

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

**LOTHROP COLLECTION MANUSCRIPTS
MS. 80**

Extent: 4 clamshell boxes

Scope and Content Note: This collection contains manuscripts which were originally part of the Lothrop collection of genealogy and local history materials. They were cataloged as part of the regular collections and accessible through records in the card catalog. Due to their fragile condition and unique content, they were recataloged to the archives sometime in the 1990s. They were recataloged and refoldered again in 2007.

The collection consists of a variety of manuscript documents, including cemetery records; notes on historic houses; notes on Cape Cod families; deeds and land records; business ledgers, account books and daybooks; military records; church history; and miscellaneous records.

Historical and Biographical Information: These manuscripts and documents come from a variety of sources. Some were donated as part of other collections (ie Stanley Smith, Percy Rex, etc.). Some were donated or purchased as individual items.

Access: Unrestricted. Credit Sturgis Library archives for publication.

Acquisition: Not known.

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Contents:

BOX 1

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| Folder 1 | <i>Author:</i> Cobb, Philip
<i>Title:</i> A history of Thomas Cobb of Boston and some of his descendants
<i>Publ:</i> Cleveland, OH, 1905.
<i>Description:</i> 1 typescript volume with handwritten enclosures |
| Folder 2 | <i>Author:</i> Hinckley, Gustavus, compiler
<i>Title:</i> [Hinckley genealogy]
<i>Description:</i> 1 handwritten volume. A compilation of genealogical notes of the Hinckley Family, beginning with Thomas Hinckley of Barnstable. |

BOX 1

Folders 3A, 3B & 4 *Author:* Hinckley, Gustavus
Title: **In the Grave Yards**
Publ: 1880s
Articles written by Gustavus A. Hinckley (1822-1905), published in the Barnstable Patriot from 1888 to 1892 titled *In the Grave Yards*, then clipped and pasted onto notebook pages. The articles include a print of an engraving of an individual grave stone, the inscription and often some accompanying details. There is a surname index to the clippings.

Folder 3A contains copies of the original clippings and index. **These copies are available for research use.**

Folder 3B contains the original clippings that are now quite fragile and **USE IS RESTRICTED.**

Folder 4 contains unbound images of gravestone carvings and inscriptions created for the articles. In an envelope is one of the engraving blocks.

Folder 5 *Author:* Smith, Stanley
Title: **Burial Ground at Orleans, Mass., near Congregational Church : All Stones Prior to 1850**
Description: 1 handwritten volume.

Folder 6 *Title:* **Memorial inscriptions from cemeteries in the East Parish, Barnstable, Including Dimmock's Lane, Meetinghouse or Cobb's Hill, Lothrop's Hill : the Ancient Burying ground, & Parish Line from Jan. 1683-1894.**
Description: 1 handwritten volume listed alphabetically by family name.

Folder 7 *Title:* **Memorial inscriptions West Barnstable Cemetery from Nov'r 21 1719 (the oldest inscription) to 1894.**
Description: 1 handwritten volume listed alphabetically by family name.

BOX 2

Folder 1 *Author:* Small, Dennis
Title: **Ditto book belonging to Denn[is] Small [blacksmith] begin[n]ing November the 20th 1804**
Description: 1 handwritten volume with entries for 1804-1813 listing dates, persons, jobs, charges, etc. for blacksmithing jobs

BOX 2

- Folder 2 *Title:* **Barnstable Lyceum [Barnstable, Massachusetts]**
Description: 1 handwritten volume with records from 1829 to 1853. Includes constitution, mission, minutes, bylaws, etc. Later used for math problems, poetry, material copied from books, and for pressing leaves and flower, some of which remain in between the pages.
- Folder 3-4 *Author:* Hinckley, Gustavus A.
Title: **[Historic Houses in Barnstable] Parts 1-2**
Description: 1 handwritten volume with lists, descriptions, and drawings (on 6 onion paper enclosures) in notebooks keyed to original copies at Cape Cod Community College Nickerson Room. Also biography of John Gorham.
- Folder 5 *Author:* Clark, Solomon
Title: **[Account book] Solomon Clark [blacksmith]**
Description: 1 handwritten volume with entries from 1791-1810. Includes credits and debits, chiefly for iron work, giving person, date, job, and price. 1802 valuation prior to Harwich/Brewster split listing 43 men and amounts near back of book.

BOX 3

- Folder 1 *Title:* **Historical documents on Harwich, 1663-1863**
Description: 1 volume, including a collection of documents, letters, divisions of land, deeds, agreements, indentures, petitions of Indians, summonses, certificates, etc. Includes partial index in front of volume.
- Folder 2 *Title:* **Miscellaneous receipts and old papers, Harwich, Mass.**
Description: 1 volume with handwritten and printed materials circa 1750-1830 (?) mostly pertaining to Harwich, Mass. Includes deeds, marriage certificates, land sales, broadsides, advertisements, and other documents. Most of these documents are loose in volume in mylar sleeves.
- Folder 3 *Author:* Paine, Joshua
Title: **Harwich soldiers in the Revolutionary War : from a compilation from the Archives of the State of Massachusetts, 1896**
Description: 1 handwritten volume with notes on Harwich soldiers from *Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, published in 18 volumes 1896-1908.

BOX 4

- Folder 1 *Author:* Kelley, R.
Title: **[Journal] Nantucket [Daybook 1841-42] Ledger [1868-1872]**
Description: 1 handwritten journal book listing names, purchases, prices, etc. Entries mention purchases of paint, glass, etc.
- Folder 2 *Author:* Freeman, I. C.
Title: **[Account book] I. C. Freeman, Truro, October 26, 1887**
Description: 1 handwritten ledger/account book listing names, purchases, and prices. Freeman apparently was a miller, with primary sales being corn, meal, oats, feed, etc. Also listing of charges for “messages”, eggs, etc.
- Folder 3 *Title:* **[Congregational Church and miscellaneous newspaper clippings scrapbook]**
Description: 1 volume with newspaper clippings affixed to pages. Contains articles on Cape Cod and Congregational and other churches. Includes articles on:
- Original Congregational Church in Sandwich
 - Obituary of Edward Corcoran
 - Semi-Centennial of Congregational Church in Orleans
 - Letter to editor regarding Brigham Young and polygamy
 - Thomas Paine poem “Castle in the Air”
 - Doctor Savage House, Barnstable, built in 1716
 - Descendants of John Alden reunion in Duxbury
 - Improvements to Baptist Church in West Harwich
 - First Congregational Church in West Bridgewater
 - Pilgrim Church in North Weymouth
 - Capt. David H. Crowell of Chatham rounded the Horn in 1849
 - Ancient Church Council of Chatham
 - Sketches of the first settlers of Hampden
 - Address of John Williamson – Unitarian Church in Belfast
 - History of Weymouth, its churches, with information on Rev. John Lothrop and Joseph Hull, later of Barnstable