

**Collection ID:** WCT002

**Collection Name:** Tufts / Smith / Adams Family Collection

**Dates:** 1736 - 1937 (bulk 1736 - 1877)

**Size:** 7 containers, 4.75 li ft.

**Creator:** Tufts Family Members

**Biographical / historical note:**

Dr. Cotton Tufts (1732 -1815) was born in Medford, MA, a son of Dr. Simon and Abigail Smith Tufts. He graduated from Harvard College in 1749, after which he studied medicine under his brother, Simon, also a Harvard graduate, before setting up his practice in Weymouth. Tufts gained recognition in 1751 when he introduced a new therapy for diphtheria, or "putrid sore throat," which was prevalent and often fatal at the time. Harvard awarded him an honorary M.D. in 1785.

Tufts married Lucy Quincy (1729-1785) in 1755, a daughter of Col. John Quincy of Braintree. Lucy Tufts was the sister of Abigail Adam's mother, Elizabeth Quincy. The Tufts' only child also was named Cotton Tufts (1757-1833). After Lucy's death, the elder Cotton Tufts married Mrs. Susanna Warner (1744-1832) in 1789.

In 1765 Dr. Tufts wrote instructions to representatives of the town of Weymouth against the Stamp Act. He served as a justice of the peace for Suffolk County, and from 1781-1792, was a member of the Massachusetts state senate. In 1788 Tufts was a Federalist delegate to the Massachusetts state convention that ratified the Constitution. Of particular note is that he was entrusted with sole care of John and Abigail Adams' private affairs during their time abroad between 1780 and 1788, and again handled the local affairs for the couple during Adams' presidency.

Tufts was an original member of the Massachusetts Medical Society and its fourth president from 1787-1795. In 1780 he became one of the incorporators of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Also for more than forty years he was a deacon of the First Church, Weymouth.

Tufts left \$10k to Harvard for the education of indigent students, \$82k each to Amherst College and Atkinson Academy, NH, also for indigent students; \$10k to the town of Weymouth for a free library, \$10k to MA General Hospital for free beds; and about \$40k to be distributed among charitable institutions of the city.

His son Cotton Tufts (1757-1833) had a business/store with James Whittemore where the original Tufts Library building was built. The younger Cotton Tufts married Mercy Brooks (1764-1849) in 1788. They had four children: Quincy (1791-1872), Lucy (1793-1856) who married Thomas Tarbell, Susannah (1797-1877), and Mercy (1800-1858).

Quincy Tufts kept a store on Washington St. in Boston which carried dry goods. He left his fortune (\$20k) to Tufts Library. He and his sister Susannah were the founders and benefactors of the Tufts Library.

**Source.** Not known.

**Scope and Contents:** The Tufts Family Collection contains six series: Correspondence; Writings; Pamphlets; Legal and Financial Papers; Images; and Artifacts.

Series I. Correspondence (1749-1808) 0.5 li. ft. contains in chronological order letters from and drafts of letters to various family members, including Tufts' brothers and son. For the correspondence with Abigail and John Adams, the original letters or Cotton Tufts' drafts are placed first, then, separated by a piece of paper, the twentieth century transcriptions. In a few instances where there are several originals in the folder, a sheet of paper also separates the letters. In some instances, no original was found but transcriptions had been placed with these materials. There is no information about when, who, and for what purpose the transcriptions were prepared. The container list provides a brief description of each letter and notes the few drafts for which a letter does not appear in the major online sources for the Adams papers. Note, too, that the Weymouth Historical Society had borrowed several letters a number of years ago; they found most in their safe but several remain missing:

Series II. Writings (1768-1816, n.d.) contains five items ranging from Cotton Tufts' father-in-law William Smith's sermon notes, to Tufts' own writings on an epidemic and a description of Weymouth, daughter-in-law Mercy Brooks Tuft's 1799 diary, and a pamphlet printing of Rev. Jacob Norton's sermon at the interment of Cotton Tufts in December 1815. (Mercy Brooks Tufts (1763-1849) was married to the younger Cotton Tufts.

