



## Howland Family Papers

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### Collection overview

The Howland family of East Greenwich, R.I., figured prominently in New England Quakerism during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries and contributed to the state's public affairs. Brothers Daniel (1754-1834), an approved minister, and Thomas Howland (1764-1845), an educator, were active members of the Society during the tumultuous years between the 1780s and 1840s, caught up in the moral demands for a response to slavery and other social issues and in the divisions wrought by evangelical influences.

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## Background on Howland Family

The Howlands were among New England's earliest emigrants from England, with John Howland arriving in Plymouth aboard the Mayflower and his brother Henry recorded there in 1624. Although they came as fervent Separatists, however, some members of the family wasted little time in changing religious course. Even as harsh proscriptions on non-conformists were being enforced in Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth, Henry's son Zoeth joined the Society of Friends by 1662, attending as a member of the Apponegansett Meeting in Dartmouth, Mass.

Around the edges of Narragansett Bay, the Howlands found a congenial home, achieving a degree of social

prominence and financial success. Zoeth's son Daniel (the first of many to carry that name) established a tavern in Tiverton, R.I., and a ferry service that crossed to Portsmouth, and his son Daniel was well enough respected in the colony to be selected as a representative for Portsmouth in the general assembly. Although not as wealthy as the grandees of Newport or Providence, Daniel secured his status as a landed gentleman by purchasing a 104 acre farm in East Greenwich, R.I., from the family of Clement Weaver, one of the town's founders and a long-time member of the colonial elite. The property included a house originally built in 1679 that was often referred to as the Howland homestead thereafter, although it is now generally known as the Clement Weaver-Daniel Howland house. It is considered the second oldest residence in Rhode Island.

Daniel's son, the third to be named Daniel (1724-1802), inherited the homestead upon his father's death in 1752. He and his wife Philadelphia Brownell (1726-1810) raised a large family of ten there, several of whom distinguished themselves among Friends. Most notably, Daniel (1754-1834) became an approved minister, visiting throughout New England, New York, and Pennsylvania, while his younger brother Thomas (1764-1845) filled a variety of roles for the Monthly Meeting at East Greenwich, and the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. The second youngest of his siblings, born on September 5, 1764, Thomas spent much of adult life engaged in Friends' affairs. In addition to serving as clerk of the meeting at Greenwich from 1815 to 1818, and on the Yearly Meeting for Sufferings, Thomas was closely allied to the educational efforts of New England Friends led by his friend Moses Brown, serving as a teacher and Superintendent at the Friends Boarding School (later the Moses Brown School) in Providence. Daniel Howland Greene, the author of the *History of the Town of East Greenwich*, recalled his distinctive relative:

■ Perhaps no person in New England Yearly Meeting had greater influence, and none whose counsel was  
■ more frequently sought than Thomas Howland's. His suavity of manners and equanimity of mind  
■ secured the love of his friends, while his keen wit and sound judgment, expressed in choice language,  
■ made him formidable in controversy. Without being strained, his politeness and affability seemed born  
■ of courts, and included all in its range; rich and poor, young and old, were greeted alike, and always  
■ with an air of interest and condescension. In the business meetings of the Society his remarks were  
■ always pertinent, and if he spoke amidst the tumult and confusion of town-meeting, the people at once  
■ became tranquil and listened with respectful attention. [p.96]

Thomas' steady nature served him through a tumultuous period in the New England Yearly Meeting, buffeted by war, agitation over slavery, and the impact of both the Hicksite schism and the Gurneyite and Wilburite controversies. His sympathy for social reform and passionate regard for the necessity of living up to Friends' moral precepts was at times pitted against his deep concern for the unity of the Meeting. A natural opponent of slavery, he found himself in the position of fending off more radical calls from fellow Quakers that questioned the Yearly Meeting's commitment to the cause, and as a member of the Meeting for Sufferings, he was on the front lines in disputes between supporters of John Joseph Gurney and John Wilbur. Thomas never married and died in East Greenwich on May 19, 1845.

