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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : Letters of Rev. Jonathan French and his wife Rebecca Farrar French, daughter of Deacon Samuel Farrar of Lincoln, to family, 1804 - 1849.

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French, Rebecca Farrar, 1785-1869 -- Letters.

French family.

Farrar family.

Correspondence. aat

Family papers. aat

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The French Family Collection relates to Rev. Jonathan French, North Hampton, New Hampshire, and his wife Rebecca Farrar French. Rebecca Farrar was born December 21, 1785, daughter of Deacon Samuel Farrar of Lincoln. She married the Rev. Jonathan French December 4, 1804. They had eight children. Rebecca French died February 3, 1869. Jonathan French was born August 16, 1778 in Andover, Massachusetts, graduated from Harvard in 1798. He was ordained a minister in 1801, and died December 13, 1856 at the age of 78.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises letters written by Rebecca Farrar French and her husband Rev. Jonathan French to family members, mostly from 1804 to 1849. Also included are a manuscript copy of Jonathan French's epitaph on his gravestone, and genealogical information.

### **Series Descriptions**

**Series 1:** Rebecca French Letters. Letters written by Rebecca Farrar French to family members, 1804-1825. (8 items)

**Series 2:** Jonathan French Letters. Letters written by Jonathan French mainly to family members, 1805-1849. (28 items)

**Series 3:** Miscellaneous. (2 items)

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Series 1, Rebecca French Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.010.1.1	Letter to parents, Lincoln, Mass., from Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., December 21, 1804; with added note from Jonathan French. (Written soon after her marriage.) [Accessioned as 1982.20.2]
1	2	2003.010.1.2	Letter to parents, Lincoln, Mass., from Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., January 27, 1807. [Accessioned as 1982.20.3]
1	3	2003.010.1.3	Letter to parents, Lincoln, Mass., from Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., May 2, 1808; with added note from Jonathan French. [Accessioned as 1982.20.4]
1	4	2003.010.1.4	Letter to parents, Lincoln, Mass., from Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., April 28, 1809; with added note from Jonathan French. [Accessioned as 1982.20.5]
1	5	2003.010.1.5	Letter to mother, Lincoln, Mass., from Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., March 9, 1810; with added note from Jonathan French. [Accessioned as 1982.20.6]
1	6	2003.010.1.6	Letter to parents, Lincoln, Mass., from Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., November 30, 1816. [Accessioned as 1982.20.7]
1	7	2003.010.1.7	Letter to brother and sister, Lincoln, Mass., from Rebekah [sic] French, North Hampton, N.H., March 20, 1825, relating to sickness of her father. [Accessioned as 1982.20.8]

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1	8	2003.010.1.8	Letter to son from Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., August 3, 1856; with added note from father Jonathan French, additional added note from sister Lucy French. [Accessioned as 1982.20.9]
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Series 2, Jonathan French Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	2003.010.2.1	Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., February 1, 1805. [Accessioned as 1982.19.1]
1	10	2003.010.2.2	Letter to father (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., November 15, 1805. [Accessioned as 1982.19.2]
1	11	2003.010.2.3	Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan and Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., September 26, 1806. [Accessioned as 1982.19.3]
1	12	2003.010.2.4	Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., February 3, 1807, relating to birth of daughter. [Accessioned as 1982.19.4]
1	13	2003.010.2.5	Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., February 8, 1807; relating to birth of daughter Rebekah Mercy on February 2. [Accessioned as 1982.19.5]
1	14	2003.010.2.6	Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., February 23, 1807. [Accessioned as 1982.19.6]
1	15	2003.010.2.7	Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., July 21, 1807. [Accessioned as 1982.19.7]

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| 1 | 16 | 2003.010.2.8  | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., January 12, 1808.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.8]  |
| 1 | 17 | 2003.010.2.9  | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan and Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., July 26, 1808.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.9]   |
| 1 | 18 | 2003.010.2.10 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar) Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan and Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., September 9, 1808.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.10]   |
| 1 | 19 | 2003.010.2.11 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan and Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., December 10, 1808.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.11]  |
| 1 | 20 | 2003.010.2.12 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H.; with added note from Rebecca French.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.12]  |
| 1 | 21 | 2003.010.2.13 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan and Rebekah [sic] French, North Hampton, N.H., June 20, 1810; also signed by three oldest children, Jonathan Jr., Rebekah Mercy, and Samuel Farrar French.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.13] |
| 1 | 22 | 2003.010.2.14 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from [Jonathan French], North Hampton, N.H., January 25, 1811.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.15]   |
| 1 | 23 | 2003.010.2.15 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, Andover, Mass., April 22, 1811; re visit to French parents.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.16]  |

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| 1 | 24 | 2003.010.2.16 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., August 22, 1812.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.17]   |
| 1 | 25 | 2003.010.2.17 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., December 6, 1813.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.18]  |
| 1 | 26 | 2003.010.2.18 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan and Rebekah [sic] French, North Hampton, N.H., April 6, 1814. [Accessioned as 1982.19.19]  |
| 1 | 27 | 2003.010.2.19 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., March 25, 1815.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.20]  |
| 1 | 28 | 2003.010.2.20 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., April 2, 1815, relating to birth of son James. [Accessioned as 1982.19.20]                          |
| 1 | 29 | 2003.010.2.21 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan and Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., October 16, 1816.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.21]  |
| 1 | 30 | 2003.010.2.22 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from John and Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., March 25, 1818; relating to birth of son John Farrar French.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.22] |
| 1 | 31 | 2003.010.2.23 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan and Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., October nd, 1819.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.23]  |

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| 1 | 32 | 2003.010.2.24 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from [Jonathan and] Rebekah [sic] French, North Hampton, N.H., October 21, 1821.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.24]                               |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.010.2.25 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., April 16, 1822.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.25]   |
| 1 | 34 | 2003.010.2.26 | Letter to parents (Dea. Samuel Farrar), Lincoln, Mass., from Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., October 25, 1825.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.26]   |
| 1 | 35 | 2003.010.2.27 | Letter to daughter (Rebekah?) from father Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H., February 24, 1847.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.27]   |
| 1 | 36 | 2003.010.2.28 | Letter to "dear sister Lizzie", from sister Rebecca French; with letter to daughter Elizabeth from Jonathan and Rebecca French, North Hampton, N.H., November 1, 1848.<br>[Accessioned as 1982.19.28] |

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Series 3, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	37	2003.010.3.1	Notes relating to Rebecca Farrar including dates of birth and death, marriage, children, etc. : manuscript. [Accessioned as 1982.20.1]
1	38	2003.010.3.2	"Inscription of father's monument"; significant dates in life of Jonathan French, epitaph. [Accessioned as 1982.19.29]