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# INTRODUCTION

On August 5, 1797, John Brown, the premier merchant and first citizen of Providence, Rhode Island, reluctantly entered federal district court in his hometown and became the first American to be tried under the U.S. Slave Trade Act of 1794. After months of out-of-court wrangling with the plaintiffs, officers of a state abolition society, it appeared that Brown would now stand trial for fitting out his ship *Hope* for the African slave trade. The voyage had concluded profitably in Havana, Cuba, with the sale of 229 slaves a year earlier.<sup>1</sup>

Brown's accusers included his younger brother, Moses, a tireless opponent of both slavery and the slave trade since his conversion, on the eve of the American Revolution, from the family's Baptist faith to the Society of Friends. A founding member and officer of the Abolition Society, chartered in 1789, Moses Brown had been fighting Rhode Island slave traders, including brother John, for a decade, since the passage of the largely ineffective state statute of 1787 that prohibited the trade to state residents.<sup>2</sup>

In this instance, the society's traditional tactic—cajoling a pledge from the accused to forswear slaving in the future in exchange for dropping the suit—had failed. Even so, as Moses had pointedly reminded John before trial, the charges thus far were limited, involving only the comparatively mild first section of the three-year-old federal statute. A conviction would therefore require nothing more than forfeiture of the vessel, an aging one at that. What John should most fear, Moses advised, were "larger prosecutions" should he further provoke the Abolition Society by refusing to settle out of court.<sup>3</sup>

Ultimately, the elder Brown ignored his brother's mediation efforts and offered only an eleventh hour plea for a continuance to haggle over milder pledge terms. Its patience exhausted, the Abolition Society flatly rejected that ploy whereupon the case proceeded swiftly to trial. As predicted, the district court judge had little choice but to assent to the arguments and evidence in the prosecution's narrowly defined case. Consequently, John Brown lost his vessel at a local auction in late August, thereby closing the forfeiture case. When the Abolition Society again sought Brown's promise to abandon his African commerce, he refused, quickly prompting the "larger prosecutions" Moses had warned him about.<sup>4</sup>

Meanwhile, Moses had become suspicious of John's continuing recalcitrance. It seemed premeditated in his younger brother's view, perhaps a deliberate strategy devised by John's "friends at Newport" (i.e., slave traders) to guarantee further suits over the illegal sale of the slaves. Such litigation, while potentially more costly, would also require a jury trial, and the slave traders assumed that local juries would not convict one of their own. They were right. Within six months John Brown announced his court victory over the "Wicked and Abominable Combination I mean the Abolition Society."<sup>5</sup>

This insiders' view of the foregoing case of the ship *Hope* is documented, along with numerous other key prosecutions, in the correspondence of John and especially Moses Brown, now available in this microfilm series, *Papers of the American Slave Trade: Selections from the Rhode Island Historical Society*.

Moreover, Moses Brown's letters reveal not only the Abolition Society's formal legal stratagems but also its traditional policy of intense but informal negotiating with slave traders who often yielded to the group's demands without a court fight. Cyprian Sterry, for example, the principal slave trader in Providence during the 1790s with fifteen voyages to the African coast in 1794 alone, fully succumbed to the society's persistent pressure. He escaped prosecution

(along with his captain, Samuel Packard) for an African voyage involving the ship *Ann*, by signing a written pledge to leave the slave trade forever.<sup>6</sup>

Despite occasional successes in and out of court, in general the campaign against the slave traders in the wake of federal prohibition was proceeding haltingly at best. Moses Brown continued to monitor the efforts of customs officials in the Rhode Island district for the Abolition Society, which increasingly relinquished its early prosecutorial role to the U.S. Attorney's office. Congress bolstered the federal district attorney's legal arsenal with amendments to the 1794 statute in 1800 and again in 1803. Meanwhile, an aggressive secretary of the Treasury appointed a special prosecutor for the district in 1801. The new laws closed the most obvious loopholes in the original act while the appointment of a resident special prosecutor provided a full-time federal agent who could focus exclusively on the escalating volume of vessels clearing state ports for Africa.<sup>7</sup>

Documentation for these events not only reveals the growing docket of slaver cases but also regularly exposes the personal and political dimensions of enforcement and evasion. By century's end, for example, it had become clear that slavers had rendered nearly null the local auctions designed to separate owners from their slaving vessels. African merchants and their influential supporters simply intimidated all potential bidders and then repurchased their ships for a fraction of their assessed value. To end such bogus sales-at-auction, the government in 1799 sent Samuel Bosworth, surveyor of the port of Bristol, to bid for the D'Wolf family's recently condemned schooner *Lucy*. Twice within twenty-four hours of the scheduled sale, John Brown and two D'Wolf brothers, the country's largest slave traders, visited Bosworth at home to dissuade him from his duty. Despite a threatened dunking in Bristol harbor, Bosworth "with considerable fear and trembling" arrived at the wharf on auction morning where he was met by a party of local "Indians" in unconvincing native garb and with faces blackened. No Bristol version of the patriotic tea party ensued, fortunately. Instead, Bosworth's captors hustled him aboard a waiting sailboat and deposited him two miles down the bay at the foot of Mount Hope. The government never employed that strategy again.<sup>8</sup>

Such an outrage was not the limit of "the trade's supporters" arrogance, however. Soon, Special Prosecutor John Leonard would personally feel the wrath of Rhode Island's African merchants. Even his limited success in libeling several of their vessels under the anemic section one was enough to prompt an attack on his person. They apparently feared that Leonard's February 1801 victory in prosecuting a D'Wolf captain caught redhanded by a U.S. Navy cruiser would set a costly precedent. Consequently, several overzealous supporters of the slave trade assaulted Leonard on the steps of the federal courthouse in Washington.<sup>9</sup>

Even John Brown thought this response somewhat extreme, especially as he was then involved in concocting a federal legislative solution to his slaving constituents' problem. During the hectic months between Thomas Jefferson's election and inauguration as president, Brown successfully spearheaded a move in Congress to create a separate customs district for the port of Bristol. Following passage of the requisite legislation late in February 1801 and the eventual appointment of customs officers amenable to the slave traders' needs, the effort to stop the slave trade in the courts permanently stalled. The end of Rhode Island participation in illegal African commerce would begin only years later with the implementation of the Anti-Slave Trade Act of 1807 on January 1, 1808. This now constitutional statute outlawed all foreign slave trading by American citizens in any capacity. By the time violations of this new law carried the death penalty in 1819, Rhode Islanders, along with other New Englanders, had found new markets for their commerce and textile factories for their surplus capital. The brief revival of the slave trade in clipper ships of the antebellum era from ports such as Baltimore would proceed without them.<sup>10</sup>

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## Notes

1. Jay Coughtry, *The Notorious Triangle: Rhode Island and the African Slave Trade* (Philadelphia, 1981), 214–215.
2. Coughtry, *Notorious Triangle*, chapter 6. See also Mack Thompson, *Moses Brown: Reluctant Reformer* (Chapel Hill, 1962), 175–190.
3. Moses Brown to John Brown, March 15, 1797, Moses Brown Papers (MBP), vol. 9, no. 29, Rhode Island Historical Society (RIHS); Moses Brown to John Brown, *ibid.*, vol. 9, no. 32.
4. John Brown to Moses Brown, July 29, 31, 1797, MBP, vol. 9, nos. 43 and 44, RIHS. See also Coughtry, *Notorious Triangle* at 215.
5. John Brown to Moses Brown, July 31, 1797, MBP, vol. 9, no. 44, RIHS and Moses Brown to John Brown, November 17, 1797, *ibid.*, vol. 9, no. 49; John Brown to James Brown, June 21, 1798, John Brown Papers, box D, RIHS.
6. John Brown to Moses Brown, MBP, vol. 9, no. 43. See also, Coughtry, *Notorious Triangle* at 213–214.
7. Coughtry, *Notorious Triangle* at 216–222.
8. Samuel Bosworth to Oliver Wolcott, August 1799, Shepley Papers, vol. 9, no. 8, RIHS; Jonathan Russell to Albert Gallatin, March 18, 1804, *ibid.*, vol. 9, no. 7. George Howe tells the tale of the *Lucy* in his *Mount Hope: A New England Chronicle* (New York, 19–59), 107–108.
9. John Brown to Benjamin Bourn, February 1801, Peck MSS, vol. 11, no. 66, RIHS.
10. John Brown to James D'Wolf and Shearjashub Bourn (n.d. but 1800), John Brown Papers, RIHS; John Brown to Shearjashub Bourn, February 1801, Peck MSS, box 11, no. 66, RIHS. The full story of the separate district issue and the eventual end of slave trading from Rhode Island is detailed in Coughtry, *Notorious Triangle* at 225–229 and 233–237.

# SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In the mid-seventeenth century, British and American merchants began bringing African captives into Britain's New World colonies to be sold into slavery. One hundred fifty years later, nearly all American ports had harbored, at one time or another, locally owned vessels that were likewise engaged.

Papers of the American Slave Trade, UPA's new research source for African American studies, documents the international traffic in slaves in Britain's New World colonies and the United States, providing access to important primary source material on the business aspect of the commerce in human beings. With these comprehensive documents, scholars will be able to add significant scope and depth to the study of American involvement in the slave trade in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

## **Selections from the Rhode Island Historical Society (Series A)**

The first segment of *Papers of the American Slave Trade, Selections from the Rhode Island Historical Society* (Series A), consists of documents from one of the premier sources for studying the growth of the slave trade. Rhode Island ports were key junctures of the "notorious triangle," in which Rhode Island rum was sold for African slaves, who then were sold in the Caribbean for molasses and sugar that were, in turn, sold to the state's rum distillers.

Series A focuses on the importation of slaves from Africa, including

- The financial concerns, risk factors, and other variables that affected commercial decision making
- Slave treatment and slave revolts on transoceanic voyages
- The effect of legislation on the trade
- Regional origins and destinations of captives
- The Caribbean economy in American colonial times
- The related molasses and rum trade.

In addition to their value for research on the slave trade, these documents are essential collections for the study of Rhode Island commerce in general around 1800. Some of the material touches on nearly every aspect of life in Providence, Rhode Island.

## **Brown Family Collections (Part 1)**

The Brown family collections date from the early 1700s to the early 1800s. The brothers James and Obadiah Brown, leading merchants of Providence, were among the first molasses and sugar merchants from that city to engage in the African slave trade. The second generation included James's sons, Moses Brown and John Brown.

After participating in at least one slaving venture in his youth, Moses Brown became a Quaker and a leader in the movement to outlaw "that unrighteous traffic." He was instrumental in the passage of the federal Slave Trade Act of 1794, which prohibited ships destined to transport slaves to any foreign country from outfitting in American ports.

His brother, John, remained active in the business, advocating expansion of the slave trade while a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. John Brown became the first Rhode Islander tried under the 1794 legislation and suffered the forfeiture of his ship *Hope* in 1797. Letters between the brothers and other records document these and other matters of one of America's preeminent merchant families.

Other items in Part 1 include

- The letter book of James Brown regarding the sloop *Mary*, fitted out as the first “Guinea man” (a vessel sailing to the coast of Guinea) from Providence around 1736
- Obadiah Brown’s insurance book and his other records of slaving voyages between 1753 and 1759
- The Providence Abolition Society minute book, 1789–1827.

### **Selected Collections (Part 2)**

The papers of other Rhode Islanders with slave trade connections appear in Part 2. These businessmen lived in Providence and Newport, as well as Bristol, which became a center of the African trade in later years, until the 1808 congressional ban on importing slaves.

### **Papers of slavers, merchants, distillers, and insurers**

Among the highlights of Part 2 are

- The records of the infamous family of James DeWolf, who, in 1791 on the high seas, threw overboard a captive allegedly infected by smallpox
- The early records of Newport merchant Christopher Champlin, including records of the schooner *Adventure*, involved in the slave trade from 1773 to 1774
- The fascinating narrative by Captain George Scott of a slave revolt on the sloop *Little George* 100 leagues from the coast of Africa in 1730
- A log book and other papers of Aaron Lopez concerning slaving voyages of the ships *Sally* in 1767, *Hannah* in 1768, *Cleopatra*, 1770 through 1773, and *Africa*, 1773 through 1774.
- The log of the sloop *Dolphin*, which recounts a slave revolt on the ship *Liberty* off the African coast in 1795
- The letter book of the Bristol Insurance Co. detailing some of the financing and risks involved in the trade, as well as the destinations and cargoes of many voyages in 1800 and 1801
- The correspondence and other records of David L. Barnes, U.S. Attorney for Rhode Island
- Material on Cuban sugar and coffee plantations and the Cuban slave trade with South America
- Other records documenting the ultimately successful efforts to halt the importation of slaves
- Sailing instructions issued to slave ship captain Benjamin Bosworth
- Agreements and receipts kept by slave ship captain Nathaniel B. Whitting
- The Nicholas Peck papers, which document the illegal involvement of Bristol in slave trading after 1808.



## NOTE ON SOURCES

The collections microfilmed in this edition are holdings of the Manuscripts Division, Rhode Island Historical Society Library, 121 Hope Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906. The descriptions of the collections provided in this user guide are adapted from inventories and indexes compiled by the Rhode Island Historical Society. The inventories and indexes are included among the introductory materials appearing on the microfilm at the beginning of each collection.

## EDITORIAL NOTE

The Reel Index for this edition provides the user with a précis of the collections included. Each précis gives information on family history and many business and personal activities documented in the collection. Omissions from collections are noted in the user guide and on the microfilm.

Following the précis, the Reel Index itemizes each file folder and manuscript volume. The four-digit number to the left of each entry indicates the frame number at which a particular folder begins.

# REEL INDEX

## ***Mss309, James Brown (1698–1739) Papers, 1723–1745, Providence, Rhode Island; also Guinea, Suriname, and Martinique***

### **Historical Note**

James Brown II (1698–1739) was born in Providence. His father was Elder James Brown (1666–1716), a pastor of the First Baptist Church; his mother was Mary (Harris) Brown. James II established himself early in the mercantile business, trading in rum, molasses, slaves, and less controversial wares. He seems to have been the owner of only one slave ship, the *Mary*, which sailed for Africa in 1736, sold its cargo in the West Indies, and then returned to Providence. It was apparently the first slave ship ever to sail from Providence, but, while profitable, it did not yield extravagant returns. No other slave ships sailed from the town until 1749, and the Brown family remained out of the trade until 1759.

The remainder of James Brown's business career was extremely successful. Upon his death, he left a considerable fortune to his sons, who followed him in business under the tutelage of their uncle, Obadiah Brown (1712–1762).

James II married Hope Power (1702–1792), daughter of Nicholas, in 1723. They had six children. Mary (1731–1795), the one daughter, married Dr. John Vanderlight. James III (1724–1750), the eldest son, was a sea captain who died young. The other four were Nicholas (1729–1791), Joseph (1733–1785), John (1736–1803), and Moses (1738–1836).

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Hedges, James B. *The Browns of Providence Plantations: Colonial Years*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1952.

Rogers, L. E., ed. *The Biographical Cyclopedia of the Representative Men of Rhode Island*. Providence: National Biographical Publishing Co., 1881, p. 42.

### **Scope and Content**

This collection includes both business and personal papers of James Brown II. Among the most important items are two letter books, a journal kept by Brown aboard the sloop *Truth and Justice* on a trading voyage to Martinique, and three account books regarding his mercantile activities.

## Provenance

The provenance of these papers is unknown. The 1736–1738 letter book was originally cataloged as part of the miscellaneous Rhode Island Manuscripts collection, in volume 8, page 13; it can be assumed that this volume at least arrived before 1880 or so. The other letter book was at the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1929, upon its publication as *The Letter Book of James Browne of Providence, Merchant 1735–1738*. In the introduction to that volume, John Carter Brown Woods writes that we owe the preservation of James Brown’s papers “to the wise forethought of his youngest son, Moses Brown.” This suggests that this collection arrived as part of the Moses Brown Papers in 1851, 1914, or 1919. Most, if not all, of this collection was at the Rhode Island Historical Society by 1952, when Hedges published *The Browns of Providence Plantations*.

## Reel 1

### Introductory Materials

0001 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

### Papers

- 0006 Box 1, Folder 1, Deed, James Browne Senr. (1666–1732) to James Browne Junr. (1698–1739) dated 1724/5, recorded 1731/2. 2 frames.
- 0008 Box 1, Folder 2, Cyphering book, 1719, and journal of a voyage on sloop *Truth and Delight*, 1727. 33 frames.
- 0041 Box 1, Folder 3, Agreement to build sloops, James Browne, Junior, 1720/1 and 1731. 4 frames.
- 0045 Box 1, Folder 4, Correspondence, 1731–1738. 14 frames.  
Obadiah Browne to James Browne, June 15, 1731, regarding cargo sales at Suriname;  
Obadiah Browne to James Browne, March 30, 1735, regarding sales of cargo from St. Eustatuis;  
John Field to James Browne, May 25, 1736, from Suriname, reporting loss of twenty-nine hogsheads of molasses;  
James Browne to his wife, Hope, August 23, 1737, advice on business operations in case he does not return;  
Obadiah Browne to James Browne, March 5, 1738, on cargo sales on St. Eustashe (St. Eustatius);  
Copy of public statement made by James Browne on May 26, 1738, giving permission to examine his body after his death to determine cause of death, and a complaint about ministers (copy by Moses Brown).
- 0059 Box 1, Folder 5, Letter book, 1735–1739. 44 frames.  
Copies of outgoing business correspondence.
- 0103 Box 1, Folder 6, Letter book, 1736–1738. 34 frames.  
Copies of outgoing business correspondence.
- 0137 Box 2, Folder 7, Receipts, 1734–1735. 30 frames.
- 0167 Box 2, Folder 8, Receipt book, 1735–1739. 66 frames.
- 0233 Box 2, Folder 9, Will, 1737, and estate papers, 1739. 23 frames.  
Receipts written to Hope Browne, widow of James, upon payment of debts to James’s estate.
- 0256 Box 2, Folder 10, Receipts removed from 1735–1748 ledger. 22 frames.
- 0278 Box 2, Folder 11, Ledger, 1723–1728. 95 frames.

- 0373      Box 3, Item 1, Ledger, 1735–1748. 273 frames.  
                    Entries in ledger are mostly 1735–1739, with a few entries by James’s brother  
                    Obadiah after 1739.
- 0646      Box 3, Item 2, Accounts, 1731–1734. 165 frames.  
                    The births of James’s children are recorded inside the front cover.

***Mss312, John Brown (1736–1803) Papers, 1749–1824,  
Providence, Rhode Island; also Guinea and West Indies***

**Historical Note**

John Brown (1736–1803) was born in Providence, Rhode Island, the fourth son of merchant James Brown II (1698–1739) and Hope (Power) Brown (1702–1792). He began his working life in partnership with his three brothers and his uncle at Obadiah Brown & Co., a mercantile firm that traded in rum, slaves, molasses, and other goods. The firm was renamed Nicholas Brown & Co. after the death of Obadiah in 1762. This firm in turn dissolved in 1774, and John Brown went into business on his own account. He briefly took his son-in-law, John Francis, as a partner in 1792, until Francis’s untimely death in 1796.

John Brown was among the leading American merchants of his day. He remained active in the slave trade and in distilling rum but was also the first Rhode Island merchant to break into the lucrative trade with China. His home on Benevolent Street was described by John Quincy Adams as “the most magnificent and elegant mansion I have ever seen on the continent.”

In addition to his mercantile activities, Brown was active in many civic circles. He was an ardent patriot, helped to organize the famous burning of the British ship *Gaspee* in 1772, and served as a civilian on a wide variety of committees during the war. He served in the Continental Congress from 1784 to 1785 and as a U.S. Representative from 1799 to 1801. He was active in the First Baptist Church and was treasurer of Rhode Island College (later Brown University) for twenty-one years.

Brown’s involvement in the slave trade took many forms. He had owned slave vessels for most of his life, beginning with shares in his family’s *Wheel of Fortune* in 1759 and *Sally* in 1764. He began investing outside of the family in slave ships in 1769 and was a partner in several voyages before his death, though the trade was never at the center of his business. Brown was also a vocal supporter of the slave trade, defending it in the press and in Congress, often in direct conflict with his abolitionist brother, Moses Brown (1738–1836). In 1797, he was the first Rhode Islander, and quite possibly the first American, to be tried under the Slave Trade Act of 1794. Though he was acquitted of criminal charges, his ship *Hope* was forfeited and placed at auction. He avoided another prosecution in 1798. In 1799, Brown and others personally paid a call upon Samuel Bosworth, the surveyor of the Port of Bristol, warning him not to take part in an auction of a slave ship the next morning. Bosworth ignored the thinly veiled threats, and while walking to the auction the next day, this federal employee was kidnapped and

deposited two miles down the bay. This intimidated the officials and effectively put a halt to local enforcement of the Slave Trade Act.

John Brown married Sarah Smith (1738–1825) in 1760. They had six children: James IV (1761–1834), Benjamin (1763–1773), Abigail (1764–1766), another Abigail (1766–1821), Sarah (1773–1846), and Alice (1777–1823).

James, the only surviving son, never married and never developed a taste for the family business. Abigail married John Francis (1763–1796), who was briefly in partnership with John Brown. Sarah married Charles Frederick Herreshoff (1763–1819), who was briefly involved in the Brown family business and lost large sums of money on its behalf. Alice married James Brown Mason (1775–1819), a physician and U.S. congressman.

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### **Scope and Content**

The bulk of this collection consists of correspondence, much of it with family members. As these papers were gathered from several different sources, few of them are actually addressed to Brown. Many are letters Brown sent to his son, James, his daughter, Sarah Herreshoff, or his son-in-law, John Francis. Only a small portion of the correspondence deals directly with Brown's mercantile concerns.

Also included are deeds, a few scant business records, "cyphering books" in which Brown practiced his school lessons, many of his estate papers, and miscellaneous papers of his widow.

Among the more interesting items are a 1790 letter written by future president John Adams, expressing his great annoyance that Rhode Island had not yet ratified the U.S. Constitution, and a long series of letters in which John Brown attempts to impart business precepts and other rules for living to his son, James.

### **Provenance**

The bulk of this collection arrived in several gifts and deposits by family members Henry A. L. Brown and Norman Herreshoff between 1965 and 1976. Other smaller gifts from 1840 onward have been integrated. More details on the provenance of this collection can be found in a note in the collection file at the repository.

## Transfers between Manuscript Collections

Seventeen letters to Sarah (Brown) Herreshoff and a fragment of her diary were transferred to the Mss487, Herreshoff-Lewis Family Papers, though letters between her and her parents were kept in the John Brown Papers. Most of these transfers are letters from her sister, Abby Brown Francis.

Items include: Diary, 1796; letters received from her sister, Abby Brown Francis, May 17, 1785, and March 30, 1786; notes by John Francis, March 16, 1788, March 20, 1788, April 2, 1788, April 15, 1788, May 7, 1788, June 23, 1788, July 18, 1788, August 15, 1788, February 9, 1799, and May 27, 1800; and other letters received: ca. 1790, from Sherburne Bowers, April 5, 1793, from Sarah Brown Bowen, April 16, 1786, from John Francis, May 19, 1793, from [Sarah?] Mason (not her sister), and December 15, 1799, from cousin Eliza Ward.

## Reel 1 cont.

### Introductory Materials

0811 Introductory Materials. 7 frames.

### Series 1: Correspondence and Documents

Some of the items listed below are in Oversize Box 1.

0818 Box 1, Folder 1, September 15, 1757–October 9, 1775 and Undated. 26 frames.  
0844 Box 3, Folder 1, Oversized items, 1768–1775. 16 frames.  
0860 Box 1, Folder 2, August 15, 1776–April 9, 1780. 18 frames.  
0878 Box 3, Folder 2, Oversized deeds, 1777–1783. 11 frames.  
0889 Box 1, Folder 3, May 25, 1780–November 3, 1782. 37 frames.  
0926 Box 1, Folder 4, November 11, 1782–January 24, 1783. 37 frames.  
0963 Box 1, Folder 5, February 7, 1783–September 15, 1783. 30 frames.  
0993 Box 1, Folder 6, February 3, 1784–November 24, 1785. 24 frames.  
1017 Box 3, Folder 3, Oversized deeds, 1785–1798. 11 frames.  
1028 Box 1, Folder 7, November 25, 1785–June 1786. 18 frames.  
1046 Box 1, Folder 8, November 22, 1786–August 26, 1787. 28 frames.

## Reel 2

### *Mss312, John Brown (1736–1803) Papers, 1749–1824 cont.*

#### Series 1: Correspondence and Documents cont.

0001 Box 1, Folder 9, September 29, 1787–April 15, 1788. 16 frames.  
0017 Box 1, Folder 10, April 29, 1788–December 29, 1788. 16 frames.  
0033 Box 1, Folder 11, February 16, 1789–January 25, 1798. 25 frames.  
0058 Box 1, Folder 12, January 17, 1791–April 14, 1791. 22 frames.  
0080 Box 1, Folder 13, May 30, 1791–April 25, 1793. 29 frames.  
0109 Box 3, Folder 4, Oversized letters and deeds, 1792–1800. 12 frames.  
0121 Box 1, Folder 14, June 23, 1793–March 31, 1795. 26 frames.  
0147 Box 1, Folder 15, April 11, 1795–January 11, 1797. 37 frames.  
0184 Box 1, Folder 16, January 22, 1797–October 18, 1797. 31 frames.

