

**Benjamin B. French Family Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Benjamin B. French Family Papers

**Span Dates:** 1778-1940

**Bulk Dates:** 1813-1893

**ID No.:** MSS21550

**Creator:** French, Benjamin B. (Benjamin Brown), 1800-1870

**Extent:** 6,500 items

**Extent:** 38 containers plus 6 oversize

**Extent:** 17.2 linear feet

**Extent:** 16 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm80021550>

**Summary:** New Hampshire politician, clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Commissioner of Public Buildings in Washington, D.C. Journals, personal correspondence, writings, and miscellaneous papers chiefly relating to family matters and including commentary on political events and social life in Washington in the nineteenth century. Other prominent family members represented in the papers include Francis O. French, banker, and Amos Tuck, congressman.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Fahnestock, Harris C. (Harris Charles), 1835-1914--Correspondence.

French family.

French, Benjamin B. (Benjamin Brown), 1800-1870.

French, Daniel Chester, 1850-1931--Correspondence.

French, Francis O. (Francis Ormond), 1837-1893. Francis O. French papers.

French, Henry F. (Henry Flagg), 1813-1885--Correspondence.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Assassination.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

McCulloch, Hugh, 1808-1895--Correspondence.

Morrill, Lot M. (Lot Myrick), 1812-1883--Correspondence.

Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869.

Richardson, William A. (William Adams), 1821-1896--Correspondence.

Richardson, William Merchant, 1774-1838. William Merchant Richardson papers.

Sherman, John, 1823-1900--Correspondence.

Tuck, Amos, 1810-1879. Amos Tuck papers.

### Organizations

Harvard College (1780- )

Magnetic Telegraph Company.

Phillips Exeter Academy.

Rittenhouse Academy.

United States. Congress.

### Subjects

Freemasonry.

Private schools--New Hampshire--Exeter.

Private schools--Washington (D.C.)

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

Universities and colleges--Massachusetts--Cambridge.

## Places

Confederate States of America--History.  
Middle West--Description and travel.  
New Hampshire--Politics and government.  
New York (N.Y.)--Social life and customs.  
Southern States--History--1865-1877.  
United States--History--1865-1898.  
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.  
United States--Politics and government--19th century.  
Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

## Titles

*French family papers*

## Occupations

Clerks, U.S. House of Representatives.  
Judges.  
Justices, State.  
Politicians.  
Public officials.

## Provenance

Part I of the papers of the Benjamin B. French Family, including the papers of Benjamin B. French, New Hampshire politician, clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Commissioner of Public Buildings in Washington, D.C., were given to the Library of Congress by Daniel Chester French, Henry H. French, Prentiss French, Margaret French Cresson, and S. LeRoy French between 1922 and 1974. Additional items were obtained by gift and purchase from various sources from 1924 to 1975. Part II comprises additional papers of Benjamin B. French and other family members including Francis O. French, banker, and Amos Tuck, congressman, and were given to the Library by Peter S. and Katherine P. French between 1991 and 1994. Additional items in Part II were transferred from the National Archives and Records Administration in 1985 and purchased in 2006.

## Processing History

Part I of the papers of the Benjamin B. French Family was arranged and described by Allan Teichroew in 1980. Additional material received between 1985 and 1994 was processed as Part II by Michael Spangler in 2000. Material received in 2006 was processed as an Addition to Part II by Laney Stevenson in 2019.

## Additional Guides

The papers of the Benjamin B. French Family have been described in *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress*, vol. 28, Oct. 1971, pp. 287-289, and in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1991*, pp. 12-17.

## Transfers

Most prints and photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

## Copyright Status

The donors have dedicated to the public any literary rights which they may possess in the family papers of Benjamin B. French.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Benjamin B. French Family are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of Part I of these papers is available on thirteen reels for purchase from the Library's Photoduplication Service subject to the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.) An additional microfilm edition consisting of only the journals in Part I is also available on three reels for purchase subject to the same conditions. These microfilm editions may also be requested on interlibrary loan through the Library's Loan Division. No more than ten reels may be requested at a time for a loan period of one month. A copy of an early version of the finding aid for Part I of the Benjamin B. French Family Papers is available on reel one of the microfilm edition of Part I.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Roman numeral designating the Part followed by colon and container number, Benjamin B. French Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Notes

