Shaker Collection

A Finding Aid to Records Concerning the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing in the Library of Congress



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Collection Summary

Title: Shaker collection of records concerning the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing

Span Dates: 1676-1937 **Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1792-1937)

ID No.: MSS39552 Creator: Shakers Extent: 500 items

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Summary: Members of the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, a millenial religious sect originating in England among the Society of Friends in the 18th century, were popularly known as Shakers. Correspondence, covenants, diaries and journals, financial and legal papers, hymns and hymnals, church orders and instructions, poetry, spiritual communications, inspirational writings and drawings, essays, biographical and historical sketches, memoirs, and other papers primarily relating to and emanating from Shaker communities at Enfield, Conn., Pleasant Hill and South Union, Ky., Canaan and New Lebanon, N.Y., and Union Village, Ohio, reflecting many aspects of Shaker belief, life, history, and custom.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Avery, Giles B. (Giles Bushnell), 1815-1890.

Darrow, David, 1750-1825.

Green, Calvin.

Houston, Matthew, 1764-1848.

Jackson, Rebecca, 1795-1871.

Liddell, Susanna C., 1824-

McNemar, Richard, 1770-1839.

Meacham, Joseph, 1742-1796.

Pelham, R. W. (Richard W.), 1797-1873.

Wells, Seth Y. (Seth Youngs)

Youngs, Isaac N. (Isaac Newton)

Organizations

Shaker Collection (Library of Congress)

Shakers--Connecticut.

Shakers--Indiana.

Shakers--Kentucky.

Shakers--Maine.

Shakers--Massachusetts.

Shakers--New Hampshire.

Shakers--New York (State)

Shakers--Ohio.

Places

Alfred (Me.)--Religious life and customs.

Canaan (N.Y.)--Religious life and customs.

Canterbury (N.H.)--Religious life and customs.

Enfield (Conn.)--Religious life and customs.

Enfield (N.H.)--Religious life and customs.

Hancock (Mass.)--Religious life and customs.

Harvard (Mass.)--Religious life and customs.

New Lebanon (N.Y.)--Religious life and customs.

Otterbein (Warren County, Ohio)--Religious life and customs.

Pittsfield (Mass.)--Religious life and customs.

Pleasant Hill (Ky.)--Religious life and customs.

South Union (Ky.)--Religious life and customs.

Tyringham (Mass.)--Religious life and customs.

Watervliet (N.Y.)--Religious life and customs.

Watervliet (Ohio)--Religious life and customs.

West Union (Ind.)--Religious life and customs.

Whitewater (Ohio)--Religious life and customs.

Provenance

This collection of records from various Shaker communities was assembled by the Library of Congress from gifts, purchases, and exchanges. The primary group of records was donated by John Patterson MacLean between 1906 and 1914. Small additions were made to the collection from 1916 to 1942.

Processing History

The Shaker Collection was organized and described by the United States Works Progress Administration in 1937-1938. A register and index were compiled when the material was arranged for microfilming in 1976. This description was revised and expanded in 1997.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of members of the Shaker communities in this collection and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Shaker Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

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Preferred Citation

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Organizational History

Date	Event
1774	Ann Lee (born 1736, Manchester, England), leader of the Shakers, sailed from Liverpool, England, to New York with eight companions, eventually settling at Niskeyuna (later called Watervliet), N.Y.
1781	Shaker community (City of Union) founded at Enfield, Conn.
1781-1783	Ann Lee and other Shakers traveled in Massachusetts and Connecticut spreading Shaker doctrine
1784	Death of Ann Lee
	James Whittaker assumed leadership (died 1787)
1787	Shaker community established at New (Mount) Lebanon, N.Y.; became the leading Shaker community and continued its traditions until 1947
	Joseph Meacham became Shaker leader (died circa 1796)
1790	Shaker community (City of Peace) organized at Hancock, Mass.
1792	Shaker communities (Holy Ground and City of Love) founded at Canterbury, N.H., and Tyringham, Mass.
1793	Shaker communities founded at Enfield, N.H.; Shirley and Harvard, Mass.; and Alfred, Maine
circa 1796	Lucy Wright became Shaker leader (died 1821)
1806	Shaker communities founded at Turtle Creek (later called Union Villagev and Watervliet, Ohio
1806-1811	Shaker communities founded at Pleasant Hill and South Union, Ky., and Busro, or West Union, Ind.
circa 1813	Shaker community founded at Canaan, N.Y.
1822	Shaker community founded at North Union, Ohio
1824-1825	Shaker community founded at Whitewater, Ohio
1850	Shaker membership rose to about six thousand including adults in New York, New England, the Middle West, and Kentucky
1875	Shaker membership declined to about 2400, with less than 1000 members by 1905

