliff; and multiple mailings from The Byzantine Institute, Inc.
<b>Series I. Correspondence, 1853-1960</b>		
<b>Subseries B. Subject Files, 1883-1959</b>		
A wide range of subject files containing correspondence and other papers. Arranged by members of the Nichols family.		
2	F5	Arthur Howard Nichols, gifts and bequests of furniture and other objects, 1883-1918, n.d.
2	F6	Vivisection and Dr. H. C. Wood, 1895 Several letters from Arthur Leffingwell to Arthur Howard Nichols with regards to vivisection and the opinions of H.C. Wood, M.D.; also two drafts of letters from Nichols to Wood.
2	F7	Augustus Saint-Gaudens, other artists, and Cornish, NH, 1898-1905 Includes two postcards, a thank you letter from Maxfield Parrish to Rose Standish Nichols, and notes from Augustus Saint-Gaudens to Rose Standish Nichols.
2	F8	Publication of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' letters, 1902, 1907 (1 of 3) Includes letters to Rose Standish Nichols from Homer Saint-Gaudens, an employee of <i>McClure Magazine</i> , and Augusta (Homer) Saint-

<sup>1</sup> Helen Shurtleff was married to Arthur Asahel Shurcliff's brother, Ernest Warburton Shurtleff.

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		Gaudens, concerning the use of letters written by Augustus Saint-Gaudens.
2	F9	Publication of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' letters, 1907 (2 of 3) Includes letters to Rose Standish Nichols from an employee of Houghton Mifflin and Company, Willa Cather, Homer Saint-Gaudens, and Augusta (Homer) Saint-Gaudens, concerning the use of letters written by Augustus Saint-Gaudens; also includes a draft of a letter to Augusta (Homer) Saint-Gaudens from Rose Standish Nichols.
2	F10	Publication of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' letters, 1907-1908 (3 of 3) Includes letters to Rose Standish Nichols from Augusta (Homer) Saint-Gaudens, a copy of a letter to Augusta (Homer) Saint-Gaudens from Rose Standish Nichols, letters between Rose Standish Nichols and Mr. Mackenzie of <i>McClure Magazine</i> , a letter from Willa Cather, and a letter from Rose Standish Nichols to her mother, Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols, all concerning the use of letters written by Augustus Saint-Gaudens. See also Box 2, Folder 20.
2	F11	Arthur Howard Nichols, Leaning Tower of Pisa, 1917-1918 Letters from the Central Museum, Cram and Ferguson (Architects), and <i>The Nation</i> , concerning Arthur Howard Nichols theory about the leaning tower of Pisa.
2	F12	Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA), 55 Mount Vernon St. 1938-1940 Letters between Rose Standish Nichols and Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff concerning the bequest of 55 Mount Vernon Street to SPNEA; also notes on a possible agreement between Rose Standish Nichols and SPNEA. See also Series I.A., Chronological Correspondence, letters from 18 Dec. 1938 and 18 Sep. 1940.
2	F13	Holiday cards, 1950-1959
		<b>Series I. Correspondence, 1853-1960</b> <b>Subseries C. Rose Standish Nichols Alphabetical Correspondence, 1853-1959</b> Rose Standish Nichols organized letters she received from "well-known people" into individual files, preserved here. The files of correspondence from Southard Menzel were added to this series by the collection processors.
2	F14	Addams, Jane

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		Letters from Jane Addams to Rose Standish Nichols, 1915-1922. Subjects include the Woman's Peace Party and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
2	F15	Aguinaldo, Carmen R. Three letters from Carmen R. Aguinaldo to Rose Standish Nichols, 1921.
2	F16	Alice, Princess of Greece One letter written by Alice, Princess of Greece, to Rose Standish Nichols, from the Cosmopolitan Club, New York, New York, n.d.
2	F17	Berenson, Bernard Three copies, and one torn partial copy, of a 1954 letter from Bernard Berenson to Rose Standish Nichols.
2	F18	Bok, Edward Four letters from Edward Bok to Rose Standish Nichols, two from 1911 and two from 1921.
2	F19	Bristol, Mark L. One 1926 letter from Mark L. Bristol to Rose Standish Nichols expressing regret at being unable to accept an invitation.
2	F20	Cather, Willa Letters from Willa Cather to Rose Standish Nichols, 1907-1911. Includes discussion of the publication of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' letters in <i>McClure Magazine</i> . See also Box 2, Folders 8-10.
2	F21	Filene, Edward Letter of introduction written by Edward Filene on Rose Standish Nichols' behalf and addressed to Dr. von Müller, 1929.
3	F1	Gardner, Isabella Stewart One invitation and one manuscript note from Isabella Stewart Gardner to Rose Standish Nichols, n.d.
3	F2	Glasgow, Ellen Three letters from Ellen Glasgow to Rose Standish Nichols dating from 1909 and 1911.
3	F3	Helm, Edith Two letters from Edith Helm, secretary to Eleanor Roosevelt, to Rose Standish Nichols discussing a meeting between Mr. Chauncey Stillman and Eleanor Roosevelt.