- 0215 Box 1, Folder 17, October 27, 1797–June 30, 1798. 25 frames.
- 0240 Box 1, Folder 18, July 18, 1798–October 20, 1798. 21 frames.
- 0261 Box 1, Folder 19, February 5, 1799–August 5, 1799. 31 frames.
- 0292 Box 1, Folder 20, November 26, 1799–December 29, 1799. 23 frames.
- 0315 Box 1, Folder 21, December 30, 1799–February 3, 1800. 25 frames.
- 0340 Box 1, Folder 22, February 4, 1800–April 13, 1800. 25 frames.
- 0365 Box 1, Folder 23, April 17, 1800–December 18, 1800. 22 frames.
- 0387 Box 1, Folder 24, January 5, 1801–March 20, 1801. 18 frames.
- 0405 Box 1, Folder 25, April 10, 1801–July 31, 1803. 31 frames.
- 0436 Box 3, Folder 5, Schedule of estate, June 8, 1802. 8 frames.
- 0444 Box 1, Folder 26, Will, June 12, 1802 (attested copy). 57 frames.
- 0501 Box 3, Folder 6, Will, September 13, 1802. 9 frames.
- 0510 Box 3, Folder 7, Power of attorney documents, 1803. 12 frames.
- 0522 Box 3, Folder 11, Obituary, September 20, 1803. 3 frames.
- 0525 Box 1, Folder 27, April 14, 1812–November 3, 1824. 10 frames.

### **Series 2: Maritime Business Records (formerly called Merchant Marine)**

- 0535 Box 3, Folder 12, Invoice memorandum, brig *Hope*, 1781. 4 frames.
- 0539 Box 2, Folder 1, Journal and Account Book, ship *General Washington*, 1788–1789. 21 frames.
- 0560 Box 2, Folder 2, Instrument of protest, schooner *L*, 1789. 4 frames.
- 0564 Box 3, Folder 13, Cargo manifest, ship *General Washington*, 1791. 6 frames.
- 0570 Box 2, Folder 3, Cargo accounts, ship *George Washington*, 1795. 23 frames.

### **Series 3: Miscellaneous Records**

- 0593 Box 2, Folder 4, Cyphering book, 1749–1752. 41 frames.
- 0634 Box 2, Folder 5, Cyphering and navigation book, 1753–1755. 45 frames.
- 0679 Box 2, Folder 6, Visiting card, Undated. 1 frame.
- 0680 Box 2, Folder 7, Receipt for money for two certificates, 1770. 2 frames.
- 0682 Box 3, Folder 8, List of Massachusetts state soldier notes, 1782. 7 frames.
- 0689 Box 2, Folder 8, French bill of exchange, 1784. 4 frames.

### **Series 4: Family Records and Miscellaneous**

- 0693 Box 3, Folder 10, Broadside advertisement: Turlington's Balsam of Life, 1743. 3 frames.
- 0696 Box 2, Folder 9, Letter copies by Ruth Smith: February 2, 1752–April 2, 1767, sewn together. 14 frames.
- 0710 Box 2, Folder 10, Ruth Smith's day book, 1785. 6 frames.
- 0716 Box 2, Folder 11, Description of land shares, Ohio lands, 1813. 6 frames.
- 0722 Box 2, Folder 12, Bill to Sarah Brown, widow, 1820. 3 frames.
- 0725 Box 2, Folder 13, New York tract, miscellany, 1824–1829. 7 frames.
- 0732 Box 3, Folder 9, Map of township 6, New York tract, Undated, ca. 1825. 3 frames.
- 0735 Box 2, Folder 14, Bill of exchange [?] for Republic of Haiti, 1827, in French. 1 frame.

***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836,  
Providence, Rhode Island; also Africa and West Indies***

**Historical Note**

Moses Brown (1738–1836) was an influential opponent of slavery; a patron of education, religion, and agriculture; and a prominent Quaker. He was also a central figure in the birth of the Industrial Revolution, founding what was generally considered to be the first factory in America. In a busy life that spanned ninety-eight years, he was prominent in virtually every aspect of life in his hometown of Providence, Rhode Island.

Moses Brown was born in Providence, the youngest son of James and Hope (Power) Brown. He was the grandson of Baptist minister James Brown (1666–1732), and his father was a prosperous merchant. His father died in 1739, and Moses was raised in the family of his uncle, Obadiah Brown (1712–1762). From age thirteen to twenty-two, he was an apprentice in his uncle's firm, Obadiah Brown & Co. In 1760, he became a full partner and was primarily responsible for running the firm's spermaceti works. The firm was also active in distilling rum, owned an iron furnace, and took part in a wide variety of merchant activities including at least one slave voyage in 1759. Obadiah Brown died in 1762, and Moses Brown served as executor of his estate. Shares in the company were divided between Moses Brown and his three brothers, Nicholas, John, and Joseph; it was renamed Nicholas Brown & Co. This new firm quickly became involved with the slave trade, with Moses as an active partner. Their ship *Sally* left for Africa in 1764, and on the return trip most of the slaves died at sea from disease or were killed during unsuccessful revolts. After this one disastrous voyage, the firm apparently did not have any direct involvement in the slave trade.

Moses Brown married his cousin, Anna Brown (daughter of his uncle, Obadiah), in 1764. They had two surviving children: Sarah (1764–1794, married William Almy) and Obadiah (1771–1822), as well as a daughter who died young. Moses also served as a deputy to the Rhode Island General Assembly from 1764 to 1771 and a member of a committee to oppose the Stamp Act in 1765. In 1769, he was active in efforts to move Rhode Island College to Providence from the town of Warren. The four Brown brothers donated family land for the new campus. Much later, after a generous donation from Nicholas Brown Jr., the school was renamed Brown University.

Brown's wife, Anna, died in 1773. He gradually retired from the family business and began attending Quaker meetings. The following year he formally became a member of the Society of Friends. As a Quaker, he began a lifelong crusade against slavery and soon became the leading opponent of the slave trade in Rhode Island. He freed his own slaves in 1773. As his brother, John Brown, was one of the state's leading slave traders, this caused some interesting tensions in the family.

During the Revolution, Brown was active in New England Yearly Meeting's efforts to provide financial assistance to war refugees. He also led the efforts to start a Yearly



Meeting School for Friends' children; it operated from 1777 to 1779, and then in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, from 1784 to 1788, but lack of funds closed it both times.

In 1779, Brown married his second wife, Mary Olney, a fellow Quaker. They were married for eighteen years but had no children.

At the close of the war, Brown renewed his efforts against the slave trade. He unsuccessfully petitioned the General Assembly in 1783, wrote frequently in the local press, and helped distribute antislavery pamphlets throughout New England. He was instrumental in the 1787 passage of a law banning the participation of Rhode Islanders in the slave trade. In 1789, Brown helped found the Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade with both Quaker and non-Quaker associates to help enforce this new law. He later helped to get a law passed in the U.S. Congress to forbid foreign slave ships from being equipped in American ports. He also became known for his willingness to help slaves and free blacks on an individual basis, through financial and legal assistance.

In 1788, Brown returned briefly to the business world, embarking on a textile venture in partnership with his cousin, Smith Brown, and his future son-in-law, William Almy. Moses Brown became interested in the recent British attempts to use water power in their textile mills and hired English emigrant Samuel Slater to help build a similar mill in what is now Pawtucket. In 1790, this became the first water-powered spinning mill in America, an event generally considered the birth of our Industrial Revolution. Moses' son, Obadiah Brown, soon replaced Smith Brown as a partner, and Samuel Slater was taken in as well, forming the new firm of Almy, Brown & Slater. Moses Brown soon withdrew from active involvement in the firm but remained a partner.

After getting Almy, Brown & Slater off the ground, Moses Brown moved on to a variety of new activities. He played a role in Rhode Island's ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1790. He also became interested in agricultural experiments on his Providence farm and helped found the Rhode Island Agricultural Society in 1800. He served on the first board of directors of the Providence Bank and was treasurer of the Central Bridge Company. He also was, with his son, Obadiah, a founder of the Rhode Island Bible Society. During the yellow fever epidemic of 1797, he was a strong advocate of sanitary measures and later introduced smallpox vaccination to Rhode Island.

Brown's second wife, Mary, died in 1798, and he married his third and final wife, the widow Phebe (Waterman) Lockwood, in 1799. She had several grown children of her own: Sarah (1773–1832, married E. Bates Harris), Avis (1774–1831, never married), Benoni (1777–1852), and Phebe (1778–1800). After Mary's death in 1809, Moses remained unmarried for the last twenty-seven years of his life.

Brown was inspired by the War of 1812 to work on behalf of peace and was instrumental in the founding of the Rhode Island Peace Society in 1818. Another interest was local history. He played an important role in collecting documents relating to colonial Rhode Island, many of them inherited through his own family. He was a founding member of the Rhode Island Historical Society, served as its chairman, and had most of his papers left there after his death.

Brown's last great contribution to Rhode Island life was his role in the revival of the New England Yearly Meeting School. It had existed intermittently in the 1770s and 1780s but died out through lack of interest. In 1814, Brown presented the Yearly Meeting with forty-three acres of land in Providence and worked diligently toward the creation of a school on this land. He rendered important financial assistance and also donated his impressive book collection to the school library. His son, Obadiah, was a major supporter of this effort until his untimely death in 1822. Moses Brown served as the school's treasurer until shortly before his own death in 1836, at the age of ninety-eight. The school was later renamed in his honor as the Moses Brown School and remains the leading preparatory school in the state.

Moses Brown left few family members, having outlived three wives, all three of his children, and three of his four stepchildren. At his death, his only descendants were his granddaughter, Sarah (Almy) Jenkins (1790–1849), and her children. He also left much of his estate to the children of his stepdaughter, Sarah (Lockwood) Harris (1773–1832), and to the Society of Friends. Moses's son, Obadiah, had married but did not leave any children.

While Moses Brown was an important historical figure for many reasons, his antislavery activities are probably best remembered. It is easy to defend those who profited from slavery as products of their time. Moses Brown stands as a shining example of a man who refused to profit from the horrors of slavery, long before such stands became fashionable. Through his efforts none of his peers could claim ignorance of the moral dimensions of the slave trade. Though in many ways he was a generation or two ahead of his time, he was more than a voice in the wilderness; he helped pass important legislation and was an influence on the next generation of abolitionists.

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## Scope and Content

This collection is arranged into four series. The largest and most important is the correspondence series, which includes thousands of letters to and from Moses Brown from 1753 to 1836. Dozens are with his brother John Brown and often discuss the slave trade. One particularly interesting letter from John, dated November 27, 1786, attempts a lengthy moral justification for the trade. Many of the other letters in this series refer to the slave trade, especially after 1796. Other important topics include the Brown family spermaceti works; cotton manufacturing (especially circa 1790); the Society of Friends (Quakers); and state and local politics. There are also many letters to Brown asking for advice, legal assistance, or financial support.

The subject files are arranged thematically and cover everything from property records to research notes on yellow fever. Four folders titled "Anti-slavery" are of particular interest. The historical series, consisting of documents collected by Brown to satisfy his historical curiosity, is very miscellaneous in nature but is an important source on early colonial Providence. The fourth series contains bound volumes: account books, diaries, and school books. It also includes early indexes compiled for the collection as a whole.

## Processing Note

Circa 1880, most of this collection was mounted in eighteen scrapbooks. A calendar and index were compiled in 1887. There were fourteen volumes of correspondence, three volumes titled "miscellaneous," and one volume containing genealogical and historical material. Each item in the scrapbooks was stamped "Rhode Island Historical Society" in red, and a number assigned. Many old citations are made using these numbers, so a listing of the original arrangement might be useful.

Old volume I, Correspondence, 1735–1770, #1–#273

Old volume II, Correspondence, 1770–1778, #274–#591

Old volume III, Correspondence, 1778–1782, #592–#887

Old volume IV, Correspondence, 1782–1784, #888–#1140

Old volume V, Correspondence, 1784–1787, #1141–#1466

Old volume VI, Correspondence, 1787–1789, #1467–#1766

Old volume VII, Correspondence, 1789–1792, #1767–#2082

Old volume VIII, Correspondence, 1792–1796, #2083–#2401

Old volume IX, Correspondence, 1796–1799, #2402–#2729

Old volume X, Correspondence, 1800–1804, #2730–#3062

Old volume XI, Correspondence, 1804–1810, #3063–#3380

Old volume XII, Correspondence, 1810–1816, #3381–#3723

Old volume XIII, Correspondence, 1816–1822, #3724–#4054

Old volume XIV, Correspondence, 1822–1842, #4055–#4424

Old volume XV, Miscellaneous volume 1, 1722–1803

Old volume XVI, Miscellaneous volume 2, 1762–1824

Old volume XVII, Miscellaneous volume 3, 1678–1824

Old volume XVIII, Genealogical and historical collection.

Around 1950 the collection was removed from these scrapbooks, and a wide variety of other material was integrated. Item numbers were written in pencil on the items from the historical collection. The whole collection was reorganized in about 1980 and assumed roughly its present form. A finding aid was compiled in 1993. In 1995, this collection was reprocessed with the assistance of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This draft finding aid was compiled in 1996.

A separate collection of Moses Brown papers is in the possession of the Archives of the New England Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends (the Quakers); it is referred to as the Austin Collection of Moses Brown Papers. This collection is only one linear foot in volume but contains important material—it relates largely, but not exclusively, to Moses Brown's involvement in the Society of Friends. A separate inventory and item index are available.

### **Note on the Provenance of the Moses Brown Papers**

The bulk of this collection arrived in 1851 from the heirs of Moses Brown; this accession probably comprised the full eighteen scrapbook volumes of the Moses Brown Papers that had been compiled by 1889. A gift of business account books came from the Moses Brown School in 1914. "A large quantity" of Moses Brown papers was donated in 1919 by Mrs. Austin Fox, Brown's great-great-granddaughter; this included several plats.

Smaller accessions included transcripts of seventeen early colonial documents donated by the heirs of Moses Brown in 1839; a letter donated by Welcome A. Greene in 1840; a letter donated in 1882 by Richmond P. Everett; papers relating to yellow fever donated by George L. Collins in 1885 and 1891; transcripts of manumission papers donated by John A. Howland in 1888; several colonial documents apparently collected by Brown, donated by the family of Samuel Austin in 1898; papers relating to yellow fever donated by Katherine H. Austin in 1906; court testimony donated by Frederick Forehand in 1915; the wills of Moses and Obadiah Brown, from John Nicholas Brown in 1935; a receipt donated by Frank A. Jackson in 1937; land evidences donated by Franklin R. Cushman in 1941; a letter donated by Mandane F. Dexter in 1942; twelve letters donated by Frederick Peck in 1943; three cyphering books donated by Franklin R. Cushman in 1946; a letter donated by Kenneth Shaw Safe in 1948; a 1949 transcription of Moses Brown's will donated by Franklin R. Cushman in 1949; an estate account donated by Cushman in 1950; two letters purchased from Paul F. Hoag in 1958; a letter to President Monroe donated by Rudolf F. Haffenreffer III in 1960; a marriage certificate donated by Mrs. Henry S. Salomon in 1966; a deed donated by John Nicholas Brown in 1966; a letter purchased from T. Griffin in 1972; letters purchased from William D. Longo in 1977 and 1978; and a deed regarding the Central Bridge Company donated by Alicia Beckwith Becker in 1984.

The 1900 issue of the Rhode Island Historical Society, *Proceedings*, p. 28, describes a large quantity of papers "preserved by Moses Brown" that had been found unprocessed in the collection. These were probably left over from the 1851 accession but may be a separate accession.

### Accession numbers:

#1839.1.1-17.1-; #1841.5.1; #1851.7.1-; #1882.13.1; #1885.18; #1888.9; #1891.17;  
#1898.8.4.1-; #1900.32.3.1-; #1906.14; #1914.6.1-; #1915.12.1; #1919.5.1.1-; #1935.10.1-2;  
#1937.13; #1941.35.2; #1942.24; #1943.11.1.95; #1943.11.4.1-11; #1946.12.1-3; #1948.7.1;  
#1949.14; #1950.20; #1958.53.4; #1960.18.4; #1966.44; #1966.49; #1972.29.2; #1977.115.3;  
#1978.50.1; #1984/04/05; probably many others.

### Transfer between manuscript collections

From: MSS 313, Moses Brown Papers, series 4, Folder 4

To: MSS 315, Obadiah Brown I Papers

Item: Account book No. 2, 1747-1771, indexed (has two mutilated pages)

(Contains: Accounts of ship *Reprisal*, 1747-1748, accounts of ship *Providence*, privateer, 1747, accounts of ship *Smithfield*, 1748, Obadiah/Nicholas Brown and Co. Nantucket accounts, 1756-1771, spinning and weaving accounts, 1769-1771)

Reason for transfer: Clearly not Moses Brown's personal records. The shipping records were probably of Obadiah Brown & Co., and the post-1762 accounts were probably of the successor firm, Nicholas Brown & Co. Some of the accounts do mention Nicholas Brown & Co. (top of page 25, for example). A loose receipt pinned into the volume is addressed to Messrs. Brown.

### Series overview

Series 1: Correspondence. Chronologically Arranged. 1753-1836.

Series 2: Subject Files. Alphabetically arranged.

Series 3: Genealogical and Historical Collection. 1636-1836.

Series 4: Bound Documents.

## Reel 2 cont.

### Introductory Materials

0736 Introductory Materials. 15 frames.

### Series 1: Correspondence

This correspondence is indexed through a card catalog at the repository. Partial indexes done in the nineteenth century can be found in Box 12x, Folders 4 and 5 [Reel 17, frames 0837-0943].

0751 Box 1c, Folder 1, 1753-November 11, 1756. 32 frames.  
0783 Box 1c, Folder 2, February 4, 1757-June 8, 1759. 36 frames.  
0819 Box 1c, Folder 3, April 29, 1760-May 3, 1761. 27 frames.  
0846 Box 1c, Folder 4, May 14, 1761-April 29, 1763. 35 frames.  
0881 Box 1c, Folder 5, April 30-October 21, 1763. 27 frames.  
0908 Box 1c, Folder 6, October 29, 1763-November 11, 1764. 42 frames.  
0950 Box 1c, Folder 7, March 14, 1765-March 1766. 32 frames.  
0982 Box 1c, Folder 8, March 11-November 20, 1766. 33 frames.  
1015 Box 1c, Folder 9, January 12-December 17, 1767. 42 frames.  
1057 Box 1c, Folder 10, January 2-October 26, 1768. 37 frames.

- 1094 Box 1c, Folder 11, October 28, 1768–July 12, 1769. 42 frames.  
1136 Box 1c, Folder 12, June 28–December 30, 1769. 38 frames.

## Reel 3

### ***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.***

#### **Series 1: Correspondence cont.**

- 0001 Box 1c, Folder 13, January 27–May 25, 1770. 40 frames.  
0041 Box 1c, Folder 14, May 4–September 13, 1770. 40 frames.  
0081 Box 1c, Folder 15, September 14–December 27, 1770. 29 frames.  
0110 Box 1c, Folder 16, January 7–November 28, 1771. 48 frames.  
0158 Box 1c, Folder 17, January 20–December 10, 1772. 26 frames.  
0184 Box 1c, Folder 18, January 18–December 3, 1773. 35 frames.  
0219 Box 1c, Folder 19, February 12–November 21, 1774. 45 frames.  
0264 Box 1c, Folder 20, November 22–December 26, 1774. 13 frames.  
0277 Box 1c, Folder 21, January 2–March 26, 1775. 42 frames.  
0319 Box 1c, Folder 22, April 7–June 12, 1775. 49 frames.  
0368 Box 1c, Folder 23, June 16–27, 1775. 27 frames.  
0395 Box 1c, Folder 24, July 4–September 3, 1775. 44 frames.  
0439 Box 1c, Folder 25, September 5–December 2, 1775. 44 frames.  
0483 Box 1c, Folder 26, December 3–30, 1775. 20 frames.  
0503 Box 2c, Folder 27, January 2–February 23, 1776. 33 frames.  
0536 Box 2c, Folder 28, February 26–April 20, 1776. 42 frames.  
0578 Box 2c, Folder 29, April 25–June 20, 1776. 40 frames.  
0618 Box 2c, Folder 30, June 21–August 4, 1776. 33 frames.  
0651 Box 2c, Folder 31, August 14–November 15, 1776. 36 frames.  
0687 Box 2c, Folder 32, November 17, 1776–March 16, 1777. 55 frames.  
0742 Box 2c, Folder 33, March 17–August 18, 1777. 43 frames.  
0785 Box 2c, Folder 34, August 21–December 27, 1777. 38 frames.  
0823 Box 2c, Folder 35, January 14–April 17, 1778 and Undated. 37 frames.  
0860 Box 2c, Folder 36, April 28–October 3, 1778. 40 frames.  
0900 Box 2c, Folder 37, October 16–December 24, 1778. 28 frames.  
0928 Box 2c, Folder 38, January 23–April 26, 1879 and Undated. 47 frames.  
0975 Box 2c, Folder 39, April 28–September 8, 1779. 48 frames.  
1023 Box 2c, Folder 40, June 9–November 19, 1779. 44 frames.  
1067 Box 2c, Folder 41, November 20, 1779–February 28, 1780. 54 frames.

## Reel 4

### ***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.***

#### **Series 1: Correspondence cont.**

- 0001 Box 2c, Folder 42, March 1–April 27, 1780. 42 frames.  
0043 Box 2c, Folder 43, May 10–August 10, 1780. 44 frames.  
0087 Box 2c, Folder 44, August 23–October 20, 1780. 48 frames.  
0135 Box 2c, Folder 45, October 21–December 25, 1780. 37 frames.  
0172 Box 2c, Folder 46, January 4–March 7, 1781 and Undated. 48 frames.  
0220 Box 2c, Folder 47, March 8–April 25, 1781. 43 frames.  
0263 Box 2c, Folder 48, May 4–August 25, 1781. 36 frames.

0299 Box 2c, Folder 49, August 27–October 8, 1781. 46 frames.  
 0345 Box 2c, Folder 50, October 10–December 12, 1781. 39 frames.  
 0384 Box 2c, Folder 51, December 13–23, 1781. 20 frames.  
 0404 Box 3c, Folder 52, January 2–February 18, 1782 and Undated. 41 frames.  
 0445 Box 3c, Folder 53, February 19–March 19, 1782. 38 frames.  
 0483 Box 3c, Folder 54, March 23–May 14, 1782. 44 frames.  
 0527 Box 3c, Folder 55, May 16–July 3, 1782. 40 frames.  
 0567 Box 3c, Folder 56, July 8–September 7, 1782. 45 frames.  
 0612 Box 3c, Folder 57, September 16–November 7, 1782. 47 frames.  
 0659 Box 3c, Folder 58, November 8, 1782–January 16, 1783. 48 frames.  
 0707 Box 3c, Folder 59, February 1–March 9, 1783. 43 frames.  
 0750 Box 3c, Folder 60, March 12–April 20, 1783. 43 frames.  
 0793 Box 3c, Folder 61, April 21–June 6, 1783. 48 frames.  
 0841 Box 3c, Folder 62, June 9–August 7, 1783. 46 frames.  
 0887 Box 3c, Folder 63, August 31–September 12, 1783. 48 frames.  
 0935 Box 3c, Folder 64, September 18–November 10, 1783. 43 frames.  
 0978 Box 3c, Folder 65, November 10–December 8, 1783. 51 frames.  
 1029 Box 3c, Folder 66, January 14–March 24, 1784 and Undated. 44 frames.  
 1073 Box 3c, Folder 67, March 27–April 30, 1784. 42 frames.  
 1115 Box 3c, Folder 68, May 3–June 11, 1784. 48 frames.

## Reel 5

### *Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.*

#### Series 1: Correspondence cont.

0001 Box 3c, Folder 69, June 18–July 30, 1784. 46 frames.  
 0047 Box 3c, Folder 70, August 1–October 26, 1784. 43 frames.  
 0090 Box 3c, Folder 71, October 29–December 31, 1784 and Undated. 39 frames.  
 0129 Box 3c, Folder 72, January 4–February 25, 1785 and Undated. 43 frames.  
 0172 Box 3c, Folder 73, February 28–March 21, 1785. 45 frames.  
 0217 Box 3c, Folder 74, March 28–April 19, 1785. 42 frames.  
 0259 Box 3c, Folder 75, April 20–June 9, 1785. 50 frames.  
 0309 Box 3c, Folder 76, June 10–July 30, 1785. 41 frames.  
 0350 Box 3c, Folder 77, August 3–October 11, 1785. 40 frames.  
 0390 Box 3c, Folder 78, October 16–December 29, 1785. 53 frames.  
 0443 Box 4c, Folder 79, January 3–February 9, 1786 and Undated. 40 frames.  
 0483 Box 4c, Folder 80, February 10–April 4, 1786. 46 frames.  
 0529 Box 4c, Folder 81, April 4–June 6, 1786. 42 frames.  
 0571 Box 4c, Folder 82, June 9–August 29, 1786. 30 frames.  
 0601 Box 4c, Folder 83, August 31–October 25, 1786. 36 frames.  
 0637 Box 4c, Folder 84, October 26–December 25, 1786. 47 frames.  
 0684 Box 4c, Folder 85, January 2–March 7, 1787 and Undated. 42 frames.  
 0726 Box 4c, Folder 86, March 8–May 15, 1787. 47 frames.  
 0773 Box 4c, Folder 87, May 19–August 30, 1787. 49 frames.  
 0822 Box 4c, Folder 88, September 12–November 1, 1787. 43 frames.  
 0865 Box 4c, Folder 89, November 5–December 31, 1787. 46 frames.  
 0911 Box 4c, Folder 90, January 1–February 2, 1788 and Undated. 37 frames.  
 0948 Box 4c, Folder 91, February 4–March 4, 1788. 39 frames.  
 0987 Box 4c, Folder 92, April 5–June 28, 1788. 49 frames.  
 1036 Box 4c, Folder 93, July 6–August 13, 1788. 39 frames.

- 1075 Box 4c, Folder 94, August 21–November 8, 1788. 42 frames.  
1117 Box 4c, Folder 95, November 10–December 31, 1788. 37 frames.