### Benjamin B. French

Date	Event
1800, Sept. 4	Born, Chester, N.H.
1825	Married Elizabeth Richardson (died 1861)
1828-1830	Assistant clerk, New Hampshire state senate
1831-1833	Representative, New Hampshire legislature
1833	Accepted appointment in clerk's department of the United States House of Representatives
1845-1847	Clerk of the United States House of Representatives
1847-1850	President, Magnetic Telegraph Co.
1853	Appointed commissioner of public buildings by President Franklin Pierce (resigned 1855)
1857	President, Republican Association of Washington, Washington, D.C.
1859-1865	Grand master of Templars of the United States
1861	Chief marshal of District of Columbia at inauguration of Abraham Lincoln
1861-1867	Commissioner of public buildings under presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson
1862	Married Mary Ellen Brady
1870, Aug. 12	Died, Washington, D.C.

### Francis O. French

Date	Event
1837, Sept. 12	Born, Chester, N.H.
1857	Graduated, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.

1859	LL.B., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.
1861	Married Ellen Tuck
1862	Appointed deputy naval officer of customs, Boston, Mass.
1865	Joined banking firm Samuel A. Way & Co., Boston, Mass.
1870	Joined banking firm Jay Cooke & Co., New York, N.Y.
1873	Promoted to partner, Jay Cooke & Co.
1874	Member of a group that acquired control of the First National Bank of New York
1880	Disposed of his interest in First National Bank of New York and retired
1888-1893	President, Manhattan Trust Co., New York, N.Y.
1893, Feb. 26	Died, Tuxedo Park, N.Y.

### Amos Tuck

Date	Event
1810, Aug. 2	Born, Parsonsfield, Maine
1834	Married Sarah Nudd (died 1847)
1835	Graduated, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.
1838	Began law practice in Exeter, N.H.
1842	Representative, New Hampshire legislature
1847	Married Catherine Townsend Shephard (died 1876)
1847-1853	Member, United States House of Representatives
1853-1854	Assisted in founding the Republican party
1860	Member, platform committee, Republican party national convention, Chicago, Ill.
1861	Delegate, Peace Congress, Washington, D.C.
1861-1865	Naval officer of the district of Boston and Charlestown, Mass.
1865	Resumed law practice
1879, Dec. 11	Died, Exeter, N.H.

## Scope and Content Note

### Part I

Part I of the papers of the Benjamin Brown French Family spans the years 1802-1924, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1826-1870. Papers of Benjamin Brown French (1800-1870) comprising Part I are organized in the following series: [Journals](#), [Correspondence](#), and a [Miscellany](#) consisting of poems and other occasional writings, printed matter, and a scrapbook of clippings.

Benjamin B. French came to Washington, D.C., in 1833 from his native New Hampshire. He had already served briefly as clerk and representative in the New Hampshire state legislature when friends in the state secured him an appointment in the Clerk's Department of the United States House of Representatives. He kept this post twelve years, was elected clerk of the house in 1845, and in 1847 joined Samuel F. B. Morse in the operation of the Magnetic Telegraph Company. President Franklin Pierce appointed him Commissioner of Public Buildings in 1853, an office French resigned in 1855 only to be reappointed by President Lincoln in 1861. French made the acquaintance of twelve presidents, from Andrew Jackson to Ulysses S. Grant, but it was Lincoln to whom he was most devoted. One of his duties as Commissioner of Public Buildings was to attend semiweekly White House receptions and introduce Mrs. Lincoln to visitors. When Willie Lincoln died on February 20, 1862, French was called upon to take charge of the funeral arrangements. At Gettysburg he was on the speaker's stand when Lincoln dedicated the national cemetery in Pennsylvania on November 19, 1863, and in April 1865 he stood by the dying president's bedside.

French's private [journals](#), which date from 1803 because of the enclosure of early family manuscripts, were begun by French in August 1828 and continue intermittently until August 1870. In addition to commentary on New Hampshire politics during the Jacksonian era, they contain extended discussion of freemasonry, the Magnetic Telegraph Company, and the day-to-day life of a man of affairs close to the central figures of his time. Cabinet officers, Congressmen, military

leaders, and people of the arts and society appear frequently and sometimes on intimate terms throughout these pages. Included are comments on the presidency of Franklin Pierce, with whom French had been politically identified prior to his bolting to the Republican side in the late 1850s, and numerous passages illuminating French's regard for Lincoln. A hymn by French was sung at the Gettysburg dedication ceremony, and later he wrote a twelve-page retrospective of the event. His journals also portray other turning points of the Civil War, including a graphic description of the reception in the capital to news of the fall of Richmond. Lincoln's assassination is fully recorded, as are the acrimonious days following the war. The journals, edited by Donald B. Cole and John J. McDonough, were published in *Witness to the Young Republic: A Yankee's Journal, 1828-1870* (Hanover, N.H.: University Press of New England, 1989).

