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Name: **Albertson, Josiah (17??-18??)** **MC 1999.14**

Material: Family Papers (1805-1855)

Volume: 0.5 linear feet (Document Boxes 1-2)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Josiah Albertson headed a successful family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He owned and operated a lime and lumber business in partnership with his brother, Benjamin, and in later years he also worked with his brother Jacob in running the Plymouth Railroad Company. Around the year 1800, Josiah bought a farm in Plymouth, PA to which he relocated his immediate family, and became involved in banking. Benjamin moved his family to Havisham, although he continued to travel frequently to attend to Josiah's business affairs. Besides his lime and lumber and railroad businesses, Josiah also owned and managed a general store in Philadelphia named Williams & Albertson, located at the northwest corner of Market and Front Streets (the responsibility for which he also shared with his two eldest brothers). Regarding these various business dealings, Benjamin appears to have been Josiah's chief counselor. Josiah was involved in several legal disputes concerning his business, often protesting the over-billing of various ship captains and other workers whose services he employed to aid his lime and lumber company.

Josiah's family included not only his brothers Benjamin and Jacob, but also sisters Alice, Amy, and Hannah. Aside from the fact that Josiah married a woman named Ann Chew, little additional information is available about his personal life.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Albertson Family Papers are housed in two document boxes and are arranged into two major groups, Personal Papers and Business Papers. The Personal Papers consist exclusively of correspondence which have been arranged alphabetically according to the author of each letter, and then chronologically. The subject of these letters revolves around family matters, including

news about children and upcoming visits to one another.

The Business Papers consist of a variety of materials regarding the Albertson family's Lime and Lumber Business and the Plymouth Railroad Company. These Business Papers have been arranged into the following basic categories: Bills and Receipts, Correspondence, Day Books, Legal Materials, and Plymouth Railroad Materials. The Bills and Receipts section is ordered alphabetically according to the Albertson family member involved in the transaction. The letters found in the Correspondence section are arranged alphabetically by the last name of the author, and then chronologically. The bulk of these letters are addressed to Josiah Albertson, the majority of those having been penned by Josiah's brother Benjamin. The Day Books, numbering four in all, appear to have been the financial ledgers maintained by Josiah Albertson in daily operation of his business enterprises. These Day Books have been arranged chronologically. The Legal Documents section includes papers which pertain largely to business disputes, and these papers have been arranged chronologically. The Plymouth Railroad Materials section includes miscellaneous company papers such as maps, a book of company shares, minutes of board meetings, memorandae, and legal agreements.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 1999.14

PERSONAL PAPERS

CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 01) Albertson, Alice
 - Fragment of letter to Unknown - undated
- Albertson, Amy
 - Letter to Alice Albertson - "Third Day Morn"
- Folder 02) Albertson, Benjamin
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - May 30, 1807
 - Letter to Mary Albertson - Feb. 24, 1809
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Sept. 12, 1825
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 1, 1828
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Jan. 29, 1842
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Feb. 12, 1842
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Nov. 11, 18??
- Folder 03) Albertson, Hannah (Williams)
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 14, 1805
 - Letter to Alice Albertson - undated
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - undated
 - Letter to Mary Albertson - undated
- Folder 04) Albertson, Josiah
 - Fragment of letter to unknown recipient - undated
- Albertson, Samuel
 - Letter from mother - Sept. 26, 1845
- Albertson, Sarah (Williams)
 - Letter to Alice Albertson - undated
 - Letter to Alice Albertson - "Seventh Day Morn"

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PERSONAL PAPERS

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- Folder 05) Clarke, John
Letter to Josiah Albertson - May 16, 1827
Kennard, William
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Sept. 30, 1841
Loom, P.
Letter to Benjamin Albertson - undated
May, Thaddeus
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 22, 1812
Prochter, William
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 22, 1817
Folder 06) Roberts, Richard
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Nov. 30, 1839
Roberts, Septimus
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Oct. 31, 1825
Valentine, William
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Aug. 10, 1825
Williams, Phebe
Letter to Hannah Williams - undated
Letter to Sarah Williams - Feb. 13, 1845
Folder 07) Williams, Richard
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 25, 1810
Letter to Josiah Albertson - July 15, 1810
Wilson, Edward
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Sept. 25, 1819
Wilson, William
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Dec. 5, 1820

BUSINESS PAPERS

BILLS AND RECEIPTS

- Folder 08) Albertson, Alice
1852-1854
Folder 09) Albertson, Hannah (Williams)
Oct. 6, 18??
Folder 10) Albertson, Jacob
1811-1831
Folder 11) Albertson, Josiah
1811-1815
Folder 12) Albertson, Josiah
1816-1820
Folder 13) Albertson, Josiah
1821-1825

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BUSINESS PAPERS

BILLS AND RECEIPTS (cont.)