## Reel 6

### ***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.***

#### **Series 1: Correspondence cont.**

- 0001 Box 4c, Folder 96, January 1–February 10, 1789 and Undated. 37 frames.  
0038 Box 4c, Folder 97, February 11–March 21, 1789. 42 frames.  
0080 Box 4c, Folder 98, March 24–April 24, 1789. 43 frames.  
0123 Box 4c, Folder 99, April 25–May 19, 1789. 41 frames.  
0164 Box 4c, Folder 100, May 22–July 30, 1789. 57 frames.  
0221 Box 4c, Folder 101, August 3–September 17, 1789. 51 frames.  
0272 Box 4c, Folder 102, September 30–December 3, 1789. 41 frames.  
0313 Box 4c, Folder 103, December 8–31, 1789. 16 frames.  
0329 Box 5c, Folder 104, January 1–February 26, 1790 and Undated. 46 frames.  
0375 Box 5c, Folder 105, February 27–April 27, 1790. 43 frames.  
0418 Box 5c, Folder 106, April 29–June 2, 1790. 50 frames.  
0468 Box 5c, Folder 107, June 5–July 27, 1790. 47 frames.  
0515 Box 5c, Folder 108, July 30–October 22, 1790. 40 frames.  
0555 Box 5c, Folder 109, October 28–December 30, 1790. 28 frames.  
0583 Box 5c, Folder 110, January 1–February 27, 1791 and Undated. 48 frames.  
0631 Box 5c, Folder 111, February 28–April 8, 1791. 47 frames.  
0678 Box 5c, Folder 112, April 9–May 22, 1791. 41 frames.  
0719 Box 5c, Folder 113, March 16–June 21, 1791. 39 frames.  
0758 Box 5c, Folder 114, June 25–August 14, 1791. 43 frames.  
0801 Box 5c, Folder 115, August 15–October 14, 1791. 39 frames.  
0840 Box 5c, Folder 116, October 22–November 22, 1791. 49 frames.  
0889 Box 5c, Folder 117, November 22–December 26, 1791. 33 frames.  
0922 Box 5c, Folder 118, January 2–February 8, 1792 and Undated. 40 frames.  
0962 Box 5c, Folder 119, February 13–March 19, 1792. 37 frames.  
0999 Box 5c, Folder 120, March 25–May 16, 1792. 44 frames.  
1043 Box 5c, Folder 121, May 17–July 17, 1792. 40 frames.

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### ***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.***

#### **Series 1: Correspondence cont.**

- 0001 Box 5c, Folder 122, July 17–September 16, 1792. 39 frames.  
0040 Box 5c, Folder 123, September 17–November 13, 1792. 46 frames.  
0086 Box 5c, Folder 124, November 15–December 26, 1792. 34 frames.  
0120 Box 6c, Folder 125, January 1–March 3, 1793 and Undated. 47 frames.  
0167 Box 6c, Folder 126, March 3–May 11, 1793. 40 frames.  
0207 Box 6c, Folder 127, May 20–July 25, 1793. 41 frames.  
0248 Box 6c, Folder 128, July 26–October 7, 1793. 41 frames.  
0289 Box 6c, Folder 129, October 9–December 29, 1793. 32 frames.  
0321 Box 6c, Folder 130, January 7–March 10, 1794 and Undated. 47 frames.  
0368 Box 6c, Folder 131, March 17–May 30, 1794. 38 frames.



0406 Box 6c, Folder 132, June 6–October 28, 1794. 41 frames.  
 0447 Box 6c, Folder 133, October 29–December 30, 1794. 35 frames.  
 0482 Box 6c, Folder 134, January 7–March 4, 1795 and Undated. 38 frames.  
 0520 Box 6c, Folder 135, March 5–May 21, 1795. 37 frames.  
 0557 Box 6c, Folder 136, May 26–September 8, 1795. 41 frames.  
 0598 Box 6c, Folder 137, September 9–October 4, 1795. 53 frames.  
 0651 Box 6c, Folder 138, October 7–November 11, 1795. 48 frames.  
 0699 Box 6c, Folder 139, January 2–March 2, 1796 and Undated. 48 frames.  
 0747 Box 6c, Folder 140, March 3–April 5, 1796. 31 frames.  
 0778 Box 6c, Folder 141, April 9–May 24, 1796. 36 frames.  
 0814 Box 6c, Folder 142, May 28–July 29, 1796. 43 frames.  
 0857 Box 6c, Folder 143, July 29–October 24, 1796. 36 frames.  
 0893 Box 6c, Folder 144, November 1–December 31, 1796. 25 frames.  
 0918 Box 7c, Folder 145, January 3–February 16, 1797 and Undated. 39 frames.  
 0957 Box 7c, Folder 146, February 16–March 20, 1797. 45 frames.  
 1002 Box 7c, Folder 147, March 20–April 22, 1797. 41 frames.  
 1043 Box 7c, Folder 148, April 28–June 19, 1797. 42 frames.  
 1085 Box 7c, Folder 149, June 20–August 14, 1797. 38 frames.  
 1123 Box 7c, Folder 150, August 15–November 13, 1797. 34 frames.

## Reel 8

### *Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.*

#### Series 1: Correspondence cont.

0001 Box 7c, Folder 151, November 17–December 30, 1797. 22 frames.  
 0023 Box 7c, Folder 152, January 1–May 11, 1798 and Undated. 43 frames.  
 0066 Box 7c, Folder 153, May 14–September 16, 1798. 42 frames.  
 0108 Box 7c, Folder 154, September 21–November 13, 1798. 20 frames.  
 0128 Box 7c, Folder 155, November 12–December 27, 1798. 36 frames.  
 0164 Box 7c, Folder 156, January 8–April 3, 1799 and Undated. 44 frames.  
 0208 Box 7c, Folder 157, April 10–June 6, 1799. 46 frames.  
 0254 Box 7c, Folder 158, June 8–August 15, 1799. 27 frames.  
 0281 Box 7c, Folder 159, August 23–December 16, 1799. 27 frames.  
 0308 Box 7c, Folder 160, January 1–April 5, 1800. 42 frames.  
 0350 Box 7c, Folder 161, April 9–August 18, 1800. 39 frames.  
 0389 Box 7c, Folder 162, August 21–September 20, 1800. 46 frames.  
 0435 Box 7c, Folder 163, September 20–October 28, 1800. 48 frames.  
 0483 Box 7c, Folder 164, October 29–December 13, 1800. 40 frames.  
 0523 Box 7c, Folder 165, December 14–29, 1800. 21 frames.  
 0544 Box 7c, Folder 166, January 1–March 7, 1801 and Undated. 40 frames.  
 0584 Box 7c, Folder 167, March 10–May 2, 1801. 43 frames.  
 0627 Box 7c, Folder 168, May 11–July 23, 1801. 41 frames.  
 0668 Box 7c, Folder 169, July 28–December 19, 1801. 59 frames.  
 0727 Box 8c, Folder 170, January 12–June 22, 1802 and Undated. 45 frames.  
 0772 Box 8c, Folder 171, July 7–November 8, 1802. 36 frames.  
 0808 Box 8c, Folder 172, January 17–April 1, 1803 and Undated. 35 frames.  
 0843 Box 8c, Folder 173, April 12–July 14, 1803. 38 frames.  
 0881 Box 8c, Folder 174, July 19–November 10, 1803. 45 frames.  
 0926 Box 8c, Folder 175, November 15–December 31, 1803. 29 frames.  
 0955 Box 8c, Folder 176, January 5–April 24, 1804. 44 frames.

0999 Box 8c, Folder 177, May 8–September 1, 1804 and Undated. 32 frames.  
1031 Box 8c, Folder 178, September 6–December 28, 1804. 36 frames.  
1067 Box 8c, Folder 179, January 6–May 4, 1805. 32 frames.  
1099 Box 8c, Folder 180, May 6–August 20, 1805. 48 frames.

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### *Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.*

#### Series 1: Correspondence cont.

0001 Box 8c, Folder 181, August 22–December 29, 1805. 48 frames.  
0049 Box 8c, Folder 182, January 6–March 1, 1806. 38 frames.  
0087 Box 8c, Folder 183, March 2–July 4, 1806. 52 frames.  
0139 Box 8c, Folder 184, July 8–December 29, 1806. 64 frames.  
0203 Box 8c, Folder 185, January 6–July 15, 1807. 39 frames.  
0242 Box 8c, Folder 186, July 17–December 16, 1807. 43 frames.  
0285 Box 8c, Folder 187, January 1–May 31, 1808. 45 frames.  
0330 Box 8c, Folder 188, June 24–December 24, 1808. 34 frames.  
0364 Box 8c, Folder 189, January 4–April 2, 1809 and Undated. 35 frames.  
0399 Box 8c, Folder 190, April 3–August 1, 1809. 41 frames.  
0440 Box 8c, Folder 191, August 7–December 31, 1809. 52 frames.  
0492 Box 9c, Folder 192, January 5–March 1810 and Undated. 27 frames.  
0519 Box 9c, Folder 193, March 1–June 7, 1810. 37 frames.  
0556 Box 9c, Folder 194, June 16–October 29, 1810. 40 frames.  
0596 Box 9c, Folder 195, October 29–December 29, 1810. 14 frames.  
0610 Box 9c, Folder 196, January 1–April 15, 1811. 40 frames.  
0650 Box 9c, Folder 197, April 17–June 22, 1811. 41 frames.  
0691 Box 9c, Folder 198, July 27–September 13, 1811. 42 frames.  
0733 Box 9c, Folder 199, September 14–December 3, 1811. 36 frames.  
0769 Box 9c, Folder 200, January 6–March 9, 1812 and Undated. 36 frames.  
0805 Box 9c, Folder 201, March 16–May 25, 1812. 41 frames.  
0846 Box 9c, Folder 202, May 26–August 27, 1812. 33 frames.  
0879 Box 9c, Folder 203, August 27–December 29, 1812. 31 frames.  
0910 Box 9c, Folder 204, January 8–March 26, 1813. 42 frames.  
0952 Box 9c, Folder 205, April 2–July 22, 1813. 44 frames.  
0996 Box 9c, Folder 206, August 13–December 30, 1813. 47 frames.  
1043 Box 9c, Folder 207, January 1–April 21, 1814. 30 frames.  
1073 Box 9c, Folder 208, April 22–December 30, 1814. 52 frames.  
1125 Box 9c, Folder 209, January 24–July 31, 1814. 41 frames.

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### *Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.*

#### Series 1: Correspondence cont.

0001 Box 9c, Folder 210, August 17–December 19, 1815 and Undated. 30 frames.  
0031 Box 9c, Folder 211, January 15–June 3, 1816. 37 frames.  
0068 Box 9c, Folder 212, June 3–October 3, 1816. 39 frames.  
0107 Box 9c, Folder 213, October 5–December 24, 1816. 33 frames.  
0140 Box 9c, Folder 214, January 1–March 18, 1817. 50 frames.

0190 Box 9c, Folder 215, March 28–June 9, 1817. 36 frames.  
 0226 Box 9c, Folder 216, June 9–December 16, 1817. 50 frames.  
 0276 Box 10c, Folder 217, January 2–May 31, 1818. 41 frames.  
 0317 Box 10c, Folder 218, June 10–October 7, 1818. 36 frames.  
 0353 Box 10c, Folder 219, November 15–December 24, 1818. 36 frames.  
 0389 Box 10c, Folder 220, January 1–April 17, 1819 and Undated. 37 frames.  
 0426 Box 10c, Folder 221, April 20–August 9, 1819. 42 frames.  
 0468 Box 10c, Folder 222, August 15–December 19, 1819. 41 frames.  
 0509 Box 10c, Folder 223, January 10–April 4, 1820 and Undated. 42 frames.  
 0551 Box 10c, Folder 224, April 9–August 29, 1820. 48 frames.  
 0599 Box 10c, Folder 225, August 30–November 7, 1820. 53 frames.  
 0652 Box 10c, Folder 226, November 7–December 31, 1820. 16 frames.  
 0668 Box 10c, Folder 227, January 4–March 16, 1821 and Undated. 54 frames.  
 0722 Box 10c, Folder 228, March 19–June 6, 1821. 28 frames.  
 0750 Box 10c, Folder 229, June 19–September 25, 1821. 45 frames.  
 0795 Box 10c, Folder 230, October 1–November 29, 1821 and Undated. 36 frames.  
 0831 Box 10c, Folder 231, December 11–31, 1821. 34 frames.  
 0865 Box 10c, Folder 232, January 2–February 15, 1822 and Undated. 42 frames.  
 0907 Box 10c, Folder 233, February 19–April 12, 1822. 50 frames.  
 0957 Box 10c, Folder 234, April 14–August 9, 1822. 44 frames.  
 1001 Box 10c, Folder 235, August 20–October 20, 1822. 49 frames.  
 1050 Box 10c, Folder 236, November 1–December 27, 1822. 30 frames.  
 1080 Box 10c, Folder 237, January 1–February 25, 1823. 42 frames.

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### *Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.*

#### Series 1: Correspondence cont.

0001 Box 10c, Folder 238, February 27–April 1, 1823. 44 frames.  
 0045 Box 10c, Folder 239, April 5–May 17, 1823. 47 frames.  
 0092 Box 10c, Folder 240, May 25–August 12, 1823. 42 frames.  
 0134 Box 10c, Folder 241, August 11–October 17, 1823. 37 frames.  
 0171 Box 10c, Folder 242, October 18–December 18, 1823. 37 frames.  
 0208 Box 11c, Folder 243, January 1–March 18, 1824. 63 frames.  
 0271 Box 11c, Folder 244, March 15–June 19, 1824. 53 frames.  
 0324 Box 11c, Folder 245, June 22–August 31, 1824. 67 frames.  
 0391 Box 11c, Folder 246, August 29–October 13, 1824. 67 frames.  
 0458 Box 11c, Folder 247, October 18–December 28, 1824. 60 frames.  
 0518 Box 11c, Folder 248, January 3–March 23, 1825. 58 frames.  
 0576 Box 11c, Folder 249, March 25–June 24, 1825. 48 frames.  
 0624 Box 11c, Folder 250, June 25–October 21, 1825. 52 frames.  
 0676 Box 11c, Folder 251, October 27–December 27, 1825. 28 frames.  
 0704 Box 11c, Folder 252, January 1–April 11, 1826. 46 frames.  
 0750 Box 11c, Folder 253, April 14–June 24, 1826. 34 frames.  
 0784 Box 11c, Folder 254, July 14–September 23, 1826. 53 frames.  
 0837 Box 11c, Folder 255, October 2–December 26, 1826. 22 frames.  
 0859 Box 11c, Folder 256, February 7, 1827–1832. 42 frames.

- 0901 Box 11c, Folder 257, 1833–1836. 38 frames.
- 0939 Box 12c, Folder 258, Undated correspondence, A–B. 98 frames.
- 1037 Box 12c, Folder 259, Undated correspondence, C–F. 67 frames.
- 1104 Box 12c, Folder 260, Undated correspondence, G–L. 74 frames.

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### *Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.*

#### Series 1: Correspondence cont.

- 0001 Box 12c, Folder 261, Undated correspondence, M–Q. 54 frames.
- 0055 Box 12c, Folder 262, Undated correspondence, R–Z. 74 frames.
- 0129 Box 12c, Folder 263, Undated correspondence from close family members. 66 frames.
- 0195 Box 12c, Folder 264, Miscellaneous undated notes. 140 frames.
- 0335 Box 12c, Folder 265, Undated fragments of documents. 59 frames.
- 0394 Box 12c, Folder 266, Undated fragments of documents. 15 frames.
- 0409 Box 12c, Folder 267, Undated fragments of documents. 19 frames.
- 0428 Box 12c, Folder 268, Undated fragments of documents. 33 frames.
- 0461 Box 12c, Folder 269, Undated fragments of documents. 44 frames.

#### Series 2: Subject Files

- 0505 Box 1, Folder 1, Account of after-death experience, Undated. 7 frames.
- 0512 Box 1, Folder 2, "Advertisement of a Swindler," mss., 1798. 4 frames.
- 0516 Box 1, Folder 3, Agricultural Society, Rhode Island, 1801. 3 frames.
- 0519 Box 1, Folder 4, Andrew, John, Arbitration bonds, 1791. 6 frames.
- 0525 Box 1, Folder 5, Anti-slavery (Folder 1 of 3), 1652–1831 and Undated. 55 frames.
- 0580 Box 1, Folder 6, Anti-slavery (Folder 2 of 3), 1785–1823 and Undated. 37 frames.
- 0617 Box 1, Folder 7, Anti-slavery (Folder 3 of 3), 1780–1825 and Undated. 63 frames.
- 0680 Box 4x, Folder 1, Anti-slavery (oversized folder), 1794 and Undated. 9 frames.
- 0689 Box 1, Folder 8, Association for Freedmen, Rhode Island, 1864–1867. 3 frames.  
[No Folder 9 in original]
- 0692 Box 1, Folder 10, Baptist Church, 1768, 1769, and Undated notes by Moses Brown. 7 frames.
- 0699 Box 1, Folder 11, Bible Society, Rhode Island, ca. 1814. 3 frames.
- 0702 Box 1, Folder 12, Bills and receipts, for street paving, 1785. 21 frames.
- 0723 Box 1, Folder 13, Bills and receipts, 1742, 1760–1779. 54 frames.
- 0777 Box 1, Folder 14, Bills and receipts, 1780–1785. 41 frames.
- 0818 Box 1, Folder 15, Bills and receipts, 1786–1790. 56 frames.
- 0874 Box 1, Folder 16, Bills and receipts, 1791–1799. 35 frames.
- 0909 Box 1, Folder 17, Bills and receipts, 1800–1810. 35 frames.
- 0944 Box 1, Folder 18, Bills and receipts, 1811–1820. 16 frames.
- 0960 Box 1, Folder 19, Bills and receipts, 1821–1836. 28 frames.
- 0988 Box 4x, Folder 2, Bills and receipts (oversized folder), 1764–1765. 2 frames.
- 0990 Box 4x, Folder 3, Bills and receipts, Miscellaneous Fragments (oversized folder), 1764–1823.  
9 frames.
- 0999 Box 4x, Folder 4, Bills and receipts, Account with Mary Hayly (oversized folder), 1785.  
2 frames.
- 1001 Box 4x, Folder 5, Bills and receipts, Nicholas Brown (oversized folder), 1774–1813. 1 frame.
- 1002 Box 4x, Folder 6, Bills and receipts, Richard Olney Account (oversized folder), 1781 and 1784.  
7 frames.
- 1009 Box 4x, Folder 7, Bills and receipts, Invoice (oversized folder), August 30, 1783. 2 frames.

- 1011 Box 4x, Folder 8, Bills and receipts, Invoice (oversized folder), September 20, 1783. 2 frames.  
 1013 Box 4x, Folder 9, Bills and receipts, Eliezer Dennison Accounts (oversized folder), 1783–1789.  
 14 frames.  
 1027 Box 4x, Folder 10, Bills and receipts, Sutton Farm Accounts (oversized folder), 1790–1795.  
 5 frames.  
 1032 Box 4x, Folder 11, Bills and receipts, Mary Hind Invoice (oversized folder), 1791. 3 frames.  
 1035 Box 4x, Folder 12, Bills and receipts, Thomas P. Ives (oversized folder), 1805. 2 frames.  
 1037 Box 4x, Folder 13, Bills and receipts, Brown, Benson & Ives (oversized folder), 1790–1813.  
 2 frames.  
 1039 Box 4x, Folder 14, Bills and receipts, Peter Grinnell (oversized folder), 1822–1824. 2 frames.  
 1041 Box 4x, Folder 15, Bills and receipts, Jonathan Congdon (oversized folder), 1823. 3 frames.  
 1044 Box 1, Folder 20, Bleaching Process, Manuscript on, Undated. 9 frames.  
 1053 Box 1, Folder 21, Brown, Hope, and Mary Vanderlight Estates, 1773–1794. 23 frames.  
 1076 Box 1, Folder 22, Brown, John, Letter regarding his capture, 1775. 4 frames.  
 1080 Box 1, Folder 23, Brown, Mary, Agreements, 1766–1781. 8 frames.  
 [No Folder 24 in original]  
 1088 Box 4x, Folder 16, Brown, Moses, Marriage certificate to Phebe Lockwood, 1799 (oversized  
 folder). 3 frames.  
 1091 Box 1, Folder 25, Brown, Moses, Estate and property, 1776–1833. 20 frames.  
 1111 Box 4x, Folder 17, Brown, Moses, Estate and property, 1830–1836 (oversized folder).  
 27 frames.  
 1138 Box 1, Folder 26, Brown, Obadiah, Estate, 1762–1767 (uncle of Moses Brown). [See also  
 313.4.16, Moses Brown's account book, 1762–1836.] 27 frames.  
 1165 Box 4x, Folder 18, Brown, Obadiah, Estate account, 1766 (oversized folder). 2 frames.

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### ***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.***

#### **Series 2: Subject Files cont.**

- 0001 Box 1, Folder 27, Brown, Obadiah, Estate, 1823 (son of Moses Brown). [See also 313.4.15,  
 Moses Brown's day book, 1822–1828.] 18 frames.  
 0019 Box 1, Folder 28, Butts, Hugh, Estate, 1800. 9 frames.  
 0028 Box 2, Folder 29, Census tallies, Rhode Island, for 1730, 1748, and 1755. 3 frames.  
 0031 Box 2, Folder 30, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1790–1801. 29 frames.  
 0060 Box 2, Folder 31, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, January–June 1802. 14 frames.  
 0074 Box 2, Folder 32, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, July–December 1802. 30 frames.  
 0104 Box 2, Folder 33, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1803. 12 frames.  
 0116 Box 2, Folder 34, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1804. 19 frames.  
 0135 Box 2, Folder 35, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1805. 46 frames.  
 0181 Box 2, Folder 36, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1806. 24 frames.  
 0205 Box 2, Folder 37, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, January–June 1807. 16 frames.  
 0221 Box 2, Folder 38, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, July–December 1807. 14 frames.  
 0235 Box 2, Folder 39, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1808. 21 frames.  
 0256 Box 2, Folder 40, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1809–1812. 14 frames.  
 0270 Box 2, Folder 41, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1813–1814. 10 frames.  
 0280 Box 2, Folder 42, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1815. 32 frames.  
 0312 Box 2, Folder 43, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, January–June 1816. 12 frames.  
 0324 Box 2, Folder 44, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, July–December 1816. 22 frames.  
 0346 Box 2, Folder 45, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1817–1819. 15 frames.  
 0361 Box 2, Folder 46, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1820. 12 frames.

- 0373 Box 2, Folder 47, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1821. 15 frames.
- 0388 Box 2, Folder 48, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, 1822–1823. 26 frames.
- 0414 Box 2, Folder 49, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, January–June 1824. 18 frames.
- 0432 Box 2, Folder 50, Central Bridge Company, Accounts, July–December 1824 and 1828–1831. 15 frames.
- 0447 Box 5x, Folder 1, Central Bridge Company, Oversized documents, 1804–1815 (oversized folder). 9 frames.
- 0456 Box 2, Folder 51, Central Bridge Company, Folios found loose in Moses Brown’s ledger, 1831–1835. 3 frames.
- 0459 Box 2, Folder 52, Central Bridge Company, Bank book, 1805. 6 frames.
- 0465 Box 2, Folder 53, Central Bridge Company, Day book, 1801–1803. 27 frames.
- 0492 Box 3, Folder 54, Chemistry/Medicine/Physics, Undated. 45 frames.
- 0537 Box 3, Folder 55, College (later Brown University), 1769–1783. 51 frames.
- 0588 Box 5x, Folder 2, College, oversized items, 1769–1773 (oversized folder). 11 frames.
- 0599 Box 3, Folder 56, Commerce and finance, 1734–1808 and Undated. 10 frames.
- 0609 Box 3, Folder 57, Comstock, George, Subscription to send him to the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, Hartford, Connecticut, 1817–1823. 20 frames.
- 0629 Box 3, Folder 58, Cranston voters, 1807. 4 frames.
- 0633 Box 3, Folder 59, Currency, 1731–1785 and Undated. 24 frames.
- 0657 Box 5x, Folder 3, Currency (oversized folder), 1781. 2 frames.
- 0659 Box 3, Folder 60, *Dexter, Edward, v. John Harris* Court Case, 1804–1816 (Folder 1 of 2). 30 frames.
- 0689 Box 3, Folder 61, *Dexter, Edward, v. John Harris* Court Case, 1804–1816 (Folder 2 of 2). 24 frames.
- 0713 Box 3, Folder 62, Diary, Journal of voyage to Philadelphia, 1760. 4 frames.
- 0717 Box 3, Folder 63, Diary, Account of journey to distribute donations, December 1775. 11 frames.
- 0728 Box 3, Folder 64, Diary, Entry of ninety-sixth birthday, 1834. 2 frames.
- 0730 Box 3, Folder 65, Dream of Moses Brown, 1836. 5 frames.
- 0735 Box 3, Folder 66, Duel, Account of, fought on Moses Brown’s land, 1805. 6 frames.
- 0741 Box 3, Folder 67, “Dullness of Business and Scarcity of Money,” essay on, ca. 1815. 4 frames.
- 0745 Box 3, Folder 68, Elections, Rhode Island, 1758–1777, 1808–1812. 23 frames.
- 0768 Box 5x, Folder 4, Elections, Rhode Island, 1764, 1808 (oversized folder). 4 frames.
- 0772 Box 3, Folder 69, Electrical experiments (formerly in Chemistry/Medicine/Physics Folder). 14 frames.
- 0786 Box 3, Folder 70, Fire of 1801, Providence. 4 frames.
- 0790 Box 3, Folder 71, First Rhode Island Infantry Regiment, 1780. 2 frames.
- 0792 Box 3, Folder 72, Fothergill, Samuel, Eulogy. 2 frames.
- 0794 Box 3, Folder 73, Friends (Quakers) (Folder 1 of 4), 1703–1710 and Undated. 36 frames.
- 0830 Box 3, Folder 74, Friends (Quakers) (Folder 2 of 4), 1704–1786 and Undated. 24 frames.
- 0854 Box 3, Folder 75, Friends (Quakers) (Folder 3 of 4), 1779–1849 and Undated. 37 frames.
- 0891 Box 3, Folder 76, Friends (Quakers) (Folder 4 of 4), 1811. 29 frames.
- 0920 Box 5x, Folder 5, Friends (Quakers), Accounts with Richard Partridge, 1723 (oversized folder). 7 frames.
- 0927 Box 3, Folder 77, Genealogical notes of various families: Bailey; Samuel and Maria Brown; Smith and Lydia Brown; Mordecai Ellis; Joseph and Sylvester Joslyn; Little family; Lockwood family; Otis family; Rogers family and others, Undated. 7 frames.
- 0934 Box 3, Folder 78, General Assembly, Rhode Island, 1741–1812. 38 frames.
- 0972 Box 3, Folder 79, Governors of Rhode Island and their religions, 1647–1813 (list), Undated. 4 frames.
- 0976 Box 3, Folder 80, Hill, David, 1797. 4 frames.
- 0980 Box 3, Folder 81, History, Rhode Island, Undated. 46 frames.
- 1026 Box 3, Folder 82, Hopkins, Stephen and George, 1785 and 1819. 7 frames.