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3	F4	Homer, Louise One typed letter from Louise Homer to her cousin, Rose Standish Nichols, 2 Dec. 1926.
3	F5	House, Edward One typed letter from Edward House, advisor to President Woodrow Wilson, to Rose Standish Nichols concerning a paper written by Professor Guerard.
3	F6	Housman, Lawrence One manuscript letter from British writer Lawrence Houseman to Rose Standish Nichols, 11 July 1922.
3	F7	Irene, Princess of Greece One post card from Princess Irene of Greece to Rose Standish Nichols, n.d.
3	F8	Johnston, Mary One manuscript note from the writer, Mary Johnston, to Rose Standish Nichols, 1912.
3	F9	Lodge, Henry Cabot One typed letter from Senator Henry Cabot Lodge (1850-1924) to Rose Standish Nichols regarding a petition concerning Persia, 14 Dec. 1911.
3	F10	Lowell, Amy Three letters from Amy Lowell to Rose Standish Nichols; one letter references a letter written by Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Dates of letters are n.d., 1916, and 1921.
3	F11	Marquand, John P. Two letters from John P. Marquand to Rose Standish Nichols, 1921 and 1951.
3	F12	Masaryk, Jan Five letters from Jan Masaryk, first president of Czechoslovakia, to Rose Standish Nichols dated 1925, 1926 and 1942.
3	F13	Menzel, Southard (1 of 4) Numerous letters from Rose Standish Nichols to Southard Menzel, dating between 1947 and 1958; also included is a letter addressed to Southard Menzel from a travel agent concerning a place on a passenger ship and a business card from a "frequent guest" of Rose Standish Nichols, Mr. Theodoro V. Abueva.

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3	F14	Menzel, Southard (2 of 4) Numerous letters from Rose Standish Nichols to Southard Menzel dating between 1958 and 1959; also includes two letters from the American artist Emil Ahlborn, one to Southard Menzel, and one to Rose Standish Nichols.
3	F15	Menzel, Southard (3 of 4) Numerous letters from Rose Standish Nichols to Southard Menzel dating between 1959 and 1960; also includes a newspaper clipping, enclosed in a 1959 letter, about H. D. Howells.
3	F16	Menzel, Southard (4 of 4) Numerous letters from Rose Standish Nichols to Southard Menzel, n.d.
3	F17	Paul, [J. E. O.] One letter from [J. E. O.] Paul to Rose Standish Nichols, written on stationary from the "American Commission to Negotiate Peace", n.d.
3	F18	Ratcliffe, S. K. Two letters from S. K. Ratcliffe to Rose Standish Nichols, dated 1919 and 1921.
3	F19	Richardson, Robert C., Jr. (1 of 2) Numerous letters from General Robert C. Richardson, Jr. to Rose Standish Nichols, dating from 1948 to 1952.
3	F20	Richardson, Robert C., Jr. (2 of 2) Numerous letters and post cards from General Robert C. Richardson Jr. to Rose Standish Nichols dating from 1952 to 1953.
3	F21	Sarton, George Three letters from George Sarton to Rose Standish Nichols dating from 1928 and 1921.
3	F22	Sinclair, Upton One typed letter from Upton Sinclair to Rose Standish Nichols concerning corrections made by Rose Standish Nichols and her sisters on "Boston," dated 24 Jan. 1928.
3	F23	Sophia, Queen of Greece Manuscript letters from Queen Sophia of Greece to Rose Standish Nichols written from Florence, Italy and dating from 1926 to 1928.
3	F24	Sophia, Queen of Greece Letters from her secretary Angelique J. [Condosdaulos]

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		Manuscript letters from Angelique J. [Condosdaulos], secretary to Queen Sophia of Greece, to Rose Standish Nichols, written from Florence, Italy and "The Royal Palace" dating from 1922, 1926 and 1930.
3	F25	Spender, Harold Four-page, handwritten letter from Harold Spender to Rose Standish Nichols, 23 Jan. 1921.
3	F26	Walsh, David I. One typed letter from Senator David I. Walsh to Rose Standish Nichols, concerning Philip Grosser, 23 Dec. 1919.
3	F27	White, William Allen One typewritten letter from William Allen White, of the <i>Emporia Gazette</i> , to Rose Standish Nichols concerning Woodrow Wilson; also includes a partial <i>Harper's Magazine</i> clipping written by William Allen White.
3	F28	Wilson, Edith B. and Woodrow Five letters to Rose Standish Nichols, one from Woodrow Wilson and four from Edith B. Wilson, three dating from 1919 and two from 1941.
3	F29	Zilboorg, George One manuscript letter from George Zilboorg to Rose Standish Nichols accepting an invitation, written from Chicago, Illinois, 1920.
3	F30	Labels Labels associated with letters in Series I, Subseries C.
		<b>Series I. Correspondence, 1853-1960</b>
		<b>Subseries D. Typescripts</b>
		Typescripts of family correspondence, possibly created by a member of the Nichols family.
3	F31	Clarke-Nichols letters, 1827-1859 Nine typescripts of letters to Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols from her uncle, Reverend Samuel Clarke, her aunt, Sarah Clarke, and her husband, John Perkins Nichols; also includes a typescript copies of Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols' teaching certificates.