Series III. Pamphlets (1736-1813) contains nine pamphlets and two pages of an 1813 almanac and including a note to retain with Cotton Tufts. They are in chronological order and title, author, printer, printing date, and any inscriptions are noted in the container list. They include political pamphlets and of particular interest may be three pamphlets bound together and entitled on the paper wrapper *Cotton Tufts Commission, Instructions and Dispatches from our Envoys at Paris 1797 and 1798*. The three are President Adams' messages to Congress and relate to the XYZ Affair.

Series IV. Legal and Financial Papers, 1766-1937 (bulk 1766-1877), 13 folders. The series primarily relate to Cotton Tufts' land holdings. The 1877 *Important Sale of Lands belonging to the Tufts Estate in Weymouth, Braintree, and Quincy* subsequent to the deaths of siblings Quincy and Susannah Tufts gives a sense of the family's real estate wealth. The will of Cotton Tufts and his second wife's release also are found here.

Series V. Images. There are only three photographic images. Two are of portraits, one of Cotton Tufts, perhaps during the period he was President of the Massachusetts Medical

Society, and the second of his second wife, Susannah Warner Tufts, A third image depicts Susan Tufts, c. 1865.

Series VI. Artifacts and ephemera include Tufts family materials from the 1820s to 1870s and more contemporary materials about the Adams family and Tufts genealogy. Imported notions sold to Quincy Tufts for his store suggest the elaborate ornamentation on clothing of the period. Other textiles include a single women's shoe and a c. 1820 sampler by Abbey G. Tufts. An Abigail G. Tufts died at age 16 on Nov 2, 1830 in Boston. The familial relationship has not been determined.

See also: Collection WCT014 Newspapers for five newspapers addressed to Cotton Tufts.

**Conditions governing access:** Open to researchers. Most of the Adams correspondence is available online and researchers should use those sources.

**Language:** English

**Source:** In most instances there is no specific donor information. The newspapers that were owned by Cotton Tufts were donated by Enoch Sanford in 1915.

**Subjects:**

Adams, Abigail (1744-1818)  
Smith, William Rev. (1707-1783)  
Tarbell, Lucy Tufts (1793-1856)  
Tufts, Abigail  
Tufts, Cotton (1731/1732 or 1734 - 1815)  
Tufts, Cotton (1757-1833)  
Tufts, Mercy (1800-1858)  
Tufts, Mercy Brooks (1763-1849)  
Tufts, Quincy (1791-1872)  
Tufts, Susannah or Susan (1797-1877)  
Tufts, Susanna Warner (1744-1842)

**Location:** Tufts Library, Weymouth, MA

**Related archival materials:** The researcher should consult the Massachusetts Historical Society's Adams Collection to determine if the originals of Tufts' letters to the John and Abigail Adams may be found there

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## Container List

Containers include document boxes, short lid storage boxes, records storage box, drop front box.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title / Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Series I. Correspondence</b>			
1	1	Draft letter from Cotton Tufts, Harvard College, to brother Simon. Date 27 April. Handwritten transcription.  A dinner following week	1749
1	2	Three letters on one sheet dated 5, 6, 8 Jun 1749 from Cotton Tufts, Medford to Simon Tufts.; also two sheets containing handwritten transcription of letters, n.d.  Family, local, medical, Cotton Tufts' impending Commencement.	1749
1	3	Letter to Cotton Tufts from Samuel Tufts, Newbury 1755 Nov 28. Note: Portion of a draft on other side of fold. Handwritten transcription.  Earthquake, impending marriage	1755
1	4	Letter to Cotton Tufts, Weymouth from brother Simon Tufts, Medford dated 18 Feb 1759 with note dated 19 Feb; typed and handwritten transcriptions, n.d.  Family illnesses	1759
1	5	Letter to Cotton Tufts (1757-1833) c/o Rev. Mr. Shutes from father Cotton Tufts (1732-1815), Weymouth, dated 4 Aug 1772; handwritten & typed transcriptions, n.d.  Fatherly advice for son's last year at school	1772
1	6	Letter to Cotton Tufts (1732-1815), Weymouth from nephew Simon Tufts Junior, Medford dates 17 Oct 1772; typed & handwritten transcriptions, n.d.	1772
1	7	Letter to Cotton Tufts (1757-1833) c/o Rev. Mr. Shutes from father Cotton Tufts (1732-1815), Weymouth, dated 8 Jan 1773; typed and handwritten	1773