Almost all of the items in the [Correspondence](#) series in Part I consists of French's letters to and from his half brother, Henry Flagg French, a judge in Exeter, New Hampshire. Much like the journals, they contain accounts of the interior and exterior lives of nineteenth century Americans who observed much and recorded what they saw. Benjamin's letters treat religion, politics, art, and literature and are especially illuminating for their asides about events on the floor of the House of Representatives or in the halls of Congress. Observing fisticuffs between two congressmen which ended in cravats being pulled and vest buttons popped, he attended quietly to his minutetaking, kept his composure, and in a report to his brother noted that throughout the pandemonium he was "calm as a summer morning."

The [Miscellany](#) files include a scrapbook of French's writings and holograph and printed poems.

## Part II

Part II of the Benjamin B. French Family Papers spans the years 1778-1940, with the bulk of the material dating from 1813 to 1893. Benjamin B. French, Francis Ormond French (1837-1893), and Amos Tuck (1810-1879) are the principal figures represented. The material is organized in the following series: [Journals](#), [Correspondence](#), [Miscellany](#), [2019 Addition](#), and [Oversize](#) material.

[Journals](#) of Francis O. French, the older son of Benjamin B. French contain an account of a youth from a prominent family growing up in the nation's capital in the mid-nineteenth century. Beginning in 1850 when he was twelve years old, "Frank" French regularly kept his journals through 1856, a period during which he attended Mr. Wight's Rittenhouse Academy in Washington and Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, and began his studies at Harvard College. Entries range from jottings on typical, day-to-day neighborhood and student activities to extended remarks on significant events, such as the deaths of prominent American political figures and the fire in the United States Capitol which destroyed the Library of Congress in 1851. Additionally the journals record the comings and goings of numerous family members who visited the French family. The first volume of these journals was edited by John J. McDonough and published as *Growing Up on Capitol Hill: A Young Washingtonian's Journal, 1850-1852 / Francis O. French* (Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1997). Also included are journals kept by Francis French in 1864 and 1870-1871, in which he recorded a visit to his dying father in Washington, and fragments of journals by Benjamin French and Amos Tuck.

The [Correspondence](#) series comprises chiefly the personal letters of Benjamin B. French, Francis O. French, and Amos Tuck and is organized largely to reflect the original arrangement of the bound volumes from which the material was removed. Complementing his papers in Part I, the correspondence of Benjamin B. French with various family members includes news and observations similar to those in his journal. In frequent letters to his son Francis, he interlaces news from home and fatherly advice with observations and commentary on political figures, government officials, and significant events. The letters reveal French's growing anxiety as the nation drifted toward dissolution, tempered by his determined faith that the Union would prevail. Even though an admirer of Abraham Lincoln, French was still critical of Lincoln's "shilly shally" during the months leading up to the war. French's letters to his son Francis in April 1865 provide an important account of events surrounding Lincoln's death, including French's assertion that John Wilkes Booth had created an unusual disturbance at Lincoln's second inauguration. French's correspondence also includes a miscellaneous group of incoming letters relating primarily to his Masonic activities.

The personal letters of Francis O. French also constitute a significant portion of the [Correspondence](#) series. Francis French trained as a lawyer at Harvard and after the Civil War established a successful career in international finance. In 1870 he joined Jay Cooke & Co., survived its collapse in 1873, and joined a group with controlling interest in the First National Bank of New York. In 1880 he sold his interest in First National and, in failing health, traveled extensively in his final years. His correspondence offers less striking commentary than his father, but provides insight into the life of a prosperous American family of the late nineteenth century and includes letters received from prominent men in finance and government as well as family members. Correspondents include Harris C. Fahnestock (banker), Daniel Chester French

(a cousin), and secretaries of the treasury Lot M. Morrill, Hugh McCulloch, William A. Richardson (a cousin), and John Sherman.

