Perez Peck Family Collection, 1813-1899
1972.66

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Collection Overview
Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA
Creator: Peck, Jr., Perez
Title: Perez Peck Family Collection
Dates: 1813-1899
Extent: Three Boxes and folder in Oversize Manuscript drawer, approx. 1.5 linear feet
Abstract: Collection consists of daybooks, account books, journals and ledgers, papers and schoolbooks from the Perez Peck family.
Location: Vault, per OSV staff as of Oct. 2016: all items including those with the BV distinction are kept together in three boxes except for two items which are stored in the OS (oversized) drawers labeled “OS collections”.
Language: English

Biographical Sketch
Perez Peck, Sr., September 9, 1747 -October 13, 1825 married Experience (Smith) Peck
September 10, 1772. She died November 7, 1803. They had nine children.
Perez Peck Sr., son of Abiezer Peck and Naomi Allen, lived in Coventry, R.I. and was considered a master mechanic. He built mill machinery throughout Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. In 1807, a group of men formed a joint run company. In 1814, he took over the Coventry Manufacturing Company.
Children of Perez Peck, Sr. and Experience:
Isaac, 04/20/1773-09/14/1784
Cromwell, 09/30/1774
Noah, 09/17/1776-09/16/1778
Arnold, 05/05/1778-12/21/1784
Anna, 05/18/1781-04/02/1851 (m. Lewis Chafee. No children).
Sebea, 09/18/1783-01/04/1803
*Perez, Jr., 09/14/1786-1876
Cynthia, 05/13/1789-08/25/184
Irena, 03/30/1793-06/02/1842

*Perez Peck, Jr. born in Rehoboth, MA, September 14, 1786, and died January 1, 1876. On December 9, 1813, he married Joanna Brown (1786-1867), daughter of Joseph and Mary (Caswell) Brown. He was a machinist and manufacturer of cotton looms. He worked with Asa Sisson, his son-in-law.

Children of Perez Peck Jr. and Joanna
Harriet, 04/19/1815-05/23/1840
Mary Ann, 07/15/1816-02/10/1882. 09/11/1839 m. Asa Sisson, Jr. of Warwick b. 1815.

Children of Mary Ann and Asa Sisson
Harriet Peck, 05/25/1845-08/10/1846
Charles, b. 09/07/1847
Emily, b. 01/15/1856. On 02/01/1883 m. Willis Harkness White of Uxbridge
Lydia Wickes, 12/31/1817-01/30/1888
Sarah, 04/15/1820-12/02/1821
Joanna, 09/13/1821-02/1899
Isaac, 10/11/1824-12/29/1875. On 12/09/1845 m. Lucy Cordelia Brayton

Children of Isaac and Lucy Perez
Perez Lindley, 04/25/1849-
Edgar Brayton, 01/07/1855-09/15/1900
Harriet Augusta, 08/01/1858-09/06/1887

Scope and Content
Collection consists of Business records such as account books, ledgers, journals, receipts, worker’s time books, newspaper clippings, and a letter of patent. Personal records consisting of receipts for groceries, medical attention, household items, furniture, recipe books, knitting instructions, illness and death of Harriet, taxes, certificate of marriage of Asa Sisson Jr. and Mary Ann Peck. Schoolbooks and albums of Mary Ann Peck, Lydia Peck, Joanna Peck and Isaac Peck (children), Lydia Sisson (Sister of Asa), and Anna Earle.

Series I: Business records
Series II: Personal records
Series III: Schoolbooks and Albums
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
Earle, Anna
Peck, Cynthia (1789-1854)
Peck, Harriet (1815-1840)
Peck, Isaac (1824-1875)
Peck, Joanna
Peck, Joanna (1821-1899)
Peck, Joanna (Brown) (1786-1867)
Peck, Mary Ann (1816-1882)
Peck, Perez Jr. (1786-1876)
Peck, Perez Sr. (1747-1825)
Sisson, Asa (1815- )
Sisson, Emily (1856-1945)
Sisson, Lydia
White, Willis Harkness (1862-1946)

Family Names
Peck Family
Sisson Family
White Family

Corporate Names
Asa Sisson & Company
C.P. Peck & Company
Coventry Manufacturing Company
P. Peck & Company

Geographic Names
Rhode Island-Anthony Village
Rhode Island-Coventry
Rhode Island-Warwick

Subjects
Knitting
Machinery
Manufacturing
Mills
Spinning and Weaving
Administrative Information

Preferred Citation
Item, Collection Title, Collection number (accession number with extensions for box and folder numbers). Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Date Accessed.