From Daniel (3) and Philadelphia Howland, the homestead descended to Daniel (4), to his son Daniel (a merchant in the firm of Franklin & Howland), and then to Daniel's daughter Mary and her husband Arthur

Knight. The house remained in possession of the family until the 1930s.

## Scope of collection

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In addition to the important content on antislavery (see especially letters of and about William Bassett, A. Pierce, Mary Murray, and several essays by Thomas Howland) and the beginnings of the Wilburite schism, the collection offers insight into other aspects of Quaker life, including the intense networks of family and friends that sustained the Society. The collection includes scattered information on the early years of the Moses Brown School, and efforts by meeting officials to deflect criticism of the Society and disputes within.

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Aldrich, Thomas: Letter to Daniel Howland (Providence, R.I.) <a href="#">Contents:</a> Whale oil.	1839 Apr. 15	1p.	Box 1: 15
Almy, Anna: Letter to Deborah and Anna Howland <a href="#">Contents:</a> Advice to the young on the cultivation of sobriety, docility, and meekness.	ca.1820	2p.	Box 1: 24
Almy, Anna: Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.) <a href="#">Contents:</a> Friendship, gratitude, love.	1811 Nov. 28	2p.	Box 1: 9
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Anthony, James G.: Letter to Daniel Howland (Providence, R.I.) <a href="#">Contents:</a> Looking to purchase iron kettles.	1838 Sept. 10	1p.	Box 1: 16
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<i>Contents:</i> Religious thoughts on the Psalm of David and Murray's doctrine.			
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<i>Contents:</i> Sends greetings.			
Bassett, William: Letter to Thomas Howland (Lynn, Mass.)	1839 Oct. 28	3p.	Box 2: 7
<i>Contents:</i> Denies that a pamphlet was laid before the Meeting for Sufferings; complains of never being given an interview with the committee prior to its reaching a conclusion: "If I understand it, I am virtually charged before the Society with an immorality, & thereby considered by some of my fellow-members as disqualified for any service in it, & yet not allowed the privilege of meeting the charge."			
Bettle, Edward: Letter to Thomas Howland (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1829 Oct. 27	2p.	Box 1: 6
<i>Contents:</i> Inquiring whether Elias Hicks conveyed copies of D.B. Slack's Celestial Magnet.			
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▶ Braithwaite, Anna: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Liverpool, England)</b>	1833 May 8	4p.	Box 1: 6
<i>Contents:</i> Theological reflections.			
Briggs, Yelverton, Phoebe Briggs, and Stephen Walker: Deed to Ezekiel Whitford (East Greenwich, R.I.)	1792 Mar. 19	1p.	Box 1: 1
Brown, Thomas: A memorandum of some expression that dropt from my highly esteemed brother Thomas Brown in his last illness...	undated	2p.	Box 2: 7
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Case, May C.: Letter to Deborah Howland	1846 Feb. 15	3p.	Box 1: 24
<i>Contents:</i> Death of Thomas Howland.			
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Chaloner, Philadelphia: Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)	1809 Dec. 17- 1810 Jan. 1	2p.	Box 1: 7
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Chaloner, Philadelphia: Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)	1811 Aug.	1p.	Box 1: 7
<i>Contents:</i> Recently relocated, little to report.			
Chaloner, Philadelphia: Letter to Thomas Howland (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1823 Oct.	2p.	Box 1: 7
<i>Contents:</i> Family news, homesickness.			
Chase, S. A.: Letter to Thomas Howland (Salem, Mass.)	1821 Oct. 28	3p.	Box 2: 7
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Comstock, Ezekiel: Invoice to Daniel Howland	1825 Feb. 5	1p.	Box 1: 11
<i>Contents:</i> Invoice for medical care of Howland's wife.			
Comstock, Nathan: Letter to Thomas Howland and S. A. Chase (New York, N.Y.)	1821 June 29	1p.	Box 2: 1
<i>Contents:</i> On complaints from his son George on the severity of discipline at the Friends Boarding School.			
Cox, Mary M.: Letter to Daniel Howland (Pleasantville, Pa.)	1845 Jan. 13	3p.	Box 1: 16
<i>Contents:</i> Letter from cousin sending account of last 22 years living in Bucks County.			
Davis, Nicholas: Letter to Phoebe Tucker (Marlborough, Pa.)	1727 Nov. 11	2p.	Box 1: 1

