

Caleb Cushing

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Caleb Cushing

Span Dates: ca. 1785-1906

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1820-1878)

ID No.: MSS17509

Creator: Cushing, Caleb, 1800-1879

Language: Collection material in English

Extent: 120,000 items; 420 containers plus 4 oversize; 190 linear feet; 9 microfilm reels

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: U.S cabinet official and representative from Massachusetts, army officer, diplomat, and lawyer. Correspondence, memoranda, diaries, journals, writings, speeches, notes, notebooks, legal file, business papers, biographical material, newspaper clippings, printed material, maps, photographs, and other papers reflecting Cushing's role in national and international affairs of the mid-nineteenth century.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Cushing, Caleb, 1800-1879

Bancroft, George, 1800-1891--Correspondence

Buchanan, James, 1791-1868

Butler, Benjamin F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1818-1893--Correspondence

Campbell, James, 1812-1893--Correspondence

Choate, Rufus, 1799-1859--Correspondence

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence

Dobbin, James C. (James Cochran), 1814-1857--Correspondence

Everett, Edward, 1794-1865--Correspondence

Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893--Correspondence

Guthrie, James, 1792-1869--Correspondence

Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875

Lieber, Francis, 1800-1872--Correspondence

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865

McClelland, Robert, 1807-1880--Correspondence

McCulloch, Hugh, 1808-1895--Correspondence

Marcy, William L. (William Learned), 1786-1857--Correspondence

Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869--Correspondence

Pike, Albert, 1809-1891--Correspondence

Pillow, Gideon Johnson, 1806-1878--Correspondence

Rose, John, Sir, 1820-1888--Correspondence

Seward, William Henry, 1801-1872--Correspondence

Sparks, Jared, 1789-1866--Correspondence

Taney, Roger Brooke, 1777-1864--Correspondence

Tyler, John, 1790-1862--Correspondence

Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852--Correspondence

Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892--Correspondence

Massachusetts. Attorney General's Office

United States. Dept. of Justice. Office of the Attorney General

Democratic Party (U.S.)

Geneva Arbitration Tribunal

United States and Mexican Claims Commission

Whig Party (U.S.)

Subjects:

The North American review

Canals--Panama

Diplomatic and consular service, American

Land speculation

Mexican War, 1846-1848

Political parties--United States

China--Foreign relations--United States

Colombia--Foreign relations--United States

Great Britain--Foreign relations--United States

Mexico--Foreign relations--United States

Massachusetts--Politics and government--1775-1865

Panama Canal (Panama)--History

Spain--Foreign relations--United States

United States--Foreign relations--China

United States--Foreign relations--Colombia

United States--Foreign relations--Great Britain

United States--Foreign relations--Mexico

United States--Foreign relations--Spain

United States--Foreign relations

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Claims

United States--Politics and government--19th century

Occupations:

Army officers

Cabinet officers

Diplomats

Lawyers

Representatives, U.S.--Massachusetts

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Caleb Cushing, lawyer, author, United States representative from Massachusetts, envoy to China, Colombia, and Spain, brigadier general in the Mexican War, attorney general of the United States, and senior counsel for the United States at the Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration, were given to the Library of Congress by his niece, Margaret W. Cushing, 1935-1942. Several small additions have been acquired through purchase, gift, and transfer, 1906-1995.

Processing History:

The papers of Caleb Cushing were initially arranged and described between 1961 and 1962. Additional material was incorporated into the collection in 1984 and in 1999, and the finding aid was revised in 2006. A description of the Caleb Cushing Papers appeared in the *Report of the Librarian of Congress*, 1936, p. 33. The provenance of Cushing's papers may be found in Claude M. Fuess, *The Life of Caleb Cushing* (1923): vol. 1, pp. vii-viii; vol. 2, pp. 399-400.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Caleb Cushing is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Microfilm:

A microfilm edition of correspondence, Dec. 1856-Dec. 1860, is available on eight reels and the treaty of Wang Hiya (Wanghsia), 1844, is available on one reel. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Caleb Cushing Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1800, Jan. 17	Born, Salisbury, Essex County, Mass.
1817	Graduated, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1820-1821	Tutored mathematics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1821	Admitted to bar and commenced practice of law, Newburyport, Mass. Edited local newspaper Began contributing to <i>North American Review</i>
1824	Elected representative to Massachusetts general court Married Caroline Elizabeth Wilde (died 1832)
1825	Elected Massachusetts state senator
1829-1830	Traveled to England, France, and Spain
1834-1842	U.S. representative from Massachusetts, Whig party
1843	Nominated three times as secretary of the treasury but rejected by the Senate
1843-1844	Commissioner to China; negotiated Treaty of Wang Hiya
1846	Traveled to Great Lakes region and along St. Croix River Reelected representative to Massachusetts general court
1847-1848	Brigadier general, Mexican War
1850	Reelected representative to Massachusetts general court
1851	Elected first mayor of Newburyport, Mass.
1852	Appointed associate justice, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts
1853-1857	Attorney general of the United States
1857	Reelected representative to Massachusetts general court
1860	Named permanent president of the National Democratic Convention, Charleston, S.C.
1860	Sent as President James Buchanan's personal representative to Charleston, S.C., to delay passing of ordinance of secession

1865-1870	Counsel for the United States before the British and American Joint Commission to settle claims by the Hudson's Bay and Puget's Sound companies
1868	Special Minister to Colombia to negotiate a treaty regarding a canal across Isthmus of Panama Appointed agent and counsel by the Mexican government to present claims before the Mexican-American Claims Commission
1871	Appointed counsel for the United States, Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration
1873-1877	Minister to Spain
1879, Jan. 2	Died, Newburyport, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Caleb Cushing (1800-1879) span the period ca. 1785-1906 with the bulk of the material dating from 1820 to 1878. The collection includes [diaries; journals; general](#) and [special correspondence; subject, legal, and financial files; a speech, article, and book file](#); and related newspaper clippings and [printed matter](#). There is also an extensive file based on Cushing's [land speculation](#) and an additional file with papers that relate to his varied [public employments](#), beginning with the China mission of 1843-1844 and ending with his ministry to Spain, 1873-1877.

The [General Correspondence](#) series, constituting approximately one-third of the collection, documents Cushing's life and touches on many of the national and international issues that arose during the middle years of the nineteenth century. The much less voluminous [Special Correspondence](#) series includes letters dealing with patronage questions during Cushing's congressional career (1835-1843) and during his service as President Franklin Pierce's attorney general (1853-1857). Social correspondence, autograph requests, bound correspondence, and a small amount of family correspondence complete this series.

Legal and business correspondence is included as part of the extensive [Legal File](#). The Legal File is divided among cases in which Cushing was in some way personally involved and those in which he acted as attorney or consultant. Also in the Legal File, and separately arranged therein, are drafts of Cushing's opinions as attorney general.

Correspondence is also included in the [Land Speculation and Related Business Ventures File](#) illustrating Cushing's financial interest in lands located from Maine to Lower California.

The [Speech, Article, and Book File](#) has material as disparate as Cushing's fledgling attempts at poetry in 1816 and his philippic against Britain's Sir Alexander Cockburn in *The Treaty of Washington* (1873). The bulk of this file, however, is made up of drafts and printed copies of Cushing's speeches and addresses and drafts of articles for the *North American Review* and other publications.

A [Subject File](#) incorporates notes, memoranda, and extracts, largely in Cushing's hand and principally dealing with political topics of the day. [Personal Miscellany](#) contains biographical material, early notebooks, commissions, and photographs. Numerous lists and inventories reflect Cushing's reading habits and wide-ranging interests. Much of the [Financial File](#) is in small, dated bundles as kept by Cushing. The series of newspaper clippings and [printed matter](#) complete the collection.