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**Series II. Financial and Legal, 1859-1959**

The legal papers in this series mostly pertain to the family's possessions, described for insurance or estate management purposes. Financial papers include records kept by Arthur Howard Nichols, Rose Standish Nichols, and John Perkins Nichols. Arthur Howard Nichols' financial papers include both personal and professional records, and the professional financial records often include medical information on his patients (see Vols. 9-13).

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| 4      | F1 | Arthur Howard Nichols, "Household Outfit, Warren House, 1869-1870"<br><i>Photocopy; original housed in Oversize Box 1</i>  |
| Vol. 1 |    | Arthur Howard Nichols household inventory, 1906<br>"Inventory of Furniture, Rugs, Paintings, Tapestries, etc." Details the contents of 55 Mount Vernon Street and the family home in Cornish, New Hampshire. Also includes a 1923 list of personal property credited to the estate of Arthur Howard Nichols. See also Box 4, Folder 2.             |
| 4      | F2 | Loose papers removed from Vol. 1   |
| 4      | F3 | Two copies of Rose Standish Nichols' birth certificate, 1919 and 1938  |
| 4      | F4 | Elizabeth Fisher Nichols estate appraisal, 1930<br>With manuscript notations, including the initials of Elizabeth's three daughters marked throughout.   |
| 4      | F5 | Rose Standish Nichols household inventory, ca. 1935<br>Manuscript volume by Rose Standish Nichols detailing the contents of 55 Mount Vernon Street and insurance coverage. Also includes a sheet of Fisk family genealogy.   |
| 4      | F6 | John Perkins Nichols daybook, 1859-1891<br>Records incoming credits, arranged chronologically.   |
| Vol. 2 |    | Arthur Howard Nichols professional receipts and personal and family expenditures, Oct. 1870-1879<br>Includes professional receipts, Oct. 1870-1879; brief notes on patients and medical cases; professional accounts; and personal and family expenditures, 1872-1877.   |
| Vol. 3 |    | Arthur Howard Nichols personal and family expenditures, 1878-1883<br>Includes expense tables for 1872-1889; summary of property owned by Nichols and wife Elizabeth, 1883; financial and real estate accounts of John Perkins Nichols, 1880-1883; securities held by estate of Nichols' son, Sidney Homer Nichols, 1881; brief notes on applicants |



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		for houses; accounts of money received apart from professional income, 1879-1882; and an account between Nichols and John Perkins Nichols, 1879. Also includes medical histories for Nichols' patients, 1880-1884, written alongside expenditures for 1883.
4	F7	Arthur Howard Nichols personal and family expenditures, Feb. 1889-1891 Loose daybook pages. (Expenditures for Jan. 1889 are in Vol. 6, p. 124.)
Vol. 4		Arthur Howard Nichols personal and family expenditures, 1892-1898 Includes expenses incurred during a trip to Europe, Apr.-Sep. 1894.
Vol. 5		Arthur Howard Nichols personal and family expenditures, 1899-1901 Includes some credits.
Vol. 6		Arthur Howard Nichols real estate accounts, 1886-1894 Includes estate accounts of John Perkins Nichols, 1891-1892; personal and family expenditures for Jan. 1889; and notes on tenants.
Vol. 7		Arthur Howard Nichols real estate accounts, 1892-1901 Real estate and investment accounts of Nichols and his wife, Elizabeth Fisher Nichols, 1892-1901; also includes estate accounts of John Perkins Nichols, 1891-1895. See also Box 4, Folder 8.
4	F8	Loose papers removed from Vol. 7
Vol. 8		Arthur Howard Nichols real estate accounts, 1900-1907 Real estate accounts of Nichols and his wife, Elizabeth Fisher Nichols, 1900-1907; also includes accounts of the estate formerly of Philip Pierce of Randolph, Mass., 1905-1911.
Vol. 9		Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, 1884-Aug. 1888 Includes records of patients' names, disease, date of treatment, and payments. Indicates that Nichols worked in Rye Beach, New Hampshire, during the summer months. Also includes obstetrics records, 1885-1887; epilation records, 1885; autopsy records, 1885-1886; names and addresses of nurses; and other names and addresses.
Vol. 10		Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, Sep. 1888-1893 Includes records of patients' names, disease, date of treatment, and payments. Includes many records for the West End Street Railway Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad, and the American Casualty Insurance and Securities Company. Also includes records of accidents involving litigation, 1876-1890; records of obstetrics cases, indicating the nationality/race of babies, n.d.; extensive accounts of two autopsies, 1890-1891.