The [Correspondence](#) also contains family correspondence of Amos Tuck, whose daughter Ellen married Francis French in 1861. An inhabitant of New Hampshire, Tuck studied law, served as a representative in Congress from 1847 to 1853, and was involved in the founding of the Republican party in 1853-1854. His letters to family members include commentary on politics, his travels in the Midwest in the 1851, and the devastation of the South after the Civil War. There are also a few personal letters of William Merchant Richardson, father of Benjamin B. French's first wife and a chief justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court. The Correspondence series contains a small number of photocopies of original letters, invitations, and related documents from prominent figures received by Benjamin B. and Francis O. French but not included among these papers.

Among the speeches and writings in the [Miscellany](#) series is Benjamin B. French's memoir of his early years as a clerk in the House of Representatives and a Fourth of July speech prepared by William Merchant Richardson in 1808 discussing Thomas Jefferson and the Embargo Act. Other items among the Miscellany include biographical material, certificates, a commonplace book, memorials, memorabilia, and scrapbooks.

The [2019 Addition](#) series consists of a letter dated July 15, 1850, to Benjamin B. French from employees of the Magnetic Telegraph Company regarding the failure of his re-election as president.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in two parts composed of eight series:

Part I:

- [Journals, 1803-1870](#)
- [Correspondence, 1826-1924](#)
- [Miscellany, 1802-1977](#)

Part II:

- [Journals, 1837-1879](#)
- [Correspondence, 1778-1940](#)
- [Miscellany, 1787-1938](#)
- [2019 Addition, 1850](#)
- [Oversize, 1819-1893](#)

## Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX I:1-4 REEL 1-3	<p><b><u>Part I: Journals, 1803-1870</u></b></p> <p>Bound volumes of private journals kept by Benjamin B. French. Entries begin in 1828, with earlier material consisting of family items enclosed by Amos Tuck French.</p> <p>Arranged in approximate chronological order.</p>
BOX I:5-13 REEL 4-12	<p><b><u>Part I: Correspondence, 1826-1924</u></b></p> <p>Bound volumes of letters between Benjamin B. French and his half brother, Henry Flagg French. Arranged in three categories: original correspondence, typewritten transcripts by Amos Tuck French, and an abridged published edition of Benjamin French's journals and letters edited by Amos Tuck French.</p> <p>The letters are in chronological order and include correspondence with other family members.</p>
BOX I:14 REEL 12-13	<p><b><u>Part I: Miscellany, 1802-1977</u></b></p> <p>Handwritten or printed poems by Benjamin B. French and other occasional writings, miscellaneous printed matter, and a scrapbook of clippings.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material.</p>
BOX II:1-2 not filmed	<p><b><u>Part II: Journals, 1837-1879</u></b></p> <p>Bound volumes of private journals kept by Benjamin B. French, Francis O. French, and Amos Tuck.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of creator and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX II:2-20	<p><b><u>Part II: Correspondence, 1778-1940</u></b></p> <p>Letters sent and received chiefly by Benjamin B. French, Francis O. French, and Amos Tuck.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of person and chronologically thereunder. Correspondence of Benjamin B. French is additionally grouped into family and miscellaneous correspondence.</p>
BOX II:21-24 not filmed	<p><b><u>Part II: Miscellany, 1787-1938</u></b></p> <p>Autograph book, biographical material, certificates, clippings, commonplace book, memorabilia, school records, scrapbooks, and speeches and writings.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein alphabetically by name of creator.</p>
BOX II:24	<p><b><u>Part II: 2019 Addition, 1850</u></b></p> <p>Autograph letter to Benjamin B. French from employees of the Magnetic Telegraph Company.</p>
BOX II:OV 1-6 not filmed	<p><b><u>Part II: Oversize, 1819-1893</u></b></p> <p>War Department broadside announcing reward for capture of Lincoln's assassins, certificates, a letter, child's cut-out toys, scrapbook, and a draft of a memoir.</p> <p>Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</p>



# Container List

Microfilm shelf no. 18,483. Containers I:1-4 also available on microfilm shelf no. 15,260.

