

Woods Hole Historical Museum Archives
P.O. Box 185
Woods Hole, MA 02543

REGISTER
Marvin-Wheatley-Crawford Collection
1887 – 1986

Accession Number 86 - 10

3 boxes

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HISTORY AND SCOPE

The Marvin-Wheatley-Crawford Collection was accessioned in 1986 and boxed in one container. Many large photos (poorly protected) and albums crowded against papers in folders caused the folders to be bent over. Its register was neatly typed as well as genealogy, family and collection information. This new register is being created in 2019 and the contents of the box rehabbed with new protection and folders. Large photos, certificates and albums have been moved to a large flat box better suited to their storage.

Note: the three doctors sailed a fine small catboat which is typed up in the original material as “Lur-Line”.* It was bought by Dorothy Marvin’s father sometime after he built their house on Bar Neck Road, Woods Hole. This boat still exists. After the doctors stopped sailing her, the boat was given by Dr. Marvin to Alan Gordon and was restored at Quissett Harbor Boatyard by Bruce Barnard, possibly assisted by Alan Gordon and Browne Littell. She is called *Lurline* with no hyphen. See Archives collection BOATS, Box 2, under Notable Boats, for detailed records of this catboat (copy in folder on *Lurline*). Builder: Reuben Bigelow of Monument Beach, c. 1910.

**Photos of the boat show why it was spelled “Lur-line.” The letters were on each side of the rudder, rather than below, interrupting the name as a whole.*

SCOPE NOTE (ORIGINAL)

Time Period – 1887 to 1986

Kinds of materials – Correspondence, Certificate (s), Photos and Snapshots

Pertaining to the lives of Lucy Martha Crawford, M.D.
 Marjorie Alvord Wheatley, M.D.
 Dorothy Hope Marvin, M.D.

Note: Considerable material re Wheatley has been transferred to the Putnam County Historical Society in Cold Spring, N.Y. See Folder 12.

BIOGRAPHY OF DOROTHY HOPE MARVIN, M.D. (ORIGINAL)

Born – 1904 in Cleveland, Ohio

Graduated New Brunswick (*sic*), N.J. High School

Graduated Vassar College – 1924

Graduated College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia Univ. 1928

Interned at Columbia Presbyterian & at Strong Memorial, Rochester, NY

Practiced 45 years as Obstetrician-gynecologist in New Brunswick (*sic*) –
on staff of Middlesex General Hospital (now Robert Wood Johnson Med. Center)

Taught obstetrics at Middlesex General Hosp. Nurses Training School.

1937 – Founded her own birth control clinic in Middlesex County.

Retired – 1979 and lived permanently in Woods Hole at 28 Bar Neck Rd.
which had been her family summer home since 1918.

Died in 1986 in Falmouth

Buried in churchyard of Church of the Messiah along side Wheatley and Crawford.

Parents

Father – Walter Taylor Marvin – Dean of Rutgers Univ.

Mother – Adelaid Hoffman Marvin – a founder of Douglas College in New Brunswick (*sic*)

BIOGRAPHY OF MARJORIE ALVORD WHEATLEY, M.D. (ORIGINAL)

Born – July 22, 1897

Christened – Dec. 16, 1906

Graduated from Drum Hill School – 1915 – Peekskill, N.Y.

Joined DAR – Cornelius Beekman Chapter in 1916-17.

Graduated from Vassar College – 1919

Worked as laboratory ass't. N.Y. Dept. of Health and was student in embriology (*sic*) at MBL
in summer of 1919.

Graduated from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons – 1928

Appointed House Physician at N.Y. Hospital – Jan. 1, 1930 to July 1, 1930. Had served as
junior and senior ass't physician for 18 months. (Certificate on file)

1931 – served 9 months as Pediatric Intern at N.Y. Nursery and Childs Hospital in N.Y.
(certificate on file)

Served as pediatrician at N.Y. Hospital until her retirement in 1978

For several years she spent one month each summer in Orando, Montana as physician at Keewaydin Trail Riding Camp.

Died – 1973 in Woods Hole

Parents

Father - Joseph Yendes Wheatley – died 1927 in Cold Spring on Hudson, Putnam County, N.Y.

Occupation – Civil Engineer. Published book “The Polar Planimeter” in 1903. (useful for engineering calculations)

Mother – Olissa Alvord Beal – born in Cleveland, Ohio

Graduated Normal school – Cortland, N.Y.

Graduated School of Oratory – Boston – 1893 and 1894

Performed as elocutionist.

BIOGRAPHY OF LUCY MARTHA CRAWFORD, M.D. (ORIGINAL)

Born – 1887

Professor at College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia U.

