

Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection

Kittredge Maritime Research Center Collection, 1967-1996
MS. 108

Extent: 1 box.

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of the records of the Kittredge Maritime Research Center of the Sturgis Library, including organization papers, correspondence, agendas, meeting minutes, annual reports, member lists, collection documents, and all published issues of the Cape Cod Mariner, 1988-1996.

Biographical and Historical Information: The Kittredge Maritime Collection was donation to the Sturgis Library in 1972 by Mrs. Richard Eaton in memory of her late husband Henry Crocker Kittredge, the renowned schoolmaster and Cape Cod historian/author. Over 3,000 books on maritime topics as well as personal and research documents, journals, notes, photographs, and manuscripts make up the collection. In the 1980s the Board of Trustees of the Sturgis Library voted to establish the Kittredge Maritime Research Center of the Sturgis Library to “promote the knowledge of Cape Cod Maritime History through a research-oriented library whose materials ...reflect a “way of life” and its commercial and cultural influences. Further, to promote this knowledge with continuing programs of material acquisition; research services; inventories and classification; education and publication.”

The Kittredge Collection forms the first collection in the Sturgis Library archives, which now totals over 100 collections (as of 2013). The Maritime Center’s primary activities included programming, research, archival cataloging, acquisition of additional archival materials, and the publication of the Cape Cod Mariner, as scholarly newsletter of the Maritime Center.

The Kittredge Maritime Research Center ceased activities in 1996.

Access: Unrestricted access. Credit Sturgis Library for reproduction.

Acquisition: Sturgis Library administrative files.

Related collections:

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