

Woods Hole Historical Collection
P.O. Box 185
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REGISTER
MORSE COLLECTION (08-3)
1890s - 1969

1 box

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Charles V. Morse
1898-1982

Elizabeth Phillips Look Morse
1909-1993

Betty-Ann Morse
April 6, 1935-December 22, 2005

Dr. M. Patricia Morse

Charles V. Morse was born in 1898 in New York and died in 1982 in Falmouth, Massachusetts. He had moved to Cape Cod in the 1920s. During his time in the U.S. Coast Guard he was stationed at Woods Hole and participated in many sea rescues, pursuits and adventures during the rum-running era (1920-1933). He retired from the Coast Guard as Chief Warrant Officer in 1942 but remained involved with the sea and piloted many local yachts. He made a number of trips between Cape Cod and Florida.

Elizabeth Phillips Look grew up on Buzzards Bay Avenue, Woods Hole at Number 1 Buzzards Bay. Her father George C. Look built a home on School Street, Woods Hole, and the family moved there. It became her home after her marriage to Charles V. Morse. Elizabeth "Betty" Look graduated from Lawrence High School in Falmouth, Massachusetts and from Bridgewater State College. She and Charles V. Morse married in 1934. They lived in Barre, Vermont during the time that Mr. Morse was on the staff of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp where the Barre Dam was being built. After returning to Falmouth she was a first grade teacher for many years

Daughter Betty-Ann Morse was born April 6, 1935 in Montpelier, Vermont and grew up in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. She graduated from Lawrence High School, Falmouth, Massachusetts, and received her undergraduate degree from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine where she studied physics. She later did her graduate work at the University of Washington and was a researcher in physical oceanography, being a pioneer for women in science. During the summers she worked at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. She was one of the first women to go to sea for the study of oceanography. Miss Morse spent much of her time living on houseboats. She died December 22, 2005.

Daughter Dr. M. Patricia Morse grew up in Woods Hole. She is a professor of biology at Northeastern University, Boston, and spends summers at the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Marine Laboratories. She is a marine biologist with over 75 publications in the field.

SCOPE NOTE

The Morse Collection was given by Dr. M. Patricia Morse. It contains photographs, photograph albums, correspondence, souvenir booklets and ephemera pertaining to both the Morse family and the related Look and Phillips family. See also the Woods Hole Market-George C. Look Collection (06-16).

Patricia's sister Betty-Ann Morse previously had given papers and ephemera for the Woods Hole Garage and other material involving both the Look and Phillips family into which Charles V. Morse (U.S. Coast Guard) married. Charles V. Morse's wife Elizabeth Phillips Look was the daughter of George C. Look. John F. Phillips, brother of Mrs. Morse, ran the Woods Hole Garage.

Many loose photos and photos in albums (mostly unidentified) are of the late 19th and very early 20th centuries. These are mostly family photos and "snapshots", many of Elizabeth "Betty" Look. Other photos include large-format mounted prints that show aspects of Woods Hole's late 19th century commercial activity and the family homes on Buzzards Bay Avenue, Woods Hole.

Other photos are of the 1938 and 1954 hurricanes which seriously affected and damaged Woods Hole. U.S. Coast Guard vessels on which Charles Morse served are featured in large photos. A separate group of photos and ephemera relate to Helen Phillips, aunt of both Patricia and Betty-Ann Morse, who worked for oceanographer Columbus Iselin during World War II and at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. There is a large photo of the participants (all identified) in the significant 1956 "Project Nobska". Project Nobska was a conference meeting of national figures working on anti-submarine warfare, both military personnel and scientists; the conference was held at the Whitney estate on Church Street in Woods Hole.

Souvenir booklets included are published photo albums of the area including an 1896 survey of places around Buzzards Bay (bordering Woods Hole and the western end of Cape Cod) and the 1902 Ter-centennial of the landing of Bartholomew Gosnold.

MORSE COLLECTION 08-3

Donated by Dr. Patricia Morse (“Trish”)

*Her sister Betty Ann Morse (“BAM”) gave WHHC papers and ephemera for the Woods Hole Garage and other material involving both the Look and Phillips family into which Charles Morse (U.S. Coast Guard) married.
Patricia previously gave us (06-16) ephemera and papers for the Woods Hole Market and its proprietor, George C. Look.*

08-3.1 W.H.O.I. papers and ephemera

08-3.1-1. Black and white photo of the participants in Project Nobska, 1956, 8 ½ x 11 ¼ inches. *Project Nobska was a conference meeting of national figures working on anti-submarine warfare, both military personnel and scientists; the conference was held at the Whitney estate on Church Street.*

08-3.1-2. Typewritten list of the people in the above photo.
BOTH KEPT IN “WHOI”, Project Nobska box.

