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Name of collection: Kinnicutt, Thomas, Papers, 1828-1857 Manuscript boxes "K" Size of collection: N.U.C.M.C. #: 62-3158 2 manuscript boxes RLIN id:

Sources of information on collection:

For information on T. Kinnicutt, see his obituary in the AAS Proceedings, April, 1858, p. 13; for information on A. P. Merrill, see Appletons' Cyclopaedia of American Biography, vol. 4, p. 305-306.

Source of collection:

Gift of Roger Kinnicutt, 1935

Collection description:

Thomas Kinnicutt (1800-1858) was born in Warren, R.I., and educated at Leicester Academy and Brown University. He practiced law in Worcester, Mass., was a Representative to the Massachusetts General Court, and was a Judge of Probate in 1848 until his death. He married Harriet Paine Burling (1805-1838) of Natchez, Miss.

Most of the papers in this collection reflect Kinnicutt's legal and business interests. There is a series of letters from 1828 through 1842 written by Kinnicutt's brother-in-law, Ayres Phillips Merrill (1793-1873). Merrill was a doctor and banker in Natchez, Miss. The letters include information on health conditions, cotton trade, banking, financial problems of the South, and politics.

Kinnicutt acted as guardian for Edward J. Vose, Frances B. Vose, Francis H. Kinnicutt, and Catharine A. Kinnicutt. The collection includes legal papers and financial records related to his guardianship. The collection also includes a small notebook of Kinnicutt's accounts, 1829; a record of his investments and accounts, 1833-1854; and one volume of newspaper clippings on members of the Kinnicutt family.

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