

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

**Henry Crocker Kittredge Collection  
MS. 1**

**Extent:** 14 linear feet

**Provenance:** Gift of Mrs. Henry Kittredge

**Restrictions:** **Limited access to Kittredge Shipmasters card file. [PP Boxes 6A.1 through 5]. Staff will pull requested cards from files and make photocopies of cards for patrons.**

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**Biographical note:** Henry C. Kittredge was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on January 4, 1890, the son of noted Harvard scholar George Lyman Kittredge. His undergraduate life was spent at Cambridge Latin School and the Noble and Greenough School. He enrolled in Harvard in 1908 and graduated in 1912. From 1912 until 1916 he was an instructor at Adirondack-Florida School where the winter and fall terms were held in the Adirondacks and the summer term in Florida. He was called to St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire in 1916 as an instructor in English.

On November 28, 1917 he married Gertrude (Patsy) Livingston and the following year he was made an Infantry Lieutenant serving in the U. S. Army in France during World War I. Upon his discharge, he returned to St. Paul's where he served as Head of the Lower School, Vice Rector and became Rector in 1947. Among his honors was being elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1935 and Honorary Degrees from Trinity College in 1938 and Yale in 1954.

Upon his retirement in 1954, he moved to his beloved Barnstable on Cape Cod where he was a lifelong summer resident and which he referred to as his "ancestral home". Proof of this love were books that he authored: "Cape Cod, it's People and Their History" (1930), "Shipmasters of Cape Cod" (1935) and "Mooncussers of Cape Cod" (1937) published by Houghton Mifflin. Henry and his wife, Patsy, bought three or four sections of marsh ranging from 25 to 60 acres. They also purchased three cranberry bogs and the vast majority of their holdings were donated to the town for conservation purposes.

His extracurricular activities included the Barnstable Finance Committee, Barnstable Historical Society, Massachusetts Historical Society, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Tavern Club of

Boston, Harvard Clubs of Boston and New York, Trustee of Sturgis Library and Chairman of the West Barnstable Memorial Foundation.

Henry died peacefully at his Pine Lane home in Barnstable on February 22, 1967. He is buried in the Kittredge plot in the Lothrop Hill Cemetery on Route 6A. His large collection of papers, manuscripts and books were donated to the Sturgis Library by his wife.

**Scope and content note:** The Henry Crocker Kittredge collection consists of material both generated and collected by Mr. Kittredge during his lifetime, and is a sub-group of the HENRY CROCKER KITTREDGE MARITIME COLLECTION.

**The Kittredge Papers have been divided into two series:** Personal Papers (PP) and Research Material Series (RM) and boxed separately.

**The Personal Papers Series has been further divided into the sub-series of Biographical Files and Writing Files.** The Biographical Files include material related to Mr. Kittredge's personal and professional life. The Writings Files consist of material written by Mr. Kittredge.

**The Research Material Series** is an extensive collection of documents and information used by Mr. Kittredge in his writings and has also been divided into the sub-series General Files and Maritime Files. The General Files include material of a legal or administrative nature, related to local history from the early sixteenth to the very early twentieth century. The Maritime Files consist of material related to ships and shipping during that period.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

*Series I: PERSONAL PAPERS - Boxes 1 to 9 and Oversized Boxes A, B, & C*

Sub-series A: Biographical Files:

Kittredge genealogy and photographs; HCK's service in World War I; his Rectorship at St. Paul's School, Memoirs, Honors, and death. The material includes news clippings, printed matter, and correspondence. Arranged chronologically by subject.

Sub-series B: Writings Files:

Notes, drafts and outlines of Mr. Kittredge's writings, including published and unpublished manuscripts, speeches, short stories and other literary pieces. They relate mostly to Cape Cod. Arranged alphabetically by subject heading, then by title.

*SERIES II: RESEARCH MATERIALS SERIES - Boxes 1 to 10 and Oversized Boxes A & B*

Sub-Series A, General Files:

Land Deeds, insurance policies and other materials of an administrative or legal nature; county records and town histories; published sermons and other church material; Indian affairs; personal

correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by family or individual name, town name and subject, as needed.

