

Woods Hole Historical Museum Archives  
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REGISTER  
Reverend George Fisher Collection  
93-10

c. 1900-1913

1 box

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## HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY

George Fisher was born in Franklin, Massachusetts in 1839 and died in Cambridge in January 12, 1926. He was buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Messiah in Woods Hole. He had been active in the ministry for over 50 years. Reverend Fisher became rector on January 1, 1899. He retired from the Church of the Messiah in 1921 after 23 years of service to the Church of the Messiah. He was a well-beloved rector who was a presence in more than in his church. His daughter Sarah was very active in the Church as well, being superintendent of the Sunday School and involved in many community activities.

## SCOPE

The Reverend George Fisher Collection contains a photo album, labeled with humor and descriptions by his daughter Sarah. It is very fragile and is kept in the collection box. There are also loose mounted photos of the original Church and The Rectory as it was at the time – these are kept in the fireproof file. Other photos are of Woods Hole scenes of the period around 1909 – 1913.

A xerox copy was made of all photographs and the photo album. There is a copy of a note which came with the collection:

*“ Dear Sir,*

*The pictures I am sending belonged to the Fisher family, the Rev. George Fisher (my grandfather) was rector of the Church of the Messiah for many years.*

*If the pictures are of no interest, please discard them – I have duplicates.*

*Sincerely,*

*(Mrs. Wm. L.) Miriam/Marion? (?initial?) Hoyt*

All photographic material has been digitized (Digital numbers 483 – 548).

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Registers, 2019 and 1993 (obsolete)

Folder 1: Church of the Messiah, exterior and interior photos, c. 1900- 1913

- 93-10.1 Exterior, front (west) view of Church of the Messiah. B/W, 3 ½ x 3 ½ inches.  
 93-10.2 Exterior, front view also showing north side, Church of the Messiah. B/W postcard, 5 ½ x 3 ½ inches.  
 93-10.3 Exterior, front view of the Church of the Messiah, taken from Luscombe property across Church Street. B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded to yellow.  
 93-10.4 Exterior view of Church of the Messiah from across Church Street, showing cemetery wall, taken from vicinity of Foster (later Whitney) property (from s.w.). B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded to yellow.  
 93-10.5 Exterior, Church of the Messiah, south side, taken from the cemetery. B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded to yellow.  
 93-10.6 Duplicate of 93-10.5  
 93-10.7 Duplicate of 93-10.5  
 93-10.8 Exterior, Church of the Messiah, south side, taken from the cemetery (from different position than 93-10.5). B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded to yellow.  
 93-10.8A Exterior, Church of the Messiah, southeast corner, taken from the cemetery. B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded to yellow.  
 93-10.9 Interior, Church of the Messiah, the Pulpit. B/W, 3 ½ x 3 ½ inches, faded.  
 93-10.10 Interior, Church of the Messiah, the Altar. B/W, 3 ½ x 3 ½ inches, faded.  
 93-10.11 Interior, the original wooden Church of the Messiah, the Chancel. B/W 5 ¼ x 8 ½ inches, mounted on board.  
 93-10.11A Interior, the original wooden Church of the Messiah, the Chancel. B/W, 3 ½ x 3 ½ inches, faded.  
 93-10.12 Exterior, Church of the Messiah, 1907, front view. B/W, 9 3/8 x 7 1/8, mounted, slightly faded.  
 93-10. 13 Exterior, Church of the Messiah, 1907, front and west side view. B/W 7 3/8 x 10 ½ inches, mounted, slightly faded.

Folder 2: The Parish House (formerly the original wooden Church of the Messiah), exterior views, 1903, 1907

- 93-10.14 Exterior, Parish House, 1907, taken from the Rectory (from north). B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded.  
 93-10.15 Exterior, Parish House, with Davis house in distance, 1903, taken from the southwest. B/W, 5 ¾ x 8 ½ inches, mounted.

Folder 3: The Rectory, Corner Church Street and Woods Hole Road (1877, demolished ? before 1953)

- 93-10.16 Exterior front of The Rectory, summer 1913. Postcard, B/W, 5 ¼ x 3 ¾ inches, faded.  
 93-10.17 Exterior front of The Rectory. B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded.  
 93-10.18 Exterior rear of The rectory, taken from the Railway. B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded.

93-10.19 Exterior, yard? of the Rectory, looking northeast? B/W, 4 x 5 inches, faded.

93-10.20 Exterior, The Rectory, east side and yard. B/W, 4 x 5 inches, quite faded.

#### Folder 4: Views of Little Harbor

93-10.21 Little Harbor Lighthouse Tender Station, 1906, taken from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Rectory, looking southwest. B/W 4 x 5 inches.

93-10.22 Duplicate of 93-10.21, trimmed. B/W 4 ½ x 3 ¼ inches.

93-10.23 Little Harbor, showing east shore. Postcard, B/W, 5 ½ x 3 ½ inches, faded.

93-10.24 Little Harbor, taken from Government Road (Little Harbor Road), with catboats in foreground and Church Street buildings in background, taken by Miss Morse. B/W, 6 5/8 x 4 5/8 inches, faded.

93-10.25 View along east side of Little Harbor, showing Luscombe house, Foster house, Miramar and shoreline. B/W, 8 3/8 x 6 3/8 inches, faded.

93-10.26 View of Little Harbor looking southwest to corner of Lighthouse Tender Station and peninsula where Airplane House was later built (taken before 1912). B/W, 8 3/8 x 6 3/8 inches, faded.

#### Folder 5: Woods Hole Buildings

93-10.27 The Library, Woods Hole. B/W, 2 ¼ and 3 ¼ inches (the library was completed in 1913).