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Vol. 11		Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, 1894-May 1901 Includes records of patients' names, disease, date of treatment, and payments. Includes many records from railway companies; a detailed account of an autopsy; a "typical report of a specialist," 1896; and a copy of a letter to a patient's son.
Vol. 12		Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, June 1901-May 1910 Includes records of patients' names, disease, date of treatment, and payments. Includes many records from railway companies; records of cases of rupture of psoas muscle; and addresses.
Vol. 13		Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, June 1910-1922 Includes records of patients' names, disease, date of treatment, and payments; list of addresses in back of volume.
Vol. 14		Arthur Howard Nichols professional receipts, 1906-1922 Daybook of income.
4	F9	Rose Standish Nichols receipts and financial documents, 1938-1959
4	F10	Rose Standish Nichols financial and tax documents, 1952-1954
4	F11	Rose Standish Nichols financial and tax documents, 1955 (1 of 2)
4	F12	Rose Standish Nichols financial and tax documents, 1955 (2 of 2)
4	F13	Rose Standish Nichols financial and tax documents, 1956
4	F14	Rose Standish Nichols financial and tax documents, 1958-1959
4	F15	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, June 1948
4	F16	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Jan. 1953
4	F17	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Feb. 1953
4	F18	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Mar. 1953
4	F19	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Apr. 1953
4	F20	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, May 1953
4	F21	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, June 1953

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4	F22	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, July 1953
4	F23	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Aug. 1953
4	F24	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Sep. 1953
5	F1	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Oct. 1953
5	F2	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Nov. 1953
5	F3	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Dec. 1953
5	F4	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Jan.-Feb. 1954
5	F5	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Apr. 1954
5	F6	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, May 1954
5	F7	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, June 1954
5	F8	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, July 1954
5	F9	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Aug. 1954
5	F10	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Sep. 1954
5	F11	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Oct. 1954
5	F12	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Nov. 1954
5	F13	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Dec. 1954
5	F14	Rose Standish Nichols deposit slips, 1955 (1 of 2)
5	F15	Rose Standish Nichols deposit slips, 1955 (2 of 2)
5	F16	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Jan. 1955
5	F17	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Feb. 1955
5	F18	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Mar. 1955
5	F19	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Apr. 1955
5	F20	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, May 1955

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
5	F21	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, June 1955
5	F22	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, July 1955
5	F23	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Aug. 1955
5	F24	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Sep. 1955
5	F25	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Oct. 1955
5	F26	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Nov. 1955
5	F27	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Dec. 1955
5	F28	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Feb. 1956
5	F29	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Mar. 1956
6	F1	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Apr. 1956
6	F2	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, May 1956
6	F3	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, June 1956
6	F4	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, July 1956
6	F5	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Aug. 1956
6	F6	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Sep. 1956
6	F7	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Nov. 1956
6	F8	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Jan. 1957
6	F9	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Feb. 1957
6	F10	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Mar. 1957
6	F11	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, May 1957
6	F12	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, June 1957
6	F13	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, July 1957
6	F14	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Aug. 1957

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6	F15	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Sep. 1957
6	F16	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Oct. 1957
6	F17	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Nov. 1957
6	F18	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Dec. 1957
6	F19	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Jan. 1958
6	F20	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Feb. 1958
6	F21	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Mar. 1958
6	F22	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Apr. 1958
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6	F27	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Sep. 1958
8	F1	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Oct. 1958
8	F2	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Nov. 1958
8	F3	Rose Standish Nichols bank statement, Dec. 1958
8	F4	Rose Standish Nichols bank records, 1959
7		Rose Standish Nichols checkbooks, 1955-1959 Empty checkbooks with register information and some deposit records.

