

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

**Gustavus Adolphus Hinckley (1822-1905)
Photographs of Barnstable**

MS. 33

Extent: 29 photographs (gelatin prints)

Biographical note: Gustavus Adolphus Hinckley was born in Barnstable in 1822. He went to Boston at age 18, learned the trade of machinist and traveled the country working on engines and instructing mechanics. After this he turned his attention to mining, and became superintendent of Pewabic Copper Mines in Lake Superior, and later managed an oil farm in Pennsylvania. He returned to Barnstable in 1872 and two years later became treasurer of the Barnstable Savings Bank, retiring in 1883.

Hinckley was interested in the “Old Colony” of Plymouth, and especially his native town of Barnstable and was determined to preserve its history. Hinckley became known as an authority on Barnstable families. He transcribed all early vital and town records, and Barnstable County probate records that dealt with town residents. He also visited cemeteries and recorded all names, dates and inscriptions. He fully indexed his transcriptions.

After Hinckley’s death his papers were donated to the New England Historical Genealogical Society library in Boston. His collection of transcriptions is published by NEHGS on CD, a copy of which is available in Sturgis Library.

Scope and contents note: All 29 photographs mounted on board and inscribed on the verso of the mount as by Gustavus Hinckley. Subjects are houses in Barnstable Village, house interiors, and landscape scenes in Barnstable.

Access: unrestricted

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John Dimmock House, front chamber

Gorham house, kitchen

Dr. S. Savage house, east room

Baxter house, north room

John Dimmock house, parlor

Folder #2 Exteriors

Dr. Samuel Savage house, 3010 Main Street

Capt. James Baxter house

Nathaniel Barow house

William Winslow Sturgis house

Gorham house

Bursley House, West Barnstable

Folder #3 Neighborhoods

East of Court House

Dimmock neighborhood (Whittemore house, etc.)

West Barnstable, north of Church Street

Bacon Farm and Major Phinney's house

West Barnstable, road to station

Jail Hill – Howard House, etc. (views from rising land behind Beale-Iasigi House)

Folder #4 Nine Mile Pond (Wequaquet Lake)

4 views of Nine Mile Pond

Folder # 5 Marsh/Water Views

9 views of Sandy Neck and other views