**Contents:** Regarding his ministry in Pennsylvania: "we have had thirty nine meetings in this provence of pensilvania & very kind & tenderly reserved & not one word of opposetion or contradiction but have exprest there grate satisfaction in our visit of love & in our plane habit and some have said (not in our hering) that they did not think ther ware such a man in Newengland for he is a workman that need not be ashamed. There has been grate flockings after us to meetings..."

Day, Mahlon: Letter to Thomas Howland (New York, N.Y.)	1842 July 26	1p.	Box 1: 15
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Dillwyn, George: Letter to Daniel Howland (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1783 Dec. 20	1p.	Box 2: 7
<b>Contents:</b> Sorry to hear that T.D. still seems willing to stir up new occasions for offense.			
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East Greenwich (Town : R.I.): Town meeting minutes (extract)	1834 Nov. 25	1p.	Box 1: 15
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▶ Howland, Thomas: <b>Draft letter to William Forster</b> <i>Contents:</i> Lines "on the state of our Religious Society" and the conflict over J.J. Gurney and John Wilbur in meetings in New England and Rhode Island.	1843	4p.	Box 1: 18
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▶ Howland, Thomas: <b>Draft letter to George C. Kinyon (East Greenwich, R.I.)</b> <i>Contents:</i> Friends' response to the controversy between John Wilbur and J.J. Gurney.	1842 Feb. 13	2p.	Box 1: 18

