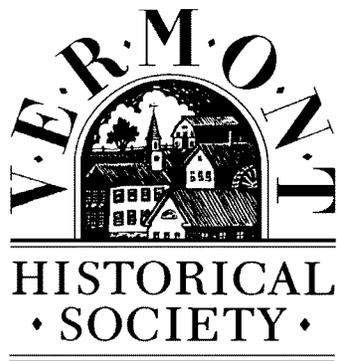


A Guide to the
Daniel P. Thompson
Manuscripts, ca. 1841-1866

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Introduction

The Daniel P. Thompson papers were purchased in 1995 from Ximenes Books, New York, N.Y. The collection occupies one box (.25 linear feet) and is accessioned as ms. acc. no. 95.2.

Biographical Sketch

Daniel Pierce Thompson was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, October 1, 1795, the son of Daniel and Rebecca (Parker) Thompson. When he was five years old the family moved to Berlin, Vermont. In addition to Daniel, the Thompsons had three daughters, Fanny, Charlotte, and Rebecca. Daniel helped with the family farm while pursuing his education locally, and acquired enough education to teach. He then attended Randolph-Danville Academy in Danville, Vermont, in preparation for college. He entered Middlebury College, ca. 1817, and graduated in 1820. Upon graduation he spent several years in Virginia working as a tutor and studying law. He was admitted to the bar in 1823 and returned to Montpelier, Vermont, to practice law. Additionally he became active in local and state government serving as judge of probate for Washington County, 1837-1842; clerk of the county court, 1844-1846; secretary of state for Vermont, 1853-1855.

While involved in politics and law Thompson was also pursuing a career in writing which he probably began while a student at Middlebury College. According to John E. Flitcroft's *The Novelist of Vermont: a Biographical and Critical Study of Daniel Pierce Thompson*, Thompson probably had some of his writing published in local journals while attending college, but the first piece attributed to him was an article on Montpelier, published in 1824 by Zadock Thompson in his *Gazetteer of Vermont*. Although more closely associated with his legal rather than literary career, his next writing project was the compilation of *The Laws of Vermont Including the Year 1834*, published for the state in 1835. The publication in 1835 of *May Martin, or the Money Diggers*, established Thompson as a popular fiction writer. He continued to produce novels sporadically through 1864.

His writing was always secondary to his many other pursuits. In 1838 he joined several others as a founder of the Vermont Historical Society and served as secretary to the Society on and off until his death. As further evidence of his interest in history he was named official historian of Montpelier in 1859. He was secretary of the state education society in 1846, and from 1849 to 1856 he edited the *Green Mountain Freeman*, a weekly anti-slavery publication. He was also in demand as a lyceum speaker.

In 1831 Thompson married Eunice Knight Robinson (1814-1894) and they had six children: George Robinson, 1834-1871; Alma, b. 1837; William P., b. 1839; Frances, b. 1842; and Daniel Greenleaf, 1850-1897.

Daniel P. Thompson died June 6, 1868, and is buried in Green Mount Cemetery, Montpelier, Vermont.

Scope and Content Note

This collection of Daniel P. Thompson papers includes manuscripts of several of Thompson's publications as well as manuscript copies of some pieces that were never published. There are twelve individual works represented, some are complete others are fragments with research notes or revisions. In addition to the literary paper there is a mortgage deed (1862), and quit-claim deed (1866), from Thompson and his wife Eunice, for a house and lot on Barre Street in Montpelier, Vermont; and letters from [Isaac Parker?], n.d.; Zadock Thompson, September 19, 1845; and Jared Sparks, May 17, 1852. There is also a letter to Thompson's son George R. from Calvin Pease, concerning a state geological survey, February 15, 1856; a letter to Thompson's son Daniel G. from L. Thompson requesting biographical information on the family, a letter from Daniel G. to Mr. Willard, giving publication dates of his father's works for a biographical sketch Willard is writing. A copy of that sketch is also included.

Organization

The papers are arranged in five series:

- I. Literary manuscripts;
- II. Daniel P. Thompson correspondence
- III. Daniel P. Thompson deeds
- IV. Thompson family correspondence
- V. Miscellaneous

Related Collections

Published works of Daniel P. Thompson in the Vermont Historical Society collection can be found in the card catalog under the author's name and title. Major works, with the dates of publication and the VHS call numbers are listed in appendix A of this guide. Related manuscript collections at the VHS are listed in appendix B.