Scope and Content Note

The Shaker Collection includes correspondence, diaries and journals, recipes, photographs, financial and legal papers, community laws and rules, church records such as covenants, hymns and hymnals, orders and instructions, spiritual communications, prayers, inspirational writings and drawings, registers, lists of members, logbooks, lectures and speeches, and writings by and about members, including poetry, autobiographical, biographical, and historical sketches, essays, memoirs, testimonies, and notes and book drafts. Most of the collection concerns the period from 1792 to 1937, although some retrospective material relates to events as early as 1676. Many of the items are copies signed and dated by the transcriber.

The collection is organized in eight series by the name of the Shaker community. Within each series, items are numbered and listed in an order devised by the United States Works Progress Administration arrangers in 1938. Six of the series contain records from Enfield, Connecticut; Pleasant Hill and South Union, Kentucky; Canaan and New Lebanon, New York; and Union Village, Ohio.. Two series of miscellaneous records concern communities in Alfred, Maine; Busro (West Union), Indiana; Canterbury and Enfield, New Hampshire; Hancock, Harvard, Pittsfield, and Tyringham, Massachusetts; Watervliet, New York; and Watervliet and Whitewater, Ohio.

The records reflect many aspects of Shaker life and history. The diaries and journals document the daily life of individuals, including mention of the weather, and community events such as the construction of buildings, travels of the members, education of children, and the arrival and departure of visitors. Some diaries are more concerned with character and spiritual development. The autobiographical, biographical, and historical sketches, memoirs, logbooks, and registers provide further accounts of life in Shaker communities. Birth and death dates of early Shakers are often noted; other demographic data can be obtained from the registers and writings. Material related to two unpublished books includes the drafts and notes for a history of Union Village and the autobiography of Susanna C. Liddell.

Shaker beliefs and religious practices are recorded in volumes containing covenants, declarations of trust, church orders and instructions, discourses, and essays. The significance of revelation and inspiration in Shaker religion can be seen in the many accounts of visions and spiritual communications with deceased members of the sect, including Ann Lee, William Lee, and James Whittaker, or with angels and other divine beings.

A significant amount of material relates to Shaker music. Hymns and anthems are especially numerous. Musical accompaniment is provided for some of the hymns.

Correspondence exchanged between communities is limited in quantity. Legal papers, such as indentures and court documents, financial accounts, clippings, and other miscellaneous items complete the collection.

Prominent Shakers who are represented in the collection by correspondence, diaries, journals, or other writings include Giles Bushnell Avery, David Darrow, Calvin Green, Matthew Houston, Rebecca Jackson, Susanna C. Liddell, Richard McNemar, Joseph Meacham, Richard Pelham, Seth Y. Wells, and Isaac N. Youngs.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eight series:

- Enfield, Connecticut, 1792-1906
- Miscellany, 1801-1874
- Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, circa 1804-1879
- South Union, Kentucky, 1830-1869
- Canaan, New York, 1813-1875
- New Lebanon, New York, 1676-1937
- Union Village, Ohio, 1769-1937
- Addition, 1806-1905
- Oversize, 1807-1858

Description of Series

Container Series

BOX 1 REEL 1 ITEM

Enfield, Connecticut, 1792-1906

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Biographical sketches, covenants, lectures and addresses, correspondence, spiritual communications, membership lists, religious tracts, church records, poems, and music. Arranged numerically.

BOX 2 REEL 1-2 ITEM 2 Miscellany, 1801-1874

Spiritual communications, covenants, correspondence, poems, church records, declarations of trust, and records of births and deaths of members in various Shaker communities, mostly in New England.

Arranged numerically.

BOX 2 REEL 2 ITEM 26-32

Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, circa 1804-1879

Diary, church records, social compact, correspondence and writings, church orders, and laws and ordinances.

Arranged numerically.

BOX 3 **REEL** 2 **ITEM** 33-38

South Union, Kentucky, 1830-1869

Church orders, diary, journal, poem, and other writings.

Arranged numerically.

BOX 3-4 **REEL** 3-4 **ITEM** 39-49

Canaan, New York, 1813-1875

Diary, journals, treatise, recipes, and other writings.

Arranged numerically.

