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Scope of the  
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The New Hampshire Historical Society purchased the Dana/Bartley papers on \_\_\_??\_\_. The collection (approximately 109 documents) is arranged chronologically and consists of one document box, separated into six folders. The documents are chiefly family correspondence, most of which are to Susan Dana (later Mrs. Susan Bartley), daughter of Reverend Daniel Dana. The content of the letters is general family information: news, health, ordinary chat, and condolences for family deaths.

- Folder 1, 1797–1826: Among the earliest letters in the collection is an account by Sarah Dana (Daniel Dana's sister) of her travels to New York City and Washington D.C. just before the War of 1812. Thereafter, most correspondence in this folder is to Susan Dana who is living with relatives or friends after the death of her mother, Daniel Dana's second wife. Dana's letters to his daughter reveal the strain Susan feels of being separated from her father. Her aunt Sarah, now married to Israel Thorndike, oversees her welfare regarding schooling, "domestic concerns," expenditures, and clothing. Little light is shed on Rev. Daniel Dana's resignation from his duties as president of Dartmouth College or on his subsequent trip to Ohio to recoup his health, while his children remain in New England.
- Folder 2, 1826–1828: Sarah Thorndike begins to relinquish her responsibilities for Susan who, now in her late teens, is living with her father and taking care of household duties. The first correspondence of J.M.C. Bartley in this collection are notebook entries that disclose struggles with religious spirituality and bouts of melancholia. During his studies at the Andover (MA) Theological Seminary, he writes infrequently, and often apologetically for the lapses in his correspondence, to his mother Maria in Derry, NH.
- Folder 3, 1829–1831: J.M.C. Bartley proposes to his first wife Mary Ann Morrison. He continues some correspondence from Andover, MA with his mother Maria. In his letters he ponders where he will work after leaving Andover and considers the West. He moves to various Massachusetts towns until finally taking a position in Orleans, MA.
- Folder 4, 1832–1837: J.M.C. Bartley's letters to his mother divulge that he is rather unhappy in Orleans, MA, and is concerned about his wife's health. There is a gap in correspondence during which it is presumed his wife dies. He begins writing to Susan Dana and proposes marriage to her with Rev. Daniel Dana's approval (who had recently ordained Bartley as minister in Hampstead, NH). Susan seems reticent at first, but they are married in February, 1837.
- Folder 5, 1838–1850: The bulk of the correspondence in this folder is to Mrs. Susan Bartley about family news, illnesses, and deaths. Letters of condolence from various family members after the death of their daughter Mary Ann. Bartley travels to Philadelphia and Richmond, Virginia, and comments on the food and beauty of the cities. He attends a church service in New York where Daniel Webster is also in attendance. Susan's brother Daniel writes of their aunt Sarah Thorndike's death and her help in relieving their father's anxieties after the death of their mother. Daniel's letters also contain

commentary about lectures he has attended in New York City by notables such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Richard Dana.

Folder 6, 1852–1913: Susan and J.M.C. Bartley's youngest son, John, dies at age 4. Bartley shows concern for the welfare of another son Joseph who is attending school in Massachusetts. He cautions Joseph about traveling between home and school especially around the Fourth of July holiday. There is no information about Bartley's dismissal from the Hampstead, NH, pastorate. In a final letter to his daughter "Sue," J.M.C. Bartley, now in Kittery Point, Maine, writes that he is uncomfortable with the December cold and snow, but adds that it is "good sleighing." Letters of condolence to Susan at his death. A cryptic 1863 letter from Susan's brother William Coombs Dana in South Carolina contains two poems with indications on the last page that it may have been censored during the Civil War.

This folder also contains postcards dating from the mid-1880s to the turn of the century and miscellaneous correspondence without dates.

## Inventory of Correspondence

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#### Correspondence:

Edward Cabot to Rev. Joseph Dana; December 1797

#### Family correspondence:

Sarah Dana to Miss Abigail Dana, November 1811

Sarah Dana to Rev. Joseph Dana, November 1811

Susan Dana to Miss Jane Dana, July 1819

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Rev. Daniel Dana, July 1819

Daniel Dana to Jane Dana, June 1821

#### Correspondence to Susan Dana:

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, April 1821

William C. Dana to Susan Dana, May 1821

Anna Dana to Susan Dana, May 1821

Daniel Dana to Susan Dana, August 1821

Daniel Dana to Susan Dana, October, 1821

J. Dana to Susan Dana, July 1822

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, August 1822

Daniel Dana to Susan Dana, October 1822

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, August 1823

Daniel Dana to Susan Dana, October 1823

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, November 1823

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, May 1824

Daniel Dana to Susan Dana, August 1824

Daniel Dana to Susan Dana, October 1824

Daniel Dana to Susan Dana, April 1825

#### Miscellaneous:

William C. Dana, Spring 1826

### Box 1, Folder 2, 1826-1828

#### Family correspondence:

J(oseph) Dana to William C(oombs) Dana, December 1826

#### Correspondence to Susan Dana:

Daniel Dana to Susan Dana, July 1826

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, December 1826

J(oseph) Dana to Susan Dana, September 1827

Aunt P.? to Susan Dana, April 1828

Correspondence to Mrs. Maria Bartley:

J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, July 1827  
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J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, December 1827  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, March 1828  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, November 1828

Miscellaneous note pages by J.M.C. Bartley, October 1826–June 1827

**Box 1, Folder 3, 1829–1831**

Correspondence to Mrs. Maria Bartley:

J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, August 1829  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, November 1829  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, January 1830  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, March 1830  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, June 1830  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, October 1831

Correspondence to Susan Dana:

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, February 1831

Family correspondence:

Anna Dana to Jane Dana, July 1830  
Mary (Dana) Anderson to Rev. Daniel Dana, July 1831  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mary Ann Morrison, June 1829  
J.M.C. Bartley to Nancy B(artley) Jackson, April 1830  
J.M.C. Bartley to Esther Bartley, November 1830  
M.A. Morrison to J.M.C. Bartley, May 1831

**Box 1, Folder 4, 1832–1837**

Correspondence to Mrs. Maria Bartley:

J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, February 1832  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, May 1832  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Maria Bartley, April 1833  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Marie Bartley, May 1833  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Marie Bartley, November 1833

Correspondence to Susan Dana:

Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, September 1832  
Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana, March 1833  
Anna Dana to Susan Dana, October 1834  
Daniel Dana Jr. to Susan Dana, August 1836  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Dana, September 9, 1836

Correspondence to Susan Dana (*continued*)

J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Dana, September 16, 1836  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Dana October 1, 1836  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Dana, October 18, 1836  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Dana, October 29, 1836  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Dana, December 14, 1836  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Dana, December 29, 1836  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Dana, January 23, 1837  
Daniel Dana, Jr. to Susan (Dana) Bartley, February 1837

Family correspondence:

Rev. Daniel Dana to Daniel Dana Jr., March 1837

**Box 1, Folder 5, 1838-1850**

Correspondence to Susan (Dana) Bartley:

Sarah McGuire to Susan Bartley, January 1838  
Elizabeth Dana & Rev. Daniel Dana to Susan Bartley, April 1838  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Bartley, May 1839  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Bartley, May 1841  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Bartley, May 1841  
Daniel Dana, Jr. to Susan Bartley, December, 1842  
Daniel Dana, Jr. to Mrs. Susan Bartley, April 1845  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Susan Bartley, May 1847  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Susan Bartley, May 1847  
Anna Dana to Mrs. Susan Bartley, April 1850

