

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

Schooner Bloomer  
**MS. 89**

**Extent:** 1 box

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of a magic lantern slide and images of the Schooner Bloomer in Barnstable Harbor circa 1890.

**Historical Information:** The Schooner Bloomer was the last known schooner to work out of Barnstable Harbor. The images in this collection show the Schooner Bloomer on her last legs in the 1890s, broken down and with much of her equipment removed. Photos accompanying the Magic Lantern slide show additional views of the deteriorating ship. In one poignant photo, the ship is anchored out near Sandy neck with a clothesline tied to the mast and clothes hanging out to dry.

**Related Material:** There are several additional photographs of the Schooner Bloomer in cyanotype in MS 34 – W. R. Bascombe Photographs.

**Access:** Unrestricted access. Credit Sturgis Library for reproduction.

**Acquisition:** Slide purchased in an online auction. Acquired several photocopied photos from Dave Crocker of Mashpee, MA in 2008.

**Processed by:** Lucy Loomis, March, 2009

**Contents:**

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| <b>Folder 1</b> | Magic lantern slide marked in handwritten pencil “Old Schooner in Barnstable Harbor.” Also imprinted “William Stone, 194 Clarendon Street, Boston.” No date.  |
| <b>Folder 2</b> | 1 CD-Rom with scanned images of slide   |
| <b>Folder 3</b> | 8x10 image of the Schooner from scanned image on Magic Lantern slide  |
| <b>Folder 4</b> | 3 additional photocopied images   |
| <b>Folder 5</b> | History of Magic Lantern slides & projectors from about.com’s Inventor’s Page by Mary Bellis, 2009<br><a href="http://inventors.about.com/od/mstartinventions/a/magic_lantern.htm?p=1">http://inventors.about.com/od/mstartinventions/a/magic_lantern.htm?p=1</a> |