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Biographical Sketch
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Scope and Content Note

Acquisition records for the James M. Lovering Papers are nonexistent. For ease of access, the collection has been assigned a current accession number (1983-91) and may be located by that number in the repository.

The James M. Lovering Papers comprise three Hollinger document boxes, spanning the period 1844-1890, and consist largely of correspondence. The bulk of the correspondence concerns professional matters but some personal correspondence from his wife and other family members is included. Miscellaneous receipts and other financial documents can be found in the last two folders of Box three.

James Monroe Lovering was born in Hampton, New Hampshire on October 12, 1817. He graduated from Hampton Academy and it was in that town that he first learned the business of a trader. Lovering moved to Exeter, New Hampshire in 1839 and went into business with Harrison Prescott, under the firm name of Prescott and Lovering. Some time in 1841 or 1842, the firm dissolved and James Lovering opened business on his own, continuing until 1849. During this time, he was a strong Whig supporter. He was elected town clerk of Exeter in 1847 and held the post until 1850. In 1854, Lovering went to Boston as bookkeeper for the American Steam Gauge Company. He became a prominent member of the Know Nothing Party at this time and was elected to represent the town of Exeter in the state legislature for three consecutive terms from 1855-1857. From 1855 to 1857 he served as Cashier of the Exeter bank and in 1860 was appointed Superintendent of the Folding Room in Washington by Gilman Marston, then sergeant-at-arms of the United States House of Representatives. Lovering served in that capacity until the Fall of 1862, when he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the first collection district of New Hampshire, holding that office until April 29, 1869. In 1871 he was appointed an examiner in the U.S. Appraiser's office, Boston, and continued in that position until December 1884. In March, 1885 he received an appointment in the Boston Custom House, which office he held at the time of his death. Lovering was married twice, his first wife being Miss Nancy Brown of North Hampton, whom he married in 1842 and who died May 10, 1872. In the Fall of 1873 he married Mrs. Orianna M. Wingate. James Monroe Lovering died at his residence in Exeter on August 24, 1885.

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Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	Correspondence. James M. Lovering. 1844-1859
	2	January - September 1860
	3	October 1860
	4	November 1860
	5	December 1860
	6	January - February 1861
	7	March - June 1861
	8	July - August 1861
	9	November - December 1861
	10	January - March 1862
	11	April 1862
	12	May 1862
	13	June 1862
	14	July - October 1862
	15	November - December 1862
2	1	Correspondence. James M. Lovering. January - March 1863
	2	April 1-15, 1863
	3	April 16-30, 1863
	4	May 1-14, 1863
	5	May 15-30, 1863
	6	June 1-15, 1863
	7	June 16-30, 1863
	8	July - September 1863
	9	January - February 1864
	10	March 1-15, 1864
	11	March 16-30, 1864
	12	April 2-14, 1864
	13	April 15-29, 1864
	14	May 1-15, 1864
	15	May 16-31, 1864
	16	June 1864
	17	July 1-14, 1864
	18	July 15-30, 1864
	19	August - December 1864

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	1	Correspondence. James M. Lovering. January 1865
	2	February 1865
	3	March 1865
	4	April 1865
	5	May 1865
	6	June 1865
	7	July 1865
	8	August - September 1865
	9	October 1865
	10	November 1865
	11	December 1865
	12	January - February 1866
	13	March 1866
	14	April 1866
	15	May - August 1866
	16	September - December 1866
	17	January - May 1867
	18	June - December 1867
	19	1868
	20	1869
	21	Financial Papers. James M. Lovering. 1871-1890
	22	Miscellaneous correspondence and receipts. James M. Lovering. undated