Family correspondence:

Mary (?) to Mrs. E(sther) B(artley) Whitman, November 1840  
Samuel Miller to J.M.C. Bartley, April 1842  
Samuel Miller to Rev. J.M.C. Bartley, March 1848  
Mary E. Bartley to J.M.C. Bartley, March 1850  
Robert McGuire(?) to J.M.C. Bartley, April 1850  
W.W. Edy (?) to Dr. J.M.C. Bartley, April 1850  
Robert Bartley to Rev. J.M.C. Bartley, April 1850  
M.E. Bartley to Rev. J.M.C. Bartley, May 1850  
Robert McGuire (?) to Rev. J.M.C. Bartley, June 1850  
J.M.C. Bartley to Joseph D. Bartley, June 1850  
Mary Jane Andrews to the Bartleys, July 1850

Miscellaneous

Program for the "*Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Dr. Dana*" at the First Presbyterian Church (Newburyport, MA) November 19, 1844

Poem written by "D" in memory of the death of Samuel Dana who died at sea in 1837.  
February 23, 1846

**Box 1, Folder 6, 1852–1913 & No Date**

Family correspondence:

J.M.C. Bartley to Joseph D. Bartley, June 1852  
J.M.C. Bartley to Joseph D. Bartley, November 1852  
J.M.C. Bartley to Joseph D. Bartley, January 1853  
Elizabeth (Tappan?) to Mrs. Susan Bartley, June 1854  
Anna (?) to Mrs. Susan Bartley, June 1854  
J.M.C. Bartley to Susan Bartley, December 1859  
Aunt Dana (?) to Susan Bartley, July 1860  
Samuel Dana to Susan Bartley, February 1861  
E. Hartman to Mr. & Mrs. Bartley, January 1865

Miscellaneous

W.C. Dana: letter containing two poems (censored?) November 1863  
Postcards (7) Various dates, 1875–1913

Correspondence with no date:

S. Thorndike to Miss Susan Dana, October 18??  
Susan (Dana) to Jane Dana, August 18??  
"Aunt Elizabeth" to Mrs. Bartley, May 184?  
E.D. to Reverend Daniel Dana, n.d.  
Anna Dana to Miss Jane Dana, n.d.  
J.M.C. Bartley to Mrs. Susan Bartley, n.d.  
"Father" to Joseph Dana Bartley, n.d.

## Brief Summary of Correspondence and Papers

### Box 1, Folder 1, 1797–1826

*Edward Cabot (Cambridge, MA) to Rev. Joseph Dana (Ipswich, MA) December 28, 1797*

Thanks Reverend Dana and his family for the thoughtfulness during his stay at their home.

*Sarah Dana (Washington, DC) to Miss Abigail Dana (Marblehead, MA) November 1 & 2, 1811*

Describes her journey to Washington through Hartford CT, New York City, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. Notes the construction of New York City Hall. Disappointed in how Washington DC appears. Leaves a calling card with "Mrs. Madison." Relates that "fever" is in Washington as in Ipswich, MA.

*Sarah Dana (Washington, DC) to Rev. Joseph Dana (Ipswich, MA) November 5, 1811*

Writes that she visited Alexander Hamilton's tomb in Christ's Church yard in New York City and visited the monument where Hamilton fell in New Jersey. Heard the President's "warlike" message. (War of 1812?)

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Boston) to Rev. Daniel Dana and Susan Dana to Miss Jane Dana July 9, 1819*

Two letters:

Sarah writes to her brother Daniel. Sarah's niece Susan (age 11), staying with Sarah, writes to her sister, Jane.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Boston, MA) to Susan Dana (c/o Capt. E. Wheelwright, Newburyport, MA)*

April 28, 1821

Admonishes her niece to be sensible in her conduct and invites her to Boston for two weeks in May. Says it would be safe for Susan to come by stage if she knows the driver. Heard news of her brother Daniel's resignation of his office (as President of Dartmouth). Asks Susan to write what she hears from Hanover (Dartmouth College). Sarah expresses anxiety about Mary (Susan's older sister), but feels it will be the best thing for Mary to think and act for herself.

*Anna Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Susan Dana (c/o Ebenezer Wheelwright, Newbury, MA)*

*William C. Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Susan Dana May 11, 1821*

Two letters:

Aunt Anna sends her regards to her niece, Susan.

William (staying with his aunt Anna) writes his sister that their father, Daniel Dana, has journeyed to Ohio. Also relates that a Trustees of Dartmouth College said that the Board did not have the power to dismiss a President (their father) until the annual meeting in August. William hopes by that time "Pa" will be better so that he can discharge the duties of the office.

*Daniel Dana (Andover, MA) to Jane Dana (Hanover, NH) June 17, 1821*

Informs his daughter that he will be in Hanover by Saturday, but is first stopping in Londonderry, NH for a few days. Hopes that his presence in Hanover "will meet in peace!"

*Daniel Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) August 28, 1821*

Apologizes to his daughter for his neglect in writing her these past months. He will have her uncle Wheelwright see that she is brought to him, and then he will take her home in his chaise.

*Daniel Dana to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) October 13, 1821*

Expresses concern to his daughter that she has incurred some debts and sends her money to discharge them with confidence in her "frugality." Writes that he cannot visit because he is visiting "Mr. Adams" in Dorchester/Boston who is "very low" and feels may soon die.



*J(oseph) Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Susan Dana (c/o Ebenezer Wheelwright, Newburyport, MA) July 15, 1822*  
Sends his regards and affections to his granddaughter and says he is glad of her progress. Adds to embrace any good opportunities that come from Hanover.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike to Susan Dana (c/o Ebenezer Wheelwright, Newburyport, MA)*  
August 16, 1822  
Awaits Susan's arrival by stage and says her cousins will be there also. Says to bring an account of her expenses—both hours and schooling.

*Daniel Dana (Londonderry, NH) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) October 5, 1822*  
Explains to his daughter that the letter is hurried but he still expresses his affection. Has visited his son William—her brother—but acknowledges he has not yet visited her, "so long absent and so much beloved."

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Beverly, MA) to Susan Dana (c/o Rev. D. Kellogg, Framingham, MA) August 31 and September 1, 1823*  
Writes that since Susan is well situated now, she should take lessons in "domestic concerns." Admonishes Susan to be as little trouble as possible to the Kelloggs. Relays advice about sewing and being neat with clothing—"leaving things in their places." Says she will inquire into all these things and look about "sharply" when she visits Susan soon. Asks her to give an account of what she does each day; says it should include reading a chapter from the Bible. Requests that Susan's financial account be "neat and exact" and instructs her to have the Kelloggs forward their bill. Expresses satisfaction that Susan is improving.

*Daniel Dana (Londonderry, NH) to Susan Dana (c/o Thorndike, Boston, MA) October 8, 1823*  
Writes his daughter that he is gratified that she longs for home and to return to her father's house. Mentions a woman in his parish who lost her husband, leaving six children fatherless, and expresses how lucky his own children are.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Boston, MA) to Susan Dana (c/o Kellogg, Framingham, MA) November 13, 1823*  
Expresses happiness that Susan is staying with the Kelloggs through the winter. Wants to ensure that Susan has enough clothes. Invites her to visit so a seamstress can make her winter gowns, etc. Requests Susan bring her bills, expenses, but not a lot of baggage. Instructs her to spend the day putting things in order.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Boston, MA) to Susan Dana (c/o Kellogg, Framingham, MA) May 27, 1824*  
Requests quarterly bills from W. Kellogg. Encloses \$40 to pay bills, and instructs Susan to get receipts and send any other accounts. Advises Susan that this is the best time of life to acquire knowledge that will provide ever-present principles for action. Compares Susan's writing and conversation abilities with Susan's cousin.