Inventory

I. Literary Manuscripts

- MSA 139:1 *May Martin or the Money Diggers. A Green Mountain Tale.*
Introduction apparently for new revised edition of 1848.
- 2 *The Green Mountain Boys: a Historical Tale of the Early Settlement of Vermont.* Analysis or outline of the plot, dramatis personae, and division and plan of conducting the story for the introduction and twelve chapters of volume one, and two chapters of volume two.
- 3 “The Honest Lawyer.” Plan of story with notes on twenty chapters, and description of characters, ca. 1867.
- 4 “The Trappers of Umbagog: a tale.” Notes for an unpublished story including “founding facts”; “facts disconnected with the tragedy but appertaining to the location”; and detailed map of region, on the Maine and New Hampshire border.
- 5 “A historical romance.” Outline of story set in southern Vermont, 1775-1777, ca. 1841.
- 6 “The Castaway.” Short story with manuscript revisions.
- 7 “The Canada Pin.” “Skeleton of a tale,” about the settlement of Vermont.
- 8 “The Witch of Salem, or a tale of 1692.” Plan of novel with notes on four parts, in twenty-six chapters, with revisions.
- 9 “The Peruvian or Misanthrope reclaimed.” Plan and order of poem.
- 10 Untitled story. Text for story written for publication in *Putnam’s*, November 1857 “but interrupted and ended by reason of the failure of the publisher of the that magazine.”
- 11 “The Hour of Waking.” Manuscript poem from July 1853.
- 12 “The New England Emigrant’s Farewell.” A copy, not in Thompson’s hand, of poem.

II. Daniel P. Thompson correspondence

- 13 Thompson, Zadock. ALS : Burlington, to Daniel P. Thompson, 1845 September 19. Mostly copying out an article in the *Burlington Centinel*, “respecting the Lost Children and Ethan Allen.”
- 14 [Perkins, Isaac?]. ALS : Coventry, to Daniel P. Thompson, 1858 February 9. Letter about hunting trips, as requested by Thompson for a book he is writing.
- 15 Sparks, Jared. ALS : Cambridge, to Daniel P. Thompson, , 1852 May 17. Letter thanking Thompson for making him the dedicatee of *The Rangers*.

III. Daniel P. Thompson deeds

- 16 Mortgage deed, 1862 November 11. Daniel P. and Eunice K. Thompson to Chauncey M. Rubles, for house and lot in Montpelier on the north side of Barre Street.
Quit-claim deed, 1866 November 7. Daniel P. and Eunice K. Thompson to Serofina Thompson, wife of George K. Thompson, for house and lot on Barre Street in Montpelier, Vermont.

IV. Thompson family correspondence

- 17 Pease, Calvin. ALS : University of Vermont, to George R. Thompson, 1856 February 15. Letter about geological survey.
- 18 Thompson, Daniel G. ALS : New York City, to Mr. Willard, 1869 December 28. Letter with dates of publication of D. P. Thompson’s work, for biographical sketch Willard is writing.
Willard, Chas. W. “Biographical Sketch of D. P. Thompson.
Thompson, L. ALS : North Woburn, Massachusetts, to Daniel G. Thompson, 1886 August 12. Requests verification and expansion of genealogical information.

V. Miscellaneous

- 19 “Notes from Ward’s Freemasonry.” [Ward, Henry Dana. *Free Masonry. Its pretensions exposed in faithful extracts of its standard authors...* New York, 1828.]

Appendix B

Other Daniel P. Thompson items in the VHS collection as described in the Brigham Index

- MSC 6 Stevens, Henry. -- ALS : Barnet, Vermont, to Daniel P. Thompson, 1854. Enclosing a bill to the state, endorsed for payment by Gov. Robinson.
- MSS8-851603 Thompson, Daniel P.-- ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to A. N. Swain, Windsor, Vermont, 1851 November 13. Offers a half interest in the Freeman for \$1600.
- MSS8-900476 Wood, Thomas W.-- ALS : Dresden, Germany, to Harold G. Rugg, 1900 August 26. Says that no reproduction of his Daniel P. Thompson portrait has been published.
- MS B AL 535th Letters, 1906-1908, to and from Fred A. Howland, who was trying to get a complete file of the *Vermont Record* in which Daniel P. Thompson's *Life of Ira Allen* was published in installments, and to make a bibliography of Daniel P. Thompson. There is also an ALS by Charles Miner Thompson about his grandfather. 37 items.
- MSS 25 #110 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, 1857 April 17, about Zadock Thompson.
- MS 127 Montpelier letters. A numbered series of photostats of letters by Daniel P. Thompson and his sister Rebecca to his cousin Josiah Pierce.
- 1 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Bowdoin College, Maine. Daniel describes his father's expedition driving a herd of cattle to Quebec City. He is about to teach school in Berlin.
 - 2 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, with a postscript from Daniel, to Josiah Pierce, Brunswick, Maine, 1817 March 12. Daniel is about to study in Montpelier to enter Union College.
 - 3 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Brunswick, Maine, 1817 May 3. He has been studying Latin and prefers Virgil to Horace. He has acted in a play by Lord Byron.
 - 4 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Baldwin, Maine, 1817 September 11.
 - 5 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Middlebury College, to Josiah Pierce, Brunswick, Maine, 1817 September 28. He likes and describes Middlebury, but is worried about money.

