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Dura Wadsworth Papers
1788 - unknown
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1 Box (3 linear inches)

Biographical sketch: Dura Wadsworth, born on December 4, 1788 to Dura and Lydia (Bradford) Wadsworth was a resident of both Duxbury and Plympton. This claim is based upon correspondence addressed to Wadsworth in this Collection. Mr. Wadsworth was active, to some extent, in both the railroad and in wool manufacturing. Little information is known about Mr. Wadsworth; with the exception of the materials within this Collection, there are no other materials directly relating to Mr. Wadsworth in the LHR Collection.

According to the 1870 census, Wadsworth, a carpenter, was a resident of South Duxbury. He resided there with his wife Nabby, and daughter Abigail (who was listed as "insane"). There is no listing for any of the three in the 1880 Massachusetts census.

Scope and Content Note: Of particular note in this Collection are correspondences and accounts of the Western Railroad Office and the Plympton Wool Manufacturing Company. This Collection also contains information on tax payment and the payment of various subscriptions (including that of the Old Colony Memorial).

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Correspondence from Western Railroad Office to Dura Wadsworth, 1848 Note, 1847, to the Clerk of the South Shore Railroad Corporation, from the Town of Duxbury, re: withdrawing their subscription to the South Shore Rail Road Correspondence from Dura Wadsworth to the Clerk of the South Shore Rail Road Corporation, 1847
	2	Plympton Wool Manufacturing Company account information for 1826 Plympton Wool Manufacturing Company account information for 1826 Receipt for bales of cotton, 1827 Correspondence to Dura Wadsworth re: cotton purchase, 1827 Correspondence to Dura Wadsworth from Edwin Blake re: bales of yarn, 1824
	3	Subscription receipt form the Old Colony Memorial, 1831 Subscription receipt form the Boston Daily, 1848 Subscription receipt for \$6.00 for towards the preaching of (sic), 1844 Plymouth tax receipt, 1845 Duxbury tax receipt, 1843 Account information for the Town of Duxbury, 1848 Account book

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- 4 Correspondence from C. Shepherd to Dura Wadsworth regarding payment of taxes in the Town of Duxbury, 1847
 Correspondence from John (sic) to Dura Wadsworth regarding visit, 1825
 Correspondence from Calvin Joslyn to Dura Wadsworth regarding deed of land
 Correspondence from unknown to Dura Wadsworth possibly regarding trade of cotton for salt, 1827

Note: Collection badly destroyed by rodents (majority of items are thoroughly chewed up).

Acquisition: Unknown. These papers were found among other papers in the LHR. Their original donation to the Library/LHR is unknown.

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