BOX 4-10 REEL 4-9 ITEM 50-150

New Lebanon, New York, 1676-1937

Diary and journals, correspondence, covenants, poems, autobiographical material, historical sketches, revelations, testimonies, lectures, spiritual communications, laws, orders, discourses, and other writings.

Arranged numerically.

BOX 11-38 **REEL** 9-31 **ITEM** 151-355

Union Village, Ohio, 1769-1937

Diaries and journals, correspondence, daybooks, financial papers and property records, legal papers, historical and autobiographical sketches, covenants, prophecies, spiritual communications, hymns, circulars, laws, rules, orders, recipes and medicinal cures, records of births and deaths, clippings and printed matter, poems, essays, drafts and research notes for unpublished books, and other writings.

Arranged numerically.

BOX 38-40 REEL 31-32 **Addition, 1806-1905** ITEM 356-370

Correspondence, hymns, prayers, spiritual communications, recipes and instructions, scrapbook, bibliography, and other writings.

Arranged numerically.

BOX OV 1-OV 2 Oversize, 1807-1858

Correspondence (photocopies) and a watercolor painting.

Arranged and described by item number and according to the series and containers from which the items were removed.

Container List

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BOX 1 REEL 1 ITEM 1-15	Enfield, Connecticut, 1792-1906
	Biographical sketches, covenants, lectures and addresses, correspondence, spiritual communications, membership lists, religious tracts, church records, poems, and music. Arranged numerically.
BOX 1 REEL 1	Autobiographical or biographical sketches of Shakers at Enfield, Conn., 1810-43, including Olive Damon, Sophia Newcomb, Enoch Pease, Mary S. Russell, Persis Stebbins, Thomas Stebbins, Timothy Terry, Richard Wilcox, Sophia Wood, and Mary C. Wright
ITEM 2*	*Item number 1 no longer exists.
ITEM 3	"The Covenant of the South Family in the United Society (commonly called Shakers), in Enfield, 1827"
ITEM 4	"A lecture delivered at Enfield, Conn., at a meeting of Adventists and believers," on the second coming of Christ, 1847
ITEM 5	"Correspondence dated 1832, 1851, and 1881, of William Deming, Benjamin S. Youngs, and others from Pittsfield, Mass., and Enfield"
ІТЕМ 6	Spiritual communications, 1840-1842
	1840
	31 Jan., Daniel Wilcox's description of the final illness of Deacon Nathan Tiffany [?]
	15 Feb., "A short scetch of the last sickness of Deacon Nathan Tiffany, who departed this life Feb. 12, 1840"
	6 Dec., Jefferson White's description of his vision
	1841
	27 Feb., communication from Father James by Mother Ann's and Father William's request, New Lebanon, N.Y.
	Mar. and Apr., "A roll from Mother Ann to Russel Haskell," instrument, Daniel Wilcox
	Apr. "A roll from Mother Ann to John Slate," instrument, Elsa Parsons
	16 May, communication from Mother [Ann] and Father James through a visionary instrument
	22 May, roll from Mother Ann to Elijah Kellog, instrument, George Willcox
	21 Aug., Elder Brother Daniel's spiritual communications for Elder Brother Asa Tiffany [?] and Eldress Sister Clarissa Pease [?]
	25 Sept., message from Mother Ann, instrument, Averil Haskell
	25 Sept., "A short communication from Holy Mother Wisdom to the ministry; given to her inspired instrument, Sept. 25, 1841," instrument, Averil Haskell
	1842
	27 Jan., "A message from Mother Sarah; communicated by her to a visionary instrument, Jan. 27, 1842, and the spiritual paper containing what she read or spoke to the instrument, was brought from Pittsfield to this place by our Ministry," instrument, Averil Haskell
	20 Feb., "A letter from Father Calvin Harlow [?] to Russel Haskell given to an instrument by inspiration, Feb. 20, 1842," instrument, George Wilcox
	27 Feb., Father James's prayer which was heard by visionary Averil Haskell