*Daniel Dana (Londonderry, NH) to Susan Dana (Framingham, MA) August 28, 1824*  
Writes his daughter that he will see her in September when she comes to stay with him. Mentions that Mary (Susan's older sister) has punctured her foot with a nail.

*Daniel Dana (Londonderry, NH) to Susan Dana (c/o Thorndike, Boston, MA) October 21, 1824*  
Relates the stage's schedule to Londonderry—sets her arrival time and confirms that he will go to the village to receive her.

*Daniel Dana (Londonderry, NH) to Susan Dana (c/o Hon. L. Thorndike, Boston, MA) April 16, 1825*  
Writes that he has delayed writing because of the state of "poor Jane" (Susan's sister). Feels there is no imminent danger and physician believes Jane will recover fully after a period of confinement.

*William C(oombs) Dana Spring, 1826*  
One-page statement that he is joining the Church of Christ after realizing his neglect of Christ would lead to "sin and danger."

## Box 1, Folder 2, 1826–1828

*J.M. Bartley* Pages from a small notebook; (titled "Reflections")

October 5, 1826

Writes how he was transformed by sin and has lost his spirit and interest in religion.

October 6, 1826

Requests to "put Thy spirit within me" again. Wants to embrace his Saviour. "O let me come, and unite my soul with thine."

Hopes for increased "religious excitement" in revival meetings. Writes that the meetings are well attended and people seem "serious and solemn."

October 7, 1826

Confesses he is in a melancholic state. "No divine light has yet reached my dark and benighted soul."

October 8, 1826

Attends meeting and fulfills duties and obligations to baptize children and youth. He carries out ceremonies in "clean, interesting, and solemn manner."

October 9, 1826

"The light of God's countenance does not beam upon me." Asks the Lord to send him quick relief. Believes sin has rendered him weak and is responsible for his spiritual darkness.

October 10, 1826

Feels some hope of spiritual enjoyment.

November 30, 1826

After weeks of darkness, the Lord has "smiled" upon him. Feels a sense of goodness of God.

June 25, 1827

Feels his soul has been refreshed and God has been good to him.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Boston, MA) to Susan Dana (c/o Rev. Daniel Dana, Newburyport, MA) July 1, 1826*

Instructs Susan to write to her cousin Elizabeth Thorndike (Sarah's daughter) as consolation for Mr. Thorndike's being away for a month. Inquires about Susan's health. Relates that they have tried to get to their summer home in Beverly without success and bemoans that the rest of Boston's society has migrated as usual to Nahant and Beverly. Encloses cloth for gown. Says that the Kelloggs (Framingham, MA) have inquired about her.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Boston, MA) to Susan Dana (c/o Daniel Dana, Newburyport, MA) December 1, 1826*

Writes that on Thanksgiving day she and her family felt Susan's absence, but realizes that Susan must be "useful" at home (to her father) now that Mary is gone (Susan's sister). Remarks how delightful it must be to do duty and contribute to the comforts and happiness of those around. Relates that she is happy, Jane is doing well, and is glad to hear that William (Susan's brother) is employed at \$25 a month and is not idle. Writes that Henrietta (Susan's cousin) was there to visit from Dover, MA. They seated 28 at the Thanksgiving table. Encloses a "bundle" of cloth and material for Susan's sister Jane with the letter. Chats about various family members. Requests that Susan's sister Mary come to visit as a companion, rather than Susan who will be needed at home. "Mary has been confined very much for a long time."

*J(oseph) Dana (Ipswich, MA) to William C. Dana (c/o Daniel Dana, Newburyport, MA) December 22, 1826*

Conveys appreciation that William visited his (Joseph's) brother who is feeble and declining in health – death is near at hand. marvels that it must have been a long walk for William. Wants to be remembered to William's father (his son), William's sisters (Mary, Jane, and Susan) with affection. Wonders about Jane's health. Invites William to visit.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Mrs. Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH) July 1827*

Urges his mother not to worry about his health; he boards with a pleasant family near the Seminary. Reassures her with accounts of his daily activities to "relieve her mind from any fearful apprehensions" that she may have had since he resumed his studies at the Andover Theological Seminary.

*J. Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Susan Dana (Dover?)* September 27, 1827

Writes his granddaughter that he has little to tell her about her father's family, but that her father (Rev. Daniel Dana) is in good health. Tells her that her aunt Abigail has been visiting her other aunt Sarah (Dana) Thorndike. Adds that her brother Daniel sends his regards.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Derry, NH)* November 21, 1827

Writes his mother that he is comfortable and happy in his surroundings. Explains that he is compelled to serve God.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Derry, NH)* December 16, 1827

Apologizes to his mother for not visiting because of his studies, and tells her not to worry about his health. Advises that she should look for a "reward" from another source rather than to be a parent who hopes for consolation and comfort in their declining years from their children and are often disappointed. However, in feeling the weight of his obligations, he regrets that he has not been more faithful to her.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Derry, NH)* March 1, 1828

Two letters: Writes his mother that he has been meaning to visit, but he has duties, such as Bible classes on Sundays. Tells of a tragic event recently in Andover, a suicide of a wealthy citizen. Writes to "little Nancy" that he is glad she enjoys books and promises to bring her more.

*Aunt P. (?) (Boston, MA) to Miss Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA)* April 21, 1828

Thanks Susan for the knit stockings during her confinement in her chambers this winter. Mentions that Susan's sister Elizabeth is still in school and Susan's brother is graduating (in Boston?), yet advises Susan that she can go to school another year, that Susan is needed more at home. Wishes to give away her dresses to her nieces, as she will not need them.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH)* November 20, 1828

Apologizes for his neglect in writing "owing to the multiplicity and pressure of duties."

### **Box 1, Folder 3, 1829-1831**

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Mary Ann Morrison (Londonderry, NH)* June 21, 1829

Proposal of marriage. Requests that their correspondence commence a more "intimate acquaintance with each other." Asks for a reply and wishes her to consult with her mother.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH)* August 25, 1829

Apologizes to his mother for not writing sooner but has no excuses for his delay.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH)* November 15, 1829

Writes his mother about the content of his studies at the Seminary. Explains that he is writing a sermon and outlines it in detail in the letter. He finds it to be "solemn business" and feels humbled at "God's holy altar to minister in holy things," but he cannot evade the calling.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH)* January 26, 1830

Writes that, as he gets older, he realizes his obligations to her. Wishes for her happiness. Requests that she write to him. Consults with her about what work he will do in the future. He has no plans where he will be located after graduation. He is shaken by the sudden death of a fellow student.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH)* March 14, 1830

Regrets his delay in writing, and wonders why she has not written to him. Inquires about her health as he has heard of her illness from an account by Nancy and Esther.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Nancy B(artley) Jackson (Londonderry, NH)* April 4, 1830

Compliments his niece on the letter he received from her. Happy that she is interested in her studies.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Andover, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH) June 16, 1830*

Writes that he has been thinking of going to the West, but is concerned about the health of his wife Mary Ann. Feels that the ministerial duties would be more demanding in the West and be subject to more privations of "life's conveniences." The climate and scenery, however, may favor him and Mary Ann. Asks his mother to reply with her thoughts.