- 1033 Box 3, Folder 83, Iron manufacturers, fragment of a letter, Undated. 3 frames.
- 1036 Box 3, Folder 84, Jenkins, Anna Almy, Estate, 1826–1854. 25 frames.
- 1061 Box 3, Folder 85, Judgments, 1773–74, 1834. 6 frames.
- 1067 Box 3, Folder 86, Lockwood, Benoni, Estate, 1812–1816. 31 frames.
- 1098 Box 5x, Folder 6, Lockwood, Benoni, Estate plat, Undated (oversized folder). 2 frames.
- 1100 Box 3, Folder 87, Meteorology, 1798–1821 and Undated. 9 frames.

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### ***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.***

#### **Series 2: Subject Files cont.**

- 0001 Box 3, Folder 88, Morris, William, Estate, 1786–1795 (Folder 1 of 2). 35 frames.
- 0036 Box 3, Folder 89, Morris, William, Estate, 1796–1810 (Folder 2 of 2). 26 frames.
- 0062 Box 3, Folder 90, Munro, Bennet, lease of farm in Norwich, Connecticut, 1780s. 40 frames.
- 0102 Box 3, Folder 91, Nantucket, Massachusetts, 1769–1832 and Undated. 35 frames.
- 0137 Box 3, Folder 92, Newport, Rhode Island, 1774 and Undated. 8 frames.
- 0145 Box 3, Folder 93, Newport, Rhode Island, Epidemic of 1800. 8 frames.
- 0153 Box 3, Folder 94, North Providence, Rhode Island, 1765–1767. 7 frames.
- 0160 Box 5x, Folder 7, North Providence, Rhode Island, Petition, 1767 (oversized folder). 2 frames.
- 0162 Box 4, Folder 95, “On the Changes from Old to New Stile [calendar]” manuscript, Undated. 3 frames.
- 0165 Box 4, Folder 96, Pawtuxet River Dam, Undated. 2 frames.
- 0167 Box 4, Folder 97, Philosophy and religion, 1690–1825 and Undated (Folder 1 of 2). 31 frames.
- 0198 Box 4, Folder 98, Philosophy and religion, 1805 and Undated (Folder 2 of 2). 24 frames.
- 0222 Box 5x, Folder 8, Philosophy and religion, “A Chronological Table of Jacob...,” Undated (oversized folder). 1 frame.
- 0223 Box 4, Folder 99, Pocket memo book, 1761–1769. 10 frames.
- 0233 Box 4, Folder 100, Property records: Plats and lot descriptions, places unidentified, 1721–1835 and Undated. 36 frames.
- 0269 Box 5x, Folder 9, Property records: Plats and lot descriptions, places unidentified, Undated (oversized folder). 6 frames.
- 0275 Box 4, Folder 101, Property records, Connecticut, 1775–1787. 44 frames.
- 0319 Box 5x, Folder 10, Property records, Connecticut, nineteen items, glued together, 1776–1785 (oversized folder). 39 frames.
- 0358 Box 4, Folder 102, Property records, Adams, Massachusetts, 1784, 1786. 7 frames.
- 0365 Box 4, Folder 103, Property records, Attleboro, Massachusetts, 1812–1821. 22 frames.
- 0387 Box 4, Folder 104, Property records, Dudley, Massachusetts, 1816. 3 frames.
- 0390 Box 4, Folder 105, Property records, Rehoboth, Massachusetts, 1721–1804 (Folder 1 of 3). 49 frames.
- 0439 Box 4, Folder 106, Property records, Rehoboth, Massachusetts, 1805–1806 (Folder 2 of 3). 36 frames.
- 0475 Box 4, Folder 107, Property records, Rehoboth, Massachusetts, 1807–1817 (Folder 3 of 3). 29 frames.
- 0504 Box 5x, Folder 11, Property records, Rehoboth, Massachusetts, 1752–1812 (oversized folder). 19 frames.
- 0523 Box 5x, Folder 12, Property records, Rehoboth, Massachusetts, Smith Property, 1721–1804 (oversized folder). 15 frames.
- 0538 Box 4, Folder 108, Property records, Seekonk, Massachusetts, 1802–1821. 48 frames.
- 0586 Box 5x, Folder 13, Property records, Seekonk, Massachusetts, 1816–1818 (oversized folder). 4 frames.

- 0590 Box 4, Folder 109, Property records, Taunton, Massachusetts, 1775. 5 frames.  
 0595 Box 4, Folder 110, Property records, Worcester County, Massachusetts, 1776, 1810. 7 frames.  
 0602 Box 5x, Folder 14, Property records, Kent County, Rhode Island, 1776, 1792 (oversized folder).  
 14 frames.  
 [No Folder 111 in original]  
 0616 Box 4, Folder 112, Property records, Newport County, Rhode Island, 1775, 1814. 8 frames.  
 0624 Box 5x, Folder 15, Property records, Newport County, Rhode Island, Undated (oversized  
 folder). 5 frames.  
 0629 Box 4, Folder 113, Property records, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 1761, 1797. 11 frames.  
 0640 Box 5x, Folder 16, Property records, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 1797 and Undated (oversized  
 folder). 4 frames.  
 0644 Box 4, Folder 114, Property records, Providence, Rhode Island, Undated. 31 frames.  
 0675 Box 4, Folder 115, Property records, Providence, Rhode Island, 1705–1729. 30 frames.  
 0705 Box 4, Folder 116, Property records, Providence, Rhode Island, 1730–1760s. 34 frames.  
 0739 Box 4, Folder 117, Property records, Providence, Rhode Island, 1770s. 17 frames.  
 0756 Box 4, Folder 118, Property records, Providence, Rhode Island, 1780s. 47 frames.  
 0803 Box 4, Folder 119, Property records, Providence, Rhode Island, 1790s. 24 frames.  
 0827 Box 4, Folder 120, Property records, Providence, Rhode Island, 1800–1835. 52 frames.  
 0879 Box 6x, Folder 1, Property records, Providence, 1727–1799, (oversized folder). 47 frames.  
 0926 Box 6x, Folder 2, Property records, Providence, 1801–1835, (oversized folder). 22 frames.  
 0948 Box 5, Folder 121, Property records, Providence, “Old Grist Mill Uptown,” 1649–1831 and  
 Undated. 65 frames.  
 1013 Box 5, Folder 122, Property records, Providence, *Angell v. Clemence*, 1748–1751, 1773.  
 49 frames.  
 1062 Box 5, Folder 123, Property records, Warwick, Rhode Island, 1810, 1818. 6 frames.  
 1068 Box 5, Folder 124, Property records, Vermont, 1791–1795. 8 frames.  
 1076 Box 5, Folder 125, Providence, Fire prevention, 1801–1821. 21 frames.  
 1097 Box 5, Folder 126, Providence, Epidemic diseases, 1723–1794. 14 frames.  
 1111 Box 5, Folder 127, Providence, History of “Manufactures,” 1791 and Undated. 8 frames.

## Reel 15

### ***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.***

#### **Series 2: Subject Files cont.**

- 0001 Box 5, Folder 128, Providence, Rhode Island, History of, 1648–1836 and Undated. 29 frames.  
 0030 Box 5, Folder 129, Providence, Rhode Island, Roads, 1744–1837. 103 frames.  
 0133 Box 5, Folder 130, Providence, Rhode Island, Taxes, 1650–1828. 7 frames.  
 0140 Box 6x, Folder 3, Providence, Rhode Island, Taxes, 1764 and 1818 (oversized folder). 3 frames.  
 0143 Box 5, Folder 131, Providence, Rhode Island, Town Meeting and Council Records, 1642  
 (copy), 1709–1824. 39 frames.  
 0182 Box 5, Folder 132, Providence, Rhode Island, Union Guards, 1814. 4 frames.  
 0186 Box 5, Folder 133, Providence Bank, 1798–1814. 31 frames.  
 0217 Box 5, Folder 134, Providence Fossil Coal Company, Undated. 4 frames.  
 0221 Box 5, Folder 135, Providence, Rhode Island, Schoolhouses, 1754–1819. 44 frames.  
 0265 Box 5, Folder 136, Receipts, medicinal, 1780–1809 and Undated. 20 frames.  
 0285 Box 5, Folder 137, Receipts, medicinal, 1773–1827 and Undated. 29 frames.  
 0314 Box 5, Folder 138, Receipts, medicinal, 1773–1815 and Undated. 36 frames.  
 0350 Box 5, Folder 139, Receipts, medicinal, Undated. 13 frames.  
 0363 Box 5, Folder 140, Receipts, medicinal, 1777–1811 and Undated. 37 frames.  
 0400 Box 5, Folder 141, Receipts, medicinal, 1785–1822 and Undated. 20 frames.



- 0420 Box 5, Folder 142, Receipts, medicinal, 1798–1824 and Undated. 25 frames.
- 0445 Box 5, Folder 143, Receipts, medicinal, 1788–1818 and Undated. 11 frames.
- 0456 Box 5, Folder 144, “A Representation to the Lords of Trade,” 1731. 4 frames.
- 0460 Box 5, Folder 145, Rehoboth, Rhode Island, Minutes copied from the town record, 1653–1726. 3 frames.
- 0463 Box 5, Folder 146, Religious history, 1657–1799 and Undated. 19 frames.
- 0482 Box 5, Folder 147, [National] Republican Party, 1831. 5 frames.
- 0487 Box 5, Folder 148, Rhode Island/Connecticut boundary, 1720, 1728. 7 frames.
- 0494 Box 5, Folder 149, River Machine Company, Undated. 3 frames.
- 0497 Box 5, Folder 150, Rogers, George, 1832. 3 frames.
- 0500 Box 6, Folder 151, Salisbury, Experience, Estate inventory, 1739. 3 frames.
- 0503 Box 6, Folder 152, Ship’s papers, various, 1737–1791 and Undated. 25 frames.
- 0528 Box 6x, Folder 4, Ship’s papers, various, 1758–1810 (oversized folder). 10 frames.
- 0538 Box 6, Folder 153, Ships—Privateers and prizes, 1788 and Undated. 8 frames.
- 0546 Box 6x, Folder 5, Ships—Privateers and prizes, 1788 (oversized folder). 9 frames.
- 0555 Box 6, Folder 154, Slater, James, Letter, 1790. 2 frames.
- 0557 Box 6, Folder 155, Smithfield, Rhode Island, Grand Committee on Safety, 1775. 2 frames.
- 0559 Box 6, Folder 156, Smithfield Turnpike Corporation, shares in, 1825. 6 frames.
- 0565 Box 6, Folder 157, Spermaceti manufacture, 1769–1813. 6 frames.
- 0571 Box 6, Folder 158, Stamp Act, ca. 1792 and Undated. 4 frames.  
[No Folder 159 in original]
- 0575 Box 6x, Folder 6, “State of Trade of this Colony,” 1764. 11 frames.
- 0586 Box 6, Folder 160, Sugar Act, Undated. 9 frames.
- 0595 Box 6, Folder 161, Taxes and Treasury, Rhode Island, 1762–1798 and Undated. 24 frames.
- 0619 Box 6x, Folder 7, Tillinghast, Lydia, Estate, 1822. 4 frames. [See also 313.4.15, Moses Brown’s day book, 1822–1835, folios 1–4.]  
[No Folder 162 in original]
- 0623 Box 6, Folder 163, Tockwotton Ferry, Lease, 1784. 4 frames.
- 0627 Box 6, Folder 164, United States Government, Loans to, 1780–1782. 16 frames.
- 0643 Box 6, Folder 165, Walker, William, Estate, 1745–1746. 11 frames.
- 0654 Box 6, Folder 166, Wanton, Edward, 1687. 3 frames.
- 0657 Box 6, Folder 167, Wilkinson, Smith, 1834, 1837. 6 frames.
- 0663 Box 6, Folder 168, Williams, Roger, Notes written by Moses Brown, Undated. 19 frames.
- 0682 Box 6, Folder 169, Yearly Meeting School (later renamed Moses Brown School), 1785–1818. 4 frames.
- 0686 Box 6, Folder 170, Yellow fever, 1786–1797 and Undated. 51 frames.
- 0737 Box 6, Folder 171, Yellow fever, 1797 and Undated. 40 frames.
- 0777 Box 6, Folder 172, Yellow fever, Rhode Island, 1797 and Undated. 5 frames.
- 0782 Box 6, Folder 173, Yellow fever, Newport, Bristol, and Warren, Rhode Island, 1797–1800 and Undated. 15 frames.
- 0797 Box 6, Folder 174, Yellow fever, Providence, Rhode Island, 1797–1800 and Undated. 54 frames.
- 0851 Box 6, Folder 175, Yellow fever, Providence, Rhode Island, 1723–1800 and Undated. 60 frames.
- 0911 Box 6, Folder 176, Yellow fever, “An Investigation of the Rise and Progress...,” Undated. 46 frames.
- 0957 Box 6, Folder 177, Yellow fever, Providence, Rhode Island, 1797, and Nantucket, Massachusetts, 1763–1764. 55 frames.
- 1012 Box 6, Folder 178, Yellow fever, “An Account of the Malignant Remitting Billious or Yellow Fever in Providence from 1791 to 1797 Inclusive,” 1805. 119 frames.

## Reel 16

### *Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.*

#### Series 3: Genealogical and Historical Collection

Note: These are papers collected by Moses Brown.

#### (Subseries 1)

Note: A calendar is available at the front of the box. An old but accurate item index and calendar can be found in Box 12x, Folders 1 and 2 [Reel 17, frames 0757–0773].

- 0001 Box 7, Folder 1, Copies of descriptions of the documents in the folders, previously glued to the front of each folder, by item number and “Red Number.” 17 frames.
- 0018 Box 7, Folder 2, Documents 1a–4i (Red Nos. 1–8), 1637–1796. 23 frames.
- 0041 Box 7, Folder 3, Documents 5a–8b (Red Nos. 9–19), 1713–1820. 17 frames.
- 0058 Box 7, Folder 4, Documents 9a–13a (Red Nos. 20–30), 1678–1823. 20 frames.
- 0078 Box 7, Folder 5, Documents 14a–19a (Red Nos. 31–41), 1724–1849. 20 frames.
- 0098 Box 7, Folder 6, Documents 20a–26b (Red Nos. 41–50), 1754–1833. 19 frames.
- 0117 Box 7, Folder 7, Documents 27a–32b (Red Nos. 51–61), 1726/27–1831. 16 frames.
- 0133 Box 7, Folder 8, Documents 33a–38b (Red Nos. 62–70), 1645–1831. 18 frames.
- 0151 Box 7, Folder 9, Documents 39a–45b (Red Nos. 71–80), 1645–1831. 16 frames.
- 0167 Box 7, Folder 10, Documents 46a–49d (Red Nos. 81–91), 1770–1836. 21 frames.
- 0188 Box 7, Folder 11, Documents 50a–57g (Red Nos. 92–101), 1666–1833. 35 frames.
- 0223 Box 7, Folder 12, Documents 58a–66b (Red Nos. 102–112), 1652–1836. 44 frames.
- 0267 Box 7, Folder 13, Documents 67a–70f (Red Nos. 113–122), 1654–1775. 9 frames.
- 0276 Box 7, Folder 14, Documents 71a–77c (Red Nos. 123–131), 1707–1770. 13 frames.
- 0289 Box 7, Folder 15, Documents 78a–82c (Red Nos. 132–142), 1685–1832. 19 frames.
- 0308 Box 7, Folder 16, Documents 83a–85c (Red Nos. 143–152), 1648–1729. 22 frames.
- 0330 Box 7, Folder 17, Documents 86a–88b (Red Nos. 153–163), 1745–1762. 26 frames.
- 0356 Box 7, Folder 18, Documents 88c–90b (Red Nos. 164–171), 1761–1763. 20 frames.
- 0376 Box 7, Folder 19, Documents 91a–94b (Red Nos. 172–182), 1764–1774. 31 frames.
- 0407 Box 7, Folder 20, Documents 95a–98c (Red Nos. 183–191), 1737–1772. 16 frames.
- 0423 Box 7, Folder 21, Documents 99a–102a (Red Nos. 192–206), 1763–1774. 13 frames.
- 0436 Box 7, Folder 22, Documents 103a–108b (Red Nos. 207–212), 1679–1781. 16 frames.
- 0452 Box 7, Folder 23, Documents 109a–112a (Red Nos. 213–221), 1687–1829. 13 frames.
- 0465 Box 7, Folder 24, Documents 113a–120a (Red Nos. 222–230), 1637–1677. 25 frames.
- 0490 Box 7, Folder 25, Documents 121a–124d (Red Nos. 231–236), 1677–1681. 28 frames.
- 0518 Box 7, Folder 26, Documents 125a–130d (Red Nos. 237–242), 1688–1830. 13 frames.
- 0531 Box 7, Folder 27, Documents 131a–135d (Red Nos. 243–248), 1681–1811. 17 frames.
- 0548 Box 7, Folder 28, Documents 136a–140b (Red Nos. 249–300), 1771–1802. 17 frames.
- 0565 Box 7x, Folder 1, Documents 6b–7a (oversized folder), William Arnold’s Family Genealogy and Tree, Undated. 1 frame.
- 0566 Box 7x, Folder 2, Document 9a (oversized folder), Roger Baster, Gravestone, 1687. 1 frame.
- 0567 Box 7x, Folder 3, Document 70f (oversized folder), Plat of Townships of Providence, Rhode Island, 1717/8. 1 frame.
- 0568 Box 7x, Folder 4, Document 72a (oversized folder), Plat of Lots of Original Proprietors, Undated. 1 frame.
- 0569 Box 7x, Folder 5, Document 73c (oversized folder), Plat of Snail Hill, Undated. 2 frames.
- 0571 Box 7x, Folder 6, Document 78b (oversized folder), Broadside: Stoughton’s Elixir, 1812. 1 frame.
- 0572 Box 7x, Folder 7, Document 87a (oversized folder), Inventory of Personal Estate of David Lawrence, 1760. 2 frames.

- 0574 Box 7x, Folder 8, Document 102a (oversized folder), James Angell's Account, 1772–1776.  
3 frames.
- 0577 Box 7x, Folder 9, Document 136a (oversized folder), Thomas Lloyd Halsey's Account, 1794–  
1818. 4 frames.
- 0581 Box 7x, Folder 10, Document 142 (oversized folder), Broadside: Abolition of Slavery, 1801.  
2 frames.

**(Subseries 2)**

- 0583 Box 8x, Folder 1, Documents 1 and 2 (2 items). 5 frames.  
1. The Other Story Told: Printed statement about scandalous proceedings  
respecting elections of Senators, Undated.  
2. Plat of Walnut Street Prison, Philadelphia, Undated.
- 0588 Box 8x, Folder 2, Document 3 (1 item). 4 frames.  
3. Letter from William Harris to Captain Dean, concerning Roger Williams,  
1666, copied by Moses Brown.
- 0592 Box 8x, Folder 3, Document 4 (1 item). 2 frames.  
4. Broadside: A Just Reprehension of Cotton Mather, 1709.
- 0594 Box 8x, Folder 4, Document 5 (4 items glued together). 11 frames.  
5. Will of Samuel Whipple, 1710; Power of Attorney of Robert Curne, 1736;  
Estate Proceeding, estate of James Browne, Obadiah Brown and the executors,  
James and Joseph Browne, 1736; and Power of Attorney, Robert Currie to John  
Whipple, 1737.
- 0605 Box 8x, Folder 5, Document 6 (2 items). 4 frames.  
6. Nicholas Power to James Brown Jr.—Bill of Sale of Negro man Cuffy, 1722;  
and Nicholas Power—instructions for Capt. James Brown, Commander of the  
*Four Bachelors* to sail to the West Indies, 1722.
- 0609 Box 8x, Folder 6, Document 7 (2 items). 3 frames.  
7. Cornelius Salisbury to John Whipple—Receipt for money due to Whipple's  
wife from her brother John Heath's estate, 1722; and Petition to Proprietors of  
the Common Land of Providence from Joseph Whipple to divide the common  
lands, 1723.
- 0612 Box 8x, Folder 7, Document 8 (2 items). 4 frames.  
8. Power of Attorney, George Payson to Jabez Whipple, 1721; and Indenture of  
William Williams to apprentice for Ephraim Walker, 1773.
- 0616 Box 8x, Folder 8, Document 9 (2 items). 5 frames.  
9. Account Settlement between Obadiah and James Brown, 1737; and Order of  
the Town Council of Providence to lay a highway through the Common, 1733.
- 0621 Box 8x, Folder 9, Documents 10 and 11 (5 items). 9 frames.  
10. Estate Administration, John Whipple's estate, 1752; Power of Attorney  
from Ezekiel Whipple to John Whipple, 1747; and Bill of Sale, Benjamin Crabb  
to John Beard, a spermaceti candleworks, 1755.  
11. Receipt—John Dexter to Joseph Davis for 22.5 days spent framing the new  
Gaol, 1753; and House of Magistrates committee to consider building a new  
Court House, 1759.
- 0630 Box 8x, Folder 10, Document 12 (4 items). 8 frames.  
12. Inventory of John Whipple, 1752; Petition of Bethiah Whipple, widow of  
John, to sell real estate to settle debts, 1752; John Dexter's Account for building  
the new Gaol in Providence, 1753; and Deed of land in Connecticut—a  
committee appointed by the General Assembly to Thomas Peirce, 1754.

- 0638 Box 8x, Folder 11, Documents 13 and 14 (4 items). 10 frames.  
 13. Alphabetical List of persons living in Providence, 1763; and Governor Samuel Ward to Sheriff of the County of Newport, regarding his cooperation with the customs inspector Nicholas Lechmore, 1762.  
 14. Appointment of a Committee to oppose the revival of the Sugar Act; and unfinished statement on financial hardship which would be caused by the Sugar Act, 1764.
- 0648 Box 8x, Folder 12, Document 15 and 16 (7 items). 14 frames.  
 15. Petition to General Assembly from inhabitants of Providence against the new division of the town, and increased taxes—signed by Moses Brown, 1765; Memorandum of taxes paid by William Potter, 1765; and Votes of Town Meeting, Providence, on Tax Rates, 1765.  
 16. Vote of the Upper House of Assembly, dispute over Taxes in Providence, Scituate, and Cumberland, 1767; Proposals of Deputies to General Assembly about Taxes of Providence, Scituate, and Cumberland, 1767; Announcement of date of Town Meeting by Jabez Whipple, Town Clerk, North Providence, 1767; and Shipping Papers of Jabez Whipple, 1767.
- 0662 Box 8x, Folder 13, Documents 17 and 18 (6 items). 10 frames.  
 17. Settled Account between Ephraim Walker and William Chace, 1767; Certificates of Clear Title to lands in John Warren's estate, 1775; Testimony of Daniel Jenckes, on Committee to apportion the Colony Tax, on uneven tax proportions, 1766; and Order to Newport Sheriff to arrest Joseph Wanton and William Wanton for "nonperformance of promises and assumptions" of John Hopkins, 1766.  
 18. Town Meeting vote to set aside a place to inoculate against small pox, 1769; and Receipt from Ebenezer Tiffany to Joseph Hewes, 1769.
- 0672 Box 9x, Folder 14, Document 19 (1 item). 4 frames.  
 19. "A Dream Concerning Philadelphia," testimony at a Quaker Meeting [?], 1793.
- 0676 Box 9x, Folder 15, Document 20 (3 items). 9 frames.  
 20. Letter of Attorney, Isaac Lawton to Robert Lawton Jr., 1774; Indenture, Isaac Lawton to William Almy, 1796; and Mortgage, Job Almy to Isaac Lawton, 1774.
- 0685 Box 9x, Folder 16, Documents 21 and 22 (5 items). 12 frames.  
 21. Portage Bill, Brigantine *Freelove*, 1776; and Charter of Bristol Academy, 1792.  
 22. Statement of Thomas Jenkins of Boston in the House of Representatives against men in Nantucket as "aiders and abettors of the enemy," 1779; Registry of the Sloop *Fancy*, in Antigua, 1778; and Bill of Sale for cows, Silas Talbot to Benoni Pearce, 1779.
- 0697 Box 9x, Folder 17, Document 23 (2 items). 4 frames.  
 23. Quitclaim deed of Nicholas Brown and Moses Brown, 1780; and Invoice, 1780.
- 0701 Box 9x, Folder 18, Document 24 (3 items). 6 frames.  
 24. Settlement of Lease between Samuel White and Moses Brown, 1789; and accounts of Moses Brown's farm, 1787–1789.
- 0707 Box 9x, Folder 19, Documents 25 and 26 (3 items). 6 frames.  
 25. Indenture for apprenticeship, John Bucklin to Ephraim Walker, 1786.  
 26. Printed statement on the Crary Balances from Revolutionary War service, 1808.

