

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

Cape Cod History and Genealogy Collection, 1671-
MS. 116

Extent: 3 boxes

Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of miscellaneous historic photographs, postcards, family histories, historical documents, military histories, town histories, biographical sketches, deeds, bills, estate papers, and more. Most were donated to the Library in the 20th century and were not part of a larger collection.

Historical and Biographical Information:

Access: Unrestricted. Credit Sturgis Library Archives.

Acquisition: Unless otherwise indicated, the year of acquisition and name of the donor is unknown.

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Box 1

Photographs and postcards

- Fldr 1 *Barnstable School photograph circa 1893/4.* Schoolhouse unknown. A list of students is included along with a copy of the photograph with each person numbered and indexed. Also included is an article from the Barnstable Patriot, June, 1893, relating the graduation exercised of some of the students.
- Fldr 2 *Real photo postcard circa 1913 / WWI era Light Artillery MVM* (Massachusetts Volunteer Militia) at mess during target practice, West Barnstable, MA
- Fldr 3 *Blue Tavern, Barnstable postcards, stationary, history.* Built 1926; burned down 1985.
- Fldr 4 *National Washington Monument Certificate and leather daguerreotype case.* These items were given to Cap. Loring Crocker to acknowledge a donation made to the fund to construct the Washington Monument. The design pictured on the certificate and case was the one first conceived by Architect Robert Mills, but eventually abandoned. The daguerreotype photo in the case is presumed to be of Loring Crocker. The certificate has facsimile signatures of James K. Polk, John Quincy Adams, Albert Gallatin, Daniel Webster, and Henry Clay. Also included is an appeal to Loring Crocker's son Alfred requesting a donation to the National Civic Hall and Peace Memorial.
- Fldr 5 *Howes Family Photographs #1.* Includes images of unidentified people as well as Howes family members and friends, including Mrs. Florence Hallett, Capt. Joseph Howes, Grandma Howes, Grandfather Howes, husband of (Grandmother) Marta Curtis Howed, Hannah Knowles, Mary Abbie March, William Moore, Janine Myrick, and D. L. Kebbon Stearns.
- Fldr 6 *Howes Family Photographs #2.* Includes images of Dorothy Howes, buildings (including New Church, Yarmouth Port), group photos including milliners & ladies selling lace, group at ocean, Boston Rubber Co. Baseball Team, and a group portrait of men posing on a stage, many dressed in women's clothes for a theater production of some sort.

Also included in this folder are documents:

- Jordan Marsh bill of sale Jos Howes 1894
- Yarmouth Grange brochure 1910
- Barnstable County Woman's Christian Temperance Union
- Obituaries of Martha H. Howes and Alice Matthews
- Marriage noticed May Matthews and Joshua Eldridge Howes
- Letter to Mr. Matthews

Box 1

Photographs and postcards (continued)

Fldr 7 *Thacher Family photographs and documents.* Includes photographs and documents related to Louise Thacher, John Thacher and unidentified relatives.

Box 2

Genealogical and family documents and papers

Fldr 1 Excerpts from the Silvanus Bourne Family Bible and List of Negroes Born in this House. According to a note in the folder, Silvanus Bourne lived in the "Gay Wier" house on Millway in Barnstable Village.

Fldr 2 Book of poems printed in the Barnstable Patriot 1844-1860 by Phebe Chamberlain.

Fldr 3 Documents related to Schooner Marl and Bark Mabel, Alfred and Loring Crocker.

Fldr 4 Giles Holbrook documents 1841-1850. Letters, petitions, etc.

Fldr 5 *Thornton Kirkland Lothrop documents Part 1*
Thornton Kirkland Lothrop married William Sturgis' granddaughter Anne Maria (Gar) Hooper. Anne Hooper Lothrop was a long-time Trustee of the Sturgis Library

- 2 letters from Oliver Wendell Holmes, one undated and one dated 1886, both written from 296 Beacon Street
- Sturgis/Hooper/Mason genealogical chart
- Letter from Jenny ____ regarding Hooper genealogy
- Hooper family fan chart
- Hooper family tree
- Letter from Edward Everett, 1849, in envelope with signatures cut from various correspondence
- Miscellaneous correspondence/letters

Fldr 6 *Thornton Kirkland Lothrop documents Part 1*

- Copies of British records relating to the Hooper family
- Chancery proceedings Ante 1714 Hooper
- Probate Court Archdeaconry of Exeter – Hooper 1541-1703(/)
- Hooper wills in the Consistory Court of Gloucester 1543-1640s
- Robert Hooper will 1667 and Barbados monument inscriptions
- Miscellaneous Hooper records