08-3.1-3. Letter from Columbus Iselin presenting a Certificate of Merit to Helen F. Phillips, September 1, 1945.

08-3.1-4. Certificate from the Office of Scientific Research & Development. National Defense Research Committee, n.d.

08-3.1-5. Booklet. *Oceanus*, Volume 1, Number II, Summer 1953.

08-3.1-6. Program. Dedication of The Laboratory of Oceanography and Oceanographic Convocation, June 21 to June 25, 1954.

08-3.1-7. Program. Dedication of The Laboratory of Oceanography, 21 June 1954.

08-3.1-8. Program. Public Inspection of the New Research Vessel Atlantis II, February 9 & 10, 1963.

08-3.1-9. Letter to Helen F. Phillips from Paul Fye, July 7, 1967 for her 30-year pin.

08-3.1-10. WHOI Newsletter, Volume 10, Number 12, June 9, 1969. Front page features a photo of Columbus Iselin presenting Helen F. Phillips her 30 year pin.

08-3.2 W.H.O.I. Photographs

08-3.2-1. Postcard (color) of Atlantis II.

08-3.2-2. Photo of Paul Fye and Dean Bumpus, b/w, 5 x 7 inches.

08-3.2-3. Photo of Paul Fye (smiling) and Dean Bumpus, b/w, 5 x 7 inches.

- 08-3.2-4.** Photo of Paul Fye shaking hands with Michael Cook, b/w, 5 x 7 inches.
- 08-3.2-5.** Photo of Paul Fye shaking hands with Michael Cook, Dean Bumpus in foreground, b/w, 5 x 7 inches.
- 08-3.2-6.** Columbus Iselin presenting Helen Phillips her 30 year pin at her retirement (see 8-3.1-10; this is the original of the photo used in the newsletter), b/w, 5 x 7 inches.
- 08-3.2-7** Ketch *Atlantis* at WHOI dock, 1946, before foremast shortened, b/w, 5 x 7 inches.
- 08-3.2-8.** Ketch *Atlantis* at WHOI dock, 1946, before foremast shortened, b/w, 5 x 7 inches.
- 08-3.2-9.** Ketch *Atlantis* at WHOI dock, 1946, before foremast shortened, color, 5 x 7 inches. Photo by Watson, in cardboard frame.
- 08-3.2-10.** Ketch *Atlantis* under sail, b/w, 8 x 10 inches.
- 08-3.2-11.** Ketch *Atlantis* at Valletta, Malta, January 17, 1948. Photo by Dave Owen. B/W 8 1/8 x 10 inches, mounted on paperboard.
- 08-3.2-12.** Aerial view of Woods Hole village, b/w, 10 x 8 1/8 inches.
- 08-3.2-13.** Ketch *Atlantis* at WHOI dock, b/w, 3 3/8 x 5 inches.
- 08-3.2-14.** Ketch *Atlantis* at WHOI dock, b/w, 3 3/8 x 5 inches.
- 08-3.2-15.** Ketch *Atlantis* under sail, side view, b/w, 8 x 10 inches.

08-3.3 Historic Photographs, Large Format

- 08-3.3-1.** T.E. Howes & Co. with staff, 1892, on Eel Pond side of Water Street. 7 1/4 x 4 1/4 sepia (faded) print on 8 x 10 inch mounting board. Marked on back "Woods Hole, November 1892". *This location is approximately where the Black Duck Restaurant/Phusion are located, right after the bridge on the west side of Water Street.*
- 08-3.3-2.** T.E. Howes & Co. with staff, 1895,. 7 11/16 x 4 5/8 inches sepia (faded) print on 8 x 10 inch mounting board. Marked on back "Woods Hole, August 1895". *The business had moved in 3 years; the location is unclear, possibly to Luscombe Avenue. The 1870 steamship building is in the background.*
- 08-3.3-3.** House with couple standing in front, possibly on Buzzards Bay Avenue, 1892. 7 1/4 x 4 1/4 sepia print on 8 x 10 inch mounting board. Marked on back "Woods Hole, Buzzards Bay Heights, November 1892."
- 08-3.3-4.** Corner of Water Street and Railroad Avenue with stores (George Look's Woods Hole Market, Howes Market) and barns before 1902 (when corner of Water Street was widened). Single-weight sepia print 10 x 7 3/4, faded and damaged on edges.