Retired to Woods Hole in 1974 and lived at 28 Bar Neck Rd.

Died – 1980 in Woods Hole.

SHARED LIVES OF DOCTORS MARVIN, WHEATLEY AND CRAWFORD.

Marvin and Wheatley both graduate from Columbia Medical School in 1928.

Crawford was one of their professors at medical school.

They spent much of their summers over the years at Marvin’s summer home at 28 Bar Neck Rd. in Woods Hole.

They owned a sailboat named “Lur-line”). *See note above.*

Many pictures show them with a large brown airdale dog.

Dr. Crawford lived alone at 28 Bar Neck Rd. after she retired in 1974. Dr. Wheatley came up from NYC on weekends to care for her.

In 1978 when Dr. Wheatley retired a room was added to the house. At some time the house was also winterized.

Dr. Marvin retired to Woods Hole in 1979.

They are buried side by side in the churchyard of the Church of the Messiah here in Woods Hole.

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1. Register
2. Research correspondence
3. Xeroxed newspaper copies of Marvin Obit. and retirement
4. Xeroxed newspaper copy of Wheatley Obit.
5. Pictures of Marvin
6. Postals from Marvin to Wheatley
7. Letters and postal – Marvin
8. Marvin family passports
9. Bar Neck house – snapshots and slides
10. Pictures of the sailboat – Lur-line
11. Alaska article by D. M. Marvin – also red leather prayer books
12. Wheatley – Putnam County Hist. Soc. Correspondence
13. Wheatley – pictures of Marjorie
14. Wheatley – family picture
15. Wheatley – 2 pictures (duplicates) – 13 mos. old – on right

16. Wheatley – certificates
17. Wheatley – postcard correspondence
18. Wheatley – Montana
19. Wheatley – Marvin – Teenagers in Montana
20. Xeroxed copy – Obit. of Rev. Richard Wheatley (grandfather)
21. Crawford – Sketch by Leigh Hunt, personally addressed to her
22. A piece of Crawford stationary

HANDWRITTEN NOTES IN REGISTER FOLDER

Note 1.

On paper with heading:

The Library
Marine Biological Laboratory
Woods Hole, MA 02543

Wheatley, Marjorie

1919 Student in Embryology

1919 Instructors in Embr:

Gilman A. Drew (MBL)
Charles G. Rogers (Oberlin)
Hubert B. Goodrich (Wesleyan Univ.)
Elizabeth A. Smith (Univ. Wiscons)
B.H. Grave (Knox College)

Wheatley was at the time a Lab Assistant, N.Y. State Department Health

Note 2:

3/16/89

From

Graveyard

Church of Messiah

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REGISTER (2019)

BOX 1

Folder 1. Original register and notes

Folder 2. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence from and to Jennifer S. Gaines to Putnam County Historical Society re. Marjorie Wheatley and family, 1988.
- b. Correspondence from and to Elizabeth T. Dodge (Libby) in search of information on the doctors, 1989.

Dorothy H. Marvin

Folder 3. Marvin family passports, 1871

Folder 4. Typewritten manuscripts: Mountain Sheep Hunting In Alaska, August and September, 1914 by D.W. Marvin (2 copies)

Folder 5. Photos: Dorothy Marvin

Folder 6. Dorothy Marvin, newsclippings

Copied on one sheet of paper:

- a. Newsclipping. "Recently Retired, She Was Honored At Reception,"
Falmouth *Enterprise*, June 29, 1979. Xerox copy.
- b. Newsclipping. Obituary, Dorothy M. Marvin, Falmouth *Enterprise*, October
20, 1986. Xerox copy.
- c. Newsclipping. Obituary from unknown newspaper, sent by nephew Andrew Marvin.
"Dr. Dorothy Marvin, 82." Marked 10/20/86. Xerox copy.

Folder 7. Postcards and correspondence, from and to Dorothy Marvin

- a. Postcards from Dorothy Marvin to Marjorie Wheatley, 1948.
- b. Postcards and letters to Dorothy Marvin. 1950s-1969

Marjorie A. Wheatley:

Folder 8. Marjorie Alvord Wheatley: family information

- a. (xerox copy of original family information, original above)
- b. Newsclipping. "Funeral of Dr. Wheatley." Unknown newspaper, June 18, 1909,
with obituary and photo of Dr. Richard Wheatley of Cold Spring, NY. (Marjorie's
grandfather). Xerox copy.

Folder 9. Photos (two duplicates) of Marjorie, at 13 months (right), and sister, 1898.