- 6 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Brunswick, Maine, 1818 March 10. Regrets that Daniel is not religious.
- 7 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Middlebury, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Brunswick, Maine, 1818 March 18. He taught during the winter at Montpelier and has been offered \$1000 to teach in Lexington, Kentucky.
- 8 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Middlebury, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Brunswick, Maine, 1818 July 12. Mentions Middlebury College's new president and his inaugural address.
- 9 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1818 December 12. Says he is to teach in Marshfield. He has written and produced a drama "The Magic of Weeth," at Middlebury.
- 10 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1818 December 28.
- 11 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Middlebury, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1819 March 27. He wants to borrow \$100 from Pierce's father to continue his education.
- 12 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Middlebury, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1819 May 5. Expresses thanks for the loan.
- 13 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Middlebury, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1819 June 9. Tells of canal building.
- 14 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Middlebury, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1819 October 12. He believes he was made for books.
- 15 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1820 February 22. He says that he is teaching a large school. His college days have been darkened by his poverty and he expects no honors at commencement.
- 16 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1820 March 12.
- 17 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Middlebury, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1820 June 1. Says the president of Middlebury has requested him to write a poem for commencement. He again bewails his poverty.
- 18 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Fredericksburg, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1820 October 23.

- 19 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Va. to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1821 January 20. Says the results of slavery are idleness and dissipation; it is as disgraceful for a planter to work as it is for a farmer in the North to be idle. There is much drunkenness but Virginians exceed the North in politeness.
- 20 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Portland, Maine, 1821 March 24.
- 21 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1821 July 16. Tells of a visit to Thomas Jefferson and describes his home and his son-in-law Gov. Randolph. Jefferson told him that Patrick Henry was the greatest orator in the world, superior to Demosthenes or Mirabeau, but he was no statesman. He tells of the plans for the University of Virginia.
- 22 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Portland, Maine, 1821 August 20. Says Daniel is writing a long poem on the Battle of Bunker Hill and he urges Pierce to write the life of Count Rumford. Writing is Daniel's meat and drink.
- 23 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Baldwin, Maine, 1821 October 3.
- 24 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine. Includes "The Battle of Bunker Hill" in three cantos and 910 lines which he requests Pierce to criticize.
- 25 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1822 February 16.
- 26 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1822 March 21. Discusses the criticisms made by Pierce about the poem and asks Pierce to find out the actual historical facts about the battle. He recounts the texts he has used in the study of law.
- 27 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1822 July 15. He describes a visit to Maryland and describes Weems, the author of *A Life of Washington*, and a visit to Mt. Vernon. He is considering writing a ballad on the murder of Miss McRea and an elegy on Montgomery.
- 28 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1822 December 1. He tells of his unfortunate relations with his father.

- 29 Thompson, Rebecca. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1823 January 4.
- 30 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1823 February 6. He cannot believe that Scott wrote the Waverly Novels because his poetry is much inferior to the novels. He has revised his Bunker Hill poem, increasing it to 1256 lines and 24 pages of notes.
- 31 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1823 July 20. Tells of a visit to the Blue Ridge Mountains and two caves there. He discusses more revisions to his Bunker Hill poem, and tells how Patrick Henry happened to let his daughter marry his overseer.
- 32 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Culpepper County, Virginia, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1823 September 27. Mentions John Quincy Adams and politics, and says he would be a Free Mason if he could afford it. He informs Pierce that he is now admitted to the bar in Virginia. He has added to the Bunker Hill poem a tribute to their common grandfather who was killed, and he quotes 32 lines in the letter. He will leave Virginia in December and he is sorry to go
- 33 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1824 February 16. He sailed January 1, 1824 from Virginia to Rhode Island, and encountered a terrible storm off Delaware Bay which he describes. He spent a week in Boston and admired the plainness and Republican simplicity of its people--his mother has died and he pays her a great tribute.
- 34 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 12/8/1824. Says that he has an office and a connection with Esq. Upham in Montpelier and will remain there at least for the winter. He has been very ill.
- 35 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1825 September 24. Says that he has been appointed Register of Probate which pays \$75 per annum.
- 36 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1826 March 7. Congratulates Pierce on his marriage. He is considering taking over Walton's newspaper.
- 37 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1826 July 24. Says Montpelier is flourishing, with a bank and a U.S. District Court established. No candidate except Ezra Butler can be found to run for Governor since it pays only \$600.

