

Woods Hole Historical Museum Archives
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REGISTER
Hibbard-Romer Family Collection
1893 - 1996

1 box and digital files of photo album

HISTORY

History (edited 2016 by SFW) written by Jennifer S. Gaines, C. 1996:

This collection was created mostly by Hope Hibbard, who first came to Woods Hole and the MBL in 1917 to take the Invertebrates course. She returned for many years, first as a student and later as a researcher. She earned her PhD. at Bryn Mawr, taught at Elmira College for three years and won a fellowship to the Sorbonne where she earned another PhD. She then joined the Zoology Department at Oberlin College in 1928 and taught there until 1961 when she retired. During most years she returned to the MBL. She bought the house at 37 Buzzards Bay Avenue in Woods Hole in 1947 (?), divided the property and resold the house in 1948, keeping the barn (33 Buzzards Bay Avenue) as a summer house for herself.

Hope's sister Ruth met her future husband at Woods Hole in the summer of 1922. He was Alfred Romer, a researcher. Part of this collection concerns his canoe, the Rhamphorynchus, which he bought in Woods Hole in 1922. It is a canvas-covered wood-framed Old Town canoe. The boat was stored in the Hibbard barn at 33 Buzzards Bay Avenue until the summer of 1996, when the heirs, children of Al and Ruth, specifically Sally Hibbard Romer Evans, donated it to the Woods Hole Historical Collection. It was hung in the Swift Boat Barn when that was finished in 1996.

SCOPE

This collection includes material on the purchase and renovation of the barn at 33 Buzzards Bay Avenue, photographs of the MBL and family and assorted booklets related to Woods Hole and the MBL.

The photo albums are a priceless collection of the years 1917 – xx in Woods Hole and the activities of MBL researchers and their friends and family in the summers. There are not a lot of images of research being done. The images contain a few portraits of MBL researchers and instructors. Principally the photos show leisure time activities and field trips of MBL researchers on the *Cayadetta* and on other vessels, as well as swimming, picnics, games and lots of fun. Unfortunately most of them are not identified or labeled.

The photos in the albums were scanned individually and the original albums returned to the family. The files numbers are 2123-2459 in the Museum's Archival digital collection, both as large files (TIFFs) and small files (JPEGs).

HIBBARD-ROMER COLLECTION

BOX 1

1. Hibbard-Romer Administrative file
2. Hope Hibbard (1893-1988)
 - a. Typed manuscript. Autobiographical notes (2 pp.)
 - b. Typed manuscript. Notes from her memorial service in Oberlin, Ohio (1988)
 - c. Hope Hibbard's War Emergency Police Pass (signed by Harold L. Baker, Chief of Police), n.d. (World War II)
3. Barn (33 Buzzards Bay Avenue) Correspondence 1947-1948
 - a. Typed letter. Letter from Edward E. Swift to Miss Hibbard, August 20, 1948. *Describes origin of the barn (1890s). Also xerox copy.*
 - b. Typed postcard. Note from Edward E. Swift to Miss Hibbard, August 21, 1948. *States barn was built in 1891.*
 - c. Map of Woods Hole showing Hibbard barn
 - d. Typed letter. Letter to Russell Morris, Falmouth, Mass., April 1, 1948 about renovating the barn.
 - e. Typed letter. Letter to Captain Smith, May 20, 1948 about selling the house. On Oberlin College letterhead.
 - f. Postcard. Postcard addressed to Stanley N. Eldridge with form on back. *Stanley N. Eldridge was the weekly inspector for the protective association run by the MBL for their seasonal researchers' homes.*
 - g. Handwritten notes. Hope's Barn (as told to Jeanne – in mid 1980s). Xerox copy.
 - h. Photographs. Xerox copies of 3 photos of barn.
4. Barn (1947-1954)
 - 4A. Invoices
 - 4B. Receipts, checks (in wallet-folder)
- 5A. Canoe *Rhamphorhynchus*: Articles
 - a. Typewritten manuscript. The Story of the Rhamphorynchus by Sally Hibbard Romer Evans with help from Jeanne Hibbard Stephens and James H. Romer, 1986.
 - b. Newsletter. Mainsheet, Fall 1988, with article on the *Rhamphorhynchus*.
- 5B. Canoe *Rhamphorhynchus*: Miscellaneous material (bills, booklets, instructions, restoration work)
 - a. Order with description of canoe and outfitting details from Old Town Canoe to the Penzance Garage, April 27, 1922. Xerox copy.
 - b. Invoice. Original bill from Penzance Garage to A.S. Romer, June 1, 1922.
 - c. Typed letter. Letter from Old Town Canoe Company, August 9, 1946, from Braley Gray to Mrs. A.S. Romer.
 - d. Business card. Business card from Woods Hole Marine Railway and Supply