### **Series III. Diaries and Notebooks, 1826-1927**

8	F5	[Charles Nichols] notebook, 1826-1827 Notebook containing copies of poetic letters to "Mrs. Damon," signed Grace G. Low and N. S. B.; poetry; a verse dedicated "To my Sister
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		Mrs. S. Damon" signed Charles Nichols, 1827; two poetic passages signed "S. S.," dated 1827 and n.d.
8	F6	Elizabeth Fisher Homer (later Nichols) diary, 1857-1858 Girlhood diary chronicling activities with friends and family, school, lectures, church events, the weather, illnesses, and other topics. Friends mentioned include Rose Standish Whiting; lecturers mentioned include Theodore Parker and Ralph Waldo Emerson.
Vol. 15		Charles Nichols diary, 1861-1866, 1874, 1878 Begins with autobiographical notes. Contains regular entries on activities, religious thoughts, some commentary on the Civil War and current events, his health, travels, and visits with ministers. Entries written from southern Maine, Boston, New Hampshire, and Dighton, Mass. The volume concludes with a religious passage dated 29 May 1874 and a note that he finished reading his journals in 1878. The volume also contains notes by Sarah Shurcliff Ingelfinger and a carte de visite of Nichols taped to the front board [by Ingelfinger].
8	F7	Charles Nichols travel diary, 1862-1883 Primarily an account of a tour of Europe during the spring and summer of 1868. Nichols visits Ireland, England, Belgium, Amsterdam, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Scotland. Includes descriptions of sights, particularly churches, and church services. The volume begins with diary entries from 1862-1865, consisting mostly of religious rhetoric. There is a brief account of his trip to Rome in 1872, which he notes was "a failure," having been "broken up" by his traveling companion. Nichols notes in an 1879 entry that he always wanted to return to Europe a third time, but likely never will. The volume concludes with astronomical calculations and notes on the centennial table, dated 1883; undated notes on votes for the presidential election of 1868; an undated passage entitled "Our Pedegree;" undated notes on trips taken in 1836 and 1863; and a list of deaths occurring between 1836 and 1872.
Vol. 16		Commonplace book and calendar, 1877-1880 Commonplace book likely by C. M. Ide. Two inscriptions indicate Ide wrote from Homberg, Germany and Nice, France, 1877. Writing includes musings on religion, love, grief, poetry, nature, God, and historical events. The author quotes extensively from Shakespeare, the Bible, Hans Christian Anderson, John Milton, Florence Nightengale, Aristotle, Cicero, Francis Bacon, Lord George G. Byron, and others. There are two poems by Ernest W. Shurtleff, <sup>2</sup> one of which is dated

<sup>2</sup> Ernest W. Shurtleff was brother to Arthur Asahel Shurcliff (previously spelled Shurtleff), who married Margaret Homer Nichols.

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		Aug. 1879 with the inscription "prize poem, Boston Latin School / 17 years of age." There is an 1880 calendar pasted in the center of the book with notes detailing travel between Nice and Homburg. The calendar was purportedly kept by Arthur Howard Nichols.
Vol. 17		Charles Nichols notebook, 1880-1885 Notebook dating 1880-1885 with [copied] entries dating as early as 1832. Opens with a brief account of a trip to Europe in 1868 (see also Charles Nichols travel diary, 1862-1883). Also includes numerous handwritten copies of religious tracts and other writings; notes on railroad signals (p. 77); notes on owning wristwatches (p. 104-112); notes on his early religious experiences, dated 1884 (p. 149); and notes on the dedication of the Washington Monument, dated 1885.
8	F8	Arthur Howard Nichols notes on cases threatening litigation, 1880-1883 Notebook containing descriptions of medical cases in which the patient may have cause for litigation (against a streetcar company, for example, not against Dr. Nichols). Notes include patients' names, descriptions of accidents and ailments, follow-up notes from subsequent patient visits, some sketches, and an index.
8	F9	Arthur Howard Nichols diary of a trip to Europe, 1909 Pocket diary of Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols' trip to Europe, 23 July-29 Sep. 1909. Descriptions of activities, sights, people, and lunch/dinner engagements alongside notes on expenses. Many descriptions of bells and bell-related activities in London. Other cities visited were Liverpool, Bath, Bristol, Dover, Bruges, Brussels, Cologne, Berlin, Dresden, Meissen, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Budapest, Munich, Ulm, and Paris.
8	F10	Arthur Howard Nichols copy book, [1922] Contains copies of correspondence dating 1869-1922; copied excerpts from account books dating 1872-1883; notes on dinner club meals; list of wedding gifts; and other notations.
8	F11	Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols diary, 1923-1927 Diary begun at the time of the death of her husband, Arthur Howard Nichols. The third entry describes the circumstances of his death. The diary contains detailed entries on the activities of the author and her family, including time spent in Cornish, New Hampshire. Also includes loose papers removed from volume.

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<b>Series IV. Drawings, 1889-[1899]</b>		
9	F1	Sketch of a chair, n.d. Pencil sketch of a seat and back of a chair, labeled "Homer Chair"; manuscript notes on back. Artist unknown.
9	F2	Two sketches of Maria Vooto, Capri, n.d. Two pencil sketches of a woman; one labeled "Maria Vooto, Capri," other labeled "Maria;" in both works she is seated with her hands folded.
9	F3	Rose Standish Nichols sketchbook, 1889 Inscribed "sketches for etchings." Sketches include houses, barns, landscapes, flowers, figures, and room interiors. The sketches are dated, but not labeled, with the exception of one landscape marked "Windsor."
9	F4	Rose Standish Nichols, sketch of herself in a horse drawn cart, [1899] Pencil sketch of Rose Standish Nichols and companion in a horse-drawn cart; manuscript notes and other sketches on the reverse.
<b>Series V. Miscellany, 1846-1958</b>		
9	F5	Arthur Howard Nichols, "Book Review: An Omission," n.d. Manuscript draft of a book review.
9	F6	[Arthur Howard Nichols], "Spanish Aid to America in the Revolution," n.d. Typescript with manuscript notes in Arthur Howard Nichols' handwriting.
9	F7	Nichols calling cards, n.d. Two cards for "Mrs. Arthur H. Nichols" and "The Misses Nichols;" and one card for Rose Standish Nichols (poor condition).
9	F8	[Rose Standish Nichols], "Strauss Music Taken by RSN," n.d. Two manuscript pages in Rose Standish Nichols' handwriting, listing musical compositions. Labeled on the verso.
9	F9	[Rose Standish Nichols], Notes on Italy/World War II, n.d. Two pages of miscellaneous notes in Rose Standish Nichols' handwriting.
9	F10	Address of an antique tool collector, n.d.