	20 Mar., "A roll from Jesus Christ to Russel Haskell; a part of which was given to an instrument by vision, and the remainder to another instrument by inspiration,"
	instruments, Phebe Wilcox and Lovicy Davis
	3 Apr., "A few words from the Lord Jesus; spoken to an inspired and visionary instrument in meeting, Apr. 3, 1842"
	17 Apr., "A communication from Jesus Christ to Elder Brother Asa Tiffany; given to an instrument by inspiration, Apr. 17, 1842," instrument, George Wilcox
	8 May, "A message from Father Calvin; given by inspiration, May 8, 1842," instrument, Phebe Wilcox
	19 Dec., "Communications and presents from good spirits to Jefferson White at the City of Peace, Oct. 6 and 7, 1842"
	Some of the words which visionary Averil Haskell heard Father James speak to Deacon Nathan Tiffany [?]
ITEM 7	List, heads of families and the first founders of Enfield Shaker community
ITEM 8	"A Shaker tract on the Nativity of Jesus Christ, in connection with the divine promise, that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head: How it was fulfilled in the first born son and daughter of the new creation," by Russel Haskell, 1878
ІТЕМ 9	"An Address to Father James"
ITEM 10	"Words of comfort to Mother's first born children" (poem)
ITEM 11	"A record of some of the most important changes that have taken place in the Society at Enfield, 1792 to 1850," including a record (1792 to 1906) of the deaths of members of the Shaker communities at Watervliet and New Lebanon, N.Y., Harvard and Hancock, Mass., Canterbury, N.H., and Alfred, Maine
ITEM 12	Poems
	(1 vol.)
ITEM 13	Songs; spiritual communications from Mother Ann [Lee], Father James [Whittaker], Father Abraham [Perkins?], Father Calvin [Harlow], Mother Sarah [Harrison], Mother Lucy [Wright], the heavenly parents and Savior, and others to members of the communities at Enfield, Conn., and Pittsfield, Harvard, and Hancock, Mass., including Abner Allen, Needham Allen, Lovicy Cary, and Amaziah Clark, Robert Lackey, Esther Markham, Hannah Munsel, Jefferson White, Stephen Whiting; correspondence of Lovicy Cary, Amaziah Clark, Anna Granger, Sarah Markham, Hannah Munsel, Silas G. Strong, and others; and other writings, 1827-1865, undated
ITEM 14	"Restoring the order of nature," Seth Y. Wells to Brother Rufus Bishop [?] New Lebanon, N.Y., 7 Oct. 1843
ITEM 15	"A Record of visions, messages and communications, which were given by divine power, in the several families of the United Society at Enfield," 1842
BOX 2 REEL 1-2 ITEM 2	Miscellany 1801-1874
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	Arranged numerically.
BOX 2 REEL 1 ITEM 16	"A book containing a number of spiritual communications; from the Holy Savior, Mother Ann, and others to William Davis," 23 Dec. 1847, New Lebanon, N.Y. [?]
ITEM 17	"The Covenant of the Church at Tyringham," Mass., 1816
ITEM 18	Calvin Green to William Russel, New Lebanon, N.Y., 20 Jan. 1847
ITEM 19	"Martha Pease's Book," Enfield, Conn., 11 June 1831 (poems)

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ITEM 20-21	Letters to Elder George from Elisa A. Stratton and Henry C. Blinn, Shaker Village, N.H., copies, May-Sept. 1874 [1847?]
ITEM 22	"A record of our Church in Tyringham called Believers in Chris[t] Timothy Bigelow, clark and recorder, Nov. 25, 1801"
BOX 2 REEL 2 ITEM 23	Declarations of trust by Shakers at Tyringham, Mass., 1832, 1841
ITEM 24	"A record containing the declarations of the inspired instruments at Tyringham, Mass., Apr. 1842"
ITEM 25	Vital statistics for the years 1736-1821. Includes birth and death dates of Mother Ann and other "Heavenly Parents," New England
BOX 2 REEL 2 ITEM 26-32	Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, circa 1804-1879
	Diary, church records, social compact, correspondence and writings, church orders, and laws and ordinances. Arranged numerically.
BOX 2 REEL 2	Diary, author unknown, 1843-1850
ITEM 26	A study of this item in 1982 concluded that it came from the Shaker community at Union Village, Ohio, and not Pleasant Hill.
ITEM 27	"Church record including biographical register of the Shaker Community at Pleasant Hill, Mercer County, 1806-1879" (typed copy)
ITEM 28	"A revision and confirmation of the social compact of the United Society (called Shakers) at Pleasant Hill," 1830
ITEM 29	Extract of letter from John Dunlavy to Barton W. Stone and other writings concerning the "Kentucky Revival," Shaker theology, and the establishment of Shaker communities in the midwest, including Turtle Creek (later Union Village) and Watervliet in Ohio, Pleasant Hill and South Union, Ky., and Busro or West Union, Ind., circa 1804-1823
ITEM 30-31	"Copy of the Holy Orders of the Church, written by Father Joseph, to the elders of the Church at New Lebanon," 1841; recopied at Pleasant Hill, 1842
ITEM 32	(2 vols.) "Millenial laws or gospel statutes and ordinances, adapted to the day of Christ's second
	appearing, by Father Joseph Meacham and Mother Lucy Wright," recorded at New Lebanon, 1821, and received at Pleasant Hill, 1847
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	Church orders, diary, journal, poem, and other writings. Arranged numerically.
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ITEM 33-34	(2 vols.)
ITEM 35	Diary of a journey by the South Union ministry to visit the New England Shakers, 1869
ITEM 36	"Scenes and incidents appertaining to the war at or near South Union, Ky. taken from the writings of Nancy E. Moore, v. 2," 1863-1864
ITEM 37	Journal, Milton Robinson, 1830-1831