From an early date Cushing was in correspondence with important figures of his day. Names such as George Bancroft, Rufus Choate, Edward Everett, Jared Sparks, and Daniel Webster appear in the [General Correspondence](#) series as early as the 1820s, and in some instances frequently reappear for decades thereafter. A number of letters and notes from John Tyler and Franklin Pierce are found during their terms as president but are not confined to those years. Every member of Pierce's cabinet, including James Campbell, Jefferson Davis, James C. Dobbins, James Guthrie, Robert McClelland, and William L. Marcy, is represented in the 1853-1857 period. Included among the many other prominent correspondents are Benjamin F. Butler, Hamilton Fish, Francis Lieber, Hugh McCulloch, Albert Pike, Gideon Johnson Pillow, Sir John Rose, William Henry Seward, Roger Brooke Taney, and John Greenleaf Whittier.

The [Addition](#) includes two items of correspondence. The first item is a printed circular letter dated 1841 from Frederick Franks hand-addressed to Cushing requesting the establishment of national banks and a uniform fiscal policy for the United States.

The second is a letter dated 1853 from Cushing to attorney Philip B. Key asking his views on William W. Williamson's conviction for forging bank notes.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in thirteen series:

- [Diaries, Journals, and Notes, 1827-1844](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d.](#)
- [Special Correspondence, 1817-1899, n.d.](#)
- [Special Commissions File, 1843-1878, n.d.](#)
- [Speech, Article, and Book File, 1816-1877, n.d.](#)
- [Subject File](#)
- [Legal File, ca. 1785-1886, n.d.](#)
- [Land Speculation and Related Business Ventures File, ca. 1813-1906](#)
- [Miscellany, ca. 1814-1879, n.d.](#)
- [Financial File, 1805-1878, n.d.](#)
- [Printed Matter, ca. 1820-1878](#)
- [Addition, 1841-1853](#)
- [Oversize, 1823-1874, n.d.](#)

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-2	<p><u>Diaries, Journals, and Notes, 1827-1844</u></p> <p>About sixty small, unbound notebooks and two bound volumes. Arranged chronologically by type of material.</p>
BOX 3-143	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d.</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received. Arranged chronologically or alphabetically by name of correspondent. Undated correspondence includes files for Cushing and Franklin Pierce. Microfilm edition available of Containers 79-88, Dec. 1856-Dec. 1860. Shelf no. 19,366.</p>
BOX 144-162	<p><u>Special Correspondence, 1817-1899, n.d.</u></p> <p>Bound copies of selected letters to Cushing, bound correspondence of I. Lowell, and correspondence and related papers of J. N. Cushing, L. B. Cushing, S. Stevens, and others. Patronage letters are followed by files for invitations, announcements, and requests for autographs. Each file is arranged chronologically. Microfilm edition available of the treaty of Wang Hiya (Wanghsia), 1844. Shelf no. 21,859.</p>
BOX 163-197	<p><u>Special Commissions File, 1843-1878, n.d.</u></p> <p>Memoranda, drafts, extracts, official documents, and other material connected with Cushing's many public offices. Arranged chronologically by title of office or subject and thereunder by type of material or by subject. Correspondence removed unless noted in container list. Microfilm edition available of the treaty of Wang Hiya (Wanghsia), 1844.</p>
BOX 198-213	<p><u>Speech, Article, and Book File, 1816-1877, n.d.</u></p> <p>Handwritten drafts, printed copies, and newspaper accounts of Cushing's speeches, articles, and books. Arranged chronologically by year; poetry separately grouped.</p>
BOX 214-225	<p><u>Subject File</u></p> <p>Notes, memoranda, and extracts relating to a variety of topics of interest to Cushing. Arranged alphabetically by topic.</p>
BOX 226-330	<p><u>Legal File, ca. 1785-1886, n.d.</u></p> <p>Opinions, briefs, legal documents, drafts, memoranda, notes, printed matter, and correspondence.</p>
BOX 226-232	<p><u>Personal Cases, 1830-1878, n.d.</u></p> <p>Cases in which Cushing was himself a party to the suit. Arranged chronologically and thereunder alphabetically by case title or subject.</p>
BOX 233-246	<p><u>Attorney General's Office, 1853-1857.</u></p> <p>Chiefly drafts of Cushing's opinions with official correspondence and memoranda, notes, and other material. Arranged chronologically by month and year.</p>

