

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

Cape Cod Library Club

MS. 92

Extent: 1 clamshell box

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of published histories of the Cape Cod Library Club, issues of the Club newsletter, minutes of meetings, and miscellaneous Club-related documents.

Historical note: The Cape Cod Library Club, which held its first meeting in 1900, was formed at the mandate of the Massachusetts Library Commission, “which felt that the best way to promote interest in the libraries of the various parts of the state was through library clubs.” Miss Elizabeth Nye, Sturgis Library’s Librarian, was the Club’s first Treasurer. It appears the Club was active well into the 1970s and perhaps longer. At some point in the last decades of the twentieth century the Club evolved into the Cape and Islands Library Association, whose mission is to foster cooperation among libraries, safeguard intellectual freedom, and promote access to information for all residents of Cape Cod and the Islands as well as scholars and others interested in topics with a Cape and Islands connection.

Access: Unrestricted. Credit Sturgis Library.

Acquisition: Source unknown.

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Contents:

- Folder 1: Miscellany
- *Cape Cod Library Club : Its History 1900-1950*
 - *A Historical Sketch of the Libraries of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket*
 - *Misc. Directories of the Libraries of Cape Cod (6 items, undated – 1971)*
 - *Constitution and Bylaws, 1970*
 - *3 photographs*
 - *Entries in a challenge to write a 25 word radio spot for WOCB using the word LIBRARY*
- Folder 2: Cape Cod Library Club Newsletter, 1970-1977
- Folder 3: Annual meeting announcements and minutes, 1900, 1950-1973 incomplete
- Folder 4: Scrapbook
- Loose in box: Cape Cod Library Club Secretary's book, 1930s – 1960s