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Mitchell, Joseph: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)	1785 Aug. 12	1p.	Box 1: 1
<b>Contents:</b> Re: sale of leather.			
Mott, Richard: Letter to Thomas Howland (Mamaroneck, N.Y.)	1790 Sept. 30	2p.	Box 1: 6
<b>Contents:</b> Gratitude fo his father's hospitality.			
Murray, Mary: Letter to Thomas Howland (New York, N.Y.)	1838 Apr. 14	4p.	Box 1: 6
<b>Contents:</b> Antislavery activity: wishes all Friends shared Thomas' views; reading Sturge on post-manumission in the Caribbean. Orphan Asylum.			
Neff, Harmanus: Printed letter to Alfred C. Eddy (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1875 July 1	1p.	Box 2: 7
<b>Contents:</b> Humorous notice in olde-style that he is unable to attend the "Merchants Annual Clam Roaste" at the Bondholders Club, Pawtuxent, and sad he miss our on "they Friede Fishes and Chowdere, amd thy Roasted Clams with Fixings."			
Pearce, Elizabeth: Letter to East Greenwich Monthly Meeting (East Greenwich, R.I.)	1834 Sept. 24	1p.	Box 2: 6
<b>Contents:</b> Wishes to be considered for membership in the meeting.			
▶ Pierce, A.: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Pleasantville, N.Y.)</b>	1836 Mar. 29	4p.	Box 1: 19
<b>Contents:</b> Richard Mott visit ending; vindication of Richard Ball (evnagelical Quaker, later to become Brethren); boarding school is faring well; have not received Garrison's Liberator for three months, but fears the cause is foundering, with lectures and petitions to congress having little effect.			
▶ Pierce, A.: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Pleasantville, N.Y.)</b>	1838 Apr. 10	4p.	Box 1: 19
<b>Contents:</b> J.J. Gurney and the state of the Society. Abolitionism, reform, and true Christianity: "a person confessing the Christian name & does not acknowledge Slavery a sin and as such ought to be abolished is wanting in one of the essentials of vital Christianty -- I met with none who use the name as a mask, tho there may be some solitary apostates... but on the contrary those who have entered the ranks & plead for that class who according to the decisions of the highest legislative body of this mighty Republic have no rights to petition for themselves are among the most virtuous, the most benevolent, the philanthropist of the day..." Has not seen William Bassett's letter; Sarah Grimke; sees no parallel between using the meetinghouse for a lecture on antislavery and the mob at Alton.			
Pierce, A.: Letter to Thomas Howland (Pleasantville, N.Y.)	1839 Oct. 4	4p.	Box 1: 6
<b>Contents:</b> Has acquired a farm. Abolition: awaiting a response to Samuel Philbrick's attack on Gurney and the Yearly Meeting; snide comments on E. Cresson's continued lecturing on colonization, which has never benefitted the enslaved or Aborigine: "The only just way is to give freedom, pay the laborer, raise the degraded to the status of men, educate, treat them as heirs of immortality."			
▶ Pierce, A.: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Pleasantville, N.Y.)</b>	1842 May 22	4p.	Box 1: 19
<b>Contents:</b> Antislavery activity: Abby Kelley: "I met with A.K. a year previous & expressed my regret at her measures. She appears to be sincere in her movements, but I think her sadly mistaken. She has separated from Society., we may regret her course but unable to change her views... It is a day of much conflict from the highest tribunals in our land to the lowest peasant. We discover great discordances, & we hope some benefit may be derived from development of many facts, long buried in silence. The late decision in the United St. Court [Prigg v. Pennsylvania] relative to fugitive slaves has had a great tendency to stir up the public mind at the [illeg] for an amendment of the Constitution or repeal of the Union. One thing I greatly desire that war may not be the consequence..."			
Potter, Benjamin D.: Letter to Daniel Howland (Cranston, R.I.)	1837 Apr. 14	2p.	Box 2: 7
Purinton, L.: Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.)	1821 Aug. 23	4p.	Box 2: 7

<p>► Purington, L.: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Vassalboro, Me.)</b>  <b>Contents:</b> On J.J. Gurney.</p>	1838 Sept. 12	4p.	Box 1: 6
<p>Robinson, Thomas: Letter to Daniel Howland (Newport, R.I.)  <b>Contents:</b> "After much pains and difficulty, we have bailed from Prison, the barer, Rober, a negro man, who was unjustly committed by Godfrey Winwood, as there is such a strong combination in this Town against the measures of the Society, and there appears so much bitterness in the People in this case. I did not think it safe to continue him in Town the ensuing night, and have hired a boat to carry him as far as Greenwich, on his way to Providence..."</p>	1789 July 15	2p.	Box 2: 1
Robinson, W. A.: Letter to Daniel Howland (Providence, R.I.)	1830 Mar. 27	1p.	Box 1: 16
Rodman, B.: Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)	1819 Sept. 22	4p.	Box 2: 7
<p>Rodman, Benjamin: Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> Defends himself against the words of others.</p>	1820 May	4p.	Box 1: 6
<p>Rodman, Benjamin: Letter to Thomas Howland (Washington, D.C.)  <b>Contents:</b> Politics in Washington: "I write in the opinion express'd by every man I have seen from the north &amp; the candid from the south, as far they date deny their practice -- that slavery is a cause that shows its influence in destroying everything it touches: in fact, tis a mildew &amp; rust that blights the face of every part of the country where it is suffered..."; Missouri question; much more.</p>	1826 Mar. 14	4p.	Box 1: 6
Rodman, Benjamin: Letter to Thomas Howland	1828 Apr.	1p.	Box 2: 7
<p>Rodman, Benjamin?: Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> Discourse on disputation of philosophy of mind.</p>	1821 Feb. 18	4p. (incomplete)	Box 2: 7
<p>Rodman, Benjamin?: Poem: Farewell out friend...  <b>Contents:</b> Docketed: "Address B.R. by his Friends... leaving school."</p>	undated		Box 2: 7
Rodman, E.: Letter to Thomas Howland (Newport, R.I.)	1821 Feb. 8	1p.	Box 1: 6
<p>Rotch, Benjamin: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> Return to Nantucket.</p>	1782 May 28	2p.	Box 1: 3
Rotch, William: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)	1780 May 10	3p.	Box 1: 3
<p>Rotch, William: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> Condolences on loss of his son.</p>	1780 May 10	2p.	Box 1: 3
<p>Rotch, William: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> Mobbing of Friends houses in Philadelphia for not illuminating after Yorktown.</p>	1781 Dec. 24	3p.	Box 1: 3
<p>Rotch, William: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> Account of melancholy loss of Robert Barker and others attempting to rescue their ship stuck on a bar during a storm.</p>	1782 Jan.	3p.	Box 1: 3
<p>Rotch, William: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> Been to Boston "to remove the prejudices, so prevalent at this time against us, though with very little cause." Includes Howland's reply.</p>	1782 Sept. 21	3p.	Box 1: 3
<p>Rotch, William: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> On business prospects for Daniel, Jr.</p>	1783 Aug. 30	2p.	Box 1: 3
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<p>Seward, Miss: Enigma  <b>Contents:</b> A form of riddle.</p>	1820	1p.	Box 2: 7
<p>Shearman, Abraham, Jr.: Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)  <b>Contents:</b> Interest in the institution (the Boarding School) has not waned.</p>	1819 Sept. 28	4p.	Box 2: 7