08-3.4. 1938 Hurricane Photos (b/w, all 5 1/4 x 3 3/8 inches with deckled edges)

- 08-3.4-1.** Small house in water at Falmouth Heights.
- 08-3.4-2** Crane house in distance and wrecked road at Penzance entrance.
- 08-3.4-3.** Stone dock, Little Harbor, with railroad tracks and wrecked boats on dock and shore (includes Lighthouse Service Station).
- 08-3.4-4.** Stone dock, Little Harbor, with railroad tracks and wrecked boats on dock and shore, more westerly view.
- 08-3.4-5.** Louis Hatzikon house, 7 Millfield Street (?), flooded.

08-3.5 1954 Hurricane Photos (b/w, 5 5/16 x 3 5/16 inches), all labeled.

08-3.5-1. U.S. Coast Guard, Little Harbor and wreckage on adjacent beach (below Ballantine's)

08-3.5-2. Parking lot, railroad station and fish market with parking lot flooded.

08-3.5-3. Steamship dock with high water and waves with *M/V Islander* and another ferry, flooded parking lot.

08-3.5-4. Dyer's Dock and channel, with boats next to cars.

08-3.5-5. Railroad station and flooded cars.

08-3.5-6. Flooded ferry parking lot with rows of cars.

08-3.6. Miscellaneous and Family Photos (loose)

08-3.6-1. Vera Hilton (Mrs. Sumner Hilton), left, and Charlotte Hilton (Mrs. Glendon Hilton), right, at Methodist Women's League meeting. Color print, 5 x 3 1/2 inches.

08-3.6-2. Charlotte Griffin Christian (left) and Ellen Gifford (Mrs. George) Griffin (right) at Gifford house. Color print, 4 1/2 x 3 7/16 inches.

08-3.6-3. Ellen Gifford Griffin in rocker with cat in lap. 4 1/2 x 3 3/8 inches.

08-3.6-4. Esther Wilson (daughter of builder Braham Norton). Color print, 4 1/2 x 3 3/8 inches.

08-3.6-5. Class on steps of a school, labeled "Nov. 13, 1926". B/W, 2 3/4 x 1 3/4 inches.

08-3.6-6. Older man and woman with baby. B/W, 2 7/8 x 2 inches.

08-3.6-7. Bungalow with screened porch in front and shed dormer, grassy field in front. B/W, 3 9/16 x 3 11/16 inches.

08-3.6-8. Postcard of Community Hall (1930s or 1940s?). B/W, 5 1/2 x 3 3/4 inches.

08-3.6-9. Toddler in long dress near house. B/W 3 3/8 x 3 3/8 inches.

08-3.6-10. Same photo as 08-3.6-9 printed on a postcard. B/W, 5 1/4 x 3 1/4 inches.

08-3.6-11. Group of women and one man near car (1920s style clothes). B/W 4 3/8 x 2 5/8 inches.

08-3.6-12. Betty Look, smiling, on swing chair set with white dress and big bow in hair B/W, 3 1/16 x 3 7/16 inches.

08-3.6-13. Photo of four-door car, labeled "Feb. 3, 1929". B/W, 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches.

08-3.6-14. Morse (?) in Coast Guard uniform with other officers in front of Falmouth Library. B/W, 4 1/2 x 2 3/4 inches.

08-3.6-15. Old lady with baby in lap wearing long dress. B/W, 3 3/8 x 3 1/2 inches.

08-3.6-16. Two girls wearing white dresses, black stockings, big bows in hair, with toddler in between. B/W, 3 7/16 x 2 3/8 inches.

08-3.6-17. Betty in white dress and Howard Adams in black stockings with smock over knickers standing by edge of road. B/W, 4 x 3 1/8 inches.

08-3.6-18. Gambrel-roofed cottage with porch and group of ladies in long skirts, c. 1910 style. B/W, 3 1/8 x 3 1/4 inches.

