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## Marcellus H. Goodwin Scrapbook

1841-1879

1 vol. (0.25 linear feet)

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The identity of the person who assembled the scrapbook is uncertain. The free front flyleaf and front end paper contain what appears to be an ownership signature, "M. H. Goodwin, Newburyport," which suggests a connection to Marcellus H. Goodwin, and the last page of the volume includes a handwritten listing of newly elected members of city government signed M. H. Goodwin in 1879. However the scrapbook may have more complex provenance and may include contributions from women in the Goodwin home, as judged by the fashion plates.



Fashion plate

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