Box 2

Genealogical and family documents and papers continued

- Fldr 7 *Genealogies of the Rider family of the Cape. Also the Sparrows of Eastham and Orleans* by Josiah Paine of Harwich.
- Fldr 8 Sears family documents – wills, estate papers, etc. circa 1700s
- Fldr 9 Charles Thacher, Justice of the Peace. Yarmouth Marriage certificates and other documents. 1840s – 1880s
- Fldr 10 Miscellaneous documents 1734-1852
1. 1667 Deed between Tispaquin, otherwise called Black Sachem, and his wife Amy – land to Henry Wood (2 early copies)
 2. 1671 Richard Bourne document
 3. 1678 Barnstable document
 4. 1725 Release of 50 pounds to Hopefull Snow, widow of Ebenezer Snow of Eastham, for support of “her numerous family of small children.” Signed by John Otis, Esq.
 5. 1728 Precinct meeting proceedings, Yarmouth, September 1725. Signed by Joseph Howse, Joseph Rider, Joseph Bassett, and Josiah Miller.
 6. 1733-1735 Statement of Nathaniel Rider regarding dispute about payment for storage of grain. Names include Nathaniel Rider, Richard Knowles, Caleb Lumbert, and Samuel Godfrey.
 7. 1758 Edward Bacon & Thomas Gorham of Barnstable. Indenture of Ebenezer Pepery (?), Indian boy, indentured to the late Mehitable Lewis
 8. 1769 Bill of James Robson to Samuel Sturgis for supplies
 9. 1769-1770 Itemized bill for services and supplies – possibly supplied to the county – payable to Cornelius Crocker
 10. 1774 Deed for pew at East Meeting House assigned from Abigail Freeman to Joseph Davis
 11. 1779 Deed between Nathaniel Hinckley and Zaccheus Jenkins, signed by Joseph Otis.
 12. 1782 Deed between Daniel Davis and Joseph Davis for land in Barnstable.
 13. 1803 Bill for items purchase at auction by Daniel Crocker.

- Box 2** Fldr 10 Miscellaneous documents 1734-1852 continued
14. 1805 Pew deed, Yarmouth Meeting House, Thomas Black to Richard Gray
 15. 1817-1820s Notes, accounts, etc. of John Davis (3 documents)
 16. 1822 Intention of marriage certificate, Nathan Rogers of Orleans and Phebe Allen of Harwich, Nov 27, 1822
 17. 1825 Proof of Citizenship and physical description of Henry Parker, American Seaman, Collections Office, District of Charlestown, South Carolina
 18. 1825/1840 Deed and estate papers, John and Benjamin Foster. (3 documents)
 19. 1835 Certificate of enrollment for carrying on the coastal trade, Port of Barnstable, Adino Paddock, Master of the Sloop Helen.
 20. 1835 Land deed, Calves Pasture, Barnstable, Elijah Loring to William Loring.
 21. 1839 Notice to Barnstable, Massachusetts Whigs to remind them of the importance of voting. Lists Whig candidates from around the state.
 22. 1852 Report of S.B. Phinney, Delegate from the Cape Cod Conference to Saratoga NY, National Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches.
- Box 3** **Historical documents and papers**
- Fldr 1 1763 Expenditures for the Building of Courthouse / Eben Bacon [Barnstable]. (Believed to be the building that is now, in 2014, the Old Colonial Courthouse/Tales of Cape Cod.)
 - Fldr 2 1766 Some Account of Smallpox in the Town of Chatham
 - Fldr 3 1806 Roster of the Officers of the 2nd Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 5th Division Militia Cape Cod
 - Fldr 4 1811 Mercy Otis Warren letter to he publisher
 - Fldr 5 1833 Experiences of five Christian Indians of the Pequod Tribes by William Apes.
 - Fldr 6 1838 Attorney General's Opinion on the Commonwealth Title to the Provincelands in the Town of Provincetown, Senate Report No. 43

Box 3

Historical documents and papers continued

- Fldr 7 1880 Inscriptions on gravestones in the oldest Barnstable burying grounds [Lothrop Hill Cemetery] by George Lyman Kittredge
- Fldr 8 History of Pond Village by Marie Taveau (Gift of Mary Crane). Original and copy. **Copy should be used by public.**
- Fldr 9 Wampanoag Tribe of Indians by William J. Miller
- Published book 1874
 - Original handwritten manuscript Part 1
- Fldr 10 Wampanoag Tribe of Indians by William J. Miller
- Original handwritten manuscript Part 2
- Fldr 11 Memorial Inscriptions, Cemeteries, Hyannis, Centerville, Osterville, Marstons Mills by Gustavus Hinckley. Handwritten manuscript.
- Fldr 12 Soldiers of the Revolution and Addendum. Compiled by Gustavus Hinckley. Gift of F. B. Matthews, August 10, 1967.
- Fldr 13 Reverend John Lothrop and his First Church of Barnstable : A paper by Gustavus Hinckley read before the Fortnightly Club.
- Fldr 14
- Signers of the Compact in Provincetown Harbor Nov 11 1620
 - Notable names in Early Cape Cod History
 - Founders of New England Emigrants
- Compiled by Gustavus Hinckley.