**Sub-Series B, Maritime Files:**

Photographs, illustrations, lithographs, property deeds, ship's records, correspondence, articles and newspaper clippings related to specific ships, shipping and sea captains. Arranged alphabetically by ship name and year, type, captain's name and subject, as needed.

## **HENRY CROCKER KITTREDGE PAPERS CONTAINER LIST**

**Box Folder Contents**

**Series I - PERSONAL PAPERS**

**Sub-series A - Biographical Files:**

PP-1	1	General articles, birth and marriage certificates, dream book, etc.
	2	Photographs to 1902
	3	Photographs 1903-1920
	4	Photographs 1921-1967 + biographical information
	5	World War I : General
	6	World War I : Correspondence, 1918 Jan-Apr
	7	World War I : Correspondence, 1918 May-Aug
	8	World War I : Correspondence, 1918 Sept-Dec
PP-2	1	St. Paul's School - General
	2	St. Paul's School : Labor Day letters from the Rector, 1938-53
	3	St. Paul's School photographs
	4	St. Paul's School Publications: Alumni Horae, 1944-55
	5	St. Paul's School Publications: Alumni Horae, 1966-69
	6	St. Paul's School Publications: Annual Report of the Rector 1939-49
	7	St. Paul's School Publications: Annual Report of the Rector 1950-53
	8	St. Paul's School Publications: Horae Scholasticae, 1944
	9	St. Paul's School Publications: Horae Scholasticae, 1954, 56
	10	St. Paul's School Publications: St. Paul's School Pictorial 1954
	11	St. Paul's School Publications: St. Paul's School News 1954-55

- 12 Memberships & Distinctions: General
- 13 Memberships & Distinctions: Harvard University, Class of 1912
- PP-3 1 Memberships & Distinctions: West Parish Meetinghouse Church
- 2 Memberships & Distinctions: Yale University, Honorary Degree, 1954  
Memoirs
- 3 Memoirs: Personal Diaries June 1903-March 1910
- 4 Memoirs: Personal Diaries April 1910-Feb 18 1914
- 5 Memoirs: Personal Diaries Feb 24 1914-June 1915
- 6 Memoirs: Personal Diaries Oct 1915-Jan 2 1918
- 7 Memoirs: Personal Diaries Jan 10 1918-May 1919
- 8 Shooting Record of HCK, 1907-19
- 9 Signed poetry books of poet and friend Hugh Chisholm with personal  
correspondence
- PP-4 1 Death of HCK: Obituaries
- 2 Death of HCK: Condolences
- 3 Death of HCK: Memorials
- 4 Death of HCK: Legal Documents

Sub-series B - **Writings Files**

Articles and Reviews:

- PP-4 5 "Barnstable 1639-1939: A Brief Historical Sketch"
- 6 "Barnstable Boys" 1250 Express, Harvard College, 1962
- 7 Cape Cod Standard Times (untitled), Autumn, 1959
- 8 THE SEA FOX, by Scott Corbett, 1956
- 9 "The Undiscovered Country", Atlantic Monthly, 1920
- 10 Manuscripts BEACHCOMBING, 1935
- 11-14 CAPE COD: ITS PEOPLE and their HISTORY (4 folders)
- PP-5 1-6 CAPE COD: ITS PEOPLE and their HISTORY (6 folders)
- 7-9 CHALK DUST or THE SEED OF BANQUO (3 folders)
- 10 SHIPMASTERS OF CAPE COD (1 folder)

