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Manton Copeland Collection
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**MANTON COPELAND COLLECTION
HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY**

From the Manton Copeland Papers M039, George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives, Bowdoin College Library.

“Manton Copeland was born on July 24, 1881, in Taunton, Massachusetts. A member of the Class of 1904 at Harvard, from which he also received master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees, Copeland joined the Bowdoin faculty in the fall of 1908 as instructor in biology. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1909, professor of biology in 1910, and Josiah Little Professor of Natural Science in 1936, a position he held until his retirement in 1947. He taught courses in botany, vertebrate ecology and behavior, organic evolution, zoology, and special laboratory and field investigations. He also taught embryology and histology at the Medical School of Maine at Bowdoin from 1912 until it closed in 1921. In 1960 former students and friends established the Manton Copeland Scholarship Fund at Bowdoin, and in 1966 he was the recipient of the Bowdoin Alumni Council’s Alumni Award for Faculty and Staff.

Manton Copeland died on May 22, 1971, in Brunswick, Maine, survived by his three sons, Preston, Frederick, Manton, Jr. and his daughter Elizabeth. His wife, the former Ruth Winsor Ripley of Taunton, Massachusetts, who he married on December 20, 1910, died on January 17, 1965.”

Manton Copeland was at the MBL beginning in 1912 while he was a professor at Bowdoin. In 1921 he purchased land along Gardiner Road in Woods Hole from Miss Florence Tinkham and built a summer home overlooking Buzzards Bay and the MBL beach. The building on this site prior to this construction had been a small cottage built by MBL director Charles O. Whitman. Dr. Copeland created a special garden at the site, which was written up in the Falmouth *Enterprise* in 1953. The site is hilly and steep; the house is above the sloping garden and its pool along the road.

SCOPE

Dr. Copeland made a specialty of collecting books by Cape Cod authors and collecting Cape Cod and Islands ephemera. The ephemera collection has been in the WHHM archives since the collection was donated to us. However, since most of it has nothing to do with Woods Hole, it has been de-accessioned and donated to the Cape Cod Community College’s William Brewster Nickerson Room (Cape Cod History Archives) where it has a more appropriate home.

The rest of the collection includes his garden competition notebooks from 1932-33. He was an avid rock gardener, collector of wild plants and water lilies.

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BOX 1

FRAMED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES AND PHOTO

1. Manton Copeland's membership certificate for the American Ornithological Union, 1900.
2. Manton Copeland's membership certificate for the Nuttall Ornithological Club, 1908.
3. Manton Copeland's membership for the Biological Society of Massachusetts, 1905.
4. Manton Copeland's meeting certificate and medal with ribbon for the 7th International Zoological Congress, 1907.
5. Certificate of Manton Copeland's election as officer of the Natural History Society of Harvard University, 1901.
6. Photo of Dr. Charles O. Whitman of the MBL feeding a flicker from a dish, n.d.

BOX 2

DUNN COLLECTION

Three notebooks containing typed transcriptions of articles and information on the history of Woods Hole.

Material collection by Dr. Elizabeth H. Dunn for a book on Woods Hole. She died before it was written. Presented by Miss Josephine Fish, September 2, 1937. Manton Copeland organized the material into three notebooks.

BOX 3

THEATER COLLECTION

Playbills, Penzance Players, 1932-1965 (incomplete)

Playbills, Penzance Players, 1932-1965 (incomplete), duplicate collection

Playbills, Falmouth Playhouse, 1949-1952

Tickets: "Tons of Money"

Play script: "Gold in the Hills"

BOX 4

GARDEN PLANNING AND COMPETITION NOTEBOOKS and MISCELLANY

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Folder 1: Biographical and other information on Manton Copeland**Folder 2: Miscellany**

- a. Typed ms. "In Praise of Woods Hole," by Annie Nathan Meyer. Torn off note attached: "Meyer, Annie Nathan, In Praise Of Woods Hole, Copy of manuscript received from author, March 5, 1938."
- b. Booklet. Reprinted from Old Time New England, The Bulletin of The Society For The Preservation Of New England Antiquities, Volume XL, No. 4, April 1950. "Sewing Birds Viewed By A Naturalist," Manton Copeland.

Folder 3: Garden Planning and Competition Notebook 1932-1933, Part 1.

Pages removed from original notebook.

Folder 4: Garden Planning and Competition Notebook 1932-1933, Part 2.

Pages removed from original notebook.

Folder 5: Garden Planning and Competition Notebook 1932-1933, Part 3.

Pages removed from original notebook.

- Folder 6: Newsclipping.** Partial newsclipping. Copeland Garden, continued from Page 1. "Tour Will Explore Exotic Garden, 28 Years In Making." Falmouth *Enterprise*, August 14, 1953.