

## GUIDE TO THE NEGUS FAMILY PAPERS

The Negus family of Petersham, Mass., can be traced to William and Persis Maynard Negus who moved there from Worcester, Mass. Their grandson, Joel Negus (1765-1816), was a sign and decorative painter, a land surveyor, and held numerous town offices. He and his wife, Basmath Gould Negus (1771-1846), had eleven children, three of whom are mentioned below. Both Nathan Negus and his sister, Caroline Negus Hildreth, had notable careers as artists and illustrators.

The collection includes letters and journals of Joel Negus (1765-1816); letters of his son Joseph (1797-1823); letters and a journal of his son Nathan (1801-1825); letters of his daughter, Caroline Negus Hildreth (1814-1867), and a few letters of other members of his family. There are also biographical sketches written family by descendants.

Folder 1	“History of the Negus Family” by Mary W. Fuller	(1 item)
2	Joel Negus Papers: “Paint Receipts” – 2 notebooks	(5 items)
3	Joel Negus Papers: Correspondence, 1808-1810 (re: Patent Painting)	(8 items)
4	Joseph Negus Papers: Correspondence – n.d. 1810-1821	(13 items)
5	Nathan Negus Papers: Correspondence – n.d. 1815-1819	(15 items)
6	Nathan Negus Papers: Correspondence – 1820-1823	(16 items)
7	Nathan Negus Papers: Correspondence – 1815-1823	(20 items)
8	Nathan Negus Papers: Notebook, Portraits	(4 items)
9	Nathan Negus Papers: “Nathan Negus, an American Painter” by Mary W. Fuller	(3 copies)
10	Caroline Negus Hildreth: Correspondence & miscellaneous	(15 items)
11	Caroline Negus Hildreth: “A Woman Deerfield Should Remember” by Mary W. Fuller	(1 item)
12	Miscellaneous correspondence	(6 items)
13	Fragments of letters	
14	Genealogy	(10 items)
15	Correspondence re: microfilming of collection	(15 items)
16	Miscellaneous	(11 items)

*Memorial of Mrs. Mary A. Marcy (1878)*

### See also:

Fuller-Higginson Papers, Box 5 folders 1-3A, and Box 7 folder 2 for papers of Fanny Negus Fuller.

Fuller-Higginson Papers, Box 7 folder 4, for additional correspondence by Caroline Negus Hildreth.

Miscellaneous Personal Papers – Hall - Howland for additional information on Richard Hildreth, husband of Caroline Negus Hildreth.