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9	F11	Printed card on Miyoko Kora, n.d. Color print on front; typeset biography of Miyoka Kora, who was involved in the Japanese women's rights movement, inside the card.
9	F12	Samples of Rose Standish Nichols' stationery, n.d. One sheet of personalized notepaper and one personalized postcard.
9	F13	Clock repair contact, n.d. Typed name and address and other information on an index card.
9	F14	Manuscript title page of Margaret Homer (Nichols) Shurcliff's autobiography, n.d.
9	F15	Letter, Una Hawthorne to Charles Atherton, 25 Mar. 1846 Found among family papers. Its association with Nichols family unclear, although a letter to Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols from Anne Atherton appears in Series I. This letter was found with a 1858 publication inscribed to Mrs. Atherton (see Box 10, Folder 9). The author of this letter is too old to be Nathaniel Hawthorne's daughter, Una, as she was born in 1844.
9	F16	Arthur Howard Nichols, medical society programs, 1874-1887
9	F17	Arthur Howard Nichols, political papers, 1878-1880
9	F18	Arthur Howard Nichols, dinner menus, n.d. (1 of 2)
9	F19	Arthur Howard Nichols, dinner menus, 1879-1912 (2 of 2)
9	F20	Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols, passenger lists, 1891-1898 (1 of 3) Passengers lists and other printed material relating to steamer ship voyages taken by the Nichols. Some manuscript notes by Arthur Howard Nichols.
9	F21	Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols, passenger lists, 1901-1905 (2 of 3)
9	F22	Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols, passenger lists, 1909 (3 of 3)
9	F23	Rose Standish Nichols furniture information and receipts, 1906-1926, n.d. (1 of 2) Bills of sale, receipts, letters, and notes pertaining to furniture and other objects Rose purchased.

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9	F24	Rose Standish Nichols furniture information and receipts, 1928-1945 (2 of 2)
9	F25	Rose Standish Nichols papers on publications, 1924-1927 Contracts for <i>Spanish and Portuguese Gardens</i> and <i>Italian Pleasure Gardens</i> , order forms for <i>Spanish and Portuguese Gardens</i> , and publicity/excerpts for <i>Spanish and Portuguese Gardens</i> torn from unknown publications.
9	F26	Rose Standish Nichols notes on Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols' will, [ca. 1929] Manuscript notes on the probate details of the will, and contact information on the petitioner.
9	F27	Greek and French stamps, 1958
<p><b>Series VI. Publications, 1806-1959</b>  <b>Subseries A. Clippings, 1902-1959</b>  Newspaper and magazine clippings found amid the family papers. Clippings relate to Nichols family members, particularly Marian Clarke Nichols.</p>		
9	F28	Clippings, n.d. Includes a poem with manuscript notes, a review of an art show by Polly Thayer (later Starr) featuring her portrait of Rose Standish Nichols; and a newspaper photo of Marian Clarke Nichols.
9	F29	Clippings, 1902-1923 Includes clippings on Rose Standish Nichols' publications and career, a newspaper photo of Arthur Howard Nichols and his Harvard classmates, and an article about Arthur Howard Nichols' love of bells.
9	F30	Clippings, 1925-1939 Includes clippings on Rose Standish Nichols' publications, Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols' death, and Marian Clarke Nichols' activism.
9	F31	Clippings, 1940-1942 Includes clippings on Marian Clarke Nichols' activism, including a long profile with two cartoons.
9	F32	Clippings, 1946-1950