- BOX 247-330** **Private Practice, ca. 1822-1886, n.d.**
 Various types of litigation and business ventures in which Cushing acted as attorney or had an interest.
 Arranged chronologically and thereunder alphabetically by case title or subject. In some instances, grouped by type of case.
- BOX 331-375** **Land Speculation and Related Business Ventures File, ca. 1813-1906**
 Correspondence, legal and business papers, financial data, memoranda, notes, maps, newspaper clippings, and printed matter.
 Arranged alphabetically by state and thereunder in approximate chronological order or by type of material.
- BOX 376-385** **Miscellany, ca. 1814-1879, n.d.**
 Biographical material, notebooks, daybooks, commissions, prints and photographs, literary enterprise, inventories and lists of books, publications, memoranda, notes, and printed extracts.
- BOX 376-381** **Personal, ca. 1814-1879**
 Biographical material including a portion of C. M. Fuess's manuscript, notebooks, daybooks, commissions, prints and photographs, literary enterprise, inventories and lists of books, publications, memoranda, and notes.
 Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
- BOX 382-385** **General, ca. 1816-1878, n.d.**
 Principally memoranda, notes and extracts in Cushing's hand.
 Arranged chronologically. An undated memoranda file contains documents concerning Madrid, Spain, and Washington, D.C.
- BOX 386-392** **Financial File, 1805-1878, n.d.**
 Bills, receipts, accounts, bank books, vouchers, memoranda of expenses, and related material including some financial correspondence.
 Arranged in approximate chronological order with the remainder grouped by type of material.
- BOX 393-419** **Printed Matter, ca. 1820-1878**
 Newspaper clippings, pamphlets, magazines, and articles, some of which are annotated by Cushing and others that concern him.
 Arranged in two groups as Newspaper Clippings and as Pamphlets, Magazines, and Articles. Two containers of the newspaper clippings are marked "personal" by Cushing.
- BOX 420** **Addition, 1841-1853**
 Two items of correspondence.
- BOX OV 1-OV 4** **Oversize, 1823-1874, n.d.**
 Treaty, watercolor and ink sketches, maps, legal documents, and certificates of appointment, commission, citation, and membership.
 Arranged according the series, container, and folder from which the documents were removed.
 Microfilm edition available of the treaty of Wang Hiya (Wanghsia), 1844. Shelf no. 21,859.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1-2	Diaries, Journals, and Notes, 1827-1844 About sixty small, unbound notebooks and two bound volumes. Arranged chronologically by type of material.
BOX 1	1827-1830, diary and notes on travel in Europe and U.S. <i>See also Container 201, Notes, for Cushing's Reminiscences of Spain</i>
BOX 2	1829-1830, diary ca. 1829, journal 1835, Jan., journal 1844, notes on Mexico
BOX 3-143	General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d. Letters sent and received. Arranged chronologically or alphabetically by name of correspondent. Undated correspondence includes files for Cushing and Franklin Pierce. Microfilm edition available of Containers 79-88, Dec. 1856-Dec. 1860. Shelf no. 19,366.
BOX 3	1815-1823 (13 folders)
BOX 4	1824-1825 (12 folders)
BOX 5	1826 (12 folders) 1827 Jan.-May (4 folders)
BOX 6	June-Dec. (5 folders) 1828 (10 folders) 1829 Jan.-May (5 folders)
BOX 7	June-Dec. (4 folders) 1830-1831 (13 folders)
BOX 8	1832-1833 (7 folders) 1834 Jan.-Feb. (3 folders)

General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d.