		transcriptions, n.d  Fatherly advice asking him to translate a short anecdote (not w. letter) into Latin and return; advice on letter writing	
1	8	Letter from Cotton Tufts to Cotton Tufts Jr. student at Harvard dated 6 Mar 1774; typed and handwritten transcription.  Reflections of a parent; request he translate Tully	1774
1	9	Letter from Cotton Tufts to Cotton Tufts Jr student at Harvard College to be left at Mr Richard Cranch's in Boston, dated 17 Mar 1774; typed and handwritten transcriptions, n.d.  Cranch was related to Tufts by marriage. He was the husband of Abigail Smith Adams' older sister. Paternal advice, including financial	1774
1	10	Letter from Cotton Tufts to Cotton Tufts Jr. student at Harvard dated 16 May 1774. Handwritten and typed transcriptions.  About wearing apparel, laundry	1774
1	11	Letter from Cotton Tufts to Cotton Tufts Jr. student at Harvard dated 24 Aug 1774. Handwritten and typed transcriptions.  Unsafe chimney hearth, learn Euclid	1774
1	12	Letter from Cotton Tufts to Cotton Tufts Jr. student at Harvard dated 20 Oct 1774. Handwritten transcription.  Fire in Salem; had seen son recently	1774
1	13	Letter from Cotton Tufts to Cotton Tufts Jr student at Harvard College dated 27 Mar 1775; typed and handwritten transcriptions, n.d.  Paternal advice about health	1775
1	14	Letter from Cotton Tufts to Cotton Tufts Jr. student at Harvard dated 23 Feb 1776. Typed and handwritten transcriptions.  Paternal advice; sending books, letters via others	1776
1	15	Letter 22 May 1776 Hingham addressed Dear Friend to Mr. Cotton Tufts student in Concord. Signature is 2	1776

		initials D S; handwritten transcription, n.d. Mentions war and defeat in Quebec	
1	16	Letter from Cotton Tufts to Cotton Tufts Jr student at Harvard College dated 24 Nov 1776; handwritten transcription  Paternal advice about writing; bill for cheese (not with letter)	1776
1	17	Letter, 7 Nov no year from Lucy Quincy Tufts to her son, Cotton Tufts. Handwritten transcription.  Mentions warm jacket, godliness	n.d.
1	18	Letter (short note) 12 Feb 1777 from Cotton Tufts. Weymouth to Rev. Dr. Samuel Langdon, President of Harvard College Excuse for delay in returning to school  Two Letters from Cotton Tufts, Weymouth to Cotton Tufts Jr student at Harvard College dated 26 May 1777 and 31 Oct 1777  Finances, whether to have a public commencement, state of weather, country, God; keep studying while have the opportunity	1777
1	19	Letter from Samuel Tufts, Newburyport addressed Dear Brother and sent to Honorable Cotton Tufts Esq Weymouth care of Mr. William Smith Boston, dated 16 Nov 1787; handwritten transcription  Receipt of cheese & arrangement to pay for the cheese and Mr. Adams' share. Samuel is Cotton Tufts' brother. Samuel's daughter Dolly married George Odioine of Exeter in 1787 and is mentioned in the letter	1787
1	20	Letter 28 Nov 1789 from Cotton Tufts , Medford, and addressed to Honored Uncle; mail address is Hon Cotton Tufts Esq Weymouth; and handwritten transcription  Woes of trying to get situated with a doctor for training. and room & board and getting the run around. Simon Tufts, Dr. Cotton Tufts' brother, had a son Cotton (1772-1825)	1789
1	21	Letter 17 Dec 1790 from Simon Tufts, Newburyport to	1790