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ITEM 41	Journal, Levi Shaw and the Upper family, 1813-1875
ITEM 42	"Narrative of various events," journal, Isaac N. Youngs, 1814-1823
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ITEM 44	Journal, Benjamin Lyon, concerning events in the family of the second order, 1818-1820
ITEM 45	"A Journal of work," Benjamin Lyon, 1834-1838
ITEM 46	Journal, Upper family, 1866-1874
BOX 4 REEL 4 ITEM 47	"Words which were written upon the doors of the dwelling rooms of the Upper family, Canaan, and read to the instruments from the North family by the holy witnessing angels, May 14, 1842"
ITEM 48	"Nature. God. Law," treatise, William Offord, 1872
ITEM 49	Recipe book, undated
BOX 4-10 REEL 4-9 ITEM 50-150	New Lebanon, New York, 1676-1937
	Diary and journals, correspondence, covenants, poems, autobiographical material, historical sketches, revelations, testimonies, lectures, spiritual communications, laws, orders, discourses, and other writings.
	Arranged numerically.
BOX 4 REEL 4 ITEM 50	"Journal of a memorable journey from White-Water, Ohio, to New Lebanon, N.Y., taken by Hannah R. Agnew when 16 years of age, 1836," and other writings, 1836-1858
ITEM 51	"A Journey to Busro," verse, possibly written in Union Village, Ohio, 1849-1851, undated
ITEM 52	Essays believed to be written by Giles B. Avery and Calvin Green, undated
ITEM 53	"Historical scetches or a record of remarkable events with remarks and illustrations kept by Giles B. Avery, New Lebanon," 1832[?]-1855
ITEM 54	Miscellaneous notes and sketches by Giles B. Avery, 1838-1852
ITEM 55	Autobiography, Rhoda Blake, 1864-1892
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ITEM 58	"John Calvin. An account of some of the particular transactions in the life of John Calvin and his entrance and sufferings in the world of spirits. Written by himself, in union with our heavenly parents," 1842, introduction by Father James. (contemporary copy by Brother Seth Y. Wells)
ITEM 59	Fragmentary notes, Christ's second coming
ITEM 60	Revelations to Dave Comstock from Mother Ann, Father James, and others, 1841-1844
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ITEM 63	"A General statement of the Holy Laws of Zion," introduction by Father James, 1840, attested to by Seth Y. Wells, New Lebanon, N.Y., 1840