- 38 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1827 February 10. Tells about various members of the family and says that times are hard for farmers. He reports the proceedings of the legislature for the *Watchman* for \$1.50 per day. Colonel Miller of Greece is in Montpelier to raise money to go back.
- 39 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1827 August 24. He has been very ill and is still weak. He mentions the address he gave on July 4, 1827, and says Van Ness has signed his own political death warrant in this state.
- 40 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1828 September 4 and 5. Says the whole village is under water which is three feet higher than ever known; two of the four bridges have gone and a third is about to go.
- 41 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1829 June 16. Says he has written a reply to J.W. Adams' criticism of Vermont. He has bought a small house and lot in Montpelier and sister Rebecca keeps house for him and takes a few boarders. There have been many business failures. He is a leader in Anti-Masonry.
- 42 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1829 July 20. Expresses his high opinion of the literary work of John Neal, the editor of *Yankee*.
- 43 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1829 December 26. Inquires about some money sent for "Yankee."
- 42a Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Asa Burton, Washington, Vermont, 1829 September 4. Thompson wants to run for office of engrossing clerk and asks for support.
- 44 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1833 March 10 [out of order]. About money owed to Pierce's father's estate.
- 45 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1830 March 16. Commiserates with Pierce because of the death of his father. He and Pierce differ on Masonry; Daniel is most conscientiously opposed to it, and he tells why.
- 46 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1830 October 20. Defends Anti-Masonry with much detail.

- 47 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1830 November 13. About \$100 owed to Pierce's father for many years, and mentions another flood in Montpelier. He has been made engrossing clerk of the legislature at a salary of \$140. He is neutral in the contest between John Quincy Adams and Jackson, not liking either, but he will not support Clay if he is a candidate.
- 48 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1832 July 1. Daniel says he was married 1831 August 3 to Miss Robinson. He believes the Bank of the United States must be altered and he hopes in another year to pay his debt.
- 49 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1833 March 15. Encloses a draft for his debt, not including interest.
- 50 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1833 July 4. Thompson says that when he and his wife returned from Gorham, Maine, they saw a full grown catamount near Conway. Reports that Dr. Whipple of Wentworth, New Hampshire, who was long a member of Congress is now a confirmed sot, and at Montpelier the Democratic and National Republican parties have both nominated Meech to oppose the anti-Masonic governor.
- 51 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1834 April 10. Says Thompson has a son, and is preparing a second volume of the *Revised Code of Vermont*.
- 52 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1835 April 20. He congratulates Pierce on his election as president of the Maine Senate.
- 53 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1835 June 17. Says that Daniel and his household have joined the Congregational Church in a revival and he describes his conversion by Rev. Burchard. He has won a \$50 prize from "Galaxy" for a story about money-diggers.
- 54 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1837 June 5. Says he expects the Whigs will be soundly beaten in Vermont.
- 55 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1837 December 25. Says that he is now Judge of Probate. Vermont is highly excited about the Patriot Rebellion in Canada; nine-tenths of Vermont supports the Patriots, and war with Great Britain cannot be avoided unless the Tories along the border alter their course very soon.

- 56 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1838 October 30. Says that his leisure of the past two years has been devoted to a historical novel about Ethan Allen and the New York controversy; it will probably be published by Waltons in two volumes and they will pay him one-half the profits after the expense of publication. He will send copies when published to Pierce and Longfellow.
- 57 Note for \$400 signed by Daniel's father and brother, Berlin, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1839 June 29.
- 57a Letter to Josiah Pierce from Daniel's father about his early life, n.d.
- 58 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1839 November 2. He says he is still Judge of Probate, and for \$2 a day is reporting the actions of the legislature for the Democratic daily. His book is published and will be sent to the cities next month; he has sent a copy to Longfellow and asked him to write a criticism for the *North American Review*. He may realize \$500. His wife has had a third child and is very ill.
- 59 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1843 November 24. He says that his brother Warren has gone through bankruptcy. He prefers Cass or Johnson to Van Buren.
- 60 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1844 December 21. Says that Daniel, his wife, and two eldest children, spent eight days in Boston. He met Longfellow, Sparks, and Bancroft, and he found himself much more known in Cambridge than he expected.
- 61 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1846 March 10. Says his father will not survive another winter. The snow is four feet deep on the level.
- 62 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1847 July 6. He says his son George is a scholar and at thirteen is well qualified to enter any college, but is too young. Daniel is publishing at Boston "Locke Amsden or the Schoolmaster", and has another book half written.
- 63 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1849 August 9. Tells about a trip from Portland to Boston, and mentions the Fresoil movement.
- 64 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1853 June 23. Says George will graduate from Vermont University in six weeks and he wants a government clerkship in a railroad surveying party

in the West; hopes Josiah will write to President Pierce on his behalf.
Thompson likes President Pierce well except for his position on slavery.