*Anna Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Jane Dana (Newburyport, MA) July 24, 1830*

Inquires whether Jane is "free from the complaint" in her teeth. Writes about Providences that happened in Ipswich: two deaths—a bathing accident and the death of a servant, Wentworth, who had been with her uncle for nine years. Relates news about family's health—illness of Sarah (Dana) Thorndike, who is recovering, and Samuel's cholera.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Chilmark, MA) to Esther Bartley to (Londonderry, NH) November 2, 1830*

Advises his sister about the timing of his letters—the mail leaves Chilmark only once a week and may be delayed up to several weeks in bad weather. Writes that his health is compatible with the salt air. He preaches twice each Sunday and generally twice during the week. He also visits families and attends funerals. Only about 700 inhabitants in Chilmark, yet he is busy and wishes at times to "multiply" himself. Has committed to stay for five months for \$200. Chilmark citizens treat him well, and he is encouraged by the church attendance. Would like news from home and requests that she writes once a week.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Boston, MA) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) February 8, 1831*

Writes that she has been watching for a good situation in a bookstore for Daniel (Susan's brother). She found something for a "lad" at Munroe & Francis (Boston). She requests that Susan get Daniel ready for a meeting with Mr. Francis within a month. Must first wait for approval from their father, Rev. Daniel Dana. Sarah gives details of what Mr. Francis expects from a young employee regarding boarding and lodging. Asks Susan to accompany Daniel when he comes because it has been long since they met.

*M.A. Morrison (Henniker, NH) to J.M.C. Bartley (Londonderry, NH) May 3, 1831*

Writes her husband about a religious revival in Dunbarton, NH. Also replies to Bartley's wish for a "publick profession of religion" from her and says she is uncertain that she could do that with any degree of confidence without some deliberate hypocrisy about being a follower of Christ.

*Mary (Dana) Anderson (Londonderry, NH) to Rev. Daniel Dana, D.D. (Newburyport, MA) July 22, 1831*

Writes her father that they have now commenced housekeeping and are impatient to see some family.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Orleans, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH) October 28, 1831*

Writes his mother that he enjoys the weather by the sea, and finds that it is good for his health. Affected by recent deaths in town by consumption, "lung fever," etc. Finds his congregation to be solemn and attentive. The meetinghouse is nearly as large as that in Derry, NH. Mentions recent "awakenings" and hopes that among those is a "new born soul."

## **Box 1, Folder 4, 1832–1837**

*J.M.C. Bartley (Orleans, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH) February 22, 1832*

Explains that the frequent cause for the not writing has been the "extreme depressed state" of his mind. He wishes to be brought out of the "horrible pit" and thus communicate happiness in his letters. He was happier when he first arrived in Orleans, but now feels at times like giving up. Does not know whether he will stay after his engagement is up in April. His health has not been good—the winter has been severe with much snow.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Orleans, MA) to Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH) May 9, 1832*

Writes of the tiring, but pleasant, journey by stage through Boston to Orleans. Worried about the fatigue that it caused his wife, Mary Ann. She was unable to attend Sunday services. Had feared the people of Orleans would find dissatisfaction with his long absence. Hopes that his wife will be happy in Orleans. Reassures his mother that, although he is away from her with Mary Ann, his affection for her does not diminish.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Beverly, MA) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA c/o Rev. D. Dana)*  
September 26, 1832

Thanks her niece, Susan, for sending Elizabeth (Susan's younger sister) to her to visit for a while. Sarah's daughter, Polly Anne, also with her. Writes that before their visit, she was alone. (Her husband, Israel Thorndike, died that year at age 77). Her Thorndike in-laws will also be visiting her soon although they are at a far distance from her. However, after that she will be alone again. She is planning to visit Newburyport in October, and wants to bring Elizabeth back home with her.

*Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Beverly, MA) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA c/o Rev. D. Dana)* March 8, 1833

Encloses \$25.00 for Susan's father, Rev. Dana, for her portion of Jane's board (Susan's sister); she will contribute the same to him quarterly. Feeling the cold weather in Beverly, more so than in her Boston home. Says her niece (Elizabeth) has been stricken with severe lung fever while visiting her, and has caused her great anxiety. The illness terminated in an ulcerated throat. Sarah's older sister, Mary (Dana) Burnham (Susan's aunt) has taken to the "sofa with scalded feet."

*J.M.C. Bartley (Orleans, MA) to Mrs. Maria Bartley (Londonderry, NH)* April 23, 1833

Writes his mother that he is still suffering from "depressed spirits." Expresses apologies for not writing, but his daily duties are many, and he is finding it difficult to "regulate his labors." Writes that his wife (Mary Ann) seems to be getting better and she is blessed with a "good degree of religious enjoyment." He is looking forward to an "event." (birth of child)

*J.M.C. Bartley (Orleans, MA) to Mrs. Marie Bartley (Londonderry, NH)* May 10, 1833

Announces the birth of their healthy baby boy, William. Mary Ann, he writes, is weak but comfortable.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Merrimack, ?) to Mrs. Marie Bartley (Londonderry, NH)* November 28, 1833

Writes his mother that his wife, Mary Ann, has a slight cough, but is in good spirits. He and Mary Ann intend to visit her if the weather and "the passage of the river (Merrimack?) should permit." They will be leaving their son, William, with her.

*Anna Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA c/o Rev. Dana)* October 16, 1834

Writes her niece that she received a letter from her sister, Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Susan's aunt) who has traveled to the Jackson home in Connecticut for a visit. From there she will leave for Philadelphia in November. Chats about family news.

*Daniel Dana Jr. (Boston) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA)* August 20, 1836

Short, affectionate letter from brother to sister.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Miss Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA)* September 9, 1836

Requests Susan to correspond with him regularly. (Wife Mary Ann has died.) Considers it his duty, in his present circumstances, to form such a communion as soon as it can be done "consistently with the Divine will." Writes that, after looking around at his female acquaintances, there is no one whom he cherishes more or for whom he has a higher regard and esteem than her. Assures Susan that their correspondence is agreeable with the friends of his beloved and lamented wife. He adds that he hopes her brothers, sisters, and especially her father (Rev. Daniel Dana) regard it in a favorable light. Wonders if she is already under an engagement or any other circumstance that would be inconsistent with his wishes. Asks her to reply soon.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA)* September 16, 1836

Responds to Susan that he has received her decline of his proposal and invitation. Explains that the situation to which he invited her calls for "peculiar and solemn responsibilities" on his part, but it is his duty to answer to whatever situation Providence calls him. He is surprised by her decline as well as her opinion of the situation. He cannot decide whether to discuss this with her father (Rev. Daniel Dana) or first wait to hear her feelings. He adds that he has had an invitation to remain in Hampstead and has accepted the offer. He will be installed as minister the second week of October (by Susan's father). Says the compensation is not more than before, but it is adequate. He wants to send for his son to live with him. Requests Susan's answer whether she commits herself to his proposal or not.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA)* October 1, 1836

Expresses his feelings of esteem for her. Asks her decision and whether she still remains uncommitted. Requests a letter from her by the following week.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Londonderry, NH) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) October 18, 1836*

Writes that he has received her letter and is gratified by its contents. Speaks of their contemplated union (they are to be married in February), that he has asked counsel from the Lord to direct them on their paths. He has to travel to Newburyport on business and would like to see her. Signs the letter affectionately.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) October 29, 1836*

Asks her to relay information to her father (Rev. Daniel Dana) about a printing matter.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) December 14, 1836*

Writes briefly that he is traveling to Boston this week, but he will see her next week.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) December 29, 1836*

Expresses apprehension about the illnesses of her sisters, Jane and Lydia. Chats about his visit and about his hosts in Ipswich, MA. Expresses hope that he will be seeing her, that it will not be inconvenient for her. Requests that she answer soon.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA) January 23, 1837*

Writes that his life has been uneventful since their last visit. Relates news and health of various acquaintances he has visited. He expresses concern about whether he should visit Newburyport. Tries to alleviate Susan's fears about being a parent to his son, William.