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BOX 9	Mar.-Oct. (12 folders)
BOX 10	Nov.-Dec. (4 folders)
	1835
	Jan.-Oct. (11 folders)
BOX 11	Nov.-Dec. (4 folders)
	1836
	Jan. 1-Mar. 4 (5 folders)
BOX 12	Mar. 5-Sept. 30 (12 folders)
BOX 13	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 (10 folders)
	1837
	Jan. 1-22 (3 folders)
BOX 14	Jan. 23-Aug. 31 (13 folders)
BOX 15	Sept. 1-Dec. 23 (12 folders)
BOX 16	Dec. 24-31
	1838
	Jan. 1-Mar. 20 (12 folders)
BOX 17	Mar. 21-Aug. 19 (14 folders)
BOX 18	Aug. 20-Dec. 31 (10 folders)
BOX 19	1839
	Jan. 1-June 13 (15 folders)
BOX 20	June 15-Dec. 31 (12 folders)
BOX 21	1840
	Jan. 1-Apr. 19 (13 folders)
BOX 22	Apr. 20-Aug. 31 (13 folders)
BOX 23	Sept. 1-Dec. 10 (11 folders)
BOX 24	Dec. 11-31 (3 folders)
	1841
	Jan. 1-Feb. 21 (7 folders)

General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d.

Container

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BOX 25	Feb. 22-Apr. 27 (10 folders)
BOX 26	Apr. 28-July 28 (12 folders)
BOX 27	July 29-Dec. 21 (13 folders)
BOX 28	Dec. 22-31 (4 folders)
	1842
	Jan. 1-Feb. 12 (9 folders)
BOX 29	Feb. 13-Apr. 2 (11 folders)
BOX 30	Apr. 3-May 23 (11 folders)
BOX 31	May 24-July 21 (12 folders)
BOX 32	July 22-Aug. 23 (11 folders)
BOX 33	Aug. 24-Oct. 8 (12 folders)
BOX 34	Oct. 9-Nov. 26 (11 folders)
BOX 35	Nov. 27-Dec. 27 (11 folders)
BOX 36	Dec. 28-31 (4 folders)
	1843
	Jan. 1-11 (5 folders)
BOX 37	Jan. 12-Feb. 16 (12 folders)
BOX 38	Feb. 17-Apr. 10 (12 folders)
BOX 39	Apr. 11-June 5 (9 folders)
BOX 40	June 6-July 31 (8 folders)
BOX 41	Aug. 1-Dec. 6 (8 folders)
BOX 42	Dec. 7-31
	1844
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 (8 folders)
BOX 43	Apr. 1-May 14 (9 folders)
BOX 44	May 15-June 30 (10 folders)

General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d.

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 45	July 1-31 (5 folders)
BOX 46	Aug. 1-26 (7 folders)
BOX 47	Aug. 27-Dec. 31 (6 folders)
BOX 48	1845 Jan.-Feb. (8 folders)
BOX 49	Mar.-Apr. (6 folders)
BOX 50	May-Dec. (14 folders)
BOX 51	1846 (14 folders) 1847 Jan. 1-31 (4 folders)
BOX 52	Feb. 1-Apr. 30 (13 folders)
BOX 53	May 1-Sept. 17 (10 folders)
BOX 54	Sept. 18-Nov. 30 (13 folders)
BOX 55	Dec. 1-31 (3 folders) 1848 Jan. 1-June 30 (7 folders)
BOX 56	July 1-Dec. 31 (9 folders)
BOX 57	1849 (10 folders)
BOX 58	1850 (16 folders)
BOX 59	1851 Jan. 1-June 30 (11 folders)
BOX 60	July 1-Dec. 31 (9 folders)
BOX 61	1852 Jan. 1-Aug. 31 (12 folders)
BOX 62	Sept. 1-Dec. 31 (7 folders) 1853 Jan. 1-Feb. 27 (4 folders)