Folder 10. Photos of Marjorie Wheatley and other subjects

Folder 11. Postcards: correspondence

Folder 12. Marjorie A. Wheatley: various certificates

- a. Holy Baptism, December 16, 1906
- b. Letter of appointment as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Cornell University,
May 21, 1951
- c. The Society of the New York Hospital: letter of appointment as Assistant Attending
Pediatrician, July 1, 1961 – June 30, 1962.
- d. New York State Education Department, January 1, 1959 – December 31, 1960.
Registration as Physician.
- e. New York State Education Department, January 1, 1961 – December 31, 1962.
Registration as Physician.

Folder 13. Montana ephemera

- a. Brochures. Keewaydin Rocky Mountain Ranches and Pack Trips
- b. Booklet. Trail Riders Guide to the Bob Marshall Wilderness
- c. Map. Flathead National Forest, Montana

- Folder 14. Rocky Mountain manuscript and correspondence
- a. Typed letter. Letter from National Geographic Society to Dr. Dorothy H. Marvin about their manuscript and photos, April 9, 1958.
 - b. Typed ms. "Adventurous Teenagers Trail-Ride In The Rocky Mountains" by Marjorie A. Wheatley, M.D. and Dorothy H. Marvin, M.D.

Folder 15. Photos. Montana (see also Box 2: Montana album (color prints))

- Folder 16. Dr. Marjorie A. Wheatley M.D.: ephemera
- a. Envelope with Marjorie A. Wheatley M.D. return address
 - b. Appointment card for patients of Marjorie A. Wheatley, M.D.

Folder 17. Newsclipping, Falmouth *Enterprise*, 1983. Obituary, Marjorie Wheatley (xerox copy)

Lucy Martha Crawford

Folder 18. Stationary. Mauve-edged folded sheet of cream deckled letter paper with script-style writing: "Dr. Lucy M. Crawford, 42-20 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, N.Y."

Folder 19. Pencil sketch on tissue of farm buildings by Leigh Hunt*. Annotated below in pencil: "Dear Lucy with Xmas greetings and many thanks for many kindnesses."

**Leigh Harrison Hunt (1858-1937) was an New York M.D., etcher and art critic.
Material printed from the Archives of American Art.*

Marvin-Wheatley

Folder 20. 28 Bar Neck house and snapshots of Woods Hole (slides and color prints)

- Folder 21. *Lurline* (catboat)
- a. Slides and photo prints
 - b. Information on *Lurline*: interview with Browne Littell by Jennifer Gaines.

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BOX 2

1. Autograph book, Wheatley family (19th century)
2. Cased set (leather) of leather bound books:
 - a. Lessons (Proper Lessons for the Sundays and Holidays Throughout The Year)
 - b. The Book Of Common Prayer – Protestant Episcopal Church Of The United States. Oxford University Press, 1870. Case inscribed David M. Marvin.

3. Photo album (green leatherette): Montana (color prints).
Color prints in the album have all discolored to red, rather than normal color.
4. Certificate (vellum) – rolled. New York Hospital, Appointment as House Physician for Marjorie Alvord Wheatley, January 1, 1930, for the period of 18 months.
5. Certificate. New York Nursery and Child's Hospital. Appointment to House Staff and completion of Pediatric Internship for Marjorie Alvord Wheatley, October 1, 1931.
6. Photograph. Print, 8 x 10 inches, black and white. Out of focus photo of wagon and horses in grass area, mountains in background (Montana?).
7. Mounted photograph. The family of the Reverend Richard Wheatley.
Annotated on mounting back:
Left: Joseph Y. Wheatley, Alissa Beal, parents of Marjorie Alvord Wheatley (b. 1897?).
Child in photo is an older sister.
Right: Wheatley sisters & two children.
Mary Wheatley Lewis (husband: Isaac Lewis, U.S. Army)

Daughter: Margaret. --? Name (boy to left in sailor suit).

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BOX 3

CHILDREN'S TOYS AND MISCELLANY
Belonging to Marjorie A. Wheatley

1. Paper Dolls, from 1916 *Ladies' Home Journal*
2. Birch bark box, containing the following:
 - old beads
 - doll dishes
 - Christmas stickers
 - elaborate cross
 - name tapes
 - round comb
 - small bottle
 - glass paperweight of "Sunnyside" – Washington Irving home
 - pins
 - wooden puzzle
3. Japanese paper parasol

4. Button collection
5. Doll's bloomers
6. Printed cloth with Buster Brown
7. Student's question book, 1905
8. Doll's hat
9. Two sets of dominoes
10. Game box with checkers
11. Red cotton child's skirt with black silk cat appliqués
12. Wooden stick, possibly a drum stick