*Daniel Dana, Jr. (New York) to Susan (Dana) Bartley (Hampstead, NH) February 22, 1837*

Writes his sister that he has received some of her wedding cake from Elizabeth. (Susan Dana married Rev. J.M.C. Bartley February 11, 1837 in Newburyport.) Mentions the death at sea of their brother Samuel. Adds that he is leaving his job within a few days and is optimistic that he will find another.

*Rev. Daniel Dana (Newburyport, MA) to Daniel Dana (New York) March 15, 1837*

Writes his son about Samuel's death. Says that Susan has visited him with Mr. Bartley and she seems "very pleasantly situated." Adds that it must be a blessing to him that he is a new uncle.

## **Box 1, Folder 5, 1838–1850**

*Sarah McGaw (Merrimack, NH) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) January 13, 1838*

Replies to Susan's inquiries about her health. (Sarah is sister to Mary Ann Morrison, J.M.C. Bartley's first wife) She writes that she is weak and moves around less frequently. Wishes for Esther (Susan's sister-in-law) to visit again. Says she spent Thanksgiving in Henniker, NH, with family. Hopes to see Susan and Mr. Bartley during the course of the winter.

*Elizabeth (Dana) & Rev. Daniel Dana (Newburyport, MA) to Mrs. J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH)  
April 9, 1838*

Two letters in one:

*First letter:* Rev. Dana addresses his daughter with "my dear afflicted Susan" and expresses his sorrow about the suffering of Mary Ann (?) and says to witness such suffering must be extremely trying. Sends his affection.

*Second letter:* Elizabeth expresses her sympathy. Says that she is glad Susan has Esther (sister-in-law) there for assistance. Remarks that Mrs. Amos Tappan has just lost a child to the same disease and that Mrs. Tappan recommended rubbing a "tincture of flies about the temples," although Elizabeth feels it would be of no use. Tells Susan that their aunt Sarah (Dana Thorndike) is miserable in New York. Closes by telling Susan to remember her to Mary Ann and to tell her that her Aunt Elizabeth loves her.

*J.M.C. Bartley (New York City) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Newburyport, MA) May 9, 1839*

Writes his wife that nothing of official interest has happened so far in his journey to Philadelphia. Describes briefly the people he has met in the towns on his way between Boston and Stonington, CT. From there he took a boat to New York. Says the scenery in the vicinity of the city is very fine, exceeding that around Boston. Talks briefly about a Presbyterian court case in New York that is generating much interest.

*Mary (Bartley?) (Kingston, NH) to Mrs. E(sther?) B(artley?) Whitman (Gardiner, ME) November 24, 1840*

Writes her sister that she is happy at the arrival of a new baby Amelia to Catharine and James. More family and community news—births, deaths, weddings, new schoolteachers, accidents, sicknesses, and even what chickens are laying eggs.

*J.M.C. Bartley (New York City) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Newburyport, MA) May 15, 1841*

Describes a sermon to his wife that he attended on the Sabbath in the City. Impressed by attendance of Daniel Webster who sat where Bartley had a "good view of him." Writes that he spent the last night around Boston at J. Wheelwright's (brother-in law), but has not visited Susan (sister-in-law?) yet. Leaves today for Princeton, NJ on his way to Philadelphia.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Philadelphia) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) May 25, 1841*

Writes that he is staying with a nice Christian family in a delightful part of the city. Says that he has written a long letter to her father (Rev. Daniel Dana).

*Samuel Miller (Princeton, NJ) to J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) April 21, 1842*

Writes that he would be happy to accommodate the young men that Bartley is referring to the school. (Bartley was on the Superintending School Committee in Hampstead). Miller says that, according to the president of the College, there seems to be no charitable funds available this year. Perhaps there will be some available next year. Offers suggestions on how the young men may come to be accepted by the College with J.M.C.'s help.

*Daniel Dana Jr. (New York) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) December 5, 1842*

Mentions the departure of their aunt Sarah (Dana Thorndike) on a "sea-voyage." Says that she is very positive about the experience before her. Mrs. Wheelwright is well, but recovering from the loss of her husband. Says he has been busy attending lectures—most recently a reading by the poet (Richard) Dana who, he believes, "possesses one of the finest minds of the day." Explains that Dana is father of the author of *Two Years Before the Mast*. Expects to go next to hear "Mr. Bronson" and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Thinks Emerson will spin his "cobweb philosophy" which is fit to catch only flies and other "smaller individuals." A previous lecture of Emerson's on Transcendentalism amounted to only an *apology* for Transcendentalism. Believes that Emerson and his group stand rather aloof and in contempt of the vulgar mind. But feels that someday Emerson and others shall be deemed important and listened to by all men. Says he had the "vanity" to believe that he comprehended Emerson's "shadow of ideas," but found that he "embraced nothing but a cloud" as their father (Rev. Daniel Dana) often says.

*Daniel Dana Jr. (New York) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) April 1, 1845*

Writes his sister after the death of their "Aunt Thorndike." (Sarah Dana Thorndike) Says she had much affliction and suffering for many years that seemed "to have worked out the best results in her character." Will feel her loss as will Aunt B(urnham?) and Aunt Nancy (?). Adds how their aunt Thorndike always remembered their father (Rev. Daniel Dana) and his daughters (after the death of their mother) which was much relief to their father's anxieties. Mentions their father's afflictions which he bears with patience. Daniel expects to have a family meeting in the summer for as many as can be assembled.

Has attended lectures recently by Mr. Hudson about Shakespeare. Received a letter from their brother J(oseph) who has had some success. Hears nothing from William, and says if he does, it would "astonish" him.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Boston) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) May 12, 1847*

Writes his wife that he found William (their son) very well and contented and doing his studies. Spoke with a Mr. Holt about William's behavior. Stayed with the Woods family and remarks that "Mrs. Woods is a fine looking lady." Explains the details about how his coat is to be tailored while he is in the city.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Richmond, VA) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) May 24, 1847*

Says that a letter he received with news about Nancy (niece?) has put him in a state of melancholy and has kept his attention from business. Speaks about her rest from a long and tedious illness. Explains the church affairs about which he is traveling. Misses his children. Finds Richmond a beautiful city where he enjoys strawberries every day at dinner saying it may be beneficial to his health. Mentions that his old cough still lingers.

*Samuel Miller (Princeton, NJ) to Rev. J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) March 16, 1848*

Writes that he was ill "labouring under a morbid state of the System" last month, but is getting better. He is 79 years old now, and says that, rather than going *up* hill, he expects to go *down* hill from now on.