History of the Collection
The collection was originally processed in 1972. The donor then continued to donate items over additional years. Items were continuously added into the original accession number. A detailed list is included in the box at the end of the collection with original card catalog cards indicating what items came in and when. The collection is maintained in the original order and numbering system from 1972. The organization is different from other materials in the collection as a lowercase letter indicates which series the item is a part of.

Processing information
Original Cards: Created by Library Staff, 1972-1980
Finding Aid: Prepared by Bobbie Williams, November 2016

Related Collections
- The OSV Collection contains pieces from the Perez Peck, Jr. family.
- The Perez-Sisson-White Family Papers (1772-1975) include Perez Peck Jr. can be found at the Special Collections and University Archives at UMASS Amherst. http://scua.library.umass.edu/ead/mums933

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5  1972.66.b6 BV  Journal, Warwick, RI, on spine-Ledger P. Peck & Co.; 1863-1864

6  1972.66.b7  Cashbook, Coventry; 1845-1847

7  1972.66.b8  7 items. Bills paid. Listed as
  .1-.3  Alfred Arnold on dates
    April 20, 1839, November 26, 1839 and
    November 11, 1839.
  .4  Flowage and Lumber; November 10, 1862
  .5  Providence Iron Foundries; November 22, 1827.
    Loom parts, old junk. On reverse, in pencil:
    Account of Harriet’s sickness and final close
    (1840) (Transcript of this written note:
    1972.66.p4.2)
  .6  Haskings & Stead; November 11, 1828
    Iron, Steel, knives & forks, screws, many files
    Reverse, in pencil: part of account of Harriet’s
    Illness (1840). (Transcript of this written note:
    1972.66.p4.2).
  .7  Isaac Peck to Joanna Peck. Coventry;
      February 25, 1865

2  1  1972.66.b9BV  Notebook, Spinning and Weaving tables: yds.
                    to the lb., #44-100 reed including specifications
                    of fabrics & costs: skeins produced per day; cost
                    of cotton per yd. of cloth; twist tables, etc.; no
                    date

  1972.66.b11  Workers’ Production Records, Description of
                work & sums credited in front of book; 1829-
                1832
                Turn book upside down and over — In pencil are
                Recipes, remedies, knitting “to Knit Double
                Heels”

3  1972.66.b12BV  Time book; 1848-1857
  Also House account; no date

4  1972.66.b13  Mixed papers
  .1  Statement, Perez Peck, Coventry, Rhode
      Island, “Having invented & made a new & useful
      Improvement in construction of desks & chairs,
      Intend to apply for Letters Patent”; no date
  .2  Trade card, Perez Peck & Co., Manufacturers
      Of Machinery. Anthony Village, RI. PP, Asa
      Sisson, Jr., Isaac Peck, in printed envelope with
      Inscriptions from donor
  .2a Trade card, Perez Peck & Co
3 Newspaper clipping, Title & date
Unidentified (appears to be Manufacturers and Farmers Journal), The Cotton gin
.4 Newspaper clipping, Manufacturers and Farmers Journal, Cotton Manufactures, p.2., col. 1, includes mention of Lewis Peck, 1786; October 11, 1827

Series II: PERSONAL

2  5  1972.66.p1  13 items.  Cynthia Peck 1838-1846
.1 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley, Groceries; 1838
.2 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Reynolds Lewis Groceries; 1839
.3 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Reynolds Lewis Groceries; 1840-1841
.4 receipt, Cynthia Peck Reynolds Lewis Groceries; 1841-1842
.5 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley Groceries; 1841
.6 receipt, Cynthia Peck to H.W. Emmons Yards of material; 1841
.7 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Reynolds Lewis Groceries and material; 1842-1845
.8 receipt, Cynthia Peck to J.B. Ellsworth Picture frame, oil, paint, matches; 1842
.9 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Reynolds Lewis Groceries and material; 1842-1845
.10 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley Groceries; 1844
.11 receipt, Cynthia Peck to J.B. Ellsworth Groceries and dry goods; 1844
.12 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley Groceries; 1845
.13 receipt, of Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley Groceries; 1846