- 0713 Box 9x, Folder 20, Documents 27 and 28 (4 items). 8 frames.  
 27. Town Meeting—Proposal by Moses Brown to repair the road from Providence to his house, for a reduction in his taxes annually; the town voted for the proposal, 1809.  
 28. Printed statement supporting election of candidates of the Friends of Peace, 1812; Handbill on Baltimore Riot, 1812; and Printed circular to support candidacy of DeWitt Clinton for President, 1812.
- 0721 Box 9x, Folder 21, Documents 29, 30, and 31 (4 items). 4 frames.  
 29. Fire Insurance policy for John Horton, 1830; and Charter of the Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Company, 1821.  
 30. Printed list of vessels in Port of Providence, 1824.  
 31. Drawing of Brown arms from a silver tankard of Moses Brown, dated 1837, drawn by William J. Harris.
- 0725 Box 9x, Folder 22, Northern and Eastern Boundaries of Rhode Island, 1771–1821. 20 frames.
- 0745 Box 10x, Folder 1, Document 32, “Cause of Truth Maintained,” mss. by Job Scott, 1778. 63 frames.

#### **Series 4: Bound Volumes**

Note: These volumes are unindexed.

- 0808 Box 8, Folder 1, Copies of deeds in Pawtucket and Seekonk, 1797–1830, concerning the cotton mills of Almy and Brown, lower part of pages cut off, evidently after becoming wet. [Note: In middle of volume is the draft of a speech or letter concerning the opening of the Yearly Meeting School at its new location donated by Moses Brown in 1814.] 22 frames.
- 0830 Box 8, Folder 2, Moses Brown’s cyphering and navigation book, 1753–1755. 43 frames.
- 0873 Box 8, Folder 3, Moses Brown’s cyphering book, 1750–1755. 76 frames.
- 0949 Box 8, Folder 4, Moses Brown’s personal bank books, 1791–1816. 82 frames.
- 1031 Box 8, Folder 5, Moses Brown’s memorandum book, 1797–1800. 54 frames.

## **Reel 17**

### ***Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836 cont.***

#### **Series 4: Bound Volumes cont.**

- 0001 Box 8, Folder 6, Memorandum book, 1800–1802. 54 frames.
- 0055 Box 8, Folder 7, Account book, 1800–1801, Grinding corn and rye [Elisha Brown’s?]. 10 frames.
- 0065 Box 8, Folder 8, Account book, 1791–1799. 40 frames.
- 0105 Box 9x, Folder 23, Moses Brown’s day book, 1790–1793, 1809–1823. 9 frames.
- 0114 Box 9x, Folder 24, Moses Brown’s cyphering book of mathematics and navigation, 1755. 38 frames.
- 0152 Box 8, Folder 9, Testimony of Moses Brown concerning Moses Farnum, 1780. 14 frames.
- 0166 Box 8, Folder 10, Account of books lent out from Moses Brown’s library, 1783–1834. 12 frames.
- 0178 Box 11x, Item 1, Moses Brown, Day book, 1822–1835. 102 frames.
- 0280 Box 11x, Item 2, Moses Brown, Day book, 1790–1823. 214 frames.
- 0494 Box 11x, Item 3, Moses Brown, Account book, 1763–1836. 263 frames. [Oversized volume microfilmed without frame counter.]
- 0757 Box 12x, Folder 1, Calendar and partial index for Genealogical and Historical Collection (formerly Volume XVIII scrapbook). 16 frames.

- 0773 Box 12x, Folder 2, Index to former Volume XVIII, later called the Genealogical and Historical Collection; index refers to numbers within the Rhode Island Historical Society stamp, once in red ink, called the "Red Numbers." 43 frames.
- 0816 Box 12x, Folder 3, Calendar of former Miscellaneous Papers, Volume 1 to Volume 3; most of these items are now in Series 2, Subject Files. 21 frames.
- 0837 Box 12x, Folder 4, "List of Correspondence, 1735–1842, Volumes 1–14," Calendar of correspondence when it was bound into volumes. 106 frames.
- 0943 Box 12x, Folder 5, Alphabetical index to the first fourteen volumes of correspondence, by "Red Numbers." These letters are now in Series 1 and 2. 94 frames.

***Quaker Collection (Austin Collection of Moses Brown Papers),  
Providence, Rhode Island; also Africa and West Indies***

**Scope and Content**

The Austin Collection of Moses Brown Papers consists primarily of Moses Brown's personal papers pertaining to the Society of Friends and the related topics of pacifism, the slave trade, and the Moses Brown School. There are also some general personal papers and papers of friends and family that Brown acquired over the years. The most noteworthy are papers of his son, Obadiah M. Brown (in ten folders), and prominent Quaker educator Job Scott (five folders).

The collection is arranged in three series: correspondence, subject files, and other persons. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and consists mostly of incoming letters and draft copies of letters sent. The subject files are by nature somewhat arbitrary and are arranged alphabetically. The "other persons" series is also arranged alphabetically and consists of items that were not originally Moses Brown's personal papers.

A much larger collection of Moses Brown's papers is in the possession of the Rhode Island Historical Society. It is fifteen linear feet in extent. A finding aid is available at the repository, and a nearly complete card index to correspondents is also available.

**Provenance**

This collection apparently came from many disparate sources in the early part of the twentieth century. The bulk consisted of the personal collection of prominent Quaker activist Moses Brown (1738–1836) and his family. Brown was somewhat of a collector, and he also inherited the papers of his son, Obadiah M. Brown, who predeceased him. He was the official agent for a wide variety of activities, including various Friends meetings, charitable organizations, and the New England Yearly Meeting School (later renamed the Moses Brown School). He also possessed a large library.

In about 1851, most of his papers were donated to the Rhode Island Historical Society by his heirs. Some remained in the family with the descendants of Brown's granddaughter, some went to the family of his stepdaughter, Sarah (Lockwood) Harris, and some later came into the hands of Samuel Austin (1816–1897). Austin had attended the New England Yearly Meeting School in 1828 and was later a teacher at the school. He apparently decided to undertake a biography of Moses Brown and was probably

given some of the papers by the family. It does not appear that Austin ever published anything on Moses Brown, or even compiled a draft, but he added his own research notes to the collection he had acquired.

After Samuel Austin's death in 1897, his heirs divided his portion of the collection roughly along secular and Quaker lines and donated the secular half to the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1898 and 1899. This consisted of mostly colonial manuscripts collected by Brown rather than his personal papers. It was probably around the same time that the Austin family donated the portion relating to the Society of Friends to the Moses Brown School. The school was already in the business of storing archival material, as it then housed the archives of New England Yearly Meeting and its constituent parts.

In 1919, Katherine Austin (Samuel's daughter) donated papers of her maternal grandfather, John Osborne, relating to Moses Brown, including original letters received from Brown. Other material continued to be integrated into the Austin Collection, including some records of the school and the 1913 research notes of headmaster Rayner Kelsey, and the collection grew to be the miscellaneous manuscripts collection of the Moses Brown School. The collection continued to grow through 1963, as donations of relevant material were added and interfiled, including original letters addressed from Brown to other parties. The Society of Friends generally remained the focus of this collection, however. An indeterminate number of Moses Brown's account books found among the Austin Collection were donated to the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1914.

Some of the additions to the collection that have been identified include:

"Remedy for Injuries" photostat, donated by Asa D. Wing on August 23, 1922;  
September 19, 1791, letter, donated by Rudolf F. Haffenreffer on May 12, 1939;  
Three 1818-1819 letters to Sophronia Foster, donated by Ralph A. Bullock on October 24, 1946;  
October 27, 1835, letter, donated from Robert D. Wilson on February 1, 1947;  
March 13, 1787, letter added from unknown source on July 17, 1956;  
September 25, 1814, letter, donated by Mrs. Sessions Cole in spring of 1962; and  
Poem by Job Scott, donated by Louisa White, date unknown.  
Letters or notes relating to these donations can be found in Folder D.

### **Processing Note**

At one point, the items were sorted by subject and most items were placed in individual rice paper folders. The folders were stored in twenty-one custom-made orange boxes (really slipcases tied with ribbon). This probably took place about 1940, when "Robert Morton Hazleton was selected to catalogue the Austin Collection of Moses Brown papers and letters," according to a 1954 report. Hazleton created a card catalog for the collection, arranged by box number.

In 1963, the entire New England Yearly Meeting Archives, including the Austin Collection, were transferred from the Moses Brown School vault to the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University, where they remained on deposit for seven years. In

1970 the New England Yearly Meeting Archives were transferred to deposit status at the Rhode Island Historical Society, with a New England Yearly Meeting archivist being appointed by the meeting.

In about 1986, a well-informed volunteer “indexed” the collection, meaning only that notes on each item were written on the outside of the paper folders. These notes were generally extensive and accurate but were in handwriting considerably worse than the originals. As no unified guide was prepared, the notes only slightly lessened the task of hunting through the collection.

In 1996, University Publications of America was granted permission to microfilm these Moses Brown Papers, along with other collections at the Rhode Island Historical Society Library, for a series on the slave trade. It became necessary to provide a more coherent organization for the collection and to remove printed material and other material generated after Brown’s death.

An item-by-item database was prepared of the material in all twenty-one boxes of the Austin Collection. Disposition was made to six different locations. The largest amount was retained as a smaller collection of Moses Brown Papers. Papers directly relating to the operation of the Moses Brown School, especially after 1838, were placed with the records of that institution. A small amount went to create the Rayner Kelsey Papers, which will probably be filed subordinate to the Moses Brown School Records. Official records of Friends meetings generated by Brown and his wife, especially Smithfield Monthly Meeting, were placed with the meeting’s other records. Austin’s notes, as well as any other odd material that did not seem to pertain to the Browns, were placed with the already-existing collection of Austin Papers. Printed works (books, pamphlets, and epistles) not directly relating to Brown or the school were removed to be interfiled with the archive’s own considerable collection of printed Quakeriana.

The collection has been completely rehoused in acid-free boxes and folders. The notes on each folder have to some extent been incorporated into the following calendar, and the original acidic folders have been discarded. Various lists have been prepared to assist anyone looking for a specific item; there is a box-by-box inventory available at the archives, showing the disposition of each item.

*N.B.* See Mss313, Moses Brown (1738–1836) Papers, ca. 1648–1836, included in this edition.



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## Introductory Materials

0001 Introductory Materials. 61 frames.

## Series A: Correspondence

0062 Folder 1. 1769–1779. 31 frames.

- 1769/02/15 Manning, Joseph to Brown, Moses. Bill from schoolteacher Joseph Manning; his destitute state. 2 pp., mss., in poor condition.
- 1773/08/03 Brown, Moses to Rickman, William. Mind was clouded at Yearly Meeting; low state of some of the professors of truth. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1773/12/02 Brown, Moses to Wilson, William. Spiritual growth; need of wife for encouragement. Discusses manumission of his slaves. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1773/12/04 Brown, Moses to Benson, George. On the death of Benson's mother; power of meekness. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1774/05/21 Brown, Moses to Wilson, William. Discussion of the young Job Scott and of Samuel Fothergill. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1775/06/26 Brown, Moses to Starbuck, Samuel of Newport. Proposed use of vessel to bring sufferers out of Boston via Nantucket. 2 pp., mss. letter copy, damaged with parts missing.
- 1775/06/28 Brown, Moses to Starbuck, Samuel of Nantucket. Commerce. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1776/03/13 Brown, Moses, on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings, to Nantucket Monthly Meeting. Distribution of relief money, pamphlet on taxation. 2 pp., mss.
- 1776/04/22 Davis, Timothy, of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, to Brown, Moses. Intentions in writing anonymous epistle. 2 pp., mss., fragile.
- 1776/10/28 Carpenter, Caleb to Brown, Moses. Yearly Meeting finances. 1 p., mss.
- 1777/10/31 Rotch, William, of Nantucket to Brown, Moses. Manufacture of cathartic salts; persecution of Friends in Philadelphia. 1 p., mss.
- 1778/01/25 Brown, Moses to Providence town tax assessors. Tax assessment for Moses Brown and his mother. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1779/01/15 Turpin, William, of Charlestown, South Carolina, to Brown, Moses. Visit to Pembertons in Philadelphia; disturbed by English troops in Georgia. 1 p., mss.
- 1779/04/17 Brown, Moses to Lawton, Isaac and Mott, Jacob. Meeting for sufferings taking the case of James Chace Jr. 1 p., mss. letter copy.

0093 Folder 2. 1780. 32 frames.

- 1780/03/09 Brown, Moses to Benezet, Anthony. Timothy Davis; taxes for war; education of youth. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1780/03/09 Brown, Moses to Drinker, John, and Bringhurst, Joseph. Instructing payment to Anthony Benezet and delivery of books. Tells of suffering on Nantucket. 3 pp., mss. letter copy. Fragile, in two leaves.
- 1780/06/26 Brown, Moses to Benezet, Anthony. Friends education; lack of suitable teachers. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1780/07/23 Brown, Moses to Pemberton, James, of Philadelphia. Trouble with book shipments; French fleet in Newport blockaded by British; drought and scarcity of provisions; sufferings of Friends. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1780/08/17 Pemberton, John, of Philadelphia to Brown, Moses. Flour sent from Boston; wishes improved health for Brown's wife; Friends education; Primus behaves well and attends meetings. 4 pp., mss.
- 1780/10/02 Brown, Moses to Benezet, Anthony. Concern about self-seeking worldly spirit; taxes for war; Friends education; support of civil government. 6 pp., mss.

- 1780/12/21 Brown, Moses to Drinker, John, of Philadelphia. Sends manuscript and apologizes for flaws. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1780/12/22 Brown, Moses to Pemberton, John of Philadelphia. Sends certificate to free "poor Negro" (Primus?); discusses poor health and Isaac Backus's comments on Quakers. 4 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1780/12/24 Brown, Moses to Benezet, Anthony. Timothy Davis case; observations on the religious life of French soldiers; shipment of books. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 0125 Folder 3. 1781-1784. 34 frames.
- 1781/01/14 Chovet, Abraham, of Philadelphia to Brown, Moses, via John Pemberton. Diagnosis and proposed treatment of Brown's "nervous complaint." 3 pp., mss.
- 1781/04/20 Drinker, John, of Philadelphia to Brown, Moses. Doubts that it is a good time to publish Job Scott's *Paying Taxes in Time of War*. 1 p., mss.
- 1781/06/16 Wagstaffe, Thomas, of London to Brown, Moses. Success of Friends school in England. 2 pp., mss.
- 1782/03/17 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William. Concern for Joseph [?]'s lack of attention to business; success of Ackworth School in England is an inspiration for similar education efforts here. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1783/01/25 Howland, D[aniel?], of East Greenwich to Brown, Moses. Offers to serve as teacher at Friends School; argues that initial location of school is not important. 2 pp., mss.
- 1783/05/17 Brown, Moses to Wagstaff, Thomas, of London. Restoration of peace; divided and afflicted state of many families; hopes for religious visitation in aftermath of war. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1783/09/03 Wagstaff, Thomas, of London to Brown, Moses. Quotes Queen of England: "I love the Quakers, I love to see them, I have read their writings, I am one in judgement with them." 4 pp., mss.
- 1783/09/10 Davis, Timothy, of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, to Brown, Moses. Desires peaceful settlement of dispute in Sandwich Meeting. 1 p., mss.
- 1784/03/10 Rotch, William, of Nantucket to Brown, Moses. Delay in payments to Friends School fund; severe cold weather; efforts to collect taxes from war not well received. 1 p., mss.
- 1784/10/20 Brown, Moses to Delaplain, Joseph, of New York. Case of free African American Cato, captured by British at sea as a slave. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 0159 Folder 4. 1785-1787. 39 frames.
- 1785/04/27 Brown, Moses to Howland, Daniel, of East Greenwich. Money lent to Howland's son, Benjamin. 2 pp., mss., letter sent.
- 1786/02/04 Brown, Moses to Friend in England. Discusses family and struggles of the new Friends School; death of R. Walker. 4 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1786/02/09 Brown, Moses to Murray, John, of New York. Appreciation of slave trade pamphlets; small group of Friends in France. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1786/11/29 Dillwyn, George, of London to Brown, Moses. Concern for Nathaniel Clarke; antislavery efforts; colonization of London's poor Negroes to Africa. 3 pp., mss.
- 1787/01/02 Brown, Moses to Scott, Job. Recalls Scott's early call to ministry; Mary Mitchell's contributions to meeting. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1787/01/30 Brown, Moses to Angell, James. Advice on temperance; "I have warned the Negroes out of the shop, but the man grumbles about the keeping the child." 2 pp., mss.
- 1787/03/03 Rotch, William, of Nantucket to Brown, Moses. Need for proposal to Yearly Meeting regarding school; money left in war relief fund from English Friends. 4 pp., mss.

- 1787/03/13 Brown, Moses, on behalf of the New England Yearly Meeting for Sufferings, to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting. Request for money for Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1787/11/08 Rotch, William, of Nantucket to Brown, Moses. Discusses reorganization of meetings in the South; disappointment in Friends support of proslavery Constitution; discusses freed slave named Cato in his employ. 5 pp., mss.
- 1787/11/20 Rotch, William, of Nantucket to Brown, Moses. Discusses newspaper articles on the slave trade. 1 p., mss.
- 1787/12/03 Mifflin, Warner, of Portsmouth, Virginia, to Brown, Moses. Errors of North Carolina Friends; auction of sixty formerly free Negroes; bill nearly passed to prevent importation of slaves. 2 pp., mss.
- 1787/12/11 Scott, Job to Brown, Moses. Pamphlet should be published to discourage Universalists. 1 p., mss.
- 0198 Folder 5. 1788–1791. 38 frames.
- 1788/01/05 Brown, Moses to Elliot, Samuel, of Boston. Progress in various states of anti-slave trade legislation. 3 pp., mss.
- 1788/01/23 Scott, Job to Brown, Moses. Desires to travel to the west and south to preach against slavery. 3 pp., mss.
- 1788/03/03 Sands, David to Brown, Moses. Appreciation of hospitality; prospects for expansion of yearly meeting membership. 2 pp., mss.
- 1788/03/24 Rotch, William, of Nantucket to Brown, Moses. Biography of J. Mitchell; visit of J. Thornton to England. 3 pp., mss.
- 1788/10/24 Brown, Moses. Draft to Hopkins, Samuel. Abolition activities; proposes formation of the Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade. 2pp., mss.
- 1789/01 Brown, Moses to Unknown, of Philadelphia. Formation of society to abolish slave trade; visit to Connecticut General Assembly to testify against trade; Job Scott's journey to south. 4 pp., mss. letter copy. Mostly badly faded.
- 1789/04/13 Brown, Moses to Scott, Job. Daniel Anthony has engaged place in Pawtucket to establish spinning mill. 1 p., mss. letter copy, badly faded, with mss. transcription.
- 1789/07/25 Brayton, Patience to Brown, Moses and Mary. Illnesses in family. 1 p., mss. transcribed from collection of the Friends Reference Library in London in 1918 for research of Rayner W. Kelsey, marked "Gibson Vol. 1 p. 49."
- 1790/04/02 Brown, Moses to Lawton, Isaac and Mott, Jacob, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Advises that Portsmouth support the adoption of the U.S. Constitution by Rhode Island. 3 pp., mss. letter copy, very poor condition, with mss. transcription.
- 1791/03/05 Brown, Moses to Phillips, James, of London. Sale of books; school for free instruction of blacks opened in Providence. 2 pp., mss. transcription.
- 1791/09/19 Brown, Moses to Charleston Congregational Church committee. Petitioning Congress to keep pure the printing of the Bible. 3 pp., mss. Donated by Rudolf F. Haffenreffer in 1939.
- 0236 Folder 6. 1792. 23 frames.
- 1792/02/17 Scott, Job to Brown, Moses. Job Scott's travels in Connecticut. 1 p., mss.
- 1792/04/11 Brown, Moses to Pemberton, James, of Philadelphia. History of Friends; labors of Job Scott and David Buffum in Connecticut; Nicholas Brown Jr. religiously disposed. 4 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1792/06/05 Wagstaffe, Thomas, of London to Brown, Moses. Parliament passed legislation on slave trade. 3 pp., mss.
- 1792/09/16 Brown, Moses to Pemberton, James. Legislation against slave trade; treatment of Indians by frontiersmen; controversy with Shepherd. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1792/10/25 Brown, Moses to Elliot, Samuel, of Boston. Case of slave traders at Taunton. 1 p., mss. letter copy.

- 1792/11/25 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William, in Dunkirk, France, via Job Scott. Job Scott's ministry prospects; Friends colony in Dunkirk, France. 4 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1792/12/11 Brown, Moses to New England Yearly Meeting for Sufferings. Publication of *Observations on Baptism*. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 0259 Folder 7. 1793–1794. 40 frames.
- 1793/02/10 Brown, Moses to Prior, Edmund, of New York. Pamphlet on baptism approved by committee. 4 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1793/03/05 Brown, Moses to Pemberton, James. Publication of Job Scott's pamphlet; would like to see Congress take up plight of Africans; Pemberton's care for Indians. 6 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1793/06/09 Brown, Moses to Scott, Job. Yearly Meeting committee to address Congress on slave trade. 4 pp., mss.
- 1793/11/21 Brown, Moses to Scott, Job. Plague in Philadelphia; describes many deaths. 4 pp., mss. letter sent. Returned to Brown as it arrived after Scott's death.
- 1793/11/28 Brown, Moses to Hicks, Elias. Cause of peace; war not necessary to support civil government or settle disputes. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1793/12/03 Rotch, William to Brown, Moses. Account of Job Scott's travels in London. 4 pp., mss.
- 1794/03/09 Rotch, William, Jr., of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. News of death of Job Scott in Ireland. 1 p., mss.
- 1794/05/16 Rotch, William, Jr., of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. No news from President Washington on slave trade; fund for educating Job Scott's children. 2 pp., mss.
- 1794/06/27 Watson, Jane, of Bristol, England, to Brown, Moses. Appreciation of Job Scott and concern for children; interested in trip to Philadelphia to fight slave trade; news of William Rotch and of Samuel Neale's death. 3 pp., mss.
- 1794/10/22 Brown, Moses to Pemberton, James, of Philadelphia. Death of daughter and Patience Brayton; editing of Job Scott's journal; John Wigham to visit Pennsylvania. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1794/11/23 Brown, Moses to Routh, Martha [Bouth?]. Sends news of Rebecca Wright. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1794/11/27 Brown, Moses to Thornton, Elisha, of Smithfield, Rhode Island. Fund for Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 0299 Folder 8. 1795. 16 frames.
- 1795/01/20 Sands, David, of Amesbury, Massachusetts, to Brown, Moses. Divisive spirit at Dover and Hampton meetings. 3 pp., mss.
- 1795/04/12 Rotch, William, of Tiverton to Brown, Moses. Travels of Martha Routh; Taunton meeting. 2 pp., mss.
- 1795/05/01 Rotch, William, Jr., of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, to Brown, Moses. Visits to meetings at Mendon, Northbridge, Leicester, Orange, Richmond, and Bolton. 1 p., mss. [Incomplete?]
- 1795/08/12 Rotch, William, Jr., of Falmouth to Brown, Moses. Journey to Vassalboro, Broad Cove, and Fairfield, Maine; news of David Sands. 2 pp., mss.
- 1795/09/19 Almy, William, of Providence to Brown, Moses. Sends "essay of a testimony concerning Job Scott." 1 p., mss.
- 1795/10/07 Cash, John, of Warwickshire, England, to Brown, Moses. Warns Brown that John Newit has been disowned by his home meeting and is suspected of traveling to Brown's vicinity; Newit had left town suddenly with unpaid debts and an aged mother left behind; minute of disownment enclosed. 2 pp., mss.
- 0315 Folder 9. 1796–1798 (no 1799–1800). 34 frames.
- 1796/11/29 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Fund for educating Job Scott's children; patterns for weaving machinery. 3 pp., mss.
- 1797/03/07 Prior, Edmund to Brown, Moses. New York Yearly Meeting feels that Job Scott's journal should be edited prior to publishing. 3 pp., mss.

- 1797/04/05 Brown, Moses to Pemberton, James. Publication of Job Scott's journal; prosecution of slave traders. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1797/04/14 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William, of New Bedford. Education of Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1797/04/14 Prior, Edmund and Murray, John, Jr., to Brown, Moses. Ready to proceed with publication of Job Scott's journal. 1 p., mss.
- 1797/04/21 Brown, Moses to Prior, Edmund. Editing of Job Scott's journal. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1797/05/19 Pemberton, James, of Philadelphia to Brown, Moses. Publication of Job Scott's journal; travels of M. Routh and J. Wigham in southern states. 2 pp., mss.
- 1797/06/12 Pemberton, James, of Philadelphia to Brown, Moses. Travels of David Sands and W. Savery in Paris; publication of Job Scott's journal. 1 p., mss.
- 1797/07/11 Pemberton, James, of Philadelphia to Brown, Moses. Publication of Job Scott's journal; slave trade prosecution; prison reform; Friends in Germany. 3 pp., mss., damaged and fragile.
- 1798/10/27 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Deaths in Philadelphia; wages of Remember Anthony. 2 pp., mss.
- 1798/11/21 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Yellow fever in Philadelphia; warns of swindler Henry Penn Wharton. 3 pp., mss.
- 0349 Folder 10. 1801–1804 (no 1805). 35 frames.
- 1801/01/05 Brown, Moses to Thurber, Samuel. Request for relief of African American imprisoned in Philadelphia. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1801/03/17 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William, of New Bedford. Patience Brayton's journal; Elisha Thornton's account with yearly meeting; smallpox inoculation. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1801/09/13 Shearman, Job, of Newport to Almy & Brown. William Almy as clerk of Meeting for Sufferings to collect money due. 2 pp., mss.
- 1802/01/19 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Fund for Job Scott's children; recent published works. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1803/09/17 Brown, Moses to Wickes, Lydia, in Baltimore. News of her husband's journey to Berwick, Maine. 3 pp., mss. letter sent.
- 1804/03/01 Rotch, Lydia, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. News of Friends traveling in Nantucket and New York. 2 pp., mss.
- 1804/05/01 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Fund for Job Scott's children; troubles in Portland meetings. 2 pp., mss.
- 1804/07/19 Rodman, Samuel to Brown, Moses. Asks for names of Friends in Connecticut who might host meetings. 1 p., mss.
- 1804/09/10 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William. Discusses Job Scott and a book sent by William Rathbone of Liverpool entitled "A Narrative of Events that have lately taken place in Ireland among the Society called Quakers." 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1804/10/27 Rotch, William, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, to Brown, Moses. Rathbone's book tintured with priestly principles. 2 pp., mss.
- 1804/10/30 Brown, Moses to Rotch, Lydia. Interprets passage of 2 Peter 1:19; has been reading extracts from ancient Friends. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1804/11/01 Brown, Moses to Wickes, Sylvester. Money for purchase of lot at East Greenwich is ready to be delivered. 1 p., mss. letter copy. Damaged.
- 1804/11/29 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Fund for Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss.