Says he is dismayed by Bartley's description that, in Andover, MA, there is a "deploring falling off in regard to Scriptural truth." His father, he remembers, was born in Massachusetts and used to tell him about Calvinistic strictness and purity as well as describing the Puritan Fathers. Now, he says, as they depart from evangelical truth, "they never fail to manifest laxness in moral honesty."

Expresses his sorrow that Bartley may resign his "pastoral charge" because of health. Says that Bartley's "spiritual children" at the school and all doing well.

*Mary E. Bartley (Roxbury, MA) to J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) March 20, 1850*

Writes her brother that she had expected Esther for some time but was grieved to hear why she must stay at home. Hopes little Mary Ann is better from her disease, but says she almost fears to learn more. Hopes that he can be shielded from the pain of parting from one so dear.

Says she walks four miles to church every Sabbath, but last Sunday was given a ride in a "carryall" by someone who claimed that Mary's Baptist Church was not as "genteel" as the Unitarian Church.

*Robert McGaw (Merrimack, NH) to J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) April 10, 1850*

Expresses his sorrow to his former brother-in-law over the death of Bartley's daughter, Mary Ann. "The corrections of our Father are evidence of his love," he says. Wishes he and his wife could attend the committing of Mary Ann's remains to the grave, but he has been called to Amherst.

*W.W. Edy (spelling?) (Newburyport, MA) to Dr. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) April 11, 1850*

Gives his condolences to the Bartleys for the death of Mary Ann.

*Anna Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) April 17, 1850*

Affectionate letter to her niece expressing her grief over the news of Mary Ann's death. Hopes Joseph and Susan (Bartley's other children) are well. Says that Susan's Aunt Burnham is comfortable.

*Robert Bartley (Windham, NH) to Rev. J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) April 17, 1850*

Expresses sympathy to his brother for the death of Mary Ann. Says he cannot attend the funeral.

*M.(ary) E. Bartley (Roxbury, MA) to Rev. J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) May 5, 1850*

Writes about her sadness over the death of Mary Ann. Remarks that the news coincided with Esther's (Bartley's sister) unexpected and sudden visit to her about which she seems unsettled. Relates other news of family's general health, how some seem to suffer from a depression.

*Robert McGaw (Merrimack, NH) to Rev. J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) June 23, 1850*

Writes that he was busy in Concord, NH, attending a legislative session when Bartley's last letter arrived. Expresses concern that Bartley has been "sorely tried." Explains a pending bill before the legislature which exempts poor farmers from losing their homestead. Robert is against the bill, saying that it gives the poor occasion to complain about their oppression by the rich.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Joseph D. Bartley (Newburyport, MA) June 24, 1850*

Advises his son to decline a certain person's invitation to accompany them home to Hampstead for the Fourth of July. He cautions his son that the Fourth of July "is often a day of fatal accidents"—that there will be guns bursting everywhere. Bartley is glad to hear his son likes school. Explains that Aunt Jane (Dana) is still with them and it has been a comfort. Mentions a particular colt to his son, saying that it is in an excellent pasture in Derry. Says that they have had abundant rain and it will make for a great hay crop.

*Mary Jane Andrews (Newburyport, MA) to the Susan Bartley July 21, 1850*

Explains reason for her delay in writing about the death of Bartley's daughter. Relates news about her adopted daughter and other older children who board with her family.

## **Box 1, Folder 6, 1852-1913**

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Joseph D. Bartley (Newburyport, MA) June 28, 1852*

Writes his son about all the recent guests in his house. Hopes his son enjoys the Fourth of July celebrations and walking in the procession. Admonishes him to be careful, however. Says he is going to celebrate in a quieter way and visit his sister "E" (Esther) on her birthday.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Joseph D. Bartley (Newburyport, MA) November 1, 1852*

Mentions the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Says that William (Joseph's brother) will be home and that William's prospects for a starting a singing school are good. Writes that Susan accompanied him on a trip to Antrim and Frankestown, and she enjoyed the journey. Has tried his new horse and was pleased with its performance. He is thinking of having a colt "broken" to the wagon.



*J.M.C. Bartley (Hampstead, NH) to Joseph D. Bartley (Newburyport, MA) January 4, 1853*

*(Note: Penmanship difficult to read).*

*Elizabeth (Dana) (Newburyport, MA) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) June 3, 1854*

Writes her sister expressing grief over the death of Susan's son John (age 4). Says their father is unable to write at present.

*Anna (Dana?) (Ipswich, MA) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH) June 7, 1854*

Expresses condolences for the death of Susan's son, John.

*J.M.C. Bartley (Kittery Point, ME) to Susan Bartley (Newburyport, MA) December 5, 1859*

Writes his daughter "Sue" (age 15) that he has received letters from Joseph and William. General news that he has had difficulty this winter heating his study room with a coal stove. Had a driving snowstorm, enough for good sleighing.

*Aunt (Anna?) Dana (Ipswich, MA) to Susan Bartley (location?) July 8, 1860*

Although she has "given up writing very much of late," she expresses condolences to her niece Susan about the death Susan's husband, J.M.C. Bartley. Says that it must have been difficult losing such a "good friend." Asks Susan to think of Uncle Daniel who has also lost his mate.

*S(arah) McGaw (Merrimack, NH) to Mrs. Susan Bartley August 2, 1860*

Makes observations about the illness and death of Mr. Bartley, about the funeral sermon, and about the notice in the church paper by Mr. Wheelwright. Also mentions the appreciation shown by the people of Kittery, Maine (where Bartley died), even though Bartley's time in that village was short, and their kindness in inviting Mrs. Bartley to remain in the Parsonage until September. Has heard that the Bartley home in Hampstead, NH is for sale. Requests that Susan and Esther Bartley come for a visit.

*Samuel Dana (Marblehead, MA) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (location?) February 13, 1861*

Writes his cousin Susan about the death of her brother Daniel. Says he is unable to attend the funeral. Her Aunt Dana and other cousins are at his home.

*W. C. Dana (Charleston, SC) to (?) November 6, 1863*

William, living in the South during the Civil War, writes to his family in the North. Mentions that there are things that he cannot write "as facts are 'contraband of war' and as I have no disposition to send opinions which must be impalatable in your latitude." William, therefore, sends two poems, one about his wife Flora. (*A notation at the end of letter indicates the letter may have been censored*).

*E. Hartman to Mr. & Mrs. Bartley January 7, 1865*

Letter addressed to "friends" Mr. & Mrs. Bartley. Says she has just recovered from bronchitis, but has something new to tell them. Mentions their cousin "Charlie" and if things had been different and he not engaged or married, then she also would have been their cousin. But she felt totally unfit to fill so dignified a station. It is better to escape the "might-have-beens"—that she was not meant to be a minister's wife. Her news is that she is engaged to be the wife of a gentleman in the "money making business" of coal and oil in Pittsburgh. It has been arranged that in June she will marry and move to Pittsburgh. She hopes to visit the New England states and to visit the Bartleys some time.

## **Postcards, 1875–1913**

*(?) to J. D. Bartley (Concord, NH) March 23, 1875*

Message: Reviewing school hours.

*R.E. Avery (Pittsfield, MA) to Prof. J. D. Bartley (Burlington, VT) July 8, 1879*

Message: Thanking him for the school records.

*J.D.B. to Mrs. Mary A. Bartley (West Hampstead, NH) August 24, 1881*

Message: Accepts resignation to take effect January 1, 1882. Asks what to do about house.