08-3.6-19. Large shingle-style house (not Woods Hole). B/W, 3 3/16 x 2 7/8 inches.

08-3.6-20. 1920s coupe-convertible. B/W, 1 13/16 x 2 13/16 inches.

08-3.6-21. Girl sitting on running board of car, wearing a cloche hat, white stockings

(1920s). 2 3/16 x 3 3/16 inches.

08-3.6-22. Oval photo printed on postcard of toddler in dress on sidewalk and houses in background. 3 1/4 x 5 1/4 inches.

08-3.6-23. Gable-end house with ells, labeled "Grandma Look's house" (on Martha's Vineyard?). B/W, 4 x 2 3/8 inches.

08-3.6-24. Same toddler as 08-3.6-22 with woman sitting on lawn. B/W, 3 3/8 x 3 3/8 inches.

08-3.6-25. Two camps (cottages). B/W, 3 9/16 x 2 1/2 inches.

08-3.6-26. Betty Look in 1920s-style straight dress, socks with pattern, laced shoes (ghillies?). B/W, 3 9/16 x 5 11/16 inches.

08-3.6-27. House at corner of Orchard Street and Buzzards Bay Avenue, built by the Swifts for Love Swift Cornell. B/W, 3 1/2 x 3 5/16 inches.

08-3.6-28. House at corner of Orchard Street and Buzzards Bay Avenue, built by the Swifts for Love Swift Cornell. B/W, 3 1/2 x 3 5/16 inches.

08-3.6-29. Black board photo holder with round opening and photo of baby in wicker carriage. B/W photo. Overall measurement: 3 3/8 x 3 3/8 inches.

08-3.7 Morse House and U.S. Coast Guard Photos

08-3.7-1. Unidentified white U.S. Coast Guard cutter. B/W (faded), 9 1/8 x 7 1/8 inches.

08-3.7-2. Same vessel as 08-3.7-1, under way with crew on deck. B/W, 9 15/16 x 8 1/16 inches.

08-3.7-3. CG-131 under way. Tinted B/W, 8 x 10 inches. Stamped on back: Mosher Photo Service, Vineyard Haven, Mass.

08-3.7-4. Morse house garages in deep snow. Color print, 4 1/2 x 3 3/8 inches.

08-3.7-5. Morse house, 63 School Street. Color print, 12 x 8 inches.

08-3.8. Pig License.

License from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Town of Falmouth, for Charles Morse to keep 2 pigs. March 23, 1943.

08-3.9. George C. Look, Cash Grocer, receipt pad.

(see also Woods Hole Market Collection).

08-3.10. Woods Hole Log, August 8, 1934.

08-3.11. Along Shore at Buzzards Bay, 1896.

Along Shore at Buzzards Bay, Buzzards Bay and Vicinity, Photo-Gravures.

Photographed, Published and Copyrighted, 1896, by W. L. Kelley, Photographer, Harwichport, Mass.

Pages marked by pencil child's scribbles.

08-3.12. Woods Hole and The Ter-Centenary of the Landing of Gosnold, August 5th,

1907.

Paper-covered book.

08-3.13. *Cape Cod Magazine*, November 1923.

08-3.14 *Hurricane Carol Lashes Rhode Island*, August 31, 1954.

Published by the Providence Journal Company.

08-3.15 PHOTO ALBUM

Album with black thin paper cover (loose) with white printed title "Photographs" in upper left corner. 5 ½ x 7 inches. Includes baby photos of Betty Look and Helen, c. 1900-1911. Photos labeled in white ink. Some are dupes of photos in Folder 6.

08-3.16 PHOTO ALBUM

Black leatherette album with art nouveau title "Photographs" in gold. 5 ¾ x 4 ¾ inches. Photos of Betty Look and family (no labels), early 1900s.

08-3.17 PHOTO ALBUM

Black cloth-covered board album with art nouveau title "Photographs" in gold. 7 ¾ x 5 3/8 inches. Photos of Betty Look and family, 1923-1926. Photos labeled.

08-3.18 PHOTO ALBUM

Pebble-textured black leather album (worn to brown) with art nouveau title "Photographs" in gold. 6 x 4 ¼ inches. 1920s.

08-3.19 ICE PICK

Wooden handle, metal blade. 8 inches long. Handle is printed on four sides, with opposite two matching: "Woods Hole Ice Co." in black and "Telephone Falmouth 613" in red.

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