Co., Inc.

- e. Notes on paper. Notes on paper labeled "Canoe" from Arthur "Pinky" LeBlond, Woods Hole Marine Railway and Supply Co., June 1977.
- f. Handwritten letter. Letter from Richard Campbell, Woods Hole Marine Railway and Supply Co., Inc., February 2, 1978, to Mrs. Alfred S. Romer, about work being done on canoe.
- g. Pencil drawing. Sketch and dimensions of floorboards for the canoe, September 1987.
- h. Booklet. Old Town Canoes, Old Town, Maine, U.S.A. "Canvas-Covered Water Craft and Their Equipments" manufactured by Old Town Canoes Company, Old Town, Maine, U.S.A., 1910. Reprinted 1981 by the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association, Ltd. P.O. Box 5634, Madison, WI 53705.
- i. Printed card. Directions for Refinishing. N.D.
- j. Printed sheet. Directions for Stopping Leaks and Making Patches in the Canvas Covering of CANOES and BOATS. Accompanying REPAIR KIT put up By Old Town Canoe Co., Old Town, Maine, U.S.A.
- k. Photographs. Four 4 x 6 inch color prints of Alan Lunn (restorer) with canoe (2), photo of canoe (1), detail of the Rhamphorhynchus painted on the bow (starboard side) (1), 1996.

5C. Canoe *Rhamphorhynchus*. Paper patterns and drawing. Patterns and drawings for silhouette of the *Rhamphorhynchus* to be painted on canoe's bow (starboard side).

6. Photographs: 1890s (5, with 4 being by Baldwin Coolidge)
Baldwin Coolidge originals are in Baldwin Coolidge Small Box, Oversize Family Collection. Xerox copies are in this folder

- X-1 Invertebrates MBL 1896 (7900, Digital File No. 2714), with numbered key on mat. Photograph by Baldwin Coolidge. Xerox copy.
- X-2. U.S. Fish Commission, Piers, Basins, Stores, 1891 (Digital File No. 2713) Photograph by Baldwin Coolidge. Xerox copy. *Taken from west side.*
- X-3. U.S. Fish Commission Laboratory and Residence with small boat basin (5147, Digital File No. 2715). Photograph by Baldwin Coolidge. Xerox copy. *Taken from Great Harbor looking north.*
- X-4. Penikese (spelled "Pennikese" on photo) (Digital No. 2712). Photograph by Baldwin Coolidge. Xerox copy.
- X-5. MBL and Fisheries buildings, Woods Hole. Two panoramic photos mounted on a card

7. Photographs: MBL (black and white) (1900s-1920s)

- People collecting in shallow water (Naushon?)
- Lab interior
- Lab interior
- *Cayadetta* going out (Penzance in background and catboat)
- Captain Veeder (in *Cayadetta* wheel house), Engineer Lewis and "Algie"

- R.A. Bud(d)ington and Captain Veeder on the *Cayadetta*, 1916.
- F.R. Lillie (photo by Julian Scott)
- MBL (Supply Department? Mouse House?) with canoe rack, Eel Pond in background.
- U.S. Fish Commission buildings, looking southwest from Crane or Lillie
- Crane Building (MBL)

8. Postcards

Older postcards (hand-colored or b/w German photo postcards 1900-1920s
Printed for Mrs. S.I. Snow, B.F. Eaton).