		"honored Sir" [Cotton Tufts, Simon's uncle]; handwritten & typed transcription  State of health and mind of Simon's cousin Cotton Tufts who had been in Ipswich. Suicidal. Note on transcription indicates died in an asylum	
1	22	Letter 6 Dec 1795 from Simon Tufts, Newburyport to Cotton Tufts, Weymouth; handwritten & typed transcriptions  Informs him of death of Simon's sister Polly and inquiring of Cotton's son's wife	1795
1	23	Letter Aug 1797 from Samuel R. Tufts, Newburyport to brother Hon Cotton Tufts Esq, Weymouth in the care of Mr. Odioine; typed and handwritten transcripts.  Death of Samuel's son Simon and daughter Sally Includes family members' names and birth, death dates.	1797
1	24	Note 21 Feb 1798 from Cotton Tufts Weymouth to William Shaw, student at the university in Cambridge  Sent a ten dollar bill which "cousin Betsy informed me your mother wished me to forward to you and her"; handwritten transcription	1798
1	25	Draft Letter 4 Nov 1799 and 26 Nov 1799 from Cotton Tufts Weymouth to Turrell Tufts; no transcription  Advice about diplomatic appointment	1799
1	26	Draft of letter 10 Dec 1799 Weymouth from Cotton Tufts to President and Mrs. Adams. Same letter continued on Dec 14. Handwritten transcription.  Note says this the first draft. Mostly household affairs for Adams but some discussion of politics, speech to Congress. Available Online At Founders.Archives.Gov. MHS owns original.  NO ORIGINAL LETTER but handwritten transcription of draft 29 Dec 1799 Dear Madam (Mrs. Adams) from Cotton Tufts Notes death of Washington, household affairs. MHS original sent letter dated 30 Dec 1799	1799
1	27	Draft letter 24 Feb 1800 from Cotton Tufts to Mrs Adams; no transcription but transcription of sent letter	1800

		<p>dated 25 Feb 1800 available at Founders.Archives.Gov and owned by MHS.</p> <p>Death of Washington. Also contains notes about subsequent letter Tufts wrote March 14</p> <p>On reverse draft letter to President Adams dated 2 Dec 1800 about safe arrival in Washington No transcription. Not found at Founders.Archives.Gov or MHS websites. NEDCC 2016</p>	
1	28	<p>Draft letter 25 Feb? 1800? from Cotton Tufts to John Adams?; not transcribed and does not appear in founders.archives.gov</p> <p>Refers to January 19th letter and the several matters mentioned in it to which he has attended. NEDCC 2016</p>	1800
1	29	<p>Draft letter n.d. but may be what became 9 April 1800 letter to Abigail Smith Adams. Draft is to John Adams; not transcribed Adams farm</p>	1800?
1	30	<p>Letter 6 May 1800 from Charles Storer? to Dr. Tufts.</p> <p><i>Re</i> melon seeds and mentions Tufts' care of the President's estate in Quincy.</p> <p>On reverse draft of letter 1 Jan 1801 to Thomas Boylston Adams; no transcription.</p> <p>Boylston was a son of John and Abigail Smith Adams.</p>	1800, 1801
1	31	<p>Draft letter Jun 1800 Weymouth. Intended recipient unknown.</p> <p>Mentions Surinam. Does not appear in Adams Papers nor was there a March 26 letter from either Adams to Tufts. Tufts' nephew Turrell Tufts was U.S. Counsel in Surinam</p>	1800
1	32	<p>Draft 15 Dec 1800, concluded 19 Dec from Cotton Tufts to Mrs. Adams; transcribed and available online at Founders.Archives.Gov.</p> <p>Weather, sickness, death of Adams' son, Adams farm</p> <p>Also 1 April 1800 draft of sent letter 4 April to John Adams; transcribed and available online at</p>	1800



		Founders.Archives.Gov Adams farm	
1	33	Draft (partial) 29 Dec 1800 to Abigail Adams?. Only first paragraph; transcription much longer but transcriber/editor questioned whether latter intended to be included. Does not appear in Founders.Archives.Gov or MHS  Receipt of previous letters; Adams' returning after 1800 election  NEDCC 2016	1800
1	34	Cotton Tufts draft letter to John Adams, n.d.; sent letter is 1801 Feb 1; no transcription but available online at Founders.archives.gov	1801
1	35	Letter 4 Jul 1807 from Cotton Tufts Jr Weymouth to his wife Mercy Brooks Tuft Mrs. Cotton Tufts Ballston Springs, NY; transcribed  Describes his trip back from Hills; mentions son Quincy	1807
1	36	Letter 21 Jul 1808 from Thomas Tarbell?, Medford to Cotton Tufts Jr. re discharge of Tarbell's debt  Tarbell became son-in-law. Married Lucy Tufts in 1813	1808
		<b>Handwritten or typed transcriptions for which originals not found. Not Adams-related.</b>	
1	37	Letters from Cotton Tufts to brother Simon Tufts 15 Aug 1750 from Hingham, 21 Aug 1750 from Hingham	1750
1	38	Transcriber's notes (historical, genealogical) n.d. Printout of email messages with Massachusetts Historical Society, 2003	n.d., 2003
<b>Series II. Writings</b>			
1	39	William Smith, Tufts brother-in-law. Sermon Notes by Rev. William Smith of Weymouth 1768. 4 1/4 x 6 3/4 paper wrapper (conserved) in brown paper book jacket and envelope with ribbon and wax seal 1768 Jul 17 - Oct 2. Stamped Fifield Collection.	1768
1	40	Cotton Tufts. Massachusetts Medical Society - description of an epidemic	1782
1	41	Cotton Tufts. Description of Weymouth	n.d.
1	42	Mercy Brooks Tufts. Diary of Mercy Brooks Tufts	1799

		(1763-1849) , wife of Cotton Tufts, Jr. Daily entries for entire year. [Should be transcribed.]	
1	43	Jacob Norton, A.M., <i>Sermon delivered partly Monday Dec 11, 1815 at the interment of the Hon. Cotton Tufts.</i> Published by request. Boston: Lincoln & Edmands, 1816, 24 pgs.	1816
<b>Series III. Pamphlets</b>			
1	44	<i>A system OF RHETORIC in METHOD entirely New</i> , etc. by John Stirling, MA. Paper wrapper. 2nd edition. 27 pages. London, printer Thomas Astley. Inscribed Cotton Tufts from Simon Tufts date obscure	1736
1	45	<i>A Speech intended to have been spoken on the bill for altering the charters of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay</i> , by Re. Jonathan Shipley. 6th ed. Boston. Reprinted and sold by Edes and Gill. 24 pages. Inscribed Cotton Tufts	1774
1	46	<i>National Arithmetick or Observations on the Finances of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.</i> Attributed to James Swan (1754-1830). Boston: printed by Adams and Nourse. Inscribed to Cotton Tufts from the Author.	1786
1	47	<i>The Institution of the Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: constitution, rules &amp; subscribers.</i> Addressed "To the Senior Physicians Hon/ble Cotton Tufts of Weymouth." n.d. 15 pages, paper wrapper. 4 1/2 x 7 1/4.  Tufts was not an original subscriber. The Society's purpose was lifesaving from shipwrecks and drownings. not animal related.	1786?
1	48	<i>The contents of this folder were moved to Box 6 following preservation by NEDCC in 2017</i>	
1	49	<i>Mr. Dana's Fast Sermons April 25, 1799 The Day Recommended by the President of the United State for national humiliation, fasting and prayer.</i> Published by desire. Printer Angier March, Newburyport. Inscribed "Hon. Cotton Tufts Esq. from his brother ST"	1799
1	50	<i>A Letter from Robert Goodloe Harper of South Carolina to his constituents upon Jefferson becoming President.</i> William Hilliard, printer. 1801 Inscribed Cotton Tufts.	1801
1	51	Two pages of an almanac with note indicating to keep with Tufts papers. Note: The Almanac Collection does not contain an almanac from 1813.	1813
6	1	Bound (Paper wrapper) inscribed <i>Cotton Tufts Commission, Instructions and Dispatches from our</i>	1798