*S. A. Melvin (New Haven CT) to Mrs. J. D. Bartley* January 13, 1886

*J.D.B. (Northfield, MA) to Mrs. J. D. Bartley (Burlington, VT)* 1897

Message: Says that it has been cold in the Brattleboro, VT/Northfield, MA area.

*"S.S." to Mrs. J. D. Bartley (Burlington, VT)* October 17, 1905

Message: Conveys address of friends in Paris, France.

*H.M.R. (Stratford, CT) to Mary A. Bartley (Burlington, VT)* June 23, 1913

Message: Says she is back home in Stratford after a 4-day journey from California. Mentions that "cousin Will" preached at their church.

### **Correspondence with Incomplete or No Dates**

*"E.D." to Reverend Daniel Dana (Philadelphia)* No date

Mentions children, Mary and William, from who (s)he takes consolation. Says his Aunt Lucy visited yesterday afternoon.

*"Aunt Elizabeth" (Derry, NH) to Mrs. Bartley* May 26, 184?

Addressed to "my dear sister." Recent news and visitors to her home.

*Anna Dana to Miss Jane Dana (Newburyport, MA)* No date

Sends a gown from Aunt Abigail, but warns to guard it against "acids as they change the colour."

*S. Thorndike (Boston, MA) to Miss Susan Dana (Newburyport, MA)* October 26, 18??

Short note to her niece.

*Susan (Dana) (Newburyport, MA) to Jane Dana (Londonderry, NH)* August 28, 18??

Asks her sister for books, and says that today is the day of an examination. Explains that she is writing hurriedly because she is going to Beverly, MA to her Aunt Thorndike's. Thanks Jane for shoes she sent.

*(signed) "Father" (Hampstead, NH) to Joseph Dana Bartley (Newburyport, MA)* No date

Short note: Explains that Joseph's mother is not visiting Newburyport as planned, but wants to know what train Joseph will be taking to Hampstead. Little Johnny (Joseph's younger brother) has been more comfortable.

*J. M. C. Bartley (Richmond, VA) to Mrs. Susan Bartley (Hampstead, NH)* No date

Writes his wife that he will be home next week. Misses her and the children. Says that he is experiencing Southern hospitality and that the "colored population" appear content, intelligent, and happy. He feels the blacks are a great deal better off now and particularly enjoys their singing.

## Biographical Notes

### Rev. Joseph Dana (1742–1827), father of Rev. Daniel Dana

- 1760 Graduates Yale A.M.  
Minister, Old South Church, Boston (6 months)
- 1765–1827 Minister, Ipswich, MA
- 1766 Marries: Mary Staniford (1744–1772) on June 20, 1766.  
Children: Mary Dana (1767–1833) m. Maj. Thomas Burnham 1797  
Joseph Dana (1769–1849) (*see following*)  
Daniel Dana (1771–1859) (*see following*)
- 1774 Marries: Mary Turner (1751–1803) at age 53  
Children: Elizabeth Dana (1776–1816)  
Samuel Dana (Rev.) (1778–1864) (*see following*)  
Sarah Dana (1780–1845) (*see following*)  
Abigail Dana (1782–1840)  
Anna Dana (1784–1866)  
Lucy Dana (b & d. 1786)
- 1801 S.T.D., Harvard College
- 1803 Marries: Elizabeth Green Bradford, November 12, 1803. (*See Vindication of the Result of the Late Council at Ipswich By All the Members of the Council.* Newburyport: E.W. Allen 1805.)  
Elizabeth dies 1825 in Ipswich, MA
- 1827 Dies in Ipswich, MA, 1827, at age 85 of "lung fever"

### Rev. Daniel Dana (1771–1859)

- 1771 Born in Ipswich, MA
- 1786 Enters Dartmouth College in advanced standing
- 1788 Graduates Dartmouth College at age 17
- 1788–1791 Tutor at Phillips Academy, Exeter, NH
- 1792–1793 Teaches grammar school in Ipswich, MA
- 1793 Preaches first sermon in father's pulpit
- 1794–1820 Minister of First Presbyterian Church at Newburyport, MA
- 1800 Marries Elizabeth Coombs (b. 1783; d. 1812) of Newburyport, MA December 1800  
Children: Mary, Joseph, Jane, Susan (Susanna), William Coombs, Elizabeth
- 1804–1856 Trustee of Andover Theological Seminary and of Exeter Academy
- 1808 Elected to the Board of Trustees of Phillips Exeter Academy
- 1812 Wife Elizabeth dies December 25, 1812
- 1814 Receives D.D. from Dartmouth
- 1814 His sister Elizabeth (Betsy) has charge of his household
- 1814 Marries Sara(h) Emery of Fryeburg, ME, October 1814  
Children: Daniel, Lydia, Sarah, Samuel
- 1819 Wife Sarah dies
- 1820 Elected President of Dartmouth by the Trustees
- 1820–1821 President and trustee of Dartmouth College. "His health failing, he was obliged to resign after a brief incumbency." Suffering ill health and "depression of spirits" (his wife had just died the year before), he found the duties of the office a burden he could not bear, the work "uncongenial to his tastes," and found it therefore necessary to resign.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Dana, Elizabeth Ellery. *The Dana family in America*. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1956; Dana, William Coombs. *The Life of Daniel Dana, D.D. By Members of His Family. With a Sketch of His Character by W.V. Sprague, D.D.* Boston: J.E. Tilton and Co. 1866.

- 1821 Journeys to Athens, Ohio to visit his brother. His health improves.  
Moves his family from Hanover, NH to Ipswich, MA.
- 1822–1826 Minister at Londonderry, NH, at a salary of \$700 per year.
- 1827 Returns to Newburyport, MA.; His father, Rev. Joseph Dana, dies
- 1826–1845 Minister at Second Presbyterian Church at Newburyport, MA, 1826–1845
- 1836 Preaches at Hampstead, NH at the installation of Rev. John M.C. Bartley
- 1837 Youngest son, Samuel, dies at sea, age 17.
- 1838 Accident to one of his eyes confines him to dark room for several weeks.
- 1841 Sits for portrait. Portrait of Rev. Daniel Dana, as Trustee of Phillips Academy. Oil painting (artist unknown) at Phillips Academy, Andover, MA 33" x 27" Black coat/white scarf.
- 1844 Fiftieth anniversary since his ordination at First Presbyterian Church, Newburyport, MA.
- 1845 Resigns as pastor at Newburyport, MA, at age 74
- 1856 Health starts to decline.
- 1859 Dies August, 1859, at age 88. Buried in Oak Hill cemetery, Newburyport, MA  
Biography, *Life of Daniel Dana D.D. By Members of His Family*, written by his son, William C. Dana.

