

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

Mary Sprague Collection

MS. 83

Extent: 1 box

Biographical note: Mary Sprague (1890-1980) daughter of Sarah and Francis W. Sprague and granddaughter of Caleb Gardner Sprague, lived on Rendezvous Lane in Barnstable Village.

Mary's great-grandfather, a deep sea "Cap'n" from the age of 21 until he retired from the sea at the age of 73, came from Hingham, and married Sarah Gorham of Cummaquid. Her grandfather, grandmother, and father were all born in Barnstable and spent their summers there.

In her books, Mary recollects the people, places, and history of Barnstable Village.

Scope and Contents note: The collection consists of one bound volume that includes Mary Sprague's books *A Cape Cod Village* and *Barnstable, A Bit of Nostalgia*, both published in the 1960s, accompanied by a volume of clippings, notes and photographs that were inserted in the books and later removed to be stored separately. The collection also includes an audio interview with Mary and additional photographs of the family.

Access: Unrestricted. Credit Sturgis Library Archives for publication purposes.

Acquisition: Books donated to the library by Mary's family. Date unknown. Interview and additional photographs donated to the library by Mary's family member by marriage Judy Body of Atlanta, GA.

Associated material: A filmed interview with Mary Sprague is part of the oral history collection in the Nickerson Room at Cape Cod Community College's library. It was filmed as part of the Tales of Cape Cod series in 1975.

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- Volume 1 Two books bound into one volume titled *Barnstable* on spine
- Includes *A Cape Cod Village from the Horse and Buggy to the Space Age* by Mary Sprague and *Barnstable : A Bit of Nostalgia* by Mary Sprague and others.
- Volume 2 Miscellaneous papers of Mary Sprague. Includes photos, clippings, notes, etc. that were originally taped into Volume 1.
- Folder 1 Mary Sprague interview on CD-ROM
- Folder 2 Photographs primarily circa 1900-1920; one photo circa 1970
1. Sprague house
 2. Sallie Sprague Barnard with children Mary and Eleanor
 3. Sprague family at cottage in Barnstable (people identified)
 4. Sallie Sprague in boat
 5. St. Mary's Church; Sallie Sprague & friend in boat
 6. Mary Sprague and Ken Barnard circa 1970; Mary Sprague circa 1910
 7. Horse/buggy; Grandpa Sprague
 8. Sprague house; horse/buggy