93-10.28 The Fay Homestead (Challenger), west side. Negative, B/W, 5 ½ x 3 1.2 inches.

93-10.29 Garden of the H.H. Fay house, Nobska Point. B/W, 4 3/8 x 3 inches, mounted.

93-10.30 Walter O. Luscombe house (Residence of), Church Street, taken from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of The Rectory, looking southwest over Little Harbor. B/W, 8 x 4 ¼ inches, mounted. Marked on back of mounting: Commercial Photo Co., 14 Broadway Extension, Boston, Mass.

#### Folder 6: Xerox copies of photos and photo album.

#### Folder 7: Fisher Family Photo Album

93-10.31 Striped Paper-covered album with paper leaves containing B/W prints, entitled "Home is where the Heart Is!" "With heaps of love and wishes for a merry Xmas to dear old Jean from The Loving Family.....Xmas 1909." 10 ¾ x 7 ¾ inches. very fragile, edges torn.

All pictures captioned:

Page 1, top: The Rectory (caption: Home!)

Page 1, bottom: Little Harbor from The Rectory (caption: From Sallie's Window)

Page 2, top: rose garden (caption: Our Rose Garden – otherwise known as)

Page 2, center: garden (caption: Betty's Happy Hunting Ground – even into Xmas time)

Page 2, bottom: garden (caption: But Where Are the Primroses?)

Page 3, four blurred photos of ladies (caption: Fine Feathers Makes Fine Birds).

Page 4, top: two blurred photos of ladies (caption: More Feathers! – But the Birds!).

Page 4, bottom: left: woman or girl in smock (caption: "I know a most wonderful Artist" etc.)

Page 4, bottom : right: two girls in woods (caption: You an' Alhea(?) in the woods ( ) Hyde Park, 1908).

- Page 5: four photos of babies and children (caption: The Babies).
- Page 6, top: portrait of collie-shepherd dog on wicker chair (caption: Tessums)
- Page 6, bottom left: small terrier (caption: "Him Nicey Doggins").
- Page 6, bottom center: dog and man (caption: Will and Pad).
- Page 6, bottom right: woman holding dog near face (caption: Tad's Loving Mistress).  
Caption at bottom of page: The Pets.
- Page 7, top: Church of the Messiah, Parish House, Rectory from the cemetery looking northwest.  
(caption: Church of the Messiah – Parish House – Rectory – Woods Hole, Mass.).
- Page 7, bottom left: Church of the Messiah from across Church Street (caption: Pa's Church).
- Page 7, bottom right: Church of the Messiah from across Church Street with horse legs entering  
the photo right (caption: Pa's Church and Mr. Foster's Horses – (Mr. F. is just behind).
- Page 8, top left: Lamppost and street corner (blueprint) (caption: See who'll come 'Round the  
Corner Next?)
- Page 8, top right: wall and trees (blueprint) (caption: O wall, O wall. O sweet and lovely Wall!)
- Page 8, bottom: granite post, rock wall and distant houses (caption: Where the Sun sets in  
Summer!)
- Page 9, top: Tall dock and beach with waves (caption: Let's Go Bathing? Bring a cake of Ivory  
Soap - )
- Page 9, center: Nobska Light. Woods Hole, Mass. (caption identical).
- Page 9, bottom: Nobska beach (caption: Where Paddy & Aunt Jean play Tag.).
- Page 10, top: Little Harbor with catboat and skiff (caption: Little Harbor).
- Page 10, center: Little Harbor from Woods Hole Road (caption: Little Harbor A gin!).
- Page 10, bottom: U.S. Lighthouse Service Dock, catboat right (caption: The Buoy Yard & Miss  
Fay's Boat).
- Page 11, top: USFC from dock (caption: U.S.F.C. – The Residence. Woods Hole, Mass.)
- Page 11, center: USFC Aquarium building and boat basin (caption: Bug Hunters' Paradise!)
- Page 11, bottom: USFC Aquarium building (U.S.F.C. – The Hatchery. Woods Hole, Mass.)
- Page 12, top: Railroad yard from the bridge (caption R.R. Station – from the bridge. Woods  
Hole, Mass.)
- Page 12, center: Dock and steamer going by in the Hole (caption: Come by Land or Water-----).
- Page 12, bottom: Railroad station canopy with heavyweight passenger car (caption: At the R.R.  
Station, Woods Hole, Mass. Page caption: Only Come!)
- Page 13, top: rocks in water and catboat race in the Hole (caption: The Start).
- Page 13, center: catboat race (caption: Rounding the First Buoy(.
- Page 13, bottom: catboats coming near Harrison dock (caption: The Finish). (Page caption: The  
Harrison Fisherman's Race, Sept. 1909).
- Page 14, top: Open touring car in front of The Rectory with many passengers (caption: The Start  
of the Chaperones.)
- Page 14, center: Girls/women with bucket hats tied on (caption: Aren't They Handsome!)
- Page 14, bottom: scene with water and trees (caption: Camp of the O.W.K.'s – 1909).
- Page 15, top: boys sitting on ground near canvas tent (caption: Monkey Faces – Did you ever see  
any before?)
- Page 15, bottom: silhouette of boy with drum near tent (caption: The Camp Drum Major - ).
- Page 16, top: man with outdoors outfit (caption: The Imp – Robert Ferguson (Alice's New York  
Pal) at the Fancy Dress Party of the O.W.K.'s Aug – 1909 –
- Page 16, bottom: man with white hair and beard (caption: Mr. Lincoln. Find Him if you can --).

93-10.32 Reverend George Fisher at the altar, Church of the Messiah. Photo by Bachrach.

Sepia print, 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 13  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

93-10.33 Stone church – ***not*** Church of the Messiah (marked incorrectly on reverse of print).

Sepia print, 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.