		<p><i>Envoys at Paris 1797 and 1798.</i></p> <p>XYZ affair documents. Contains the following: <i>Message of the President of the United States to both houses of Congress, April 3, 1798.</i> 72 pages. <i>Instructions to Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, John Marshall and Elbridge Gerry, Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary to the French Republic.</i> 26 pages. Philadelphia: Way &amp; Groff, 1798; and <i>Message of the President of the United States to Both Houses of Congress, May 4, 1798.</i> 72 pages. Note: Some pages not cut. Latter two pamphlets are inscribed "For Dr. Tufts" on title page</p> <p>NEDCC 2016</p>	
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**Series IV. Legal & Financial Papers**

2	1	Town of Weymouth Assessors report 21 Nov 1766. Cotton Tufts is one of the assessors signing	1766
2	2	Receipt signed by Abigail Tufts of money received from Cotton Tufts as estate settlement of Samuell Edwards, a goldsmith in Boston. Edwards was a noted and wealthy gold and silversmith	1775
2	3	Cotton Tufts (1732-1815) Accounts (single sheets). 1771-1773 related to First Church Weymouth ; 1783-84 account w/ Samuel Tufts; church note, 1786-96	1769, 1771-1773, 1783-1784, 1786-96
2	4	Fragment of note, mounted on board, 1783	1783
3	1	Plan of land of estate of ? Quincy for Cotton Tufts, Esq. executor of the estate. See DFB #3 (14 x 18 gray), folder 1	1803
2	5	Will of Cotton Tufts; wife Susanna Wright Tufts release after payment of \$1000, witnessed by James N. Foster; handwritten transcription of Tufts will.  Susanna Tufts is Tufts' second wife.	1815, 1822
2	6	Cotton Tufts (1757-1843) Account Book	1818-1826
2	7	Note indicating Asa French (1761 - 1837) was holding Cotton Tufts deeds for Cedar Swamp, Braintree 26 Jan 1828; two plans of property, 1830, n.d.	1828, 1830, n.d.
2	8	Deed to pew #30 at North Parish Church, Weymouth to Quincy Tufts; signed by Ebenezer Humphrey, Treasurer 1832 Dec 10; Purchase of cemetery lot #365 by Quincy Tufts from North Weymouth Cemetery Association, 1866 Dec 1	1832, 1866
2	9	Letter 30 Jan 1838 from T.? Tufts Weymouth to Hon	1838