- Main Street, Woods Hole (looking west, Swift house over bridge view)
- Main Street, looking east (Meth. Church, Swift, hotel)
- Railroad square with Luscombe building and Eaton's
- View of Buzzards Bay Avenue with apartment house left ("Crow Hill")
- Railroad Station-Steamboat Landing
- Uncatena at wharf
- MBL Mess (on left) and U.S.F.C. buildings
- MBL: Old Main (from Crane?), Penzance in distance
- MBL: Old Main from "garbage beach"
- MBL Mess on right and U.S.F.C. left
- Candle House and bake house
- Main Street looking east with carpenter shop on right, Great Harbor
- "Lake View" (Eel Pond) looking west at MBL

Newer postcards (b/w and color)

- Nobska Light (aerial)
- Penzance Point (aerial)
- Aerial of Woods Hole with Eel Pond and village (b/w)
- Aerial of Woods Hole with Eel Pond and village (colored)
- Cottage with flowers (b/w). Postcard sent to Hope Hibbard, 1948.
- Coast Guard Station, Little Harbor (b/w). Postcard sent to Hope Hibbard, 1948.
- Harbor view somewhere between Falmouth and Falmouth Heights (colored)
- West Chop Light (Martha's Vineyard Island) (colored).
Postcard sent to Hope Hibbard, 1950.
- Falmouth Road Race, Woods Hole Road near Sands of Time. Photo by Hugo Poisson (colored).
- Nobska Light House. Hugo Poisson (colored).
- Little Harbor with buoy tender and Airplane House (colored).
- Aerial view of Woods Hole with Fisheries and MBL (after 1960) (colored).
- Harbor View Fish Market and Clam Shack (colored drawing), Falmouth.

9. Photo albums (four), 1917-1929. Xerox copies. **Digital file numbers 2123-2459.**
Original photo identifications on the few which were written are very hard to read.
10. Photographs: Woods Hole 1920s, 1930s.
- MBL
- U.S.F.C.
- Great Harbor and ferries
- Misc. Woods Hole scenes
11. Photographs: Hope Hibbard, Ruth Hibbard and 37 Buzzards Bay Avenue, 1980s.
12. Booklet. "Songs and Poems of Woods Hole," 1921. Small booklet with blue print.
Collected by Donnell B. Young. Printed by The Book Shop, Woods Hole, Mass.,
1921.
13. Booklet. "Songs of the MBL," 1921. 1st edition, Fragile cover! (with horseshoe crab
line drawing design)
14. Booklet. "Songs of the MBL," 1922. 2nd edition.
15. Booklet. "Songs of the MBL," 1922. 2nd edition. Acc. No. 96-27.2
- covered music book, complete Fragile cover!
- complete set of pages without cover
- two extra copies of page 15
16. Song sheets (handwritten and typed) Very fragile!
17. Reprints of booklets of Winterton Curtis:
a. Booklet. "State of Maine" by Winterton Curtis, 1955.
b. Booklet. "Yankee Boy On the Oregon Trail," 1955.
c. Booklet. "Good Old Summertime at the MBL," 1955.
18. Woods Hole and area ephemera
- reprint: Penikese Island, reprint of newspaper from July 9, 1873.
- pamphlet: Oceanography, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, n.d.
- pamphlet: Dedication of The Laboratory of Oceanography and Oceanographic
Convocation, June 21 to June 25, 1954, Woods Hole, Massachusetts
(dedication of Smith Lab)
- folded card: The Falmouth Historical Society
- pamphlet: West Parish Meetinghouse, 1717-1954, West Barnstable,
Massachusetts
- printed wedding invitation: Wedding of Anne Gurewich to Dr. Edwin Earl
Gordon, June 10, 1956.
- excerpt: Growth. Article on WHOI property acquisitions, and aerial view of
Water Street campus and area, 1960s (?).
- reprint: "Why Is This Man Smiling?" about Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, 1978.
- postcard: Fishmonger's Cafe postcard,
- business card: Zippers – Mr. Fixit

- seasonal card: Town of Falmouth Beach Committee, 1988 season

19. Painting. Fishing boat. Paint on masonite. Possibly done by Hope Hibbard.