- PP-6 1-6 SHIPMASTERS OF CAPE COD (6 folders) Includes 6 Notebooks referred to in HCK's card index to ships and shipmasters as Vols.I - VI. (For information on HCK's shipmaster card file, See PP-6A, below)
- 7 Poetry
- 8 Miscellaneous writing and notes
- 9 Short stories, anecdotes and other literary excerpts
- PP-6A 1-5 **Kittredge card file of ships and shipmasters.** These cards, used in conjunction with the notebooks listed in PP-6, above, were used to record information for the writing of SHIPMASTERS OF CAPE COD.  
**Limited access to Kittredge Shipmasters card file. Staff will pull requested cards from files and make photocopies of cards for patrons.**
- PP-7 1 Short stories/essays: "The Boston Packets"
- 2 Short stories/essays: "The Bottom of the Well"
- 3 Short stories/essays: Cape Cod fiction, notes
- 4 Short stories/essays: "The Pessimist"
- 5 Short stories/essays: "Towser"
- 6 Speeches: Miscellaneous speeches
- 7 Speeches: Cape Cod, general
- 8 Speeches: "Cape Cod Sea Captains"
- 9 Speeches: "Cape Cod Yesterdays", 1959
- 10 Speeches: "Cape Writers and Writers on the Cape", 1930
- 11 Speeches: Dennis, 1954
- 12 Speeches: Graduation, 1944; 1949
- 13 Speeches: Hospital, Cape Cod, 1949
- 14 Speeches: "Independence on Cape Cod", 1936
- 15 Speeches: "James Otis the Patriot"
- 16 Speeches: "John Lothrop", 1954
- 17 Speeches: "Manomet Trading Post"
- 18 Speeches: "Quakers on the Cape", 1936
- 19 Provincetown, 1933
- 20 Speeches: "Samaritans on the Beach", 1937
- 21 Speeches: "School Masters", 1943

- 22 Speeches: "Shipmasters of Chatham", 1937
- 23 Speeches: Soldiers of Barnstable dedication, 1925
- 24 Speeches: "Captain William Sturgis", 1941
- 25 Speeches: "Teachers of Tomorrow", 1949
- 26 Speeches: "Yarmouth Sea Captains", 1939

Contains the following books:

- *Sophocles*. Edited by Richard Jebb, 1906. With extensive notes by HCK on Sophocles on endpapers and limerick about a "Young Lady of Truro."
  - *Selections from Homer's Iliad* by Allen Rogers Benner, 1910. With poem about Homer on endpapers, written by HCK in 1915.
  - *The Electra of Sophocles* by Gilbert A. Davies, 1908, with poem on endpapers by HCK entitled "Why?" and dated 1911.
  - Crocker family Bible, published 1828, containing genealogical information and pasted-in articles
- PP-8
- PP-9 Kittredge Family Bible, published 1819, containing genealogical information

#### **SERIES 1: PERSONAL PAPERS OVERSIZED BOX A:**

- A Loose in box – Framed Saint Paul's School Scroll, signed by faculty with photo of faculty on back of framed scroll
- A 1 Photograph, Noble & Greenough, Class of 1908
- A 2 Photographs, St. Paul's School, 1950s, (3 items)
- A 3 World War I Service Recognition Certificate, 1919
- A 4 4 Degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Harvard University, Class of 1912 Honorary Degree, Trinity College, 1938 Honorary Degree, Yale University, 1954
- A 5 Photograph, Harvard University Reunion of Class of 1912, in 1962
- A 6 Plan of land belonging to HCK in Barnstable, November 1964
- A 7 Ms. of "Cape Cod Its People and Their History:" Map (4 copies) of Hyannis Quadrangle, Dept. of the Interior Geological Survey, n.d.
- A 8 Harvard University Yearbook: "Harvard Class Album, 1912"

#### **SERIES 1: PERSONAL PAPERS OVERSIZED BOX B & C:**

##### **Oversize Box B**

Diaries and Writings of George Lyman Kittredge

##### **Oversize Box C**

Three scrapbooks of clippings of World War One poetry and memorabilia with annotations by Henry Crocker Kittredge

**Series II - RESEARCH MATERIALS:**

Sub-series A - General Files:

- RM-1 1-5 Atwood, Joshua P., Eastham, 1809-1844 (5 folders)
- RM-2 1-2 Atwood, Nathaniel, Orleans, 1821-71 (2 folders)
- 3 Austria-Germany, Clark Records, c. 1826-46
- 4 Avery, Rev. Ephraim, Eastham/Fall River Mills, 1834
- 5 B – Miscellaneous – Bassett, Brick, Brooks, Brown
- 6 Bacon, Ebenezer, Barnstable, 1905
- 7 Baker, Hannah, Wellfleet, 1786
- 8 Barnstable, County of : Bassett, William - County Sheriff, 1691- 1703
- 9-10 Barnstable, County of : Cape Cod genealogy, by GLK, collected c. 1914. (2 folders)
- 11 Barnstable, County of : Cape Cod Harbor, 1858
- 12 Barnstable, County of : Cape Cod, William Woods map of, 1634
- 13 Barnstable, County of : District Court Records, 1766; 1792- c. 1806
- RM-3 1-5 Barnstable, Town of : American Revolution history notes, 1768-1784 Fire District Reports, 1954 History, general Maps and Photographs Ministry
- 6 Bourne, Town of
- 7 Bourne, Sandwich 1668-83
- 8 Breed, Ebenezer, Charlestown, 1746
- 9 Brewster, Town of
- 10 Cape Cod Item, 1884
- 11 Chatham, Town of
- 12 Cheever, Edward. Eastham, 1772
- 13 Clapp, Samuel, Deed
- 14 Cobb, Elisha. Eastham, c. 1835
- 15 Coburn, J. Weston, c. 1860-66
- 16 Cole. Eastham, 1819-29
- 17 Collins, Ichabod. Eastham, 1825-27