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<b>BOX I:1-4 REEL 1-3</b>	<b>Part I: Journals, 1803-1870</b> Bound volumes of private journals kept by Benjamin B. French. Entries begin in 1828, with earlier material consisting of family items enclosed by Amos Tuck French. Arranged in approximate chronological order.
<b>BOX I:1 REEL 1</b>	1803-1845, July (4 vols.)
<b>BOX I:2 REEL 1</b>	1845, July-1858, Feb. (2 vols.)
<b>REEL 2</b>	1858, Mar.-1861, Jan.
<b>BOX I:3 REEL 2</b>	1861, Jan.-1865, Dec. (2 vols.)
<b>BOX I:4 REEL 3</b>	1866, Jan.-1870, Aug. (2 vols.)
<b>BOX I:5-13 REEL 4-12</b>	<b>Part I: Correspondence, 1826-1924</b> Bound volumes of letters between Benjamin B. French and his half brother, Henry Flagg French. Arranged in three categories: original correspondence, typewritten transcripts by Amos Tuck French, and an abridged published edition of Benjamin French's journals and letters edited by Amos Tuck French. The letters are in chronological order and include correspondence with other family members.
<b>BOX I:5 REEL 4</b>	Originals To Henry Flagg French (half brother) 1826, Feb. 19-1850, Nov. 29 (2 vols.)
<b>BOX I:6 REEL 5</b>	1851, Jan. 22-1862, Oct. 1
<b>REEL 6</b>	1862, Oct. 12-1870, Aug. 15
<b>BOX I:7 REEL 6</b>	From Henry Flagg French 1833, Nov. 22-1851, Apr. 20
<b>BOX I:8 REEL 7</b>	1851, May 10-1858, Oct. 3
<b>BOX I:9 REEL 7</b>	1858, Oct. 13-1870, Apr. 6
<b>BOX I:10 REEL 8</b>	To Henry Flagg French 1826-1849 (2 vols.)
<b>BOX I:11 REEL 9</b>	1850-1858
<b>REEL 10</b>	1859-1870
<b>BOX I:12 REEL 10</b>	From Henry Flagg French 1833-1844
<b>REEL 11</b>	1845-1855
<b>BOX I:13 REEL 12</b>	1856-1914 Published

## Part I: Correspondence, 1826-1924

Container	Contents
	French, Amos Tuck, editor, <i>From the Diary and Correspondence of Benjamin Brown French</i> (New York: privately printed, 1904), with inscription and tipped in letter by the editor, 1924
BOX I:14 REEL 12-13	<b>Part I: Miscellany, 1802-1977</b> Handwritten or printed poems by Benjamin B. French and other occasional writings, miscellaneous printed matter, and a scrapbook of clippings. Arranged by type of material.
BOX I:14 REEL 12	Poems and other occasional writings Friends and family, 1841-1870, undated Masonic, 1858-1870, undated New Hampshire, 1849-1858, undated
REEL 13	People and politics, 1835-1870, undated Special events, 1861-1869 Printed matter, 1802-1877 Scrapbook, 1834-1870
BOX II:1-2 not filmed	<b>Part II: Journals, 1837-1879</b> Bound volumes of private journals kept by Benjamin B. French, Francis O. French, and Amos Tuck. Arranged alphabetically by name of creator and chronologically therein.
BOX II:1	French, Benjamin B. 1837, May French, Francis O. 1850, Jan.-1854, July (2 vols.) 1854, Aug.-1856, Feb. 1864, Jan.-May 1870, Aug.-1871, Jan.
BOX II:2	Tuck, Amos 1879, May-July
BOX II:2-20	<b>Part II: Correspondence, 1778-1940</b> Letters sent and received chiefly by Benjamin B. French, Francis O. French, and Amos Tuck. Arranged alphabetically by name of person and chronologically thereunder. Correspondence of Benjamin B. French is additionally grouped into family and miscellaneous correspondence.
BOX II:2	French, Benjamin B. Family Brown, Mary (grandmother), 1818-1838, undated (11 folders) French, Elizabeth R. (wife), 1822-1836 (5 folders)
BOX II:3	1837-1860, undated (13 folders) French, Francis O. (son) <i>See also Containers II:11-12, French, Benjamin B.</i>