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BOX 64	May 1-July 31 (11 folders)
BOX 65	Aug. 1-Oct. 12 (9 folders)
BOX 66	Oct. 13-Nov. 30 (8 folders)
BOX 67	Dec. 1-31 (4 folders)
	1854
	Jan. 1-31 (4 folders)
BOX 68	Feb. 1-Apr. 30 (9 folders)
BOX 69	May 1-July 31 (9 folders)
BOX 70	Aug. 1-Oct. 31 (8 folders)
BOX 71	Nov. 1-Dec. 31 (6 folders)
	1855
	Jan. 1-26 (3 folders)
BOX 72	Jan. 27-Apr. 30 (10 folders)
BOX 73	May 1-July 31 (12 folders)
BOX 74	Aug. 1-Oct. 31 (8 folders)
BOX 75	Nov. 1-Dec. 31 (8 folders)
BOX 76	1856
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 (9 folders)
BOX 77	Apr. 1 -July 31 (11 folders)
BOX 78	Aug. 1-Nov. 30 (11 folders)
BOX 79*	Dec. 1-31 (6 folders)
	*Microfilm edition available of selected correspondence, Dec. 1856-Dec. 1860 (Containers 79-88). Shelf no. 19,366
	1857
	Jan. 1-Feb. 28 (5 folders)
BOX 80	Mar. 1-July 31 (10 folders)

General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d.

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BOX 81	Aug. 1-Dec. 31 (12 folders)
BOX 82	1858 Jan. 1-June 30 (14 folders)
BOX 83	July 1-Dec. 31 (11 folders)
BOX 84	1859 Jan. 1-Aug. 31 (15 folders)
BOX 85	Sept. 1-Dec. 31 (8 folders)
BOX 86	1860 Jan. 1-Apr. 30 (9 folders)
BOX 87	May 1-Sept. 30 (13 folders)
BOX 88	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 (9 folders)
BOX 89	1861 Jan. 1-Apr. 30 (10 folders)
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BOX 91	1862 Jan. 1-July 31 (17 folders)
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BOX 96	1866 Jan. 1-Aug. 31 (10 folders)
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BOX 98	1867 (20 folders)
BOX 99	1868 (18 folders)
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BOX 102	Oct. 16-Dec. 31 (10 folders)
BOX 103	1870 Jan. 1-Mar. 31 (12 folders)
BOX 104	Apr. 1-June 30 (7 folders)
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BOX 106	1871 Jan. 1-June 30 (12 folders)
BOX 107	July 1-Dec. 31 (13 folders)
BOX 108	1872 Jan. 1-June 30 (13 folders)
BOX 109	July 1-Dec. 31 (12 folders)
BOX 110	1873 Jan. 1-May 31 (14 folders)
BOX 111	June 1-Oct. 31 (13 folders)
BOX 112	Nov. 1-Dec. 31 (8 folders)
BOX 113	1874 Jan. 1-Mar. 31 (10 folders)
BOX 114	Apr. 1-June 24 (7 folders)
BOX 115	June 25-July 31 (6 folders)
BOX 116	Aug. 1-31 (7 folders)
BOX 117	Sept. 1-30 (7 folders)
BOX 118	Oct. 1-31 (7 folders)
BOX 119	Nov. 1-30 (11 folders)
BOX 120	Dec. 1-31 (7 folders)
BOX 121	1875 Jan. 1-23 (5 folders)

General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d.

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 122	Jan. 24-Feb. 15 (7 folders)
BOX 123	Feb. 16-Mar. 19 (9 folders)
BOX 124	Mar. 20-Apr. 21 (7 folders)
BOX 125	Apr. 22-June 10 (7 folders)
BOX 126	June 11-July 31 (7 folders)
BOX 127	Aug. 1-31 (6 folders)
BOX 128	Sept. 1-21 (5 folders)
BOX 129	Sept. 22-Oct. 7 (5 folders)
BOX 130	Oct. 8-31 (8 folders)
BOX 131	Nov. 1-26 (8 folders)
BOX 132	Nov. 27-Dec. 31 (11 folders)
BOX 133	1876 Jan. 1-Feb. 8 (9 folders)
BOX 134	Feb. 9-Apr. 9 (10 folders)
BOX 135	Apr. 10-May 31 (8 folders)
BOX 136	June 1-July 14 (7 folders)
BOX 137	July 15-Nov. 18 (13 folders)
BOX 138	Nov. 19-Dec. 31 (6 folders)
BOX 139	1877 Jan. 1-Feb. 28 (9 folders)
BOX 140	Mar. 1-Apr. 30 (9 folders)
BOX 141	May 1-Dec. 31 (16 folders)
BOX 142	1878 (16 folders)
BOX 143	Undated "A-X" miscellaneous (5 folders) Cushing drafts

General Correspondence, 1815-1878, n.d.

