

Woods Hole Historical Collection
P.O. Box 185
Woods Hole, MA 02543

REGISTER
Woods Hole Consumer's Cooperative Association
1942-1963
3 boxes

WOODS HOLE CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

HISTORY

In 1942, a group of interested Woods Hole citizens met to organize a cooperative buying club. James Warbasse, Dean Bumpus, Harold Backus, Adelaide Vine, and Fritz Fuglister were among these early organizers. Shares were sold to those interested in becoming members in November, 1944. Each share cost \$5.00. A member was required to own at least one share, but could not own more than 40 shares.

The Wood's Hole Consumers' Cooperative rented its first store front, the former Sea Garden Restaurant on Water St., in 1944. Previous to this the Coop operated out of Alfred Woodcock's cellar (North St.). In the fall of 1945, it moved to 93 Water St. This building was then owned by Lettie Hall and bought by WHOI in 1948. The Coop had become a member of Eastern Cooperative Inc., which supplied many of the goods sold. The Coop remained at this Water St. location until approximately 1959 when it became inactive.

In 1963, the process of liquidating the outstanding shares began. Shareholders received \$1.40 for each share owned. After paying off all shares, the officers of the Coop donated the remaining \$360 to the Woods Hole Public Library, an organization to which most of its membership belonged.

SCOPE NOTE

The Woods Hole Consumer's Cooperative Association collection includes correspondence, financial statements, ledgers, minutes of meetings, stock certificates and newsclippings for the period 1942 – 1966 when it was dissolved.

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Collection given by Dean Bumpus to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), received April 12, 1966 (Acc. No. 82-20), and then given to Woods Hole Historical Collection by WHOI.

BOX 1

Register, Collection Origin.

Coop Club Minute Book – Membership Meetings (1942-1949).

- Formation Minutes, 1942-1944.
- Semi-Annual and Annual Meeting Minutes, 1945-1949.
- Board of Directors Bi-Monthly Minutes, December 1946-September 1949.

Board of Directors Minute Book, Volume I, January 1944-January 1946.

Board of Directors Minute Book, Volume III, April 1947-August 1951.

- Minutes of Monthly Meetings.
- Statements of Operations.
- Notices from Eastern Cooperatives Inc.
- Reports from the Nominating Committee for Board of Directors.
- Reports of Manager to Board of Directors.
- Balance Sheets.
- Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Membership.
- Audit Committee Report.
- Correspondence.

1.4 Financial Statements.

- Balance Sheets and Statements of Operations, 1945-1947.
- Manager's Report to Board of Directors, January, 1948.
- Balance Sheets and Statements of Operations, 1951.

1.5 Incorporation Certificate.

1.6 News Clippings.

- "Cooperative Store Opens", *Falmouth Enterprise*, copy marked August 1944.

- "Leininger Will Manage Woods Hole Coop Store", *Falmouth Enterprise*, July

16, 1948. Original and copy.

- 1.7 By-Laws, as Amended, August 30, 1947.
- 1.8 Member List, August 20, 1947.
- 1.9 Correspondence from Eastern Cooperative, Inc., 1948-1953.
 - List of Stockholding Members of Eastern Cooperative Inc., 1947.
 - Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, 1953.
 - Newsletters.
- 1.10 Audits, 1952, 1953.
- 1.11 Withholding Tax Statement, 1953.
- 1.12 Correspondence: Dorothy B. Eldridge, Secretary, 1950-1951.
- 1.13 Correspondence: Dean Bumpus, President, 1952-1961.

BOX 2

Blank Stock Certificate.

Cancelled/Voided Stock Certificate.

Related Correspondence.

Correspondence Regarding Liquidation of Shares, 1963.

Affidavits authorizing liquidation of shares, 1963.

Liquidated stock certificates A-K.

Liquidated stock certificates L-W.

Donation to Woods Hole Library, 1966.

Embossed for Stock Certificates in pouch.

ADDENDA

Book of blank stock certificates.

Checkbook: March 1963-August 1966.

Ledger: Cash Receipts/Cash Disbursements 1951-1953.

Account Book: 1951-1952 (Cash in Bank)