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		Includes clippings on Rose Standish Nichols' publications, Louise Homer's death, Marian Clarke Nichols' activism, and Arthur Howard Nichols expertise on bells.
9	F33	Clippings, 1951-1959 Includes clippings of a letter and an article by Marian Clarke Nichols and a pictorial featuring the weathervane on 55 Mount Vernon Street.
<p><b>Series VI. Publications, 1806-1959</b>  <b>Subseries B. Other Publications, 1806-[1908]</b>  Publications found among the family papers, many with manuscript notations.</p>		
10	F1	Publication on the Battle of Louisbourg, n.d. Missing title page; likely an 18 <sup>th</sup> century publication. Includes loose manuscript notes by Arthur Howard Nichols and others.
10	F2	John P. Nichols, "Advice of an Old Man to All Young Men," n.d. Small broadside card listing eighteen pieces of advice.
10	F3	<i>List of American Genealogies or Family Histories... For Sale by Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, N.Y.</i> , n.d. Two pamphlets with similar titles and slightly variant content.
10	F4	Arthur Howard Nichols, <i>Hygiene-Climate</i> , n.d. Manuscript inscription on front "for Elizabeth Shurcliff Lowell."
10	F5	James Rolfe, <i>The Child's Cheap Spelling-Book</i> (Concord, Mass.: George Hough, 1806). Manuscript inscription inside front cover, "Charles Nichols Book"; found in an envelope labeled by Rose Standish Nichols.
10	F6	Will Whistle, <i>History of the Birds in the Air</i> (New Haven, Conn.: Sidney's Press, 1808). Found in an envelope labeled by Rose Standish Nichols.
10	F7	<i>The Wonderful Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe</i> [abridged] (New Haven, Conn.: Sidney's Press, 1809). Found in an envelope labeled by Rose Standish Nichols.
10	F8	<i>A Catalogue of the Scholars in the Latin Grammar School in Boston</i> (Boston: John Wilson and Son, 1853, 1854, 1856, 1857). Four publications, with manuscript notes by Arthur Howard Nichols.
10	F9	Christopher T. Thayer, <i>A Valedictory Discourse Delivered in the First</i>

Box	Folder	Contents
		<p><i>Church, Beverly, July 4, 1858</i> (Boston: Crosby, Nichols, and Company, 1858).</p> <p>Manuscript inscription on front, "Mrs. Atherton with the affectionate regards of C. T. Thayer." Found among family papers. Its association with Nichols family unclear, although a letter to Mary Ann (Clarke) Nichols from Anne Atherton appears in Series I. This publication was found with a letter from Una Hawthorne to Charles Atherton, 25 Mar. 1846 (see Box 9, Folder 15).</p>
10	F10	<p>Arthur Howard Nichols publications, 1864-1924</p> <p>Folder of clippings and other printed matter related to Arthur Howard Nichols, and so labeled in the handwriting of Arthur Howard Nichols or Rose Standish Nichols. Includes letters to the editor written by Nichols and memoir essays after his death.</p>
10	F11	<p><i>Catalogue of New England Town Histories, Genealogies, etc., Offered at the Low Prices Affixed, by Geo. D. Morse, Merrimack Street, Haverhill, Mass.</i> (1883).</p>
10	F12	<p>Ernest Warburton Shurtleff, <i>The Shadow of the Angel</i> (London: Elliot Stock, [ca. 1908]).<sup>3</sup></p>

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## **ACQUISITION NOTE**

The Nichols House Museum acquired this collection through a combination of Rose Standish Nichols' 1960 bequest and subsequent gifts by her family and friends. However, information on the gift accessions was incomplete and the collection processor was unable to rely on this information when preparing the manuscripts for processing and formulating an arrangement of the collection. Therefore, all of the manuscript material found in the Nichols House Museum in the fall of 2007 was merged into a single collection, unified by the common Nichols family provenance, and arranged with as much respect to original order as possible.

The acquisition information we *do* have on the collection is presented below, arranged by series.

### **Series I. Correspondence** **Subseries A. Chronological**

Arthur Howard Nichols to Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols, [12 Sep., year unknown]. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols [1860s], [incomplete letter]. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Francis Gardner to Arthur Howard Nichols, 20 June 1862. Gift of Sarah Shurcliff Ingelfinger, n.d.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols, 9 Oct. 1863. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, n.d.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols, 11 Oct. 1863. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols, 15 Oct. 1863. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, n.d.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols, 30 Oct. 1863. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols 22 Nov. 1863 [incomplete]. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols, 21-23 Jun 1864. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, n.d.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols, 1 Jul 1864. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

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Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols, 12 Jul 1864. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Edward E. Hale to Arthur Howard Nichols, [8 May 1875]. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Marian Clarke Nichols to Rose Standish Nichols with a small pencil sketch, 3 Jun 1881. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Arthur Howard Nichols to Mary Ann Nichols, 17 Aug. 1885. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

“Uncle Tom” to Rose Standish Nichols from 6 Sep. 1885. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

George D. Townshend to Arthur Howard Nichols, 26 Feb. 1886. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Justin Winsor to Arthur Howard Nichols, 31 Mar. 1886. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Justin Winsor to Arthur Howard Nichols, 3 Apr. 1886. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Anna P. Jackson to Arthur Howard Nichols, 12 Apr. 1887. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

George B. Shattuck to Arthur Howard Nichols, 19 May 1890. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Arthur Howard Nichols to unknown correspondent, 22 May 1890. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

George B. Shattuck to Arthur Howard Nichols, 10 Jun 1890. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Empty envelope to Arthur Howard Nichols, postmarked 10 Jun 1890. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Lloyd McKim Garrison to Arthur Howard Nichols, 22 Jun 1890. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Lloyd McKim Garrison to Arthur Howard Nichols, 24 Jun 1890. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