- 18 Collins, George. Eastham, 1826, 1843
- 19 Collins, Joseph. Eastham, c. 1865
- 20 Cook, Eastham, 1826-29
- 21 Cotton, John. Middleboro, 1746
- 22 Covil. Monomoy/Chatham, 1699-1716
- 23 Crosby, Haskill. Brewster/Eastham, 1847-48
- 24 Crowell, Paul, Chatham, 1717-50
- 25 Crowell, David, Chatham, 1789-1807
- 26 Crowell, James, Chatham, 1810-22
- 27 Cummings, Joseph. Orleans, 1867
- RM-  
4 1 Dexter, Timothy. Newburyport, 1793-1802
- 2 Doane, Elisha, Wellfleet, 1783
- 3 Doane, Herman, Eastham, 1805-14
- 4 Doane, John, Eastham, 1811; 1848
- 5 Doane. Eastham/Orleans, 1816-25
- 6 Dwight, Rev. Timothy. Deerfield, 1798.
- 7 Eastham, Town of
- 8 Edes, Henry. Nantucket, 1836
- 9 Falmouth, Town of: Woods Hole, c. 1845-89
- 10 Freeman, John. Eastham, 1672
- 11 Freeman, Samuel. Eastham 1832
- 12 Freeman, Frederick. Sandwich, 1855: 1859
- 13 Gill, William. Eastham, 1826-44
- 14-15 Gould, John. Eastham, 1794-1826 (2 folders)
- 16 Hall, Stephen. Medford, 1799
- 17 Higgins, Joshua. Eastham, 1831
- 18 Hilliard, Rev. Timothy. Barnstable/Cambridge, 1771: 1788
- 19 Hinckley, Thomas. Barnstable/Yarmouth, 1684
- 20 Hopkins, Caleb. Brewster, 1880



- 21 Howes, Elizabeth. Chatham, 1841
- 22 Howland, John. Plymouth, c. 1640
- 23 Indian affairs, 1665-1844
- 24 Jenkins, Betsy. Barnstable
- 25 Kenrick, Isaac B. Orleans, 1825
- 26 Knowles, John and Joshua. Eastham, 1805-08
- 27 Knowles, Harding. Eastham, 1808-32
- 28 Knowles, Freeman. Eastham, 1810-12
- RM-  
5 1 Lewis, Rev. Isaiah. Wellfleet, 1786
- 2 Lombard, Levi. Eastham, 1812-14
- 3 Long, David Cummings. Eastham, 1817
- 4 M – Miscellaneous – Mayhew, Mores or Moses
- 5 Maine, Kittery. 1649-98: 1821
- 6 Mayo, Elisha. Eastham, 1792-1819
- 7 Mayo, James. Eastham, 1812; 1828
- 8 Mayo, Josiah. Eastham, 1826
- 9 Mellor, Rev. John. Barnstable, 1799
- 10 Munson, Samuel. Orleans, 1832
- 11 New England, Early Court Records
- 12 Nickerson, Samuel. Eastham, 1823-24
- 13 Nickerson, William. Chatham, 1762
- 14 Orleans, General
- 15 Orleans, Town Clerk-J. H. Cummings, Correspondence 1912-13
- 16 Orleans, Town Clerk-J. H. Cummings, Correspondence 1914-15
- 17 Orleans, Town Clerk-J. H. Cummings, Correspondence 1916-18
- 18 Orleans, Town Clerk-J. H. Cummings, Correspondence 1919-22
- 19 Otis, Amos. 1864
- 20 Otis, James and Joseph. Barnstable, 1761-62

