

Woods Hole Historical Museum Archives
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REGISTER
Gordon and Alice Todd Collection
On Walsh Roses and Walsh Memorial Garden
Accession Number 06 - 08
1942 – 1998

2 boxes

**GORDON AND ALICE TODD
WALSH ROSE COLLECTION
06-08**

HISTORY AND SCOPE

This collection consisted originally of a box with a large three ring notebook (with roses on the cover) with all the Todds' correspondence, clippings and other material on the Walsh Memorial Rose Garden on the Museum campus.. It has been separated into folders and newer enclosures. The box also contains a book, *Enjoying Roses*, published by Ortho Books in 1992.

In Box 2 there is a album with color photo prints of the Walsh roses in the Walsh Memorial Garden during the period when the Todds took care of them. There are also notes for lectures on roses by Gordon Todd and most importantly, correspondence and legal papers concerning the legal transfer of the easement on the land for the Walsh Memorial Rose Garden to the Falmouth Garden Club and the subsequent transfer of that easement to the Woods Hole Historical Museum.. This material is also duplicated in the Administrative files under Walsh.

See also the Fay Family Collection Boxes 3, 3A , 4 and 4A for Walsh catalogs, photos and other material.

The Walsh Memorial Rose Garden was established in 1947 on land given as an easement from the former Fay Homestead Estate (which was at that time owned by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; it still remains in their ownership) to the Falmouth Garden Club. In 1998 the easement was transferred from the Falmouth Garden Club to the Woods Hole Historical Museum and Woods Hole Public Library. After the Todds moved away, the maintenance on the garden has been done by volunteers from the Woods Hole Historical Museum. More recently the Falmouth Garden Club has become involved again.

More rose varieties have been recently added to the Garden and on the Museum campus.

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BOX 1

Box 1 originally held a thick vinyl notebook with a rose-patterned design. This contained correspondence, Walsh garden maintenance notes, clippings, photos and other information held in album pages. The material has been transferred to folders and better archival protective sheets. There is some duplication of material between Box 1 which was originally the notebook and the loose material in Box 2.

The order of the folders approximates the order in which the notebook was kept with a small amount of consolidation.

Folder 1-1: Photos. Don Walsh visit July 3, 1989. Don Walsh was Michael's grandson.

Folder 1-2: Organizing material for Don Walsh visit; newsclippings about the visit, his death in 1992 and condolence correspondence.

Folder 1-3: Notes, meeting notices, maintenance notes for Walsh Memorial Garden, history of the Memorial Garden, etc. 1942 – 1994.

Folder 1-4: Notes, newsclippings and articles on roses and Walsh Memorial Rose, Garden, 1958 – 1996.

Folder 1-5: Correspondence on Walsh Memorial Rose Garden with WHOI, 1991.

Folder 1-6: Miscellaneous notes and history of the Walsh Memorial Garden (Alice Todd's notes and copies), 1944 - 1994

Folder 1-7: Photos and a diagram of the roses in the Walsh Memorial Garden at the time the Todds were maintaining it.

Folder 1-8: Material on Michael Walsh.

Folder 1-9: Correspondence with Dan Russo, Walsh rambler expert, 1989-1994.

Folder 1-10: Material on Falmouth Garden Club and Walsh Memorial Garden, 1991.

Folder 1-11: Legal material, rose correspondence and deed (copies) to property of the Walsh Memorial Rose Garden, 1942 – 1963.

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BOX 2

Folder 2-1. Twenty-Three color prints, 3 ½ x 4 7/8 inches, taken July 3, 1989, at the Walsh Memorial Rose Garden on the occasion of a visit by Donald Walsh, Michael Walsh's grandson. Photos show Dan Russo, Elizabeth Fay, Jennifer Gaines, Marge Zinn, Alice Todd, Donald Walsh and various members of the Woods Hole Historical Collection and Falmouth Garden Club. Two sleeves of negatives for the above prints. Photographer: Bruce Chalmers?

Folder 2-2. Eight color slides of roses and views in Walsh Memorial Rose Garden, 1991.

Folder 2-3. Ten color prints, 4 7/8 x 3 inches, of various Walsh rose cuttings, June 1991.

Folder 2-4. Green leatherette photo album, 7 x 4 ½ inches, with seventeen 4 x 6 inch color prints of Walsh roses, photographed late June-July 12, 1997.

Folder 2-5. Ten color prints (duplicate printing of 5 photos), 3 ½ x 4 7/8 inches, taken at Dan Russo's house, Little Compton, R. I., August 1998, showing Dan, Linda Rakowski and Alice Todd with garden and roses.

Folder 2-6. Notes and biographical material on Michael Walsh, roses and gardens with the hand-written text of a lecture given by Gordon Todd: "The Walsh Rose Garden Story" (1994?). Includes pen sketches of Memorial Garden layout.

Folder 2-7. Copy of Certificate of Title to easement for land for Walsh Memorial Rose Garden, 1947, to Falmouth Garden Club, Land Court Case No. 7064.

Folder 2-8. Correspondence and notes relating to transfer of Walsh Memorial Rose Garden from Falmouth Garden Club to Woods Hole Historical Collection/Woods Hole Library, 1996 and 1998.

Folder 2-9. Miscellaneous notes, flyers, clippings.

Folder 2-10. Collection of fictional journal entries written by Lawrence School students, 1993. Includes one for Michael Walsh.

Folder 2-11. 1991 – 1993 color prints of roses in the Walsh Memorial Rose Garden, some by Dorm Swartz.