<p>➤ Shearman, Abraham, Jr.: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)</b></p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Disapproval of recent publication by D. B. Slack [The Celestial Magnet].</p>	1820 Aug. 13	3p.	Box 1: 13
<p>➤ Shearman, Abraham, Jr.: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)</b></p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Saltmaking in Yarmouth; musings on adaptability of the body, life.</p>	1820 Nov. 12	4p.	Box 1: 13
<p>➤ Shearman, Abraham, Jr.: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (New Bedford, Mass.)</b></p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Remarks on slavery, the Tract Society, and Elisha Bates' book on Baptism: "the time has very nearly, if not quite arrived, in which it may be incumbent on our Society again, in some way, to appear before the public, as the friends and advocates of the oppressed African race, and at the same time, declaring our belief of the utter inconsistency of Slavery with the benign precepts and spirit of the Christian religion..."</p>	1836 Nov. 27	3p.	Box 1: 13
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<p>➤ Smith, D. B.: <b>Letter to S. A. Chase</b></p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Copy of letter over controversies in Yearly Meeting and departure from the discipline of the Society into disunion and schism over the handling of John Wilbur and another Friend.</p>	1842 May 18	4p.	Box 1: 23
<p>Smith, Frederick: The following is an extraordinary instance of the goodness, and the power of omnipotence, to one of his benighted children...</p>	undated	5p.	Box 2: 7
<p>Starbuck, Daniel: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Complaints about restrictions on whaling industry.</p>	1782 Dec. 19	1p.	Box 1: 5
<p>Starbuck, Daniel: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Attended Quarterly and met with many friends.</p>	1782 Jan. 26	1p.	Box 1: 5
<p>Starbuck, Daniel: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)</p>	1783 Jan. 17	1p.	Box 1: 5
<p>Starbuck, Daniel: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Business poor; new daughter.</p>	1783 Sept. 17	1p.	Box 1: 5
<p>Starbuck, Daniel: Letter to Daniel Howland (Nantucket, Mass.)</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Shipping a barrel of beef.</p>	1787 May 10	1p.	Box 1: 5
<p>Stark, Benjamin: Letter to unidentified (New London, Conn.)</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Chase family genealogy.</p>	1873 June 16	4p.	Box 2: 7
<p>Stewardson, Thomas: Letter to Thomas Howland (Philadelphia, Pa.)</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Report on the Hicksite Yearly Meeting: "it is very evident they avoided bringing any important subject into view for if they had, the leaders must have been aware that great diversity of opinion would have been manifested; turmoil in Indiana and Ohio Yearlies.</p>	1827 Oct. 30	4p.	Box 2: 7
<p>➤ Tillinghast, Joseph L.: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Washington, D.C.)</b></p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Congressman Tillinghast on politics un Jackson; use of bloodhounds against the Seminoles in Florida: "the ground of defence now taken for this measure is that the hounds are to be used for indication &amp; chase, but not for slaughter... It is humiliating and debasing..."</p>	1840 Feb. 19	3p.	Box 1: 6