6  1972.66.p2  3 items.  Irene Peck (sister of Perez Peck)
.1 receipt, Irene Peck to Peleg Clarke Medical attention and ointment (visits); 1838
.2 receipt, Irene Peck to Peleg Clarke Medical attention (visits); 1838
.3 receipt, Irene Peck to H.M. Emmons Oranges and Lace; 1841

7  1972.66.p3  17 items.  Perez and Joanna (Brown) Peck
.1 receipt Perez Peck to Whitaker & Foster Household items/dishes; 1839
.2 receipt Perez Peck to W.G. Williams Carpeting; 1840
.3 receipt Perez Peck to Ezekiel Adams
  Furniture; 1840
.4 receipt Perez Peck to Carpenter _____
  Andirons shovel & tong; 1840
.5 receipt Perez Peck to Gould Robinson
  20 yards Dimity; 1840
.6 receipt Perez Peck to Pardon Miller
  Silverware & tea & coffee pots; 1840
.7 receipt Perez Peck to Wm. Repel
  Drapes, napkins, blankets; 1840
.8 receipt Perez Peck to E. Adams
  Furniture; 1840
.9 receipt Perez Peck to David Barton
  ?feathers?: 1840
.10 receipt Perez Peck to E. Adams
  Furniture; 1840
.11 receipt of Perez Peck to Joseph Belcher
  Household items; 1841
.12 receipt Perez Peck estate
  Town tax; 1877
.13 receipt Perez Peck estate
  Town tax 1878
.14. receipt Perez Peck estate
  Town tax; 1879
.15 receipt Perez Peck estate
  Town tax; 1880

OS Collections 1972.66.p3

16 OS - FILED IN OVERSIZE MANUSCRIPTS
  House plan. House of Perez Peck
  Village of Anthony, Coventry RI
  By Willis H. White

7 1972.66.p3

.17 Recipe Book, Joanna Brown, mostly baked goods; c. 1850-1865
.18 Recipe Book, Joanna Brown Peck, no date

8 1972.66.p4

2 items. Harriet Peck (daughter of Perez Peck)
.1 Blue paper inscribed: Profiles of
  Harriet Peck & Mary Ann Peck when about
  Ten years of age. (PROFILES NOT FOUND IN
  CURATORIAL COLLECTION)[appears that the
  profiles were never donated-no records]
.2a & 2b. Transcripts of account of illness and
  death of Harriet Peck on reverse side of
  1972.66. b8.5 & 6. Two Pages.

9 1972.66.p5

4 items. Joanna and Lydia Peck
.1 receipt Joanna & Lydia Peck to J.E. Brayton
  Material for making dresses; no date
.2 receipt to Lydia Peck for Coventry Fire
  District tax; 1892
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| 10 | 1972.66.p6 | 3 items. Asa and Mary Ann (Peck) Sisson  
|     |           | .1 **OS- FILED IN OVERSIZE MANUSCRIPTS**  
|     |           | Marriage Certificate of Asa, Jr. and Mary Ann  
|     |           | and Map of Coventry, Friends Meeting House  
|     |           | of East Greenwich, RI; September 11, 1839  
|     |           | [Wooden Roller and edge strip in  
|     |           | Curatorial Collection 1.100.104]  
|     |           | .2 List of 22 purchases by item or dealer; 1840  
|     |           | .3 Bill, Three Silk Mantles; June 1, 1860  
| 11 | 1972.66.p7 | 2 items. Willis H. & Emily (Sisson) White,  
|     |           | Granddaughter of Perez Peck.  
|     |           | .1 Bill, Repair and Renovation of chairs; 1921  
|     |           | [Curatorial Collection (5.31.960A-L)  
|     |           | D.R. Sexton services to Willis White]  
|     |           | .2 Bill, reseating of two chairs, Geo. J.  
|     |           | Kilogauss & bro. to W.H. White; 1922  
| 12 | 1972.66.p8 | 3 items. Miscellaneous  
|     |           | .1 Puzzle, “A Curious piece of antiquity on the  
|     |           | Crucifixion of our savior and the two thieves”  
|     |           | Copied by JHG for his uncle S. Wickes; no date  
|     |           | .2 List of expenses for women’s clothing,  
|     |           | Also “SW paid for board”; 1841  
|     |           | .3 Letter, Anna C. Carpenter to daughter  
|     |           | Miss Annie C. Carpenter, Providence,  
|     |           | no date  
| 13 | 1972.66p8 BV | .4 Bound Volume, Notebook–Legal-  
|     |           | Donor identifies as Emuel Southwick of  
|     |           | Melville, MA, area lawyer in New York City,  
|     |           | with loose papers referring to the law – court  
|     |           | cases in back; 1858-1859  