- RM-  
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- 1 P – Miscellaneous – Parsival, Perry, Prence/Prince
  - 2 Paine, Eleazar. Brewster, 1828-32
  - 3 Paine, Joseph. Harwich, 1711
  - 4 Prickett, Ann. 1807-08
  - 5 Provincetown, Town of
  - 6 Raymond, Rev. Stetson. Chatham, 1817, sermon
  - 7 Rogers, Israel. Yarmouth/Orleans, 1849-99
  - 8 Rogers, Joseph. Harwich, 1731
  - 9 Sandwich, Town of
  - 10 Shaw, Rev. Oakes. Barnstable, 1761-1796, sermons
  - 11 Smith, Eastham, 1823-28
  - 12 Snow. Eastham, 1701-47
  - 13 Snow. Orleans, 1806-59
  - 14 Snow, Benjamin. Orleans, 1820-28
  - 15-16 Snow, Elnathan. Orleans, 1798-1866 (2 folders)
  - 17 Sparrow, Isaac. Orleans, 1848-58
- RM-  
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- 1 Stone, Nathaniel. Harwich, 1720-35
  - 2 Sturgis, Abigail. Barnstable 1798
  - 3 T – Miscellaneous – Turner, Twing
  - 4 Taylor, Mrs., Memorandum Book, n.d.
  - 5 Truro, Town of
  - 6 W – Miscellaneous – Wing, Winslow
  - 7 Walker, Benjamin. Orleans, 1837-61
  - 8 Walker, Melissa. Orleans, 1879-1900
  - 9 Woods, Rev. Leonard. Falmouth, 1824
  - 10 Yarmouth, Town of
  - 11 Young, Israel. Eastham, 1727/8

Sub-series B - Maritime Files:

- RM-7
- 12 A. Ships
  - 13 Aloha Bark. James, Captain Arthur Curtiss
  - 14 B. Ships
  - 15 B. Shipmasters
  - 16 Barks, History of
  - 17 Benjamin F. Packard, Clipper. Allen, Captain Zachary
  - 18 Bon Homme Richard. Jones, Captain J. Paul
  - 19 Burnside. Bark. Taylor, Captain Joseph
  - 20 C. Ships
  - 21 C. Shipmasters
  - 22 Carrier, 1830. Schooner. Mayo, Captain Matthew
  - 23 Charles W. Morgan, 1841. Bark
  - 24 Clipper, History of
  - 25 Columbia, 1792. Gray, Captain Robert
  - 26 Constellation, 1799. Frigate
- RM-8
- 1 Constitution, 1797. Frigate
  - 2 Crowell. Shipmasters
  - 3 Cutty Sark, 1869. Clipper
  - 4 D. Ships
  - 5 Dreadnought,. Samuels, Captain Daniel
  - 6 E. Ships
  - 7 Eldredge. Shipmasters
  - 8 Est(h)er, 1853. Brig
  - 10 First Attempt, Schooner. Hathaway, Captain Daniel
  - 11 Flying Cloud, 1851. Clipper
  - 12 Foster, Captain Bailey. Brewster
  - 13 G. Ships

- 14 G-H. Shipmasters
- 15 Glory of the Seas, 1869. Clipper
- 16 Grace Harware. Clipper
- 17 Great Republic. 1853. Clipper
- 18 H. Ships
- 19 Harriet Maria, Schooner
- 20 Howes. Shipmasters
- 21 Hughes, Captain Atkins. Truro
- 22 I. Ships
- 23 J. Ships
- 24 James Baines, 1854. Clipper
- 25 K. Ships
- 26 K-L. Shipmasters
- 27 L. Ships
- 28 Lightning 1854, Clipper. Forbes, Captain
- RM-  
9 1 M. Ships
- 2 M-N. Shipmasters
- 3 Mayflower, 1620
- 4 N. Ships
- 5 Navy, United States
- 6 Northern Light, 1862. Clipper. Slocum, Captain Joshua
- 7 O. Ships
- 8 P-Q. Ships
- 9 P-R. Shipmasters Polly, 1793. Brig. Smith, Captain Simon
- 10 Polly Rider, Schooner. Mayo, