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**Collection of newspaper accounts concerning the blizzard of 1888.**

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### **Introduction**

Scrapbook containing single newspaper issues covering the blizzard of 1888 that covered the eastern seaboard.

Range of collection dates: 1888

Size: 1 volume (41 pieces)

Language: English

Provenance: Frederic Vinton.

Restrictions: Unknown.

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## **Scope Note**

The single newspaper issues are contemporary accounts that cover the devastation and paralysis that ensued when the "Great White Hurricane," as it was called, paralyzed the East Coast from Washington, D.C. to the Canadian border. It lasted for 3 days (March 11-14, 1888). Telegraph and telephone wires snapped, and roads and railways shut down, isolating New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington for days. Fire stations were immobilized, and property loss from fire alone was estimated at \$25 million. Overall, more than 400 deaths were reported.

Frederic Vinton (1819-1890), who compiled the album, was the librarian of the Chancellor Green Library at Princeton (1873-1890).

## **Arrangement**

Materials on the snowstorm are organized chronologically. Leaves are numbered in ms.

1. The World (New Jersey edition), New York, Mar. 12, 1888.
2. "Snowed in: A blizzard in New York." The Evening Post (last edition), New York, Mar. 12, 1888.
3. "Winds frolic, abetted by snow, hail and rain." Boston Herald (Morning edition), Mar. 13, 1888.
4. "Snowed in: terrible storms on the Middle Atlantic coast." The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette (Tuesday Morning) March 13, 1888.
5. "The Storm: New York beginning to recover." The Evening Post (Last edition), New York, March 13, 1888.
6. The Evening Star, Washington D.C., March 13, 1888.

7. "A Great storm in the East: The city of New York and a vast area of the country literally snowed under." The Indianapolis Journal (Tuesday morning), Indianapolis, March 13, 1888.
8. "Snowbound: New York's mighty pulse almost stilled by a terrible storm." The New York Herald, March 13, 1888.
9. "A Furious Blizzard: Several inches of snow cause extensive railway detention." The Lancaster Intelligence, Lancaster, PA, March 13, 1888.
10. "Blizzard was King: The metropolis helpless under snow." The Sun, New York, March 13, 1888.
11. "New York Snowbound: The worst storm ever known in the East paralyzes business in Gotham." (Tuesday Morning) The Times, Chicago, March 13, 1888.
12. "The Snow Embargo: New York still almost isolated from the rest of the world." The World (New Jersey edition), New York, Mar. 14, 1888.
13. "The National Capital: Unprecedented severity of the storm at Washington." Boston Evening Journal, Boston, March 14, 1888.
14. "The Very Worst: The storm unequalled for many years." The Boston Herald, Boston, (Wednesday Morning), March 14, 1888.
15. "Snow-Bound: Effects of the storm along the Atlantic Coast." The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, (Wednesday morning) Cincinnati, March 14, 1888.
16. "The Storm: Improved situation." The Evening Post, (Last Edition) New York, March 14, 1888.
17. "The Worst seems to be over: Sunshine promising to subdue the blizzard." The Evening Star, Washington D.C., March 14, 1888.
18. "Situation in the East: Businesses resumed in New York City and other points." The Lancaster Intelligence, Lancaster, PA, March 14, 1888.
19. "Raid of the Blizzard," The New York Herald, New York, March 14, 1888.
20. "Digging out of it: The Big City gets up and shakes itself." The Sun (Evening), New York, March 14, 1888.
21. "New York City: How Gotham was affected by the terrible blizzard." Boston Evening Journal, (Thursday Evening) Boston, March 15, 1888.

22. "Open Again: Communication with the Metropolis." The Boston Herald, (Thursday Morning), Boston, March 15, 1888.
23. "The Coast Storm: It sweeps the country from Florida to Maine." The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, (Thursday Morning), March 15, 1888 .
24. "The Storm: The worst now over." The Evening Post, (Late Edition), New York, March 15, 1888.
25. "After the Great Blizzard: The country slowly becoming itself again." The Evening Star, Washington D.C., March 15, 1888.
26. "We are on top now: The Town has got the blizzard down." The Sun, New York, March 15, 1888.
27. "Tales of Disaster: Great loss of life reported along the Atlantic Coast." The Times, (Thursday Morning), Chicago, March 15, 1888.
28. "Resurgam! New York emerging from snow bound isolation." The World (New Jersey Edition, Thursday, March 15, 1888.
29. "Jersey's Dismal Tale: The Ghastly List of Storm Fatalities Swelling." New York Herald, New York, Thursday, March 15, 1888.
30. "After the Storm: Rapid Restoration of Lines of Communication." The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, (Friday Morning) Cincinnati, March 15, 1888.
31. "After the Storm: New York returning to its normal condition." The Evening Post (Last edition), New York, March 16, 1888.
32. "Lifting the Siege: Trains on some of the eastern roads again beginning to Move." The Times, (Friday Morning), Chicago, March 16 1888.
33. "At Sea in the Blizzard: A 'World' man's terrible voyage on a pilot boat." The World (New Jersey Edition), March 16, 1888.
34. "Story of the Storm: Continued accounts of its extraordinary ravages." Boston Evening Journal, (Saturday Evening), Boston, March 17, 1888.
35. "Meeting Half Way: How the Pennsylvania Road was cut through." Clipping inscribed with Terhune '89.
36. "Seamen's Horror: Worse Than a Thousand Demons Let Loose." The Boston Herald, (Saturday Morning), Boston, March 17, 1888.

37. "Sketched in the Great Storm." The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, Cincinnati, March 17, 1888.
38. "Grace hit by a Blizzard: The little boom could not stand the Manhattan storm." New York Tribune, New York, March 17, 1888.
39. "Snow Notes." Putnam Co. Republican, Carmel, Putnam Co. New York, March 17, 1888.
40. "Blizzardlets." The Folio, Croton Falls, New York, Friday March 23, 1888.
41. The Putnam County Courier, Carmel, New York, March 23, 1888.