**Series III: Schoolbooks, albums, notebooks**  

| 2  | 14 | 1972.66.s1 | 4 items. Mary Ann Peck, dau. of Perez Peck.  
|    |    |           | .1 Schoolbook, Penmanship; No date  
|    |    |           | .2 (BV) Bound Volume, Album; 1833-1836  
|    |    |           | .3 (BV) Bound Volume, Album; 1837-1838  
| 3  | 1  | 1972.66s1 | .4 Scrapbook, pasted in newspaper clippings  
|    |    |           | and loose clippings with two handwritten  
|    |    |           | poems |
1972.66.s2
1 item. Lydia W. Peck, dau. Of Perez Peck.
.1 Penmanship book, Literary Poetry and Prose, Inscription on front cover

1972.66.s3
3 items. Joanna Peck, dau. Of Perez Peck
.1 Schoolbook, front cover only
.2 Album, Notebook, Literary, Poetry and Prose in pencil
.3 Schoolbook, Geography, Inscription
   Joanna Peck, hand drawn map of the States; No date

1972.66.s4
1 item. Isaac Peck, son of Perez Peck
.1 Schoolbook. Printed wrapper only
Composition, ornamental borders; 1840

1972.66.s5
1 item, Lydia Sisson, sister of Asa
.1 Schoolbook, Pasted over with newspaper clippings, inscribed “Lydia Sisson of Coventry, RI”

1972.66.s6
.1 Schoolbook, covers only
Printed with “New –York High School” and
By J.A. Adams. NY: Mahlo Day, No date

1972.66.s7
7 items. Anonymous
.1 Schoolbook, wrapper only
.2 Composition on the happiness of the Matrimonial state, No date
.3 Composition, Folly and Vanity-two lines,
   The Planets – two lines on reverse side; no Date

1972.66s7
.4.1BV Notebook, Inscribed “Peck Coventry”
   Poem on Page 44 to P & J Peck on the death
   of infant daughter; December 5, 1821,
   Content list of Volume One
.4.2BV Notebook, Content list of Volume Two

1972.66s7
.4.3BV Notebook; Page 86 has date November
   1841, Content list of Volume Three

1972.66s7
.5 Notebook, Literary; 1835

1972.66.s8
7 items. TRANSFERRED FROM COLLECTIONS
(22.12.7A-G) in August 2003
Written knitting instructions
.1a Handwritten in ink on 2 sheets
.1b cut on first sheet in middle
.1c second sheet old fold with slight tear.
   This last sheet ends “receipt for tidy”
.1d Recipe for socks. Written in pencil
   Raggedly torn on right side
.1e clerk meeting (list of name in pencil)
Meeting minutes – Samuel Boyd Tobey on
On one side “How to knit heels of stockings,
Double” written in pencil
.1f Knitting receipt-faint pencil writing
On back – Page 7 of Meetings of Friends
1845
.1g clipping from newspaper for
“Knitting leaf edging”

**A folder in the back of Box 3 has original card catalog cards and the original order of the collection before it was updated and reorganized in 2016.**