

**College of the Holy Cross
Archives and Special Collections
Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC2000-45**

Collection Name (Title): **Pierce, Silas and Co. Records**

Dates of Material: **1821-1955**

Size of Collection: **3 Boxes (1 oversized): 4 Volumes**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material: **Wayman, Dorothy Collection**

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:

Silas Pierce (1793-1879) was born on February 15, 1793 in Scituate, MA. In 1815, Peirce established the grocery firm Silas Pierce and Company in Boston. The company was in existence until 1926. Pierce served in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia from 1816 to 1822. He also served as the Chairman on the Board of Alderman for Boston in 1859-1860 and 1861-1862 and was a member of the board from 1857 to 1862 and 1863 to 1864. Peirce died at the age of 86 on August 27, 1879 in Boston.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains records from the grocery company Silas Pierce and Company. Included are correspondence to and from the company, as well as business receipts, order placements and shipping receipts from the company. Also included are four business ledgers used by the company.

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Box and Folder List:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1834-1894
- Folder 2-3: Receipts from Business, 1821-1877
- Folder 4-6: Receipts from Orders from Silas Pierce and Co., 1823-1869
- Folder 7-10: Shipping Receipts (Ships and Railroads), 1831-1854

Box 2:

- Folder 1-4: Shipping Receipts (Ships and Railroads), 1854-1870
- Folder 5-8: Shipping Receipts (Boston and Worcester RR), 1836-1844
- Folder 9: Checks and Banknotes, 1848-1905
- Folder 10: Telegraph Receipts, 1859
- Folder 11-12: Cushing and Clapp receipts, 1859-1864
- Folder 13: Miscellaneous, 1847-1853, undated
- Folder 14: Documents concerning Charles Godfrey and the breakup of Silas Pierce and Co, 1903-1955

Box 3: Receipts and Financial Documents, 1828-1868, undated

Volume 1: Ledger, 1833-1834

Volume 2: Ledger, 1835-1835

Volume 3: Ledger, 1858-1859

Volume 4: Ledger, 1863-1864