## Part II: Correspondence, 1778-1940

Container	Contents
	1845-1852 (3 folders)
	1853 Jan.-May (2 folders)
BOX II:4	June-Dec. (2 folders)
	1854-1859 (19 folders)
BOX II:5	1860-1868 (20 folders)
BOX II:6	1869-1870, undated (3 folders)
	Miscellany 1800-1836 <i>See also Oversize</i> (18 folders)
BOX II:7	1837-1843 (17 folders)
BOX II:8	1844-1870 (15 folders)
	Miscellaneous 1824-1858 (3 folders)
	1859 Jan.-Apr. (2 folders)
BOX II:9	May-Dec. (4 folders)
	1860-1870 (11 folders)
BOX II:10	French, Francis O. French, Amos T. (son) 1873, 1883-1891 (14 folders)
BOX II:11	1892-1893 (5 folders)
	French, Benjamin B. (father), Elizabeth R. (mother), and Mary E. (stepmother) <i>See also Containers II:3-6, French, Francis O.</i>
	1845-1861 (15 folders)
BOX II:12	1862-1890, undated (16 folders)
BOX II:13	French, Ellen T. (wife) 1853-1884 (13 folders)
BOX II:14	1885-1890 (16 folders)

## Part II: Correspondence, 1778-1940

Container	Contents
BOX II:15	1891-1893 (6 folders) Miscellany 1844-1869 (9 folders)
BOX II:16	1870-1880 (14 folders)
BOX II:17	1881-1892 (15 folders)
BOX II:18	1893 (8 folders) Miscellaneous photocopies, 1778-1940, undated (6 folders) Richardson, William Merchant, and family, 1813-1820 (2 folders)
BOX II:19	Tuck, Amos, and family 1845-1870 (19 folders)
BOX II:20	1871-1902, undated (21 folders)
BOX II:21-24 not filmed	<b>Part II: Miscellany, 1787-1938</b>  Autograph book, biographical material, certificates, clippings, commonplace book, memorabilia, school records, scrapbooks, and speeches and writings. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein alphabetically by name of creator.
BOX II:21	Autograph book, 1850 Biographical material, undated Certificates and awards French, Benjamin B., 1819-1870 <i>See also Oversize</i> French, Francis O., 1862-1878 Child's cut-out toys, 1840s <i>See Oversize</i> Clippings, 1902-1909 Commonplace book, Sarah M. Richardson, 1824-1827 Genealogy, undated Hair, locks of, 1855-1893, undated (2 folders) Memorabilia, 1787-1895, undated (3 folders) Memorials and obituaries French, Francis O., 1893 Tuck, Amos, 1879 Music copy book, Benjamin B. French, 1819-1825, 1856
BOX II:22	School and university file, Francis O. French, 1848-1859 (2 folders) Scrapbooks French, Francis O.

## Part II: Miscellany, 1787-1938

Container	Contents
	Vol. 1, 1843-1893 <i>See Oversize</i>
	Vol. 2, circa 1850-1892
BOX II:23	Vol. 3, 1866-1893
	Tuck, Amos, 1833-1938
BOX II:24	Speeches and writings
	French, Benjamin B., 1845-1868, undated <i>See also Oversize</i> (4 folders)
	French, Francis O., 1857, undated
	Richardson, William Merchant, 1797-1818, undated (2 folders)
	Tuck, Amos, 1861-1875, undated (3 folders)
	Visiting cards, 1852-1853, 1866, undated
BOX II:24	<b>Part II: 2019 Addition, 1850</b>
	Autograph letter to Benjamin B. French from employees of the Magnetic Telegraph Company.
BOX II:24	Correspondence
	French, Benjamin B., 1850, July 15
BOX II:OV 1-6 not filmed	<b>Part II: Oversize, 1819-1893</b>
	War Department broadside announcing reward for capture of Lincoln's assassins, certificates, a letter, child's cut-out toys, scrapbook, and a draft of a memoir. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
BOX II:OV 1	Correspondence
	Family
	Miscellany, 1836 (Container II:6)
BOX II:OV 2	Miscellany
	Certificates and awards
	French, Benjamin B., 1819-1870 (Container II:21)
BOX II:OV 3	Child's cut-out toys, 1840s (Container II:21)
BOX II:OV 4	Scrapbooks, French, Francis O.
	Vol. 1, 1843-1893 (Container II:22)
BOX II:OV 5	Broadside, reward for capture of President Lincoln's assassins, 1865, April 20 (Container II:OV 4)
BOX II:OV 6	Speeches and writings
	French, Benjamin B., draft of memoir, 1856 (Container II:24)