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▶ Tobey, Samuel Boyd: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.)</b>	1835 Apr. 19	3p.	Box 1: 14
<i>Contents:</i> Health; Moses Brown School matters; Isaac Crowdson's Beacon to the Society of Friends.			
▶ Tobey, Samuel Boyd: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.)</b>	1836 Dec. 29	4p.	Box 1: 14
<i>Contents:</i> Long discourse on Elisha Bates, the Society, and his Remarks on Baptism (1836)			
▶ Tobey, Samuel Boyd: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.)</b>	1837 Feb. 10	3p.	Box 1: 14
<i>Contents:</i> Matters at the school in the aftermath of their friend Moses Brown.			
▶ Tobey, Samuel Boyd: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.)</b>	1837 July 21	4p.	Box 1: 14
<i>Contents:</i> Thomas Evans writes that he has been indicted on a felony in Richmond, Va., for distributing antislavery literature; J.J Gurney will be visiting America shortly; mourns over course taken by Sarah and Angelina Grimke. Abolition activity among Friends.			
Tobey, Samuel Boyd: Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.)	1837 Oct. 10	2p.	Box 1: 14
<i>Contents:</i> Concerning the controversy over William Bassett's pamphlet and contention that Friends are not sufficiently antislavery because they do not support abolitionists in all matters.			
Tobey, Samuel Boyd: Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.)	1839 Feb. 11	4p.	Box 1: 14
<i>Contents:</i> Two boys cited for profane behavior at Moses Brown School. William Bassett's pamphlet and discipline within the Yearly. Schools.			
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▶ Tobey, Samuel Boyd: <b>Letter to Thomas Howland (Providence, R.I.)</b>	1844 Nov. 28	4p.	Box 1: 14
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<i>Contents:</i> Tumult at Lynn meeting between "New Light" and "Old Light" factions, with John Allen arming himself with a sword (symbopically).			
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### Howland Genealogy

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- ***Daniel (3) Howland*** (1724-1802) and Philadelphia Brownell (1726-1810)
  - Mercy Howland (1745-1824) m. Gideon Greene
  - ***Lucianna Howland*** (1747-1817)
  - Ruth Howland (1749-1824)
  - Benjamin Howland (1752-1834) m. Elizabeth Spencer

- **Daniel (4) Howland** (1754-1834) m. Sarah Greene
  - **Deborah G. Howland** (1795-1876)
  - **Daniel (5) Howland** (1797-1871) m. Abigail Susan Greene
    - Sarah Greene Howland (1836-1878)
    - Daniel Howland (1838-1863)
    - **Mary Howland** (1843-1912) m. **Arthur Knight** (1855-1921)
    - **Abby Susan Howland** (1854-1881) m. **Arthur Knight** (1855-1921)
  - **Richard Greene Howland** (1799-1874) m. Isabella J. Allen (1843-1884) and Alice Marie Sisson (1856-1935)
  - **Anna Howland** (1801-1865)
- **Philadelphia Howland** (1757-1826) m. Job Chaloner
- Judith Howland (1759-1826)
- **Joseph Howland** (b.1761) m. Hannah Fry
- **Thomas Howland** (1764-1845)
- George Howland (1773-1779)

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