

**Sturgis Library Archives  
Town and Local History Collection**

**Original Newspaper Collection – *The Liberator***

**MS. 85**

**Extent:** 3 clamshell boxes

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of an incomplete set of issues of *The Liberator* dating from 1837 through 1852. This Abolitionist newspaper was printed in Boston in the mid -19th century before the Civil War.

**Historical and biographical information:** William Lloyd Garrison (December 12, 1805 – May 24, 1879) was a noted Abolitionist and one of the founders of the American Anti-Slavery Society. He founded the Abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator* in 1831, and published weekly issues for 35 years, from 1831 through January 1, 1866. Although it had limited circulation, of which the majority of subscribers were African Americans, the newspaper earned nationwide attention and spurred heated debate for its stalwart advocacy of "immediate and complete emancipation of all slaves" in the United States.

*The Liberator* continued publication through the end of the Civil War when the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified and abolished slavery throughout the United States. Garrison ended the newspaper's run with a final column stating that "my vocation as an abolitionist is ended."

In June of 1842 Garrison accompanied Frederick Douglass, George Bradburn, and Henry C. Wright to Cape Cod for a series of antislavery and nonresistance meetings which were held at numerous locations from Barnstable to Brewster. Garrison chronicled the tour and the seven meetings in the pages of *The Liberator*; unfortunately, those issues are not part of this collection.

The Garrison family had strong ties to Cape Cod. The Garrison summer retreat was located at Wianno in Osterville.

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**Acquisition:** Original acquisition date and source unknown.

**Processed:** Reprocessed by Lucy Loomis, February, 2009.

**Arrangement:** Chronological.

## ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTION CONTAINER LIST

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