**Joseph Dana (1769–1849), brother of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Graduate Dartmouth College 1778. Classmate at Dartmouth of his brother Daniel.  
Taught in singing schools  
Marries: Lucy Temple, May 1805.  
Teacher, professor of ancient languages at Ohio University (Athens, Ohio)  
Lawyer, member Massachusetts General Court 1809-1810  
Marries: Anna Lyon, 1819  
Dies in Athens, Ohio

**Rev. Samuel Dana (1778–1864), brother of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Born in Ipswich, MA, May 7, 1778  
Graduates Harvard 1796; minister in Marblehead, MA 1801–1837  
Marries: Susanna Coombs (1775–1805) in 1800  
Henrietta Bridge (1781–1863) in 1808  
Children: Henrietta Bridge Dana, m. Augustus Hays, Roxbury, MA  
Mary Dane Dana, m. Asa Woodbury  
Anna Harrington Dana  
Susan Coombs Dana, (1817–1900) m. Dr. William Richards Lawrence in 1838  
Israel Thorndike Dana (1827–1904), graduates Harvard Medical School,  
physician in Portland, ME, m. Caroline Jane Starr; Caroline Beck Lyman  
Minister, First Congregation Church, Marblehead, MA 1801–1837  
Dies in Marblehead, MA, August 16, 1864

**Sarah Dana (1780–1845), sister of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Born in Ipswich, MA May 8, 1780  
Marries: Israel Thorndike (1755–1832) of Beverly, MA, in Boston, 1818  
Children: Polly Anne Thorndike  
Elizabeth Thorndike  
Sarah Dana Thorndike dies in Marblehead, MA, March 17, 1845  
"Brilliant in conversation." Compared to Margaret Fuller.  
Josiah Quincy remarked that his father spoke of Mrs. Thorndike as one of the finest women he had ever met. When Israel Thorndike of Beverly, MA, a merchant of large wealth, became engaged to Sarah, Quincy told Thorndike that "you have the very best bargain you have touched yet."  
The Thorndikes and Daniel Webster occupied adjoining mansions on Summer Street in Boston. The walls were cut through to afford a brilliant reception for Marquis de Lafayette (June, 1825) at which Mrs. Thorndike was a central figure.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Dana, Elizabeth Ellery. *The Dana family in America*. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1956; Dana, William Coombs. *The Life of Daniel Dana, D.D. By Members of His Family. With a Sketch of His Character by W.V. Sprague, D.D.* Boston: J.E. Tilton and Co. 1866.

**Mary Dana, (1801-?), daughter of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Born in Newburyport, MA October 4, 1801

Marries: William Anderson in Londonderry, NH October, 1830

Children: William Anderson, 1831-?

Daniel Dana Anderson, 1833-1884

John Anderson, 1838-1839

Mary Anderson, 1842-?

John Anderson, 1845-?

**Joseph Dana, (1803-1834), son of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Graduates Ohio University

Lawyer in Athens, Ohio

Marries: Ann Pamela Tanner in 1827

Dies in Cumberland, MD, December 13, 1834 while on journey

**Jane Dana, (1805-1878), daughter of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Born in Newburyport, MA, April 2, 1805

Never marries

Dies in Concord, NH on October 25, 1878

**Susan (Susanna) Dana, (1808-1900), daughter of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Born in Newburyport, MA on August 13, 1808

Marries: John McClinch Bartley (see following) in February 1837

Children: Joseph Dana Bartley, 1838-?

Mary Anne Morrison Bartley, 1842-1850

Susan Dana Bartley, 1844-?

John Bartley, 1850-1854

Remembered as having a very attractive personality, "bright, highly cultured and courteous."

After death of her husband, Susan lives in Malden, MA, with her daughter Miss Susan Bartley. Dies in Malden, MA, January, 1900 at 91 years of age.

Buried in Kittery Point, Maine, beside her husband.

**William Coombs Dana (Rev.) (1810-1880), son of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Graduates Dartmouth 1828

Teacher, Thetford, VT, and Chesterfield and Westborough, NH

Presbyterian minister, Charleston, SC, 1836-1880

Marries: Flora McRae Matheson in 1839

No children

Author and poet

Dies Charleston, SC, November 30, 1880

**Elizabeth Dana (1811-1892), daughter of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Born Newburyport, MA July 4, 1811

Marries: Amos Tappan in April 1868 in Newburyport, MA; resides Derry, NH

Dies September 1892 in Saratoga, New York

**Daniel Dana (1815-1861), son of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Born Newburyport, MA in September 1815

Marries: Sarah Phebe Cummings in 1845 in New York

Daughter: Sarah Dana, b. 1846

Marries: George Hart Mumford in 1867

Dies February 1861 in Newburyport, MA

**Lydia Coombs Dana (1817-?), daughter of Rev. Daniel Dana**

Born in Newburyport, MA

Marries: Rev. Edward Richard Tucker on June 1844

Dies in Newburyport, MA

**Sarah Dana (1819–1856), daughter of Rev. Daniel Dana, twin to Samuel Dana**

Born Newburyport, MA May 5, 1819

Marries: Isaac Watts Wheelwright in Newburyport, MA in October 1842

Children: Mary Dana Wheelwright

Anita Emery Wheelwright

William Dana Wheelwright

Elizabeth Coombs Wheelwright

Dies Newburyport, MA April 1856

**Samuel Dana (1819–1837), son of Rev. Daniel Dana, twin to Sarah Dana**

Dies at sea.

**Rev. John McClinch Bartley (1799–1860), husband of Susan Dana**

Born in Londonderry, NH, son of Maria McClinch Bartley and Dr. Robert Bartley, a distinguished doctor from Scotland, part of the Scotch Presbyterians in the Londonderry area. Brother, Hugh, succeeded father in medicine in Londonderry, NH; brother Robert kept a country store in Windham, NH; sister Esther, Hampstead, NH, was well-liked, generous, and caring. Known locally as "Aunt Esther." Sister Maria died young, but had a twin sister.

Attends Pinkerton Academy, Derry, NH

Attends Amherst College but failing health prevents him from completing college course. Honorary A.M. degree.

Marries: Mary Ann Morrison (b. 1802 in Londonderry, NH, daughter of Rev. William Morrison, born in Scotland)

Children: William Morrison Bartley (1833–1863), graduates Bowdoin, Episcopal minister, dies at age 30 in Winchester, Tennessee

Ordained as minister of Hampstead Congregational Church by Rev. Daniel Dana, 1836

Wife Mary Ann dies before 1837.

Marries: Susan Dana, February 1837

Children: Joseph Dana Bartley, (1838–?), Educated at Atkinson Academy; graduates Williams College and Princeton Theological Seminary; Marries: Mary Atwood Tenney; Children: Helen Preston Bartley (Bradford, MA), William Tenney Bartley (Salem, NH)

Mary Anne Morrison Bartley (1842–?)

Susan Dana Bartley (1844–?), Educated at Female High School, Newburyport, MA; Preceptress, teacher at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, NH; Devoted to caring for her aged mother in declining years in Malden, MA

John Bartley (1850–1854)

Superintending School Committees, 1842–1853

Dismissed from the pastorate in 1858

Dies and is buried in Kittery Point, Maine, 1860

## Portraits

**Rev. Daniel Dana**

Oil painting (artist unknown). 33" x 27" (wearing black coat and white scarf) *Phillips Academy, Andover, MA*

Portrait presented by grandson William Dana Wheelwright to the Federal Street Church, Newburyport, MA

**Sarah (Dana) Thorndike (Mrs. Israel Thorndike)**

Oil on canvas by Gilbert Stuart, 1818. (wearing black dress w/ lace) Oval, 36" x 27" *Reproduction in Fogg Museum, Harvard University*

**Col. Israel Thorndike**

Oil on panel by Gilbert Stuart, 1820. 32 ½" x 25 ¾" *Reproduction by Bass Otis in Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.*

Oil on wood panel 83 cm x 65.5 cm *Harvard University Portrait Collection, Cambridge, MA*

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