

Parker Family Papers PVMA Library

Scope and Content Note:

Alpheus Brown Parker was born in Whitingham, Windham County, Vermont, July 20, 1841. He was the son of Flavil and Alma C. Parker. He married **Augusta Shearer**, daughter of Charles and Sophronia Miner Shearer on Oct. 22, 1866. The wedding has been listed as either Colrain, Mass., or Buckland/Shelburne Falls, Mass. She was born in Colrain in 1843, and died 1909 in Erving, Mass. Alpheus served in the 10th. Massachusetts Regiment, and was discharged for wounds received at Fredericksburg, Va., in 1863. He apparently worked as machinist at the Millers Falls Company; he may have also had his own shop. The couple had 2 children, mentioned below.

Alpheus' papers consist of a folder of correspondence, and a folder of programs, cards, invitations, a record book, etc. Augusta's papers contain letters to her, and letters addressed to her and her husband, along with a postcard and a recipe.

Mary A. Parker was born July 12, 1868; died in Erving, Mass., July 26, 1893. She never married. Her papers contain letters, religious pamphlets and a dance card.

Cornelius A. Parker was born July 23, 1870, in Greenfield, Mass., and died Dec. 7, 1949, in Williamstown, Vermont. He married Grace Linwood Coolidge on August 29, 1894, in Erving, Mass. Cornelius worked with his father in his machine shop, and later taught in Newfane, Vermont. The couple made their home for a time in Whitingham, Vermont.

His papers include school exercise booklets, teacher booklets, letters, programs, poetry, and miscellany. One essay describes his school's visit to Memorial Hall in January 1884 which is mentioned in his diary. The students traveled by sleigh and were met by George Sheldon. He has 14 volumes of diaries kept separate from his papers in the Diary Collection.

Container list:

Box 1

Folder 1: Correspondence of Alpheus Parker, 1860-1921, n.d.- 58 items

Folder 2: Miscellany of Alpheus, 1880-1917- 17 items

Folder 3: Correspondence of Augusta and Alpheus, 1888-1908, n.d.- 16 items

Folder 4: Correspondence and pamphlets of Mary, 1883-1893- 42 items

Box 2:

- Folder 1: School exercise booklets, teacher booklets, letter, programs, clipping, and ephemera, belonging to Cornelius Parker, 1884-1922, n.d.- 50 items
- Folder 2: Letter to Francis Coolidge, from his daughter, Grace C. Parker, 1916- 1 item
- Folder 3: Registry Receipt of F. Shearer, [relative of Augusta S. Parker] 1884- 1 item
- Folder 4: School items of Francis A. Parker, [son of Cornelius and Grace] 1909, n.d.- 3 items
- Folder 5: Written obituary and note of Joshua Parker, n.d.- 2 items
- Folder 6: Poetry, printed, typed and hand-written, n.d.- 17 items
- Folder 7: Financial items: receipt, ledger pages, and bill, 1803, 1863, 1880- 5 items
- Folder 8: Miscellaney and partial letters, 1915-1917, n.d.- 9 items