		James Savage (1784-1873), one of the founders of the first chartered savings banks in the U.S. via Mr Porter re a clause in a banking act	
2	10	Deed Weymouth wharf & dock, heirs of Cotton Tufts (1757-1833) deceased to Quincy Reed 1843 May 12. Book 145, Page 089	1843
2	11	Receipt signed by Susan Tufts for one spotted cow	1867
3	2	Booklet entitled <i>Important Sale of Lands belonging to the Tufts Estate in Weymouth, Braintree, and Quincy</i> . [x2] Administrators of Quincy Tufts and Executor of Susan Tufts wills. 1877 Aug 1. Contains descriptions and plans for each property. 17 pages. See #3, folder 2. Gray dfb  NEDCC 2016	1877
3	3	<i>The contents of this folder were moved to Box 7 following preservation by NEDCC in 2017</i>	
7	1	Large poster of sale of lands 1877 Aug 1. Gray dfb  NEDCC 2016	1877
<b>Series V. Images</b>			
3	4	Cotton Tufts President Massachusetts Medical Society (annotated that first photograph of portrait taken by Theodore Grampatroff?), See #3, folder 4. Gray drop front box	c. 1787
PHB1	T1	Susan Tufts. See <i>Photo box 1, T1</i>	c. 1865
PHB1	T2	Susannah Tufts (image from unknown source of a painting) Note with image indicates it is Susanna Warner Tufts (1744-?), Cotton Tufts second wife. See <i>Photo box 1, T2</i>	n.d.
<b>Series VI. Artifacts &amp; ephemera</b>			
3	5	Sampler by Abbey G. Tufts, aged 7 (an Abigail G. Tufts died in Boston at age 16 in 1830) Approx. 9 x 12. See #3, folder 5. Gray dfb	c. 1821
4		Woman's Shoe. Brown fabric, leather sole flat. Note indicates found in dining room fireplace of Tufts homestead, now 246 Commercial Street, and likely belonged to Susan or Mercy Tufts. See #4, small gray dfb	1824
5		<b>Notions.</b> All appear to be notions for clothing sold at Quincy Tufts' store. Round buttons might be ring	c. 1870

		buttons (fabric attached to a metal ring). See box #5	
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		buttons (fabric attached to a metal ring). See box #3, records storage box containing 2 trays of artifacts. List of contents below.	
5	ART 4/2 1	Golden brown fabric buttons sewn on board, 6 rows of 6, and annotated Buttons from Mr. Quincy Tufts store, n.d. Olive green fabric buttons on board, 6 rows of 6, annotated on reverse From Knox Samuel & Dixon Edinburgh 4d a dozen, c. 1870 Deep red fabric buttons, same design as olive green ones, but smaller, 4 rows of 6, on board, annotated on reverse From Knox, Samuel, & [cut off] Edinburgh 4d a dozen, c. 1870 Reddish Brown buttons, 1 row of five, with one empty space on board, annotated From Knox Samuel & Dixon, c. 1870 Red buttons on board, 2 rows of 6. Annotated Edinburgh, 4d a dozen, c. 1870	
5	ART 4/2 2	Buttons without identifying information. Pale pink 1 inch fabric button sewn on board, 2 rows of 6, no ID Silvery gray 3/4 inch fabric buttons, sewn on board, 9 rows of 6 and 1 on top row, no ID Pinkish gray tasseled buttons sewn on board, 1 row of 6, no ID 1 1 1/2 inch chestnut brown fabric button	
5	ART 4/2 3	Thirteen 3 inch fabric tassels pale aqua and pale olive (faded?) ; all attached to a cord and appear to be individual nor paired tassels, no ID Twenty bronze gray 2 1/8 inch fabric tassels that appear to have been sold by the pair ; all attached to a cord, n.d., no ID.	
5	ART 6/1 6	Pale aqua tassels made of sheared material and fine thread attached to a cord of same color, ending with a 1 1/8 diameter disk of the same woven thread. Green, red and gray cord with 1 1/2 inch tassel at ends	
5	ART 4/2 4	Framed gold oval mourning brooch containing hair of Mrs. Mercy Tufts at a young and old age. Simple black frame is 5 1/8" x 6 1/8". Brooch is 1 1/8" long	1849
2	12	<i>Tufts Record</i> by Mary Fifield King. Typed genealogy (2 paragraphs)	1915
2	13	Old Time New England: The Bulletin for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. July 1937	1937

		issue. Vol XXVIII Serial No. 89. Contains brief articles	
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		about Peter Tufts house in Medford , likely the childhood home of Cotton Tufts	
2	14	First day covers. 50th anniversary of Granite City Stamp Club "in the city of Presidents - Quincy, Massachusetts" , 1983; two envelopes from The Abigail Adams Historical Society on the 250th anniversary of her birth in Weymouth, 1994. One envelope has Abigail Adams 22 cent stamp	1983, 1994
2	15	Flyer entitled <i>Critique</i> about Quincy, MA and including images of Adams' family	n.d.