

Perez Peck Family Collection, 1813-1899  
1972.66



**Old Sturbridge Village**  
**Research Library**

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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>
- Willis H. White Family Papers (1805-1909). <http://www.rihs.org/mssinv/MSS1111.htm>

### Contents

#### Series I: Business

Box	Folder	Accession #	Description
1	1	1972.66.b1	Daybook, Account of labor and parts against Coventry Manufacturing Co.; 1813-1815
	2	1972.66.b2	Account Book, First part is Briggs & Peck's Petty Leger Second part lists of friends, dates of 1847-1866 Third part is a list of recipes and remedies. Turning the Account Book over it starts a diary 1866-1867
	3	1972.66.b3	Daybook; 1820-1839
	4	1972.66.b4 1972.66.b5	Journal; 1831, 1847 Ledger, Label inscribed Harriet Peck, Coventry, RI, Page references entries in .b4; 1831, 1847

	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 <u>.1-.3</u> Alfred Arnold on dates April 20, 1839, November 26, 1839 and November 11, 1839. <u>.4</u> Flowage and Lumber; November 10, 1862 <u>.5</u> 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) <u>.6</u> 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). <u>.7</u> 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
	2	1972.66.b10 1972.66.b11	Time book, "Work done for PP"; 1829-1832 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

**Series II: PERSONAL**

2	5	1972.66.p1	<p>.3 Newspaper clipping, Title &amp; date Unidentified (appears to be Manufacturers and Farmers Journal), The Cotton gin</p> <p>.4 Newspaper clipping, Manufacturers and Farmers Journal, Cotton Manufactures, p.2., col. 1, includes mention of Lewis Peck, 1786; October 11, 1827</p> <p>13 items. Cynthia Peck 1838-1846</p> <p>.1 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley, Groceries; 1838</p> <p>.2 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Reynolds Lewis Groceries; 1839</p> <p>.3 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Reynolds Lewis Groceries; 1840-1841</p> <p>.4 receipt, Cynthia Peck Reynolds Lewis Groceries; 1841-1842</p> <p>.5 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley Groceries; 1841</p> <p>.6 receipt, Cynthia Peck to H.W. Emmons Yards of material; 1841</p> <p>.7 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Reynolds Lewis Groceries and material; 1842-1845</p> <p>.8 receipt, Cynthia Peck to J.B. Ellsworth Picture frame, oil, paint, matches; 1842</p> <p>.9 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Reynolds Lewis Groceries and material; 1842-1845</p> <p>.10 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley Groceries; 1844</p> <p>.11 receipt, Cynthia Peck to J.B. Ellsworth Groceries and dry goods; 1844</p> <p>.12 receipt, Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley Groceries; 1845</p> <p>.13 receipt, of Cynthia Peck to Henry Levalley Groceries; 1846</p>
	6	1972.66.p2	<p>3 items. Irene Peck (sister of Perez Peck)</p> <p>.1 receipt, Irene Peck to Peleg Clarke Medical attention and ointment (visits); 1838</p> <p>.2 receipt, Irene Peck to Peleg Clarke Medical attention (visits); 1838</p> <p>.3 receipt, Irene Peck to H.M. Emmons Oranges and Lace; 1841</p>
	7	1972.66.p3	<p>17 items. Perez and Joanna (Brown) Peck</p> <p>.1 receipt Perez Peck to Whitaker &amp; Foster Household items/dishes; 1839</p> <p>.2 receipt Perez Peck to W.G. Williams Carpeting; 1840</p>

- .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
- 8 1972.66.p4 .18 Recipe Book, Joanna Brown Peck, no date  
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]
- 9 1972.66.p5 .2a & 2b. Transcripts of account of illness and  
death of Harriet Peck on reverse side of  
1972.66. b8.5 & 6. Two Pages.  
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

- .3 receipt to Lydia & Joanna Peck for  
Town tax; 1892
- .4a PHOTOCOPY of distribution of household  
Goods of Joanna to Charles (Sisson), to Emily  
(Sisson) White and Edgar (Brayton Peck-son  
Of Isaac); 1899
- .4b PHOTOCOPY Annual Meeting of the  
Alumni Association of the English and  
Classical School; April 25, 1899
- 10                    1972.66.p6  
Over Size            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



2	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
3	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 item. Ann H. Earle (Anna Earle). .1 Schoolbook, covers only Printed with "New -York High School" and By J.A. Adams. NY: Mahlo Day, No date
4	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
5	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
6	1972.66s7	.4.3BV Notebook; Page 86 has date November 1841, Content list of Volume Three
7	1972.66s7	.5 Notebook, Literary; 1835
8	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.\*\*