- 0384 Folder 11. 1806–1809. 25 frames.
- 1806/01/21 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Discusses a Stephen [?] at length: gifts in ministry, general mental instability. 2 pp., mss.
- 1808/04/01 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William. Discusses education of children of Job Scott; subscriptions for Yearly Meeting School raised in England. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1808/06/04 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Fund for Job Scott's children; concern for banking situation. 2 pp., mss.
- 1808/06/19 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Sending Job Scott's children to academy at Sandwich; raising funds for Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1808/06/24 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William. Concerned about decision to send Job Scott's children to Sandwich. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1809/08/21 Brown, Moses to Wilson, William, of Philadelphia. Loss of wife; death of Lydia Tillinghast's son in Philadelphia; travels of Elisha Thornton. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1809/09/21 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. News of William Rathbone's latest work; fear of a deluge of Deism; failure of Elisha Thornton's son, John. 3 pp., mss.
- 1809/11/20 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William, of New Bedford. George Harrison of London under dealings for writings against Friends; children's pamphlet received from London, well received by Brown's step-granddaughter; new meeting house at Cumberland a success. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1809/12/18 Collins, Micajah, of Lynn, Massachusetts, to Brown, Moses. Report of trouble at Weare and Concord meetings with newly converted Friends. 3 pp., mss.
- 0409 Folder 12. 1810–1813. 28 frames.
- 1810/05/28 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William. Requests recording of mortgage payment. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1810/09/07 Churchman, George, of Ashton, Pennsylvania, to Brown, Moses. Age and mutability of all things; hopes that Obadiah's eyes are not dimmed by the dust of cotton manufacturing. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1810/10/02 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William. Fund for Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1810/10/02 Williams, William, of Maryville, Tennessee, to Brown, Moses. Safe return home. 3 pp., mss.
- 1810/10/10 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Education of Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss.
- 1810/11/12 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William. Progress of Mary Barker as a preacher; Friends school at New Bedford. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1812/06/13 Brown, Moses to Slocum, William and Bunker, Jacob, of New York. "Negro-hunters" deceiving free African Americans; case of Nancy Thompson. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1813/08/17 [Osborn, John] of Smithfield, Rhode Island, to Brown, Moses. Formation of Bible Society. 2 pp., mss. letter [copy?].
- 1813/08/18 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Formation of Bible Society. 2 pp., mss. letter sent.
- 1813/11/11 Almy, William, at Portland, Maine, to Brown, Moses. Visits to Friends meetings at Weare and Dover. 2 pp., mss.
- 0437 Folder 13. 1814–1819. 25 frames.
- 1814/04/11 Osborn, John to Brown, Moses. Requests that Brown take the lead in reestablishing a Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1814/05/04 Brown, Moses to New England Yearly Meeting for Sufferings. Offers land for the Yearly Meeting School in Providence. 1 p., mss. letter copy.

- 1814/08/27 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Investigation of congressional candidate James Mason. 3 pp., mss. letter sent.
- 1814/09/25 Brown, Moses to Sessions, Neighbor [Thomas?]. Width of road. 1 p., mss. fragment. Bulk of letter is missing.
- 1818/11/24 Brown, Moses to Forster, Sophronia, N. J., of Weare, New Hampshire. Expresses interest in her teaching at Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. with typed transcription. Donated to Moses Brown School in 1946 by Ralph A. Bullock.
- 1819/02/06 Collins, Micajah, of Lynn, Massachusetts, to Brown, Moses. Case of Presbyterian pacifist Thomas Vose of Boston. 3 pp., mss.
- 1819/08/09 Brown, Moses to Forster, Sophronia, N. J., of Weare, New Hampshire. Requests services as assistant teacher at Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. with typed transcription. Donated to Moses Brown School in 1946 by Ralph A. Bullock.
- 1819/08/14 Brown, Moses to Forster, Sophronia, N. J., of Weare, New Hampshire. Reiterates interest in her teaching at Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss. with typed transcription. Donated to Moses Brown School in 1946 by Ralph A. Bullock.
- 1819/12/20 Brown, Moses to Stabler, Edward, of Alexandria, Virginia. Requests support in debate against extension of slavery into Missouri territory. 1 p., letter copy.
- 0462 Folder 14. 1820–1822. 39 frames.
- 1820, ca.? Mitchell, Mary, of Nantucket to Brown, Moses. Appointment of Abigail Pierce as teacher at Yearly Meeting School; school in Nantucket. 4 pp., mss.
- 1820/01/03 Hadwen, Benjamin to [Brown, Moses?]. Case of African American man confined in Savannah. 1 p., mss.
- 1820/03/08 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William, Jr., of New Bedford. Case of Micah Ruggles. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1820/04/11 Mitchell, Mary, of Nantucket to Brown, Moses. Yearly Meeting School business. 3 pp., mss.
- 1820/07/01 Smith, Susannah R., of West Hill, England, to Brown, Moses. Death of George Dillwyn. 3 pp., mss. Poor condition.
- 1820/10/03 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Defends against William Rickman's accusations of infidelity. 1 p., mss.
- 1820/10/09 Brown, Moses to Rotch, William, of New Bedford. Case of William Rickman. 2 pp., mss. letter copy. Part missing.
- 1821/04/20 Brown, Moses to Johnson, Daniel. Attempt of town to take schoolhouse from Friends. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1821/09/18 Brown, Moses to Gould, Stephen. Received pamphlets; sends samples of handwriting of Thomas Willis, James Mott, and John Parrish. 2 pp., mss. transcribed from collection of the Friends Reference Library in London in 1918 for research of Rayner W. Kelsey. Marked "Gibson Vol. I p. 41."
- 1821/11/12 Brown, Moses to Thompson, Thomas, of London. Publication of Friends books in America. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1821/11/18 Brown, Moses to Rodman, Samuel. Publication and distribution of pamphlet in answer to A. Rand. 1 p., mss. draft of unsent letter.
- 1822/01/12 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Need for a secular peace society. 4 pp., mss. fragment.
- 1822/04/20 Greene, Caleb, of New Bedford to Brown, Moses. Wants to revise discipline to limit attendance of disowned members. 2 pp., mss.
- 1822/04/20 Pratt, Micajah C., of Lynn, Massachusetts, to Brown, Moses. Money accepted by witnesses to be given to victims of trial; meeting quiet with absence of ranters. 2 pp., mss.

- 0501 Folder 15. 1823–1829. 45 frames.
- 1823/01/15 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Approval of Osborn's essay. 1 p., mss.
- 1824/04/06 Brown, Moses to Benedict, David. Discusses general history of Friends. 4 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1824/04/08 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John and Allen, Mary B. Asks for opinion of Sarah Earl as teacher at Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1824/12/24 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Yearly Meeting School student body is too large; colds and sore throats common. 1 p., mss.
- 1826/05/22 Pierce, Abigail, of Mount Pleasant, New York, to Brown, Moses. Met with Isaac and Anna Braithwaite; spread of the Hicksite "contagion." 3 pp., mss.
- 1826/07/04 Forster, Josiah, of Tottenham, England, to Brown, Moses. Need for books in new Indiana meetings. 2 pp., mss.
- 1826/08/25 Worcester, Noah, of Brighton to Brown, Moses. Account with Rhode Island Peace Society. 1 p., mss.
- 1826/09/17 Brown, Moses to Forster, Josiah. Description of Friends School in Providence, and the Obadiah Brown Fund. 4 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1826/10/12 Tobey, Samuel Boyd, of Philadelphia to Brown, Moses. Report on recent visits to Philadelphia meetings by Elias Hicks. 3 pp., mss.
- 1826/12/05 Barker, Abigail, of New York to Brown, Moses. Describes beginnings of Hicksite controversy. 7 pp., mss., fragile and damaged.
- 1828/09/23 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Discusses "the violent ranting spirit" of "Elias Hicks and his deluded followers." 1 p., mss.
- 1828/10/26 Brown, Moses to Howland, Thomas. Low opinion of Elias Hicks. 3 pp., mss. does not appear to be in Moses Brown's hand.
- 1829/04/17 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John and Allen, Walter, of Smithfield. Need for teacher at Nine Partners Boarding School in New York. 1 p., mss. letter sent.
- 1829/10/17 Brown, Moses to Congdon, Nicholas, of Cranston, Rhode Island. Sarah Tucker and Rhoda Howland will be attending meetings in Coventry and Greenwich. 1 p., mss. letter sent.
- 0546 Folder 16. 1830–1836 and Undated. 19 frames.
- 1830/07/16 Cutler, Andrew, of Plainfield to Brown, Moses. Teacher at Woodstock seeks position at Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. copy [in hand of Moses Brown?]. Response of Moses Brown on reverse.
- 1830/07/23 Brown, Moses to Cutler, Andrew, of Plainfield. Brown refuses to engage in spiring away employee of other school. 1 p., mss. letter copy, on reverse of copy of Cutler's letter dated July 16, 1830.
- 1830/07/24 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Recommends Mr. Cutter's employment at Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss. fragment[?].
- 1830/11/18 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Sends copies of Massachusetts law regarding gifts to unincorporated religious societies. 3 pp., mss. letter sent.
- 1832/04/24 Greene, Rowland, of Plainfield to Brown, Moses. Sends money for Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1835/03/15 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Committee to meet with George W. Read about teaching at Yearly Meeting School. Poor health of William Almy. 1 p., mss. letter sent.
- 1835/10/27 Brown, Moses to Unknown. Letter of recommendation for a young African American man in need of employment. 1 p., mss. given to the Moses Brown School by Robert D. Wilson of Nantucket, February 1, 1947.
- 1836/02/22 Brown, Moses to Osborn, John. Case of Seth Davis; removal of bank to Woonsocket; death of William Almy. 1 p., mss. letter sent.
- n.d. Brown, Moses to Unknown. Criticism of a recently published history of Friends. 2 pp., mss. fragment of a letter.



- 0565 Folder 17. 1830–1831, George Benson. 65 frames.
- 1830/08/15 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. System of international arbitration and other Peace Society business. 4 pp., mss.
- 1830/11/09 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Efforts of British missionaries to halt native warfare in Pacific Islands and other Peace Society business; recounts sixty years of acquaintance with Moses Brown and discusses his childhood. 7 pp., mss.
- 1831/01/11 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Read, Asa. Appreciated Read's sermon; evolution of peace societies; discusses Moses and Obadiah Brown. 4 pp., mss. letter copy fragment[?], unsigned.
- 1831/03/23 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Extracts from essays of Philanthropus on peace and war. 8 pp., mss.
- 1831/04/29 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Criticism of sermon preached by Asa Mead and other Peace Society business. 3 pp., mss.
- 1831/04/29 [Benson, George E.], of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Approval of abolitionist pamphlet; discusses Benezet's Negro scholars; school for Negroes in Providence; Freemasons. 4 pp., mss.
- 1831/05/30 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Success of peace societies in Connecticut. 2 pp., mss.
- 1831/07/13 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace society business; involvement of clergymen. 1 p., mss. fragment [page 5 only].
- 1831/07/22 Brown, Moses to Thompson, Thomas. Letter of introduction for John Wilbur; sends writings of Job Scott. 1 p., mss. transcribed from collection of the Friends Reference Library in London in 1918 for research of Rayner W. Kelsey. Marked "Gibson Vol. I p. 41."
- 1831/08/13 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Remarks on Prof. Goddard and other peace society business. 9 pp., mss. with envelope.
- 1831/09/30 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business and praise for Friends School. 3 pp., mss.
- 1831/10/17 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Sends material from London Peace Society. 1 p., mss.
- 1831/11/07 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business; wishes that Nicholas Brown would take up the cause. 4 pp., mss.
- 1831/11/18 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Hopes for more Baptists in peace movement. 3 pp., mss.
- 1831/12/14 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Sends package of extracts of peace movement. 4 pp., mss.
- 0630 Folder 18. 1832, George Benson. 61 frames.
- [1832, ca.] [Benson, George E.] to [Brown, Moses]. Sending article about pious slave (article not found). 1 p., mss.
- 1832/03/27 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business. 3 pp., mss.
- 1832/04/23 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business. 10 pp., mss.
- 1832/05/03 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Quotes at length a letter dated April 4, 1832, from J. J. Wells of Hartford, Connecticut, concerning Peace Society business. 4 pp., mss.
- 1832/05/07 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Grimke's address to the Peace Society; American Revolution could have been accomplished without bloodshed. 3 pp., mss.
- 1832/05/17 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Encloses one hundred copies of Jonathan Dymond's pamphlet; discusses opinions of Dr. Channing on pamphlet and other Peace Society business. 2 pp., mss.

- 1832/07/04 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Address of Leonard Bacon and other peace society news. 3 pp., mss.
- 1832/08/07 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Reports on progress of Connecticut Peace Society. 2 pp., mss.
- 1832/08/23 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Annual meeting of Connecticut Peace Society. 4 pp., mss.
- 1832/08/30 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Meeting of Hartford County Peace Society; quotes Moses Porter as saying war is hell. 2 pp., mss.
- 1832/09/19 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society trustees feel that the Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund money should be used to publish Cleveland or Clarkson's essays in preference to Bacon. 3 pp., mss.
- 1832/09/27 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business. 2 pp., mss.
- 1832/10/06 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Publication plans of Peace Society. 2 pp., mss.
- 1832/10/30 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business. 1 p., mss.
- 1832/11/14 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Death of Benson's eldest daughter; work of Cyrus Yale for Peace Society and other Peace Society business. 3 pp., mss.
- 1832/12/03 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business; recently visited Brown's granddaughter, Anna Jenkins. 4 pp., mss.
- ca. 1832 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Extracts from the proceedings of the sixteenth annual meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Permanent and Universal Peace. 19 pp., mss. and envelope.
- 0691 Folder 19. 1833–1835, George Benson. 34 frames.
- 1833/01/17 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Success of Yale's address, distribution of pamphlets, Dawson's preaching, and other Peace Society business. 4 pp., mss.
- 1833/03/04 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business. 3 pp., mss.
- 1833/05/13 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Anniversary of Connecticut Peace Society. 3 pp., mss.
- 1833/09/21 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Address to London Peace Society by officer of British army. 7 pp., mss.
- 1834/06/03 Benson, George E., to Brown, Moses. Extracts from essay of unknown English woman, entitled "Immediate, not Gradual, Emancipation"; concern for behavior of freed slaves; letters from Garrison. 8 pp., mss.
- 1835/09/21 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Brown, Moses. Peace Society business. 4 pp., mss.

### Series B: Subject Files

- 0725 Folder 1. Abolition Societies: Providence Society for Abolition of the Slave Trade, 1789–1793, ca. 1819, and 1822. 17 frames.
- 1789/02/20 Constitution of the Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade. 1 p., printed.
- 1790/06 An Act to incorporate certain Persons by the name of The Providence Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery.... 4 pp., printed.
- 1790/06 New England Yearly Meeting to Providence Monthly Meeting. Epistle discussing education and slavery. 4 pp., mss. in several hands.

- 1793/08 Report to the Providence Society for the Abolition of the Slave Trade, discusses case of Oliver Fry. 1 p., mss.
- [ca. 1819 Benson, George to Providence Abolition Society. Case of Olive Westly, free or later] African American girl sold into slavery in Savannah. 3 pp., mss. incomplete letter.
- 1822/02/15 List of members in Abolition Society. 1 p., mss.
- 0742 Folder 2. Abolition—News Clippings, 1784–1788 and 1836. 14 frames.
- 1784/02/21 Newspaper article against slavery, possibly by Benjamin Rush, supposedly submitted by Moses Brown. *Providence Gazette and Country Journal*. 1 p., printed news sheet.
- 1787/10/06 Newspaper article by “Crito” written in opposition to slavery. *Providence Gazette and Country Journal*. 1 p., printed news sheet.
- 1788/09/09 New England Yearly Meeting to Connecticut General Assembly. Abolition of slave trade. 2 pp., clipping from *New Haven Gazette*, no. 42.
- 1836/07/25 Article in the *Philadelphia Morning Courier and General Advertiser*, discussing a conversation with Moses Brown regarding his earliest abolition efforts. 4pp., complete copy of newspaper, 1 sheet.
- 0756 Folder 3. African Americans—Manumission papers, 1763–1799. 15 frames.
- 1763/11/19 Whipple, Abraham to Nicholas Brown & Co. Receipt for “one Negro Girl.” 1 p., mss.
- 1764/06/08 Brown, Allin to Brown, Moses. Bill of sale for slave named Ceaser, later freed. 1 p., mss.
- 1764/06/08 Brown, Allin to Brown, Moses. Receipt for slave named Ceaser, later freed. 1 p., mss.
- 1766/09/18 Brown, Mary to Brown, Moses. Promissory note for slave girl named Pegg. 1 p., mss.
- 1769/03/22 Johnson, Joseph to Brown, Moses. Bill for education of Brown’s slaves. 1 p., mss.
- 1773/11/04 Brown, Moses. Manumission deed for slaves Benno, Ceaser, Cudge, Prime, Pero, Pegg, Tom, Newport, and Phillis. 2 pp., typed copy.
- 1774/03/21 Brown, Moses to Bonno. Receipt for forty dollars entrusted with Brown after manumission. 1 p., mss.
- 1774/12/15 Greene, Caleb. Manumission by Caleb Greene of slaves Peter and Venter[?], witnessed by Moses Brown. 1 p., mss.
- 1775? Brown, Moses. Memorandum of account with Samuel Butler for shoes for slaves, 1771–1775. 1 p., mss.
- 1799/04/29 Agreement between Nicholas Gilbert and Linden (represented by Moses Brown) for Linden’s eventual freedom. 2 pp., mss.
- 0771 Folder 4. African Americans—Accounts with, 1774–1805. 26 frames.
- 1774/03/10 Brown, Moses to Cudge. Accounts with free African American Cudge. Receipt for money paid out of account. 1 item, mss.
- 1775/04/01 Brown, Moses to Bonno. Receipt from Bonno. 1 p., mss.
- 1776/03/22 Brown, Moses to Cudge. Receipt for money paid out of account. 1 p., mss.
- 1777/07/3 Brown, Moses to White, Edward. Account with Primus, a free African American, for work at spermaceti works. 1 item, mss.
- [1778?] Brown, Bonno. Account of a free African American, probably with Cudge Brown. 1 item, mss.
- [1778?] Brown, Cudge to Brown, Bonno. Account between free African Americans. 1 item, mss.
- 1778/01/16 Brown, Moses to Tom. Account with a free African American for labor at salt works. 1 item, mss.
- 1778/02 Brown, Moses to Brown, Yarrow. Account with a free African American for labor with air furnace, Nicholas Brown, etc. 1 item, mss.

- 1778/04/20 Brown, Moses to Congdon, Joseph. Receipt for labor of Yarrow Brown, a free African American, at salt works. 1 item, mss.
- 1778/04/20 Congdon, Joseph to Brown, Moses. Account with Yarrow Brown, a free African American, for labor at the salt works. 1 item, mss.
- 1778/05/06 Brown, Moses to Brown, Yarrow. Account for money kept in trust. 1 item, mss.
- 1778/08/13 Brown, Cudge to Brown, Bonno. Accounts between free African Americans. 1 item, mss.
- 1778/11/06 Brown, Moses to Sterling, Henry. Account for medical care to Primus, a free African American. 1 item, mss.
- 1778/12/09 Brown, Moses to Phyllis. Account with a free African American for boarding. 1 item, mss.
- 1779/04/12 Brown, Moses to Eve. Account with a free African American for money held in trust. 1 item, mss.
- 1779/05/15 Brown, Moses to Brown, Yarrow. Account with a free African American for labor at salt works. 1 item, mss.
- 1779/08/12 Brown, Moses. Arbitration of dispute between Bonno and Cudge. 1 p., mss.
- 1780/03/18 Brown, Moses. Account with Yarrow Brown at the salt works. 1 item, mss.
- 1785/09/14 Prime to Anthony, Joseph. Account for paving lane (for town?). 1 item, mss.
- 1785/09/14 Bonno to Anthony, Joseph. Account for paving lane (for town?). 1 item, mss.
- 1785/09/14 Adam to Anthony, Joseph. Account for paving lane (for town?). 1 item, mss.
- 1786/03/14 Brown, Cudge to Town of Providence. Account for labor done for town. 1 item, mss.
- 1786/03/18 Brown, Moses to Brown, Cudge. Account for labor. 1 item, mss.
- 1786/03/28 Brown, Moses to Brown, Cudge. Account for labor. 1 item, mss.
- 1789 Brown, Moses to Cudge. Account for labor (carting, etc.). 1 item, mss.
- 1797/08/21 Brown, Moses to Hopkins, Prime. Account with a free African American for labor. 1 item, mss.
- 1801/05 Brown, Ceaser to Paine, Arnold. Account with a free African American for molasses, brandy, rent, etc. 1 item, mss.
- 1802/04/26 Brown, Moses to Paine, Arnold, Jr. Account regarding Ceaser Brown and also request to Brown & Almy for yarn via Isaac Glasgow. 1 item, mss.
- 1805/07/20 Brown, Moses to Pegge. Account with for money held in trust for a free African American woman. 1 item, mss.
- 1812/09/30 Brown, Obadiah M. to Burrows, Thomas M. Account for medical care to Cudge Brown. 1 item, mss.
- 1812/10/03 Brown, Cudge, Estate of to Cleveland, Cyrus. Account for coffin of a free African American, paid by Moses Brown. 1 item, mss.
- 0797 Folder 5. African Americans—Miscellaneous, 1805–1821 and Undated. 34 frames.  
Undated note on Thomas Francis, a free African American of Newport, in jail in Savannah. 1 p., mss.
- 1805/12/27 Brown, Moses. Subscription for proposed evening school for people of color in Providence, with Moses Brown as the only signature. 1 p., mss.
- 1812/06? Brown, Moses. Case of freed slave Nancy Thompson, “The Statement from the Mouth of Nancy Thompson.” 4 pp., mss.
- 1817/04 Goodman, Duke to Brown, Moses. Lists and detailed descriptions of free African Americans lately removed from London. 2 items, 7 pp., mss.

- 1821 Unknown. Discusses circumstances of founding of the African Union Meeting and School House. Moses Brown, donor of the land, expresses his regret in a manuscript note that his name was wrongly signed to the document: "I had rather it been omitted as I don't approve of Singing Meetings and some other parts yet if it suits the Coloured people I shall not oppose them." A Short History of the African Union Meeting and School-House erected in Providence.... 32 pp., printed by Brown & Danforth, Providence, with mss. notes by Moses Brown.
- 0831 Folder 6. Education—Tuition bills paid, 1772–1828. 5 frames.  
 1772/11/14 Ellis, Hannah to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling daughter. 1 p., mss.  
 1783/07/22 Thornton, Elisha to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling Benjamin Brown. 1 p., mss.  
 1785/04/19 Lawton, John to Brown, Esek. Bill for tuition of Esek Brown's children for past year. Does not appear to be from the Friends School. 1 p., mss.  
 1788/09/16 Thornton, Elisha to Brown, Moses. Bill for boarding and schooling Moses Farnum. 1 p., mss.  
 1811/04 Rand, B. H. Bills for schooling of Anna Almy, Avis Harris, Miss Holden, and Miss Smith. 4 items, mss.  
 1828/04/25 Breed, Enoch to Brown, Moses. Receipt for schooling. 1 p., mss.
- 0836 Folder 7. Education—Extracts regarding yearly meeting school, 1780–1803. 32 frames.  
 1780/06– Brown, Moses. Notes and minute extracts regarding the Yearly Meeting  
 1803/06/14 School at Portsmouth, apparently in the hand of Moses Brown. Minutes & Extracts about the Yearly Meeting School...[at Portsmouth]. 55 pp., mss. booklet. Removed from an envelope titled "Notes and clippings of Samuel Austin & clipping relating to Portsmouth Mtg. House."
- 0868 Folder 8. Education—Miscellaneous, 1778–1801. *See also* headings for Job Scott and African Americans. 45 frames.  
 1778/09/29 Benezet, Anthony. Report made to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting by a special committee on education. Some Observations Relating to the Establishment of Schools.... 3 pp., mss.  
 1782/07 Smithfield Monthly Meeting. Extract from Smithfield Monthly Meeting minutes appointing committee to consider donation to Friends school. 1 p., mss.  
 1782/11/11 Brown, Moses. Printed epistle raising funds for Friends school. From the Meeting for Sufferings in New England to the Several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings belonging to the Yearly Meeting. 19 pp., printed in Providence by John Carter.  
 1786/01/16 Truman, Thomas. As clerk of the School Committee of the town of Providence to Brown, Moses. Town's detailed suggestions for instruction in arithmetic. 1 p., printed by J. Carter.  
 1794 London Yearly Meeting. Printed epistle reporting on status of Ackworth School in London. Yearly Meeting 1794. A Report from the General Meeting for Ackworth School.... 3 pp., printed epistle.  
 1795/06 New England Yearly Meeting to Brown, Moses. Extracts from Yearly Meeting minutes on schools, expressing renewed interest in education. 2 p., mss.  
 1796/03/28 Allen, Walter? to [Brown, Moses?]. Extracts of Smithfield Monthly Meeting minutes from 1777 regarding proposed monthly meeting school. 3 pp., mss.  
 1796/09/24 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Report on rules for Friends school at West Town, Pennsylvania. 8 pp., printed. Moses Brown's copy.  
 1798/06/20 Mott, Benjamin and Robinson, Sarah to School Committee at Newport. Report on schools. 1 p., mss.

