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## Pillsbury Papers

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# Pillsbury Papers Finding Aid

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## Collection Summary

**Reference Code:** 2020.3.1

**Name & Location:** Whittier College Archive, Wardman Library

**Title:** Pillsbury Papers

**Dates:** 1828-1900s

**Extent:** 3 linear feet; 6 containers.

**Name of Creator:** Pillsbury Family, 1809-1900s.

## Scope & Content:

The Pillsbury Papers Collection contains material relating to Parker P. Pillsbury, Helen 'Nellie' Pillsbury, Sarah Pillsbury, and others connected to the Pillsbury family during the years 1828 through the 1900s. Parker Pillsbury (1809-1892) was an American social reformer, minister, lecturer, newspaper editor, and advocate for abolition and women's rights. During his various travels, he wrote letters to his wife, Sarah Pillsbury and their daughter, Nellie. The content of the collection ranges from correspondence; miscellaneous items, such as legal documents, photographs, newspaper articles, album of newspaper clippings containing obituaries, envelopes, souvenirs, Farmer's Almanac, and speeches; books and compositions.

**Access:** Access restricted, consult repository for details

**Language:** All records in English unless otherwise noted

**Authority Name:** Pillsbury, Parker, 1809-1898

**Type of Entity:** Person

**Dates of Existence:** 1828-1900s

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## Indexing Terms

Quakers

Abolition

Feminism

Social reform

Ministers

## Organization of the Papers

Organized into two series: Correspondence, 1848-1900s and Miscellaneous, Books, and Compositions, 1828-1900s.

## Description of Series

### *Container*

BOX 1 through 4

### *Series*

Correspondence, 1848-1900s

Contains dated correspondence and undated correspondence of Parker P. Pillsbury, Sarah Pillsbury, Helen 'Nellie' Pillsbury (Cogswell), Brainard Cogswell, and various authors. Arranged chronologically by date of letter written.

BOX 5 through 6

Miscellaneous, Books, and Compositions, 1828-1900s

Legal documents, newspaper articles, album of newspaper clippings containing obituaries, envelopes, souvenirs, Farmer's Almanac, and speeches.

### *Container List*

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### *Contents*

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**BOX 1**

Correspondence, 1848-1855

Folder 1: 1848-1853, Correspondence primarily to Helen 'Nellie' and Sarah Pillsbury from Parker P. Pillsbury, Charles Sargent (Uncle Charley), Frances Ann Sargent (Franny), and various authors; Approximately 47 items.

Folder 2: 1854-1855, Correspondence primarily to Brainard Cogswell, Helen 'Nellie' Pillsbury, Parker P. Pillsbury from Frances Ann Sargent (Franny), Anna Thomas, Helen 'Nellie' Pillsbury, Sarah Pillsbury, Sally Sargent, and various authors; Approximately 100 items.

**BOX 2**

Correspondence, 1856-1860

Folder 1: 1856-1860, Correspondence primarily to Helen 'Nellie' Pillsbury, Sarah Pillsbury, Brainard Cogswell, and Parker P. Pillsbury from various authors; Approximately 57 items.

Folder 2: 1860s: Correspondence primarily to Helen 'Nellie' Pillsbury and Sarah Pillsbury from various authors"; Approximately 51 items.

- BOX 3** Correspondence, 1870-1880s
- Folder 1: 1870s, Correspondence primarily to Helen ‘Nellie’ Pillsbury, Parker P. Pillsbury, Charles Sargent; Approximately 54 items.
  - Folder 2: 1880s I, Correspondence primarily from Helen ‘Nellie’ Pillsbury and Parker P. Pillsbury to various family members; Approximately 43 items.
  - Folder 3: 1880s II, Correspondence primarily from Helen ‘Nellie’ Pillsbury and Parker P. Pillsbury to various family members; Approximately 46 items.
- BOX 4** Correspondence, 1890-1900s and Undated Correspondence
- Folder 1: 1890-1889, Correspondence primarily from Parker P. Pillsbury to his acquaintances, Geo A. Blanchard and , Brainard Cogswell, and others; Approximately 24 items.
  - Folder 2: 1900s, Correspondence primarily from Helen Cogswell (formerly Pillsbury) to her acquaintances and family; Approximately 76 items
  - Folder 5: Undated Correspondence; 43 items.
- BOX 5 through 6** **Miscellaneous, Books, and Compositions, 1828-1900s**
- Contains legal documents, newspaper articles, books of newspaper clippings containing obituaries, envelopes, souvenirs, Farmer’s Almanac, speeches, books, and compositions.
- BOX 5** Miscellaneous
- Folder 1: Legal Document of Brainard Cogswell Will and Statement, 1895; 1 item.
  - Folder 2: Newspaper Articles and Clippings about Parker P. Pillsbury. Handmade book titled, “Speech and Letters of Parker Pillsbury, Anti-Slavery Standard, 1852; Issues from the *National Anti-Slavery Standard*, 1854, 1858, 1861; Handmade book of Parker P. Pillsbury’s friends obituaries; Handmade book of an obituary by James Kay Applebee, “In Memoriam: Theodore Parker”; Approximately 7 items.
  - Folder 3: Envelopes, Souvenirs, and Photographs regarding the Pillsbury family. Approximately 21 items.
  - Folder 4: *Farmer’s Almanac*.
- BOX 6** Books
- Folder 1: Pillsbury, Parker. *Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles*, 1883.
  - Folder 2: Kippis, Andrew. *A Narrative of the Voyages round the World: Performed by Captain James Cook Vol. II.*, 1830.
  - Folder 3: Compositions written by Helen Cogswell throughout her life; an album that held these compositions.