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ITEM 64	"A communication, written by Father James," 2 Mar. 1841
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ITEM 66	"A roll directed by Father Joseph to the Ministry, copied Feb. 5, 1841"
ITEM 67	"The Holy Orders of the Church, written by Father Joseph, to the Elders of the Church at New Lebanon, recopied at Union Village, Sept. 1842"
BOX 5 REEL 5 ITEM 68	Judgments law, the words of Father William, copied 25 Nov. 1841
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ITEM 70	Spiritual communications recorded by Anna Granger [?] in 20 chapters, 1842, Union Village, Ohio; New Lebanon, N.Y.; and Enfield, Conn.
	Chapters 1 and 14, messages from Mother Lucy, 1842. Instruments, Phebe Wilcox and Lovicy Davis
	Chapters 2, 7, 10, 18, and 19, messages from Mother Ann, 1842. Instruments, Phebe Wilcox, Lovicy Davis, and Averill Haskell [?]
	Chapters 4 and 5, messages from the Savior, 1842. Instrument, Averill Haskell
	Chapters 8 and 13, messages from the Holy Angel, 1842. Instrument, Phebe Wilcox
	Chapters 3 and 9, messages from Father William, 1842. Instruments, Lovicy Davis and Phebe Wilcox
	Chapters 11 and 12, messages from Mother Sarah, 1842. Instruments, Phebe Wilcox and Averill Haskell
	Chapters 6 and 17, messages from Father James, 1842. Instrument, Lovicy Davis
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ITEM 71	Vision of Elder Freegift Wells (James Smith's copy) and his letters, from Union Village, Ohio, 1836-1837
ITEM 72	"The First Appearing of Christ, and the primitive Church, and the falling away," by Calvin Green, circa 1840
ITEM 73	"An explanation of certain texts and figures contained in the Scriptures; and important to be known by believers in the second appearance of Christ," by Calvin Green, undated
ITEM 74	"A Discourse on the connective relation of all the elements and principles of the natural and spiritual creation; and the intimate correspondency and affinity of all the works of God, as manifesting the eternal laws of life and duty," by Calvin Green, undated
ITEM 75	Discourses on the gospel by Calvin Green, copied by John Wood, 1833
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ITEM 77	"A brief illustration of the operations of divine light and wisdom in the work of God in all ages, as displayed in the four general dispensations of divine providence and grace," by Calvin Green, copied by William Offord, 1856
ITEM 78	"Biographic memoir of the life and experience of Calvin Green," by Calvin Green, 1861, copied by Thomas J. Stroud, 1881
ITEM 79	"A little memorial of life and experience from birth to old age," by Calvin Green, 1859. Note on the last page, 1869 [?]
ITEM 80	Discourses for public meeting, by Henry Hanson, Watervliet, N.Y., 1852, copied by Joseph Babe
ITEM 81	Roll, introduction by Father William, 18 May 1841. Includes lists of members of the Upper family of Canaan, N.Y., 1842

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ITEM 82	"Life and writings of Rebecca Jackson, Sen., commonly called Mother Rebecca," and "Different kinds of inspiration with Jane Leeds own experience between the years 1676 and 1700," copied by T [?] G. Hollister, 1877
ITEM 83	"A memorandom kept by Jethro New Lebanon, Jan. 1, 1804"
ITEM 84	Letter from New Lebanon Ministry while visiting other Shaker communities to the west, copy, 1862
ITEM 85	"A communication in the name of the Holy and Eternal One, the Father of all souls, written by inspiration, second family, Wisdom's Valley, May 14, 1843," Watervliet, N.Y.
ITEM 86	"Lives and sufferings of Christ our Holy Savior and our Blessed Mother Ann in two parts given by inspiration in the Church at Harvard, Oct. 1841." Copied at Union Village, second family, 1843
ITEM 87	"The word of the Lord God, to the anointed ones. Written by inspiration, second family, Wisdom's Valley, Apr. 25, 1843," Watervliet, N.Y.
ITEM 88	Queries and answers concerning the founders of the Church and Mother Lucy's sayings, undated
ITEM 89	Circular letter of 1829 concerning revision of the general covenant, copy, undated
ITEM 90	Draft covenant of the community at Union Village, Ohio, in conformity with the New Lebanon covenant, 1829
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ITEM 92	"Names of the brethren and sisters in the first and second order, Apr. 1835"
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ITEM 94	"An extract from the holy orders of the Church. Written by Father Joseph. To the Elders of the Church," 1841
ITEM 95	"Lives and sufferings of Christ, our Holy Savior, and our Blessed Mother Ann, in two parts. Given by inspiration in the Church, at Harvard, Oct. 1841. Copied at Union Village, Mar. 1843"
ITEM 96	List of members of Union Village, Ohio, to receive dividend, 1846
ITEM 97	"Words of sacred and solemn truth, which were received by your heavenly parents, in deep tribulation; and read to you by the Holy Angel Se ir se ka," to New Lebanon second family, 1841
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ITEM 99	"The word of holy and eternal wisdom," to the Ministry at Wisdom's Valley, written by inspiration, 1844
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ITEM 101	"Millennial laws," a selection from the laws of the gathering order, New Lebanon, N.Y., undated
ITEM 102	"Millennial laws," copied at Union Village, Ohio, 1847; recopied at Whitewater Village, Ohio, 1859
ITEM 103	Book of verse and other writings, with clippings, New Lebanon, N.Y.; Enfield Conn., Enfield, N.H.; Canaan, N.Y.; Hancock and Harvard, Mass.; and South Union, Ky., 1849-1902
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