

Documenting Invention: Patents and the Protection of the Useful Art

An exhibition of U.S. patents, patent law, and the protection of invention, from Samuel Morey's 1793 patent signed by George Washington to Charles Dudley's patented design for the Dartmouth senior cane.

The exhibition was curated by Barbara Krieger and Eric Esau and was on display in the Class of 1965 Galleries from August 1 to September 30, 2006.

Materials Included in the Exhibition

Case Title	Materials included
<p>Case 1. American Patents</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. United States Congress (1st, 2nd session: 1790) "An Act to Promote the Progress of Useful Arts" Available as an electronic book via the library catalog. Or in microform from Storage (Storage 4b no. 46067). 2. Confederate States of America, Patent Office. <i>Rules and Directions for Proceedings in the Confederate States Patent Office</i>, 1861. Rare Book T223.5.K6 A4 1861. Also available online via Hathi Trust. 3. Amos Kendall. <i>Morse's Patent. Full Exposure of Dr. Chas. T. Jackson's Pretensions to the Invention of the American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph</i>, 1852. Alumni K331mo. Also available online via Hathi Trust.
<p>Case 2. Dartmouth and Inventors</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daniel Webster. <i>Speech of the Hon. Daniel Webster in the great India Rubber Suit... Charles Goodyear Being Plaintiff and Horace H. Day Defendant</i>, 1852. Webster KF3159.G6 W42 1852 2. Meg McLean. "Daniel Webster in the Great India Rubber Suit." 3. Charles H. Dudley. Design patent No. 87566 issued to Charles H. Dudley of Hanover for the head of a

	cane, 1932. DC Hist GT2220 .U5
Case 3. Local Inventors and Patents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Tyler. Patent for an improvement in turbine water wheels, 1866. Possibly NH C63 1874 2. Thomas Green Fessenden. Patent Lamp Tea-Kettle, Boiler, etc. to Be Used with Oil or Alcohol, 1829. Alumni F42pa 3. Thomas Green Fessenden. Patent for a lamp apparatus for heating & boiling water and other economical purposes, signed by President John Quincy Adams, 1827. Manuscript f827131 4. MS 001340 also contains Fessenden materials. 5. We have a Samuel Morey collection (MS-150), which contains these patents and other materials relating to Samuel Morey's life. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Samuel Morey. Patent for a device for turning a spit, signed by President George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State, Philadelphia, 1793. b. Samuel Morey. Patent for a gas or vapour engine, signed by President John Quincy Adams, 1826. c. Samuel Morey. Patent for a steam engine, signed by President James Madison, 1815. d. Samuel Morey. Patent for a mode of shooting with steam & gas, signed by President John Quincy Adams, 1819. e. Samuel Morey. Patent for a mode of decompressing and recompressing water in combustion with spirit of

	<p>turpentine, signed by President Andrew Jackson, 1833.</p> <p>f. Samuel Morey. Patent for a method of burning water, called the American Water-burner, signed by John Quincy Adams, 1817.</p> <p>g. Samuel Morey. Patent for obtaining a force or power from water, with the assistance of steam, signed by President John Adams, 1800.</p> <p>6. Gabriel Farrell. <i>Capt. Samuel Morey Who Built a Steamboat Fourteen Years Before Fulton</i>, 1915. Alumni F247c. Also available online via Hathi Trust.</p> <p>7. Stephen Harriman Long. Specification of certain improvements in the Locomotive Engine and the Mode of Transferring carriages from One Level to Another in Their Passage Upon Rail-ways, 1826. Alumni L853s</p>
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