- 1800/06 New England Yearly Meeting. Extract of minute regarding proposed division of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and effect on monthly meeting schools. 3 pp., mss.
- 1801/06 New England Yearly Meeting to Brown, Moses[?]. Extract from Yearly Meeting minutes regarding monthly meeting schools. 4 pp., mss.
- 0913 Folder 9. Extracts, miscellaneous. Undated. 4 frames.  
Extracts from various sources: "The Indian's View of the Trinity," "Preface to George Fox's Journal by William Penn," "Life of Lady Guion," Hebrews 9:26, and biblical extracts on the blood of Christ. 5 items, mss.
- 0917 Folder 10. History—Essays on early Providence, Undated and 1833. 18 frames.  
Undated. Brown, Moses. Early history of Providence. Historical Essay of the First Settlement of Providence. 2 pp., mss.  
Undated. Brown, Moses. Corrections made to an article published in the *Boston Daily Advertiser* about King Phillip's War. Notes for the Correction of Historical Sketches respecting the Indian War of 1675/6. 3 pp., mss.  
Undated. Brown, Moses. Some Account of Richard Scott. Brief biographical sketch of Richard Scott of early Providence. 2pp., mss.  
Undated. Brown, Moses. Draft of essay for the Register on the early history of Providence. An Essay About the Settlement of Providence. 4 pp., mss. in fragments.  
Undated. Brown, Moses. Date of Roger Williams's arrival in the colonies; need for preservation of early Providence history. Essay for the *Philanthropist*. 1 p., mss. draft of newspaper article.
- 1833/06/05 [Brown, Moses]. Includes letter from Moses Brown regarding early history of Providence. *Rhode Island Philanthropist*. 4 pp., complete newspaper, 1 sheet. [Loaned to the Rhode Island Newspaper Project for microfilming.]
- 0935 Folder 11. History—Index of original Proprietors of Providence, Undated. 30 frames.  
Brown, Moses. Index of original proprietors of Providence. Lists house lot numbers. 1 vol., about 50 pages, mss.
- 0965 Folder 12. History—Notes on early Providence. Transcriptions, extracts from early records. 1638–1834 and undated. 80 frames.  
Notes on Roger Williams's *Hireling Ministers*..... 3 pp., mss.  
List of Pawtuxet purchasers; notes on Roger Williams's stay in Plymouth. 2 pp., mss.  
Extracts from Providence town record book, 1660–1676. 3 pp., mss. (2 leaves).  
Notes on Callender. 1 p., mss.  
Notes on John Cotton's *Answer to Roger Williams*. 1 p., mss.  
Notes on doctrine of Pardon Tillinghast and the Baptists. 1 p., mss.  
Notes on Isaac Backus's *Church History of New England*. 6 pp., mss.  
Notes from Savage's *Life of John Winthrop* regarding Roger Williams. 2 pp., mss.  
Notes on Roger Williams's *George Fox Digg'd Out of His Burrows*. 7 pp., mss.  
Notes on Roger Williams's disapproval of Quakers. 6 pp., mss.  
Notes on Evans's account of Roger Williams. 4 pp., mss.  
Notes on first settlement of Providence. 3 pp., mss. (2 leaves).  
Notes on Roger Williams's charter. Also personal financial memoranda from 1833 and 1834. 1 p., mss.  
Notes on Callendar's history of Providence. 3 pp., mss.  
Notes on Roger Williams and his probable lack of legal training. 4 pp., mss.
- 1638 Transcript of agreement regarding Pawtuxet lands, 1638. 2 pp., mss.
- 1640 Transcriptions from Massachusetts records regarding a form of government for Providence, 1640. 5 pp., mss.

- 1650/11/21 Notes on disenfranchisement of Joshua Verin, including transcript of his letter to town of Providence dated November 21, 1650. 2 pp., mss.
- 1657/03/12 Transcript of proclamation by Roger Williams regarding William Harris, March 12, 1656/7. 1 p., mss.
- 1666 Transcript and notes on Roger Williams's deed of 1666. 2 pp., mss.
- 1672/07/18 Transcript of letter from John Throgmorton to Roger Williams, July 18, 1672. 1 p., mss.
- 1675/07/23 Transcript of letter from John Throgmorton to Roger Williams, July 23, 1675. 3 pp., mss.
- 1678/02/07 Notes on original deeds to Providence; also transcript of Roger Williams's affidavit regarding original purchase, February 7, 1677/8. 3 pp., mss.
- 1678/02/07 Transcript of Roger Williams's statement on land, February 7, 1677/8. 1 p., mss.
- 1711 Transcript of 1711/2 agreement on boundaries of Providence and Pawtuxet. 1 p., mss.
- 1045 Folder 13. Land records, Providence—1713–1770. 54 frames.
- 1713/02/08 Providence Purchasers to Merritt, John. Highway layout for John Merritt. 2 pp., mss.
- 1743 Crawford, Gideon to Birkett, John. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 4 pp., mss.
- 1747 Plat of land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1747 Crawford, Gideon to Merritt, John. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1747 Plat of land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss. copy made in 1853.
- 1747 Birkett, John to Crawford, Gideon. Release of deed for land in Providence Neck. 3 pp., mss.
- 1748 Winsor, Samuel to Merritt, John. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1752 Hopkins, Stephen and Esek to Merritt, John. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1757 Butterworth, Oliver to Merritt, John. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1762 Olney, Joseph to Merritt, John. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1765 Brown, Phineas to Merritt, John. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1766 Olney, Joseph to Merritt, John. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1768 Brown, Moses. Plat of land in Providence bought from Lydia Angell. 1 p., mss.
- 1768 Angell, Lydia to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1769 Brown, Phineas to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1770 Jenckes, Ebenezer to Brown, Moses. Deed for thatch beds in Providence. 1 p., mss.
- 1771 Merritt, John, estate of to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 3 pp., mss.
- 1769–1783 Deed extracts for land in Providence Neck acquired by Moses Brown and later donated to Friends School. 10 pp., mss.
- 1099 Folder 14. Land records, Providence—[1771?]. 4 frames.
- 1771? Plat of land in Providence, probably the parcel purchased in 1771 from John Merritt's estate. 1 p., mss.
- 1771? Brown, Moses. Notes on Merritt land in Providence Neck. 3 items, mss.
- 1103 Folder 15. Land records, Providence—1774–1797. 32 frames.
- 1774 Jenckes, Jonathan to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1776 Olney, Joseph to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss. in poor condition.

- 1779 Brayton, William and Sarah to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1782/12/25 Brown, Phineas to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 3 pp., mss.
- 1783/03/22 Brown, Phineas to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1783/03/27 Brown, Phineas to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss. in fragments.
- 1784 Brown, Daniel to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1785/06/26 Brown, Phineas to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1787/03/07 Angell, Nathan to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1793 Brown, Dexter to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1793 Jenckes, Caleb. Plat of land in Providence Neck bought from Dexter Brown. 1 p., mss.
- 1797 Butler, Samuel to Brown, Moses. Deed for thatch bed in Providence. 1 p., mss.

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#### Series B: Subject Files cont.

- 0001 Folder 16. Land records, Providence—1800–1829; Land records, Cranston, 1813; and Land plat, “east side of the Seekonk River,” 1818. 22 frames.
- 1800 Brown, Dexter to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1803 Brown, Phebe to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence Neck. 1 p., mss.
- 1813 Brown, Moses to Westcott, Sylvester. Deed for land in Pawtuxet. 2 pp., mss.
- 1815 Comstock, John to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence. 1 p., mss.
- 1816 Sessions, Thomas to Brown, Moses. Deed for land in Providence salt marsh. 2 pp., mss.
- 1818 Plat of wood lot owned by Almy & Brown on east side of Seekonk River. 2 pp., mss.
- 1822 Extract of minute from unknown committee regarding widening of Prospect Street. 1 p., mss.
- 1829 Smith, George to Brown, Moses. Deed for thatch bed and cove land in Providence. 1 p., mss.
- 0023 Folder 17. Lawton, Isaac—Biographical sketch, 1822. 5 frames.
- 1822/01/31 Brown, Moses. Notes on Isaac Lawton (1726–1803), including personal reminiscences. A Biographical Sketch of the Life of Isaac Lawton of Portsmouth on Rhode Island. 4 pp., mss.
- 0028 Folder 18. Library catalogs, 1784 and Undated. 30 frames.
- 1784/01 Brown, Moses. Lists of books, alphabetical by title. A Catalogue of Books and n.d. belonging to Moses Brown’s Library. 11 p., bound mss., and 37 pp., bound mss.
- 0058 Folder 19. Peace Society, ca. 1831–1832. 40 frames.
- 1831/06/11 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut to Brown, Moses. Extracts from the *London Herald of Peace*. 16 pp., mss.
- 1832 Newspaper clippings on peace from Connecticut papers, sent by George Benson. 5 items, printed.
- ca. 1832 Benson, George E., of Brooklyn, Connecticut to Brown, Moses. Extracts from the proceedings of the sixteenth annual meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Permanent and Universal Peace. 19 pp., mss. and envelope.



- 1832/09/19 Windham County Peace Society. Extract of minute of Windham County Peace Society thanking Moses Brown for help. 1 p., mss.
- 1832/11/14 Windham County Peace Society. Extract of minute of Windham County Peace Society thanking Moses Brown for help. 1 p., mss.
- 0098 Folder 20. Personal finances—Tax inventories, 1767 and 1836. 5 frames.
- 1767/11/09 Brown, Moses. List of Moses Brown's rateable estate in addition to that owned as part of Nicholas Brown & Co., including land, livestock, mortgages, and "4 Negro Men and One Girl." 2 pp., mss.
- 1830/07/29 Brown, Moses. List of rateable estate. 2 pp., mss.
- 0103 Folder 21. Personal finances—Miscellaneous receipts, 1810–1836. 6 frames.
- 1810/10/02 Brown, Moses to Tillinghast, Lydia. Receipt for sale of shares in Smithfield Union Bank. 1 p., mss.
- 1818/11/14 Brown, Moses. Account of stones used in building up piers. 1 p., mss.
- 1823/11/14 Burgess, Thomas to Brown, Moses. Receipt for referee's fee. 1 p., mss.
- 1825/02/01 Brown, Moses. Cost on what is due from Thomas Arnold on bond. 2 pp., mss.
- 1836/09/19 Receipt for city tax. 1 p., mss.
- 1836/12/13 Tobey, Samuel Boyd to estate of Moses Brown. Bill for medical services, paid by Almy & Brown. 1 p., mss.
- 0109 Folder 22. Personal memorandum book, 1830. 29 frames.
- 1830–1834 Brown, Moses. Memorandum book. Includes historical notes, personal accounts, Obadiah Brown Fund accounts, land notes, accounts for building a barn, and school accounts. 41 pp., mss. notebook.
- 0138 Folder 23. Personal memoranda, 1758–1836. (5 items.) 4 frames.
- Undated Portion of a memorandum signed by Stephen Hopkins. 1 item, mss.
- 1799/03/26 Brown, Mary to Providence Monthly Meeting. Permits her daughter to marry Moses Brown. 1 p., mss.
- 1815/09/23 Brown, Moses. Detailed list of trees destroyed in Moses Brown's yard by the Great Gale of 1815. 1 p., mss.
- 1832 Brown, Moses. Memorandum on membership in Freemasons from 1758 to 1768. 1 p., mss.
- 1833/09/23 Brown, Moses. Memoranda with list of names, possibly of visitors on ninety-fifth birthday. On reverse, geometrical figures, possibly referring to globes. Both sides have commentary by Samuel Austin. 2 pp., mss.
- 1836/05/23 Brown, Moses. A few words on patience addressed by Moses Brown to a student at the Yearly Meeting School, with a letter on its provenance. Remedy for Injuries. 1 p., photostat of mss., with 1 p. typed letter from donor Asa D. Wing to Prof. Seth K. Gifford of Providence. The item was found among Wing's mother's papers.
- 0142 Folder 24. Science, 1769–1822. 13 frames.
- Undated Memoranda accepting payment of debt from a Mr. Gardner in the form of six globes and detailing the distribution of these globes to family and the Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1769/06/1–4 Data on the transit of Venus, including list of participants in observation with duties (Benjamin West, Joseph Brown, Stephen Hopkins, Jabez Bowen, Jonathan Burrough, and Nicholas Brown). 4 pp., mss.
- 1802/07/12 Observations on a lightning bug and its eggs under a microscope. 2 pp., mss.
- 1808/02–03 Journal describing inoculation of his family against the "kine pox." 11 pp., mss. Presented by Moses Brown to Dr. Tobey.
- 0155 Folder 25. Society of Friends—Business, 1785–1836. 19 frames.
- Undated Ward, Samuel & Son, of New York to Brown, Moses. Printing samples for paper to be used for Robert Barclay's *Apology*, sent to Moses Brown, with notes by him. 2 pp., printed with mss. notes.

- 1782/07/17 Brown, Moses. Report of committee to oversee marriage of William Rotch Jr. and Elizabeth Rodman in Leicester, Massachusetts, written and signed by Moses Brown. 1 p., mss.
- 1785/07/07 Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Extract from meeting minutes regarding account from South Kingston Monthly Meeting. 1 p., mss.
- 1790/05/31 Brown, Moses to New England Yearly Meeting. Account submitted by Moses Brown for expenses incurred in distribution of books through Yearly Meeting. 1 p., mss.
- 1805/03/06 Wickes, Sylvester to Brown, Moses. Receipt for subscription to build East Greenwich meeting house. 1 p., mss.
- 1807/11/05 Buffum, David to Brown, Moses. Receipt for subscription to build Newport meeting house. 1 p., mss.
- 1808/06/16 Buffum, David to Brown, Moses. Receipt for subscription to build Newport meeting house. 1 p., mss.
- 1823/12/20 Gould & Brown, of New York to Brown, Moses. Account submitted to Moses Brown for schoolbooks purchased in New York, presumably for Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1826/12/22 Jenkins, William to Brown, Moses. Bill for painting meeting house. 1 p., mss.
- [1827 or later] Brown, Moses[?]. Draft report of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting regarding estate of Sylvester Weeks. Decision of court that New England Yearly Meeting was not legally able to hold property. 1 p., mss.
- 1828 Howland, Thomas. Circular letter announcing publication of *An Exposition of the Faith of the Religious Society of Friends* by Thomas Evans. "Subscriptions may be forwarded to Moses Brown, Providence." 1 p., printed circular letter.
- [1833 or later] Brown, Moses. Statistics on Friends in England, possibly taken from John Wilbor. An account of Friends meetings in England. 1 p., mss.
- 1836/10/22 Mitchell, Richard to Brown, Moses. Receipt for donation to help rebuild Fall River meeting house. 1 p., mss.
- 0174 Folder 26. Society of Friends—Doctrines and extracts, mostly Undated. 51 frames.  
 Mitchell's description of case of Rachel Baker. [Review of Study of Waking and Dreaming by Dr. Mitchell.] 5 pp., mss.  
 Notes on the doctrine of Christ and Biblical extracts. 3 items: "Col. 2. 11th"; "Christ as an Object of Worship"; "a sermon as well written as this...." 3 pp., mss.  
 Biblical extracts. "Text Shewing that the Influence and Operations of the Spirit...." 1 p., mss.  
 Extracts from Friends works. 4 items: "William Penn, vol. 3d..."; "Testimonies of Friends belief of the Scriptures"; "George Fox advises friends to keep account of their sufferings...."; [Index to G. Fox's Epistles]. 4 pp., mss.
- 1791/03/10 Rush, Benjamin. Extracts from Benjamin Rush's essay on Bible societies. 3 pp., mss. in unknown hand.
- 1791/12 Unknown. Some remarks on Silent Worship, or Devotion.... Broadside, extracted from *London Review* of December 1791.
- 1804–1805 Three extracts from various minutes made for Providence Monthly Meeting. 3 items, mss.
- 1807/05/07 Brown, Moses. Prayer delivered in Providence, noted as "P.B. prayer." 1 p., mss.
- 1819 or later Brown, Moses. Gentlemen employed by King James to translate Bible were not miraculously inspired, but were fallible creatures, James Yates, Reply to Ralph Wardlaws Discourse on the Unitarian and Trinity Controversy.... 5 pp., mss. Single sheet, folded.

- 1824 or later Brown, Moses. Misrepresentation of Friends in Brownlee's history. Brownlee asserts that forgiveness is impossible with God; it is not only possible but it is enjoined upon man.... Notes on William Craig Brownlee.... 24 pp, bound mss.
- 1830, ca.? Brown, Moses. Memoranda on teachings on the Holy Spirit. 1 p., mss.  
0225 Folder 27. Society of Friends—Hicksite controversy, 1834. 12 frames.
- 1834? List of queries relating to Hicksite controversy. 6? pp., mss.
- 1834/04/28 New York Yearly Meeting committee to Osborn, John. Smithfield, Rhode Island, Hicksite controversy. 6 pp., mss.
- 0237 Folder 28. Spermaceti works, 1761–1762 [*see also* African American accounts]. 2 frames.  
1761/02 Field, William to owners of spermaceti works. Receipt for labor. 1 p., mss.

### Series C: Other Persons

- 0239 Folder 1. Almy, William. 1835. 3 frames.  
1835/09/14 Agreement between William Almy and Warwick Manufacturing Company. 1 p., mss.
- 0242 Folder 2. Brown, Hope (Power). ca. 1763. 2 frames.  
1763, ca.? Manning, Joseph to Brown, Hope (Power). Requests flour from mother of Moses Brown; suggests that debt can be added to his account with Moses. 1 p., mss.
- 0244 Folder 3. Brown, Obadiah, Sr. 1754–1758 and 1776. 4 frames.  
1754/02/22 Hopkins, Stephen to Brown, Obadiah. Receipt for insurance of sloop *Mary*. Hopkins autograph. 1 item, mss.  
1755/03/17 Brown, Ephraim to Brown, Obadiah, Sr. Receipt for “one Negro man named Sharper.” 1 p., mss.  
1758/02/16 Downer, Silas to Brown, Obadiah, Sr. Receipt for salary as schoolmaster. 1 p., mss.  
1776/07/27 Brown, Moses. Account with estate of uncle Obadiah Brown. 1 p., mss. fragile.
- 0248 Folder 4. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—1788–1810. 11 frames.  
1788/10/26 Thornton, Elisha, of Smithfield to Brown, Obadiah M. Distribution of almanacs; possibility of tutoring in arithmetic and astronomy during the winter. 1 p., mss.  
1803/05/20 Brown, Obadiah M. to [Almy, William?] “Brother.” Writes from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, discusses Friends meetings and orders for yarn. 2 pp., mss. damaged letter copy.  
1809/10/07 Stroud, Dan, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, to Brown, Obadiah M. Requests information on Friends school in New Bedford. 1 p., mss.  
1809/10/29 Brown, Obadiah M. to Stroud, Dan. Information on Friends school in New Bedford. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.  
1810/05/09 Brown, Obadiah M. to Sherman, Job. Recommendation of Edward W. Lawton as business partner. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 0259 Folder 5. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—1813–1814. 19 frames.  
1813/05/26 Adamson, William, of New York to Brown, Obadiah M. Soliciting business for firm of Adamson & Osgood, as agents for Almy & Brown. 1 p., mss.  
1814/02/10 Pope, Jonathan L., of Salem, Massachusetts, to Brown, Obadiah M. Desires position as bookkeeper at Providence Bank. 1 p., mss.  
1814/02/14 Rand, Benjamin H., of Philadelphia to Brown, Obadiah M. Thanks for hospitality. 2 pp., mss.  
1814/02/23 Slater, Samuel, of North Providence to Brown, Obadiah M. Requests assistance on behalf of Charles Ripley, overseer in card room, in seeking bankruptcy protection. 1 p., mss. [Also a memorandum of accounts on address page.]  
1814/03/02 Shaw, William G., of Wickford, Rhode Island, to Brown, Obadiah M. Subscriptions for Bible Society. 2 pp., mss.

- 1814/07/16 Dudley, Edward, of New York to Brown, Obadiah M. Letter of introduction for friends interested in seeing cotton mills. 1 p., mss.
- 1814/09/10 Sayre, Samuel, of New York to Brown, Obadiah M. Receipt for money sent. 1 p., mss.
- 1814/10/03 Rodman, Samuel, of New Bedford to Brown, Obadiah M. Faith in banks shaken by "this wicked and disastrous War"; some friends investing in English bonds. 2 pp., mss.
- 0278 Folder 6. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—1815. 19 frames.
- 1815/01/16 Dockray, John B., of South Kingstown, Rhode Island, to Brown, Obadiah M. Inquires regarding value of New York currency in Providence. 1 p., mss.
- 1815/01/29 Rodman, Samuel to Brown, Obadiah M. Reprinting *Dell on Baptism*. 1 p., mss.
- 1815/04/11 Murray, John, of New York to Brown, Obadiah M. Requests copies of *Dell on Baptism*. 1 p., mss.
- 1815/05/11 Earl, John, Jr., of Newport to Brown, Obadiah M. Textile business. 2 pp., mss.
- 1815/05/11 Rodman, Samuel, of New Bedford to Brown, Obadiah M. Publication of new work by author of "Review of the Customs of War"; received bundle of "copperas cotton." 1 p., mss.
- 1815/07/12 Mott, Richard to Brown, Obadiah M. Visiting Newport. 2 pp., mss.
- 1815/09/07 Brown, Obadiah M. to Mott, Richard. Publication of *Friends of Peace*. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1815/10/31 Dockray, John B., of South Kingstown to Brown, Obadiah M. Offers to sell cheese through Almy & Brown. 1 p., mss.
- 0297 Folder 7. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—1816. 6 frames.
- 1816/01/10 Worcester, Noah to Brown, Obadiah. Admiration for Friends; formation of Peace Society in Boston. 1 p., mss.
- 1816/03/11 Rotch, Mary, of New Bedford to Brown, Dorcas. Progress of New Bedford school; hopes for Yearly Meeting Friends School. 2 pp., mss.
- 0303 Folder 8. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—1817. 23 frames.
- 1817/01/07 Greene, Anna M., of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, to Brown, Obadiah M. Great need for Bibles in East Greenwich. 1 p., mss.
- 1817/01/28 Brown, Obadiah to Arnold, Thomas. Efforts to obtain freedom for endangered African American child. 1 p., mss.
- 1817/06/07 Brown, Obadiah M. to Worcester, Noah. Recommends Hannah Barnard of Hudson, New York, as a writer in cause of peace. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1817/07/03 Sessions, Harvey, of Newport to Brown, Obadiah M. Settlement of mortgage. 1 p., mss.
- 1817/07/09 Clapp, Enoch, of Boston to Brown, Obadiah. Encloses obituary of grandfather William Ames, who became converted to cause of peace by divine revelation while serving on battlefield. 3 pp., mss.
- 1817/09/23 Arnold, O. & A., of Troy to Brown, Obadiah M. Request loan of five thousand dollars from uncle. 2 pp., mss.
- 1817/11/28 Smith, David, of Bolton, Massachusetts, to Brown, Obadiah M. Requests assistance in selecting books for Bolton Monthly Meeting Library. 2 pp., mss.
- 1817/12/12 Brown, Obadiah M. to Bates, Barnabas, of Bristol, Rhode Island. Proposes founding of Rhode Island Peace Society. 3 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1817/12/12 Brown, Obadiah M. to Worcester, Noah. Discusses "Friend of Peace" and efforts to found Rhode Island Peace Society. 2 pp., mss.
- 0326 Folder 9. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—1818. 33 frames.
- 1818/01/05 Bates, Barnabas, of Bristol, Rhode Island, to Brown, Obadiah M. Efforts to found Rhode Island Peace Society. 3 pp., mss., fragile.
- 1818/02/02 Patten, William, of Newport to Brown, Obadiah M. Has distributed allotment of Bibles and needs more. 1 p., mss.

- 1818/03/06 Brown, Obadiah M. to Bates, Barnabas, of Bristol, Rhode Island. Sends copies of circular regarding Peace Society. 2 pp., mss.
- 1818/04/09 Kite, Benjamin & Thomas, of Philadelphia to Brown, Obadiah M. Will publish edition of letters to Governor Strong; no Peace Society yet in Philadelphia. 1 p., mss.
- 1818/04/16 Brown, Obadiah M. to Bates, Barnabas, of Bristol. Peace Society business. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1818/05/12 Brown, Obadiah M. to Worcester, Noah. Misgivings about joining Peace Society as a member of Society of Friends. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1818/08/16 Brown, Obadiah M. to Mott, Adam and Anna. Seeking superintendents for new Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1818/08/22 Brown, Obadiah M. to Rodman, Samuel. Teachers at Yearly Meeting School 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1818/09/06 Shearman, Abraham, Jr. to [Brown, Obadiah M.]. Requests advice on necessary qualifications for teachers at Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss.
- 1818/09/18 Brown, Obadiah M. to Shearman, Abraham, Jr. Gives qualifications needed for teachers at Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1818/10/24 Rotch, William, of New Bedford to Brown, Obadiah. Sends furniture for Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1818/11/15 Purington, Betsey, of Salem to Brown, Obadiah M. and Dorcas. Offers suggestions for domestic help at new Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. fragile.
- 1818/11/19 Brown, Obadiah M. to Purington, Betsey. Seeking helpers and furnishings for new Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1818/12/03 Howland, Thomas, of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, to Brown, Obadiah M. African American youth in danger of being brought back to slavery in Georgia by owner Nathaniel Greene. 2 pp., mss. fragile.
- 1818/12/05 Barker, James, of Nantucket to Brown, Obadiah. Sends articles for Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1818/12/16 Robinson, James, of South Kingstown, Rhode Island, to Brown, Obadiah M. Requests admission of two sons to Yearly Meeting School. Note by Moses Brown recommends admission. 2 pp., mss.
- 0359 Folder 10. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—1819. 19 frames.
- 181[9]/01/02 Almy & Brown (in hand of Obadiah M. Brown) to Shearman, Abraham. Only six scholars enrolled in Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1819/01/02 Dean, Lydia, of Salem, Massachusetts, to Brown, Obadiah M. Her sister, Rebecca, has offered to volunteer at Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss.
- 1819/02/03 Worcester, Noah, of Brighton, Massachusetts, to Brown, Obadiah M. Due to a paralytic attack, attention will be focused solely on the *Friend of Peace*. 1 p., mss.
- 1819/02/08 Bates, Barnabas, of Bristol, Rhode Island, to Brown, Obadiah M. Desires respectable layman to address Peace Society; wants to send daughter to Yearly Meeting School. 2 pp., mss. Response of Brown on same sheet cataloged separately.
- 1819/02/16 Brown, Obadiah M. to Bates, Barnabas, of Bristol, Rhode Island. Cannot admit Bates's children to Yearly Meeting School, as there is only room for members of the Society of Friends. 1 p., mss. letter copy on opposite page from Bates's letter of February 8, 1819.
- 1819/02/21 Brown, Obadiah M. to Hopkins, Jerard T. Description of early Yearly Meeting School. 4 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1819/03/11 Brayton, Robert, of Nantucket to Brown, Obadiah M. Vacation at the Yearly Meeting School does not meet with approval from many parents. 1 p., mss.

- 1819/09/10 Brown, Obadiah M. to Shearman, Abraham, Jr. Order for one hundred books for Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss. letter copy.
- 1819/09/17 Worcester, Noah, of Brighton, Massachusetts, to Brown, Obadiah M. Cleaning up accounts for *Friend of Peace*. 1 p., mss.
- 0378 Folder 11. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—1820–1822, Undated. 17 frames.
- [1??]/12/29 Williams, Jonathan E. to Brown, Obadiah M. Shipping plaster of Paris. 1 p., mss.
- 1820/03/09 Brown, Obadiah M. to [Rotch, William?]. Case of Micah Ruggles. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 1820/04/29 Brown, Obadiah M. to Bates, Barnabas, of Bristol, Rhode Island. Congratulations on appointment as customs collector at Bristol; hopes that “it might be one means of checking at least, that most diabolical trade in human flesh, so long carried on in Bristol with impunity.” Offers daughters place in Yearly Meeting School if they conform to Friends speech and dress. 2 pp., mss.
- 1820/09/08 Brown, Obadiah M. to Shearman, James. Proposes life memberships in Bible Society. 2 pp., mss.
- 1821?/02/06 Bates, Barnabas, of Bristol, Rhode Island, to Brown, Obadiah M. African American men acquitted and their captain and mate fined for assault and battery; hopes Boston Friends can help stop slave trade with Cuba. 3 pp., mss.
- 1822/04/06 Brown, Obadiah M. to Eddy, Thomas. Spinning machine invented by J. Brown shipped out; dissenters in Salem Monthly Meeting. 2 pp., mss.
- 1822/04/24 Brown, Obadiah M. to Pratt, Micajah C. Declines fee as witness for recent trial; discusses recent dissent in meetings. 2 pp., mss. letter copy.
- 0395 Folder 12. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—Almy & Brown receipts, 1806–1821. 6 frames.
- 1792 Accounts with Oziel Wilkinson regarding payment of African American workers at Almy & Brown’s textile mill at Pawtucket. 3 items.
- 1813/10/22 Rhodes, William N., of Smithfield to Almy & Brown. Finances; Almy, Brown & Slater. 1 p., mss.
- 1806–1821 Slater, John to Almy, Brown & Slater. Account for personal expenses incurred. 2 pp., mss.
- 0401 Folder 13. Brown, Obadiah, Jr. Correspondence—Society of Friends, 1813–1819. 18 frames.
- 1813/12/03 New Bedford Friends Academy trustees to Brown, Obadiah. Appointment as trustee of New Bedford Friends Academy. 1 p., mss.
- [1814?] Brown, Obadiah M. Draft of pledge to build Yearly Meeting School. 1 p., mss.
- 1816/11/09 Wells & Libby, of Boston to Brown, Obadiah M. Bill for 125 copies of *Friends of Peace*. 1 p., mss.
- 1817/09/01 New Bedford Friends Academy to Brown, Obadiah M. Reopening of New Bedford Friends Academy. 1 p., printed.
- [1818?] Subscription for edition of “A Solemn Review of the Custom of War,” signed by Obadiah Brown and seven others. 1 p., mss.
- 1818/10/08 Subscription for edition of “A Solemn Review of the Custom of War,” signed by Obadiah Brown. 1 p., mss.
- [1819 or later]/12/14 Unknown to Brown, Obadiah M. Copy of address to U.S. Senate regarding Native Americans and Quaker settlement in Indiana. 4 pp., mss.
- 1819/08/02 Newitt, Samuel. List of recipients of Bibles distributed in Tiverton in April 1817. 1 p., mss.
- 1822 Page from a pamphlet, giving Obadiah Brown’s testimony on riots at Lynn. 1 p., archival photocopy.
- 0419 Folder 14. Brown, Mary. Catalog of books, 1795. 4 frames.
- 1795/02/02 Brown, Mary. List of books in personal library of Moses Brown’s wife, A List of Books Belonging to Mary Brown. 1 p., mss. oversized.
- 0423 Folder 15. Colley, Thomas. Sermon, 1787 (transcript by Mary Brown). 12 frames.

- 1787/05/08 Colley, Thomas. Sermon at a Philadelphia Friends youth meeting. "A Sermon Publicly deliver'd by Thomas Colley...." 17 pp., bound mss. with cover, property of Mary Brown.
- 0435 Folder 16. Scott, Job. Journal (part, 80 pages). 47 frames.  
Scott, Job. Portions of Scott's manuscript journal. Journal of Job Scott. 80 pp., mss.
- 0482 Folder 17. Scott, Job. "Future Rewards and Punishments." 85 frames.  
Scott, Job. "Future Rewards and Punishments Maintained; as evidently held forth in the Scriptures...." 157 pp., mss.
- 0567 Folder 18. Scott, Job. "A Truly Conscientious Scruple...." 27 frames.  
Scott, Job. Manuscript of *Paying Taxes for War*, by "A Well-Wisher to all Mankind" (Job Scott). "A Truly Conscientious scruple with respect to the payment of such Taxes as are in part demanded for, & applied to the Support of war & fighting." 41 pp., mss.
- 0594 Folder 19. Scott, Job. Receipts for schooling by Job Scott, 1774-1784, and Receipts for educating his children, 1795-1822. 22 frames.
- 1774/05/02 Scott, Job to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling children. 1 p., mss.
- 1775/12/05 Angell, James to Scott, Job. Bill for schooling of Mary Scott. 1 p., mss.
- 1779/01/21 Scott, Job to Brown, Moses. Bill for teaching at Meeting Street. 1 p., mss.
- 1781/12/08 Scott, Job to Olney, Simeon. Bill for schooling children. 1 p., mss.
- 1782/07/23 Scott, Job to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling children. 1 p., mss.
- 1782/11/09 Scott, Job to Olney, Simeon. Bill for schooling children. 1 p., mss.
- 1783/01/04 Scott, Job to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling children. 1 p., mss.
- 1783/05/09 Scott, Job to Olney, Simeon. Bill for schooling children. 2 pp., mss.
- 1784/07/16 Brown, Esek to Saunders, Nathan. Order to pay Job Scott for schooling children. 1 p., mss.
- 1795/11/15 Spencer, Nathan to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling children of Job Scott. 1 p., mss.
- 1796/05/15 Spencer, Nathan to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling children of Job Scott. 1 p., mss.
- 1796/05/15 Spencer, Nathan to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling children of Job Scott. 2 pp., mss.
- 1796/08/15 Spencer, Nathan to Brown, Moses. Bill for the education of Job Scott's children in Newport. 1 p., mss.
- 1796/08/15 Rodman, Clarke to Spencer, Nathan. Bill for schooling children of Job Scott. 1 p., mss.
- 1797/03/12 Spencer, Nathan to Brown, Moses. Bill for the education of Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss.
- 1797/04/11 Spencer, Nathan to Monthly Meeting School Committee. Bill for education of Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss.
- 1801/03/25 Rhode Island Monthly Meeting School to Brown, Moses. Bill for educating Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss.
- 1801/06/13 Taylor, Rowse to Brown, Moses. Bill for schooling children of Job Scott. 1 p., mss.
- 1802/04/22 Taylor, Rowse to Brown, Moses. Bill for the education of Job Scott's children. 1 p., mss.
- 1803/12/31 Brown, Moses. Bill to the Fund for Educating Job Scott's Children. 2 pp., mss.
- 1804/06/14 Parker, Silas to Brown, Obadiah. Bill for schooling children of Job Scott. 1 p., mss.
- 1804/06/19 Scott, Job, trustees of fund to Almy & Brown. Memo regarding schooling children of Job Scott. 1 p., mss.
- 1808/04/01 Brown, Moses. Bill to the Fund for Educating Job Scott's Children. 2 pp., mss.

- 1822/12/13 Bonsall, Isaac to Brown, Moses. Bill for asylum board for Ruth Scott, daughter of Job Scott. 1 p., mss.
- 0616 Folder 20. Scott, Job. Miscellaneous. 30 frames.
- Undated Family tree of Job Scott, five generations. 1 p., mss. [Found pinned to title page of Moses Brown's personal copy of Job Scott's journal.]
- Undated Brown, Moses. Notes by Moses Brown from his copy of the *Journal of...Job Scott, 1797*. 2 pp., photocopies on archival paper of original mss.
- Undated Review of Job Scott's journal in unknown newspaper. Newspaper clipping.
- Undated Brown, S. B. (photographer). [Photograph of James Scott, son of Job Scott]; [Photograph of James Scott, son of Job Scott]; Photograph.
- Undated Death notice of Mrs. Lydia S. Rotch, daughter of Job Scott. Newspaper clipping.
- Undated Scott, Job. Poem by Job Scott to his wife and children. 4 pp., mss. [Apparently found by Samuel Austin inserted in a book of trigonometry problems kept by Pliny Earle.]
- Undated Scott, Job. Poem by Job Scott, copied and altered from the original. 1 p., mss.
- 1770/12/12 Manning, James to Lapham, Thomas, of Smithfield, Rhode Island. Apology for actions of Job Scott in breaking Friends' meeting house windows. Scott was a student of Manning's at Rhode Island College (Brown University). 1 p., mss.
- 1770/12/17 Latham, Thomas, Jr., of Smithfield, Rhode Island, to Manning, James. Expects to see Job Scott at next meeting for business; hopes that "the affairs of the Colledge may be so conducted as to be a means of prompting virtue and piety which is preferable to Arts and Sciences." 1 p., mss.
- 1788—1789 To Scott, Job. Traveling certificate of Job Scott on journey to Pennsylvania and the southern states, issued by Smithfield Monthly Meeting. 4 pp., mss.
- 1791/12/28 To Scott, Job. Traveling certificate of Job Scott on journey to Connecticut, issued by Smithfield Monthly Meeting. 2 pp., mss.
- 1792/06/27 To Scott, Job. Traveling certificate of Job Scott on journey to Salem Monthly Meeting, issued by Smithfield Monthly Meeting. 1 p., mss.
- 1792/10/11 To Scott, Job. Traveling certificate of Job Scott, issued by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. 1 p., mss.
- [1795 or later] Brown, Moses. Gives contents of Job Scott's journal and compares editions. 4 pp., mss.
- 1805/12/17 Brown, Moses. Notes on Job Scott's answer to Relly. 1 p., mss.

#### **Series D: Notes on the Collection**

Folder 1. Later transcripts of items in the collection, letters regarding provenance, original envelopes, etc. [This folder is not included in the microfilm edition.]

### ***Quaker Collection (Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade Minute Book, 1789–1827)***

#### **Historical Note**

In October 1787, the Rhode Island General Assembly passed a bill prohibiting state residents from participating in the slave trade. The following year, neighboring Massachusetts and Connecticut passed similar laws. Despite these laws, the slave trade was still carried on with impunity. In February 1789, the Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade was chartered to promote enforcement of the 1787 law by



financing the prosecution of suspected slave traders. Its membership included many Providence members of the Society of Friends but was interdenominational and had support from outside Providence as well. Prominent early members included Providence Quaker Moses Brown, Newport Congregationalist minister Samuel Hopkins, New Bedford Quaker merchant William Rotch, and Providence jurist David Howell (1747–1824), the president and apparently a Baptist.

The formation of the society was alarming to the wealthy and powerful Rhode Island slave traders, who began a heated public debate on the subject that filled the newspapers for several months. The society was painted as the den of greedy and unpatriotic Quaker merchants who sought to stifle free trade. It was not until March 1791 that a case was actually brought to trial; the owners of the brigantine *Hope* were convicted in a Massachusetts court and fined two hundred pounds. There were few successes after this point; the society's principled stance of refusing to prosecute for large fines gained them respect from the general public but did little to intimidate the slave traders. The society ceased to meet regularly after 1793, and its members put much of their efforts into the passage of federal legislation.

In 1821 the society was revived, with David Howell still the president. With the illegal slave trade virtually at an end, abolition of slavery became the main goal. By 1824, they were calling themselves "The Providence Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, for the relief of persons unlawfully held in bondage, & for improving the condition of the African Race." It was often referred to as simply the Providence Abolition Society. Its last recorded meeting was in 1827. It was succeeded by the Rhode Island Anti-Slavery Society, founded in 1836.

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### **Scope and Content**

This volume includes fifty-four pages of the society's records and appears to be a complete record of their meetings. Their constitution can be found on pages 4 through 8. The meeting minutes are fairly dry but do contain occasional notice of the society's concrete activities and a few dramatic rhetorical passages. Members and officers are listed.

### **Provenance**

It is unknown how this volume came into the possession of New England Yearly Meeting. Although many of the society's members were Quakers, it was certainly not an official committee of any yearly or monthly meeting. It is likely that the volume arrived as part of the Austin Collection of Moses Brown Papers around 1900.

### **Processing Note**

A draft of a letter from Moses Brown to Samuel Hopkins dated 1788 was found tucked into this volume. The letter discussed the formation of the society but was clearly a personal letter. It was removed to the Austin Collection of Moses Brown Papers, which include other papers of Brown relating to the society.

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### **Introductory Materials**

0646 Introductory Materials. 4 frames.

### **Minute Book**

0650 Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade Minute Book, 1789–1827. 35 frames.

### ***Mss 315, Obadiah Brown (1712–1762) Papers, 1719–1776, Providence, Rhode Island; also Guinea, Suriname, and West Indies***

### **Historical Note**

Obadiah Brown I (1712–1762) was born in Providence. His father was Elder James Brown (1666–1716), a pastor of the First Baptist Church; his mother was Mary (Harris) Brown. Upon reaching adulthood, Obadiah joined his older brother, James Brown II (1698–1739), in the mercantile trade, which included traffic in cocoa, rum, molasses, and slaves. His initial role was as master of his brother's vessels in the West Indies trade. In 1736, he traveled to the African coast as the supercargo of the family's sloop *Mary*, which thus became the first known Providence slave ship. This trip does not seem to have been very profitable, however, and the Browns apparently had no further direct involvement in the slave trade for over twenty years. After the death of James in 1739, Obadiah retired from the sea, but continued the business. During the 1750s, he became the first Providence merchant to trade directly with England, bypassing the traditional mercantile cities of Boston and Newport. He opened a spermaceti candle factory as early as 1751. He also helped to raise James's young children, later forming a partnership with James's four surviving sons as Obadiah Brown & Co. This firm made another attempt at the slave trade in 1759, when their ship *Wheel of Fortune* was captured by French privateers. Obadiah died in Glocester, Rhode Island, in 1762, probably at the home of his daughter, Phebe Fenner.

In 1737, he married his first cousin, Mary Harris (1718–1805), daughter of Toleration and Sarah Harris. They had eight children. All four of the sons died in early childhood. The four daughters were Phebe (b. 1738), Sarah (1742–1800), Anna (1744–1773), and Mary (b. 1753). Phebe married John Fenner of Glocester, Rhode Island, brother of Governor Arthur Fenner. Sarah married Lieutenant Governor Jabez Bowen (1739–1815).

Anna married her first cousin, Moses Brown (1738–1836). Mary married Thomas Arnold (1751–1826).

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### **Scope and Content**

These papers are almost exclusively records pertaining to Obadiah Brown's many business ventures. A large portion actually relate to partnerships between Brown and his nephews, under the name of Obadiah Brown & Co. or Obadiah & Nicholas Brown. There are very few personal papers in this collection.

The first portion of the collection consists of loose papers, dated from 1733 to 1762, with the bulk coming after 1752. Most of these papers are loose receipts, invoices, and other financial memoranda. There are also some business letters, listed at the end of this finding aid. Almost half of the loose papers are from 1758 and relate to trading at Monte Cristi in today's Dominican Republic.

The second portion of the collection consists of bound volumes: ledgers, account books, and day books of Obadiah Brown, alone or in partnership. Other noteworthy volumes are two outgoing letter books and a ship's log kept aboard the sloop *Mary* en route from Suriname to Rhode Island in 1735.

There is very little directly relating to the slave trade in this collection, as Brown was only involved in two voyages to Africa. There is nothing relating to the 1736 voyage of the *Mary* and only a few incidental accounts relating to the fitting out of the *Wheel of Fortune* in 1758. See "Ledger No. 5," page 122. Of course, Brown was very much involved in the related trade with the West Indies and with operating a rum distillery as well. The Marine Insurance Book, 1751–1760, in Series 2, Subseries 4 of this collection also includes listings of vessels insured while engaged in the slave trade.

### **Provenance**

The provenance of this collection is unknown. The bulk may have arrived as part of the Moses Brown Papers, as Moses Brown was his nephew, protégé, and a major heir of his estate. Hedges in his 1952 *Browns of Providence Plantations* cites some of these items as being in "the unbound Moses Brown Papers at the RIHS." He also cites several of the volumes. These were all apparently donated as Moses Brown papers but never fully organized as such and were later pulled out to make a separate collection.

Many of the volumes are marked with a catalog number beginning "2-W," indicating that they were housed in the west wing of the old Cabinet building and thus donated

before 1945. Other volumes have catalog tags without such a designation and were likely cataloged between 1945 and 1965.

### **Processing Note**

This collection was reprocessed in 1995 with the assistance of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. One item, a day book kept by Nicholas Brown & Company from 1762 to 1789, has been transferred to the Nicholas Brown Collection.

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### **Introductory Materials**

0685      Introductory Materials. 8 frames.

### **Series 1: Loose Papers**

Includes correspondence, receipts, invoices, deeds, agreements, etc.

0693      Box 1, Folder 1, 1733–1749. 33 frames.  
0726      Box 1, Folder 2, 1750–1751. 16 frames.  
0742      Box 1, Folder 3, 1752. 46 frames.  
0788      Box 1, Folder 4, 1753–April 1753. 36 frames.  
0824      Box 1, Folder 5, May–December 1753. 44 frames.  
0868      Box 1, Folder 6, 1754–June 1754. 50 frames.  
0918      Box 1, Folder 7, July–December 1754. 28 frames.  
0946      Box 1, Folder 8, 1755. 18 frames.  
0964      Box 1, Folder 9, 1756. 68 frames.  
1032      Box 1, Folder 10, 1757. 13 frames.  
1045      Box 1, Folder 11, ca. 1758. 33 frames.  
1078      Box 1, Folder 12, January–February 1758. 8 frames.  
1086      Box 1, Folder 13, March 1758. 27 frames.

## **Reel 20**

### ***Mss 315, Obadiah Brown (1712–1762) Papers, 1719–1776 cont.***

#### **Series 1: Loose Papers cont.**

0001      Box 1, Folder 14, April 1–15, 1758. 30 frames.  
0031      Box 1, Folder 15, April 16–30, 1758. 63 frames.  
0094      Box 1, Folder 16, May–June 1758. 24 frames.  
0118      Box 1, Folder 17, July 1758. 16 frames.  
0134      Box 1, Folder 18, August 1758. 45 frames.  
0179      Box 1, Folder 19, September 1758. 28 frames.  
0207      Box 2, Folder 20, October 1758. 43 frames.  
0250      Box 2, Folder 21, November–December 1758. 19 frames.  
0269      Box 2, Folder 22, 1759. 46 frames.  
0315      Box 2, Folder 23, 1760–1761. 14 frames.  
0329      Box 2, Folder 24, 1762. 60 frames.

- 0389 Box 2, Folder 25, Undated. 25 frames.
- 0414 Box 2, Folder 26, Estate papers of Obadiah Brown, 1762–1776. 41 frames.
- 0455 Box 1x, Folder 1, Indentures, 1741 and 1744 (oversized folder). 6 frames.
- 0461 Box 1x, Folder 2, Invoice, 1750 (oversized folder). 4 frames.
- 0465 Box 1x, Folder 3, Accounts, 1752–1753 (oversized folder). 15 frames.
- 0480 Box 1x, Folder 4, Agreement to Build a Vessel for Thomas Walker, 1752, and Accounts (oversized folder). 6 frames.
- 0486 Box 1x, Folder 5, Invoices, 1756 (oversized folder). 12 frames.
- 0498 Box 1x, Folder 6, Account of Joseph Potter, 1756–1759 (oversized folder). 4 frames.
- 0502 Box 1x, Folder 7, Correspondence from William Stead, London, 1759 (oversized folder). 41 frames.
- 0543 Box 1x, Folder 8, Accounts of Sloop *Deborah*, 1759 (oversized folder). 2 frames.
- 0545 Box 1x, Folder 9, Estate Papers of Obadiah Brown, 1762–1764 (oversized folder). 15 frames.

**Series 2: Volumes**  
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- 0560 Box 2, Folder 27, Spermaceti Manufactory account book, 1756–1758. 18 frames.
- 0578 Box 2x, Folder 1, Spermaceti Manufactory accounts, 1757–1758. 11 frames.
- 0589 Box 2x, Folder 2, Spermaceti Manufactory account book, 1757–1763. 67 frames.
- 0656 Box 2x, Folder 3, Accounts, Obadiah Brown to Nicholas & John Brown, 1759–1761, and Estate Papers of Obadiah Brown, 1762–1763. 12 frames.

**(Subseries 2: Day Books)**

- 0668 Box 2x, Folder 4, Day book of rum warehouse, 1749–1750. 15 frames.
- 0683 Box 3x, Item V.2.2, Day book, 1746–1751 (in Oversize Box 3). 194 frames.
- 0877 Box 3x, Item V.2.3, Day book, January–October 1752 (in Oversize Box 3). 195 frames.

## Reel 21

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- 0001 Box 4x, Item V.2.4, Day book, October 1752–April 1753 (in Oversize Box 4). 166 frames.
- 0167 Box 4x, Item V.2.5, Day book, April–November 1753 (in Oversize Box 4). 193 frames.
- 0360 Box 5x, Item V.2.6, Day book, November 1753–May 1754 (in Oversize Box 5). 242 frames.
- 0602 Box 5x, Item V.2.7, Day book, May 1755–March 1757 (in Oversize Box 5). 220 frames.
- 0822 Box 5x, Item V.2.8, Day book, March 1757–October 1759 (in Oversize Box 5). 239 frames.

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- 0001 Box 5x, Item V.2.9, Day book, October 1759–December 1763 (in Oversize Box 5). 226 frames.

**(Subseries 3: Ledgers)**

- 0227 Oversized volume V.3.1, Ledger, 1719–1731 and 1752–1755. 285 frames. [Oversized volume microfilmed without frame counter.]
- 0512 Oversized volume V.3.2, Ledger No. 2, 1741–1750. 140 frames.
- 0652 Oversized volume V.3.3, Ledger No. 4, 1753–1756, and waste book, 1719–1731. 281 frames. [Oversized volume microfilmed without frame counter.]
- 0933 Oversized volume V.3.4, Index to Ledger No. 5, 1757–1763. 27 frames.

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- 0001 Oversized volume V.3.4, Ledger No. 5, 1757–1763. 226 frames. [Oversized volume microfilmed without frame counter.]

**(Subseries 4: Miscellaneous Financial Records)**

- 0227 Box 2, Folder 28, Accounts and letter book, 1740, 1751–1752. 28 frames.
- 0255 Box 2, Folder 29, Letter book, 1752–1759. 143 frames.
- 0398 Box 2, Folder 30, *Guide to Book-Keepers According to the Italian Manner* by Charles Snell, printed in 1709. Inserted: journal of a voyage aboard the sloop *Mary*, 1735, and ship accounts dated 1733 to 1735. 35 frames.
- 0433 Box 2, Folder 31, Receipt book, July 1751–March 1760. 32 frames.
- 0465 Box 2, Folder 32, Marine insurance book, July 1751–March 1760. 17 frames.
- 0482 Box 2, Folder 33, Account book No. 2, 1747–1771, indexed (has two mutilated pages). 50 frames.  
Contains: Accounts of ship *Reprisal*, 1747–1748; Accounts of ship *Providence*, privateer, 1747; Accounts of ship *Smithfield*, 1748; Obadiah Brown & Co., Nantucket accounts, 1756–1771; and Spinning and weaving accounts, 1769–1771.
- 0532 Box 2x, Folder 5, 1758 admiralty court case against brig *Prudent Hannah*, Virginia. 18 frames.

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