- Folder 14) Albertson, Josiah
1826-1830
- Folder 15) Albertson, Josiah
1831-1835
- Folder 16) Albertson, Josiah
1836-1840
- Folder 17) Albertson, Josiah
1841-1845
- Folder 18) Albertson, Josiah
Undated
- Folder 19) Plymouth Rail Road Company
1831-1844

CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 20) Albertson, Benjamin
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Aug. 10, 1824
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - May 21, 1838
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - July 28, 1838
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Jan. 16, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 11, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 14, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 12, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 24, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 27, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 29, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - May 3, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - May 9, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - May 13, 1839
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - May 17, 1839
- Folder 21)
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 14, 1840
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Mar. 24, 1840
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 1, 1840
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 13, 1840
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 16, 1840
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - May 1, 1840
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Jan. 9, 1841
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Jan. 22, 1841
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Feb. 13, 1841
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - June 1, 1841
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - June 16, 1841
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - July 30, 1841
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Oct. 30, 1841
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Nov. 11, 1841
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - July 6, 1842
 - Letter to Josiah Albertson - Nov. 17, 1842

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- Folder 22) Albertson, Jacob
Fragment of letter to Unknown - undated
- Albertson, Josiah
Letter to George Tippin - Dec. 29, 1828
Letter to Ralph M. Cooper - Dec. 23, 1837
Letter to Joseph Shelly - Dec. 23, 1837
Letter to Joseph Shelly - June 13, 1842
Letter to John Davis - undated
- Folder 23) Bauger, William
Letter to Samuel Maulby - Nov. 26, 1831
- Colket, Coffin
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 13, 1838
Letter to Josiah Albertson - June 18, 1838
- Coural, L.
Letter to Benjamin Albertson - Jan. 7, 1839
- Dühlen, Henry
Letter to Josiah Albertson - June 25, 1841
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Oct. ?, 1842
- Folder 24) Freedley, Henry
Letter to Josiah Albertson - June 16, 1837
- Garvey, Pat
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Nov. 26, 1834
- Giles, David B.
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Sept. 7, 1839
- Groff, William M.
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Apr. 25, 1839
- Folder 25) Haines, Henry
Letter to Benjamin Albertson - Nov. 30, 1838
- Haines, J.C.
Letter to Benjamin Albertson - Apr. 1, 1839
- Harris, Benjamin
Letter to Benjamin Albertson - Jan. 25, 1841
- Jones, Morris
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Aug. 9, 1838
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Aug. 30, 1839
- Folder 26) Mulvarry, D.H.
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Nov. 15, 1866
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Dec. 17, 1866
- Seller, Dorothy
Letter to Josiah Albertson - Nov. 23, 18??
- Shaeff, Sam
Letter to Unknown - Sept. 19, 1842

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BUSINESS PAPERS

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- Folder 27) Shoemaker, Charles
Letter to Josiah Albertson - undated
Slingluff, W.H.
Letter to Josiah Albertson - June 22, 1842
Tyler, Hugh L.
Letter to Josiah Albertson (w/note from Benjamin) - Apr.9, 1839
Unknown Correspondent
Letter to Josiah Albertson - undated

DAY BOOKS

- Folder 28) 1821-1828
Folder 29) 1831
Folder 30) 1839

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BUSINESS PAPERS

DAY BOOKS (cont.)

- Folder 01) 1839-1855

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- Folder 02) Bond - Apr. 4, 1816
Bond - Feb. 12, 1818
Promissory Note - Jan. 12, 1836
Power of Attorney - Apr. 25, 1836
Contract - Aug. 22, 1836
Articles of Agreement - Oct. 1, 1836
Articles of Agreement - Nov. 12, 1836
Articles of Agreement - Dec. 14, 1836
Bond and Warrant - April 3, 1837
Notice from Court of Common Pleas - Feb. 30, 1839
Summons - Oct. 17, 1840
Notice from Court of Common Pleas - Feb. 25, 1841
Notice of Civil Action - Oct. 3, 1842

PLYMOUTH RAILROAD MATERIALS

- Folder 03) Miscellaneous Company Papers - 1831-1844