Container

Contents

Pierce, Franklin, notes
Unsigned or illegible

BOX 144-162

Special Correspondence, 1817-1899, n.d.

Bound copies of selected letters to Cushing, bound correspondence of I. Lowell, and correspondence and related papers of J. N. Cushing, L. B. Cushing, S. Stevens, and others. Patronage letters are followed by files for invitations, announcements, and requests for autographs. Each file is arranged chronologically.
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BOX 144

Miscellany

1817-1829, transcripts of selected letters and other documents
1823-1824, I. Lowell on life of John Lowell
1843-1844, letters found in possession of Stewart and traced to Marsh
1879-1899, J. N. Cushing and others
1888-1889, L. B. Cushing, J. N. Cushing, and S. Stevens

BOX 145

Patronage

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(16 folders)
1841

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Jan.-Feb.
Mar.-Apr., and papers relating to Nathaniel Niles, Mar.-June
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May-June
(8 folders)

BOX 148

July-Dec.
(15 folders)

BOX 149

1842
Jan.-May
(14 folders)

BOX 150

June-Oct.
(12 folders)

BOX 151

Nov.-Dec.
(13 folders)
1843

BOX 152

Jan.-Mar.
(13 folders)

1851-1852
(15 folders)

1853
Jan.-Mar.

BOX 153

1853
Mar.-Apr.
(11 folders)

BOX 154

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BOX 155

June-Sept.
(11 folders)

Special Correspondence, 1817-1899, n.d.

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BOX 156	Oct.-Dec. 1854 Jan.-Aug. (14 folders)
BOX 157	Sept.-Dec. 1855-1859 (38 folders) 1860, Oct.-Nov., relating to James P. L. Westcott
BOX 158	Invitations, announcements 1819-1843 (17 folders)
BOX 159	1844-1869 (26 folders)
BOX 160	1870-1878, n.d. (6 folders)
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Biographical material including a portion of C. M. Fuess's manuscript, notebooks, daybooks, commissions, prints and photographs, literary enterprise, inventories and lists of books, publications, memoranda, and notes.
Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

BOX 376

Account book

Adams, John Quincy, autographs

Appointment and award certificates, 1823-1874, n.d. [See Oversize](#)

Biographical

Partial corrected manuscript by C. M. Fuess

Clippings and obituary notices

(3 folders)

BOX 377

Books

Bills

Catalog of Chinese library

Memoranda and lists

(4 folders)

Books and papers, inventory

(2 folders)

BOX 378

Church affairs

Commissions, citations, licenses, membership certificates [See also Container 42, General Correspondence](#), and [Oversize](#)

Congressional Globe, references to Cushing

Daybooks, 1821-1839, 1849-1850

(9 vols. in 2 folders)

Docket notebook, Court of Common Pleas, 1822-1824

Early law partnership

Early legal notes, chiefly from William Blackstone, *Blackstone's Commentaries*

Fee book

Furniture and other effects

BOX 379

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Miscellany

Notebooks

Algebra and geometry, 1814-1815

Everett, Edward [?], "Lectures on the History and Antiquities of the Civil Law,"
1820-1821

General topics

Languages

Legal

(2 folders)

Miscellany, ca. 1814-1879, n.d.

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	Itineraries, 1829-1830
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	Massachusetts legislature, 1825-1826
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	Personal
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	Property in Newburyport, Mass. (3 folders)
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	Ships owned by Cushing and others, lists
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BOX 385	(10 folders)
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Financial File, 1805-1878, n.d.

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BOX OV 1	Special Commissions File 1843-1845, China mission Treaty of Wang Hiya, Chinese copy on silk (Container 164) Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 21859
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