- 65 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, Gorham, Maine, 1853 July 4. Requests an answer to his previous letter.
- 66 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1853 August 4. Accepts teaching position at Maine Female Seminary for daughter Alma.
- 67 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1853 December 10. About some financial difficulties of Alma's at Gorham.
- 68 Thompson, Daniel. ALS : Pekin, Illinois, to Josiah Pierce, 1854 March 17. From a different Daniel Thompson, probably a cousin about the estate of his Pierce's grandfather.
- 69 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1854 June 5. Thompson urges Pierce to let his daughter Nancy stay longer in Montpelier so that she can attend University of Vermont commencement.****
- 70 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1856 April 27 says that he is glad that he is rid of "The Freeman"--the Whig portion of the Republicans with whom Daniel was driven into coalition never liked him because he was no Whig--family news
- 71 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1857 April 12. It was six months since they corresponded and Thompson fills Pierce in on family news.
- 72 Thompson, C.W. ALS : Andover, Massachusetts, to Josiah Pierce, 1858 July 28, a nephew of Daniel's to Pierce about a trip by boat from Portland to Boston
- 73 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1858 November 7 gives family news --his publisher Jewett has failed owing him \$500 and he has lost another \$500 on a debt in Montpelier
- 74 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1858 December 5 tells of his daughter's death
- 75 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1860 May 21 gives family news and says he has published "The Doomed Chief", and completed a History of Montpelier

- 76 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1862 August 16 gives family news and says he has suffered heavy losses--he is disappointed that there were not enough Unionists in the South to start a counter revolution, and he is surprised that the laves have not risen
- 77 Thompson, Daniel P. ALS : Montpelier, Vermont, to Josiah Pierce, 1865 April 23 says he has arthritis and has had a slight stroke--his son Daniel is Assistant Secretary of State although only 15 years old. [These letters were photocopied from originals in possession of William Curtis Pierce, of West Baldwin, Me.]
- MS 813 T371h Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. Typed copy of letter to Daniel P. Thompson, 1839 November 12, refusing to review "Green Mountain Boys"
- MS B T37LaL Manuscript of Daniel P. Thompson's unfinished novel, *The Honest Lawyer*, with Thompson's plan for succeeding chapters. There are twelve chapters completed out of twenty-one.
- MSS 17 #34 *The Novelist of Vermont, a Biographical and Critical Study of Daniel Pierce Thompson*, by John Flitcroft. 140 pp., including appendices and bibliography.
- MSS 17 #38 Autographs: Daniel P. Thompson.
- MSS 27 #33 Autographs: Daniel P. Thompson.
- Misc 1389 Vermont Historical Society Portraits. Material prepared for the Historical Records Survey, 1941, by Marion Stickney about 16 oil portraits owned by VHS. There is a short biography of each subject and facts about the painting [includes Daniel P. Thompson].
- Doc 235 Two advertisements of first editions of *Green Mountain Boys*; typed copy of letter from Longfellow, 1839 November 12, to Thompson refusing to review *Green Mountain Boys* since an author should not also be a critic.

Appendix A

Publication Dates for Works of Daniel P. Thompson

The Adventures of Timothy Peacock, 1835. *813/T372a

May Martin, or the Money Diggers, 1835. *S/813/T371m/1835

The Green Mountain Boys, Montpelier, 1840, afterward stereotyped and published in Boston.
*813/T372g/1840

Locke Amsden, or the Schoolmaster, Boston, 1847. (813/VT37L2)

The Rangers, or the Tory's Daughter, Boston, 1851. (813/T371r/1851)

Tales of the Green Mountains, including May Martin, Boston, 1852. (*813/T371m/1852)

Gaut Gurley, or the Trappers of Umbagog, Boston, 1857. (813/VT37g)

The Doomed Chief, or Two Hundred Years Ago, Philadelphia, 1860. (813/VT37d)

History of the Town of Montpelier, 1860. (R/974.31/M769L)

Centeola and Other Tales, New York, 1864. (813/T37c)