Collection Overview
Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA
Creator: unknown
Title: Fiske Papers
Dates: 1810-1865
Extent: One Box, .5 linear feet
Abstract: The collection contains letters, legal documents, miscellaneous writings, and business receipts, the majority of which pertain to Samuel C. Fiske or to Alexander Parkhurst Fiske, both residents of Southbridge, Massachusetts. Almost all of the letters are related to the Civil War, during which A. P. Fiske was a captain in the Union Army. Other names that appear prominently are Frederic Bottom and Joseph H. Logee.
Location: OSV vault as of March 2017
Language: English

Biographical Sketch*
Samuel Cheever Fiske, born ca. 1804 to Joshua and Betsy Fiske of Sturbridge, was a resident of Southbridge and Sturbridge, Massachusetts, until his death in 1873. He married Celestina Winslow Bottom Fiske (1805–1873). Their son Alexander Parkhurst Fiske (1833–1922), served in the Union Army during the Civil War, as First Lieutenant, Adjutant, 57th Regiment, N.Y. Infantry, 1861; later Major by brevet, for gallant conduct at the battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia; later as
Captain, Assistant Adjutant General, US Volunteers, March 7, 1862. His final rank was Lieutenant Colonel, US Volunteers, March 13, 1865. He mustered out Nov 22, 1865. Several items in the collection contain the name Frederic W. Bottom, Esq. (1780-1855), who was Celestina’s father. He was born in Plainfield, Connecticut and graduated from Brown University in 1802. Joseph H. Logee was born to Daniel and Mary in 1804 in Douglas, Massachusetts. He married Prudence Pain (1804-1857) in 1826.

*Resources:

**Scope and Content**
This collection consists of eight folders. Three contain correspondence, primarily letters addressed during the Civil War to Alexander Fiske at the Adjutant General’s office in New York; one contains writings by persons unknown, some of which appear to be notes for a sermon; one contains legal documents, many related to Frederic W. Bottom; three contain business documents, Receipts, and inventories. Most of the business documents and Receipts are connected to Samuel Fiske.

This collection is organized into four series:

Series I: Correspondence, 1828–1865
Series 2: Writings, notes, undated
Series 3: Legal documents, 1810–1864
Series 4: Business documents, Receipts, 1810-1845

**Restrictions**
This collection is open for research. Use is limited to available Library hours and staff. Copies and scans are done at the discretion of the library staff and condition of materials.

**Search Terms**

**Personal Names**
Fiske, Samuel Chaffee, 1805-1873
Fiske, Alexander Parkhurst, 1833-1922
Bottom, Frederic W., 1780-1855
Logee, Joseph H.
Christensen, Christian T.

**Family Names**
Fiske (Fisk)
Bottom
Plimpton, Moses
Tiffany, B. (Bela)

Subjects
Civil War

Geographic Names
Southbridge (Mass.)
Sturbridge (Mass.)
Douglas (Mass.)
Brookfield (Mass.)
East Douglas (Mass.)
New York City (New York)

Genre
Correspondence
Legal documents
Receipts
Inventories
Essays

Corporate Names
Chicopee Manufacturing Company
Female Classical Seminary, Brookfield, Massachusetts
Monson Academy, Monson, Massachusetts
57th Regiment, New York Infantry, Adjutant General's Office, Bleecker Street, New York City
U.S. Volunteers Adjutant General Department, New York City

Administrative Information
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History of the Collection
The collection was donated by a descendant of the Fiske family. The creator of the collection is unknown. There were no previous or subsequent donations from this donor. The collection contained two empty leather wallets. The wallets were removed and transferred to the Curatorial Department. The new collection numbers are 12.3.134 and 12.3.134.

Processing information
Finding Aids:
Prepared by: Judith Haran, March 21, 2017

Related Collections
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