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William R. Thayer to Arthur Howard Nichols, 29 Feb. 1896. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

“Consulting Board of Physicians of the Danvers Hospital” 1897. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Hasket Derby to Arthur Howard Nichols, 6 Oct. 1897. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

James [Dorcey] to Arthur Howard Nichols 15 Oct. 1897. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Hasket Derby, Consulting Board of Physicians of the Danvers Hospital, to Arthur Howard Nichols, 31 Jan. 1902. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Charles Francis Adams to Arthur Howard Nichols, 22 Apr. 1902. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Albert Almon to Arthur Howard Nichols, 3 Feb. 1903. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Albert Almon to Arthur Howard Nichols, 24 Feb. 1903. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Arthur Howard Nichols and Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols to Rose Standish Nichols, 14 Feb. 1908. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols to Rose Standish Nichols, 21 Jan. 1908. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols to Rose Standish Nichols with order acknowledgement from Sutton & Sons, 18 Feb. 1909. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

George B. Shattuck to Arthur Howard Nichols, 7 Apr. 1910. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Walter L. Burrage to Arthur Howard Nichols, 1 Feb. 1911. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

William R. Thayer to Arthur Howard Nichols, 30 Jun 1912. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

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James De Normandie to Arthur Howard Nichols, 16 Mar. 1914. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

James De Normandie to Arthur Howard Nichols, 25 May 1914. Two letters. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

C. K. Bolton to Arthur Howard Nichols, 28 Jan. 1915. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Arthur Howard Nichols to the Editor of the Transcript [draft], 12 Aug. 1918. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Arthur Howard Nichols, Letter to the Editor "Peaceful Picketing" 1921. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

M. R. Ferris, Institute of American Genealogy to Marian Clarke Nichols, 7 July 1930, with enclosures. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Marian Clarke Nichols to Rose Standish Nichols, 2 Oct. [1941]. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Rose Standish Nichols to Marian Clarke Nichols, 3 Oct. 1941. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Rose Standish Nichols to Marian Clarke Nichols, 6 Oct. 1941. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Rose Standish Nichols to Marian Clarke Nichols, 18 Oct. 1941. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

**Series I. Correspondence**

**Subseries A. Subject Files**

Folder, "Arthur Howard Nichols, gifts and bequests of furniture and other objects, 1883-1918, n.d." Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Folder, "Vivisection and Dr. H. C. Wood, 1895." Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Folder, "Arthur Howard Nichols, Leaning Tower of Pisa, 1917-1918." Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.



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**Series I. Correspondence**

**Subseries A. Rose Standish Nichols Alphabetical Files**

Folders, "Menzel, Southard." Believed to be a gift of Southard Menzel or his family, n.d.

**Series I. Correspondence**

**Subseries A. Typescripts**

Folder, "Clarke-Nichols Letters, 1827-1859." Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

**Series II. Financial and Legal Papers**

Vol. 2, Arthur Howard Nichols professional receipts and personal and family expenditures, Oct. 1870-1879. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 3, Arthur Howard Nichols personal and family expenditures, 1878-1883. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Arthur Howard Nichols personal and family expenditures (loose daybook pages), Feb. 1889-1891. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 4, Arthur Howard Nichols personal and family expenditures, 1892-1898. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 5, Arthur Howard Nichols personal and family expenditures, 1899-1901. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 6, Arthur Howard Nichols real estate accounts, 1886-1894. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 7, Arthur Howard Nichols real estate accounts, 1892-1901. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 8, Arthur Howard Nichols real estate accounts, 1900-1907. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 9, Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, 1884-Aug. 1888. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

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Vol. 10, Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, Sep. 1888-1893.  
Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 11, Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, 1894-May 1901.  
Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 12, Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, June 1901-May  
1910. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Vol. 13, Arthur Howard Nichols physician's daybook and journal, June 1910-1922.  
Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

**Series III. Diaries and Notebooks**

[Charles Nichols] notebook, 1826-1827. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

Charles Nichols diary, 1861-1866, 1874, 1878. Likely a gift of Sarah Shurcliff  
Ingelfinger, as her notations are included, n.d.

Commonplace book/Calendar, 1877-1880. Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28  
August 2007.

Elizabeth Fisher (Homer) Nichols diary, 1923-1927. Gift of Elizabeth Shurcliff  
Lowell, 15 March 2006.

**Series IV. Drawings**

Rose Standish Nichols sketchbook, 1889. Rose Standish Nichols sketchbook, 1889.  
Gift of Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, 28 August 2007.

Rose Standish Nichols, sketch of herself in a horse drawn cart, [1899]. Gift of  
George Taloumis, 2 November 1993.

**Series V. Miscellany**

Arthur Howard Nichols, "Book Review: An Omission," n.d. Gift of Arthur Asahel  
Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

[Arthur Howard Nichols], "Spanish Aid to America in the Revolution," n.d. Gift of  
Arthur Asahel Shurcliff II, ca. 2006.

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