

**Woburn Young Mens Society (1833-1865)
Records, 1833-1857**

Manuscript Collection, AS-6

.15 cubic feet (4 folders)

Administrative History: The Woburn Young Men's Society was begun in 1833 and formally constituted in 1835. Membership in this association was open to youths between the ages of fourteen and thirty. Honorary membership was open to men over thirty by the approval of two-thirds of the membership. By 1835 there were one hundred and six members and forty-four honorary members. The society included a social library, noteworthy in that its holdings included neither fiction nor books on theology. The contents of the library were given to the Woburn Public Library in 1865 after the town library moved to its new location in the Wade block.

Scope and Contents Note: This thematic collection contains the original Treasurer's record book and Library Committee book. The Treasurer's book includes a list of members, a Library card and loose documents such as receipts and accounts. The Library Committee's record book includes a map of Russia and other loose documents. There are several duplicate copies of the printed constitution and catalogs (folder 3).

Acquisition: The Treasurer's book was a gift of Albert Thompson in 1896. The donor of the Library Committee's account book is unknown. Donors of the ephemera include Nathan Wyman and William R. Cutter.

Access: Unrestricted.

Arrangement: Arranged topically.

Copyright: Contact the Archivist about questions on the copyright status of this collection.

Related Material: See PEC-42 (Y.M.C.A. Collection). Several books originally owned by the Woburn Young Mens Society Library are now part of the Winn Collection holdings.

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Box Folder

AS 1	1	Library Committee's record book, 1833-1857
	2	Treasurer's record book, 1836-1855
	3	Constitution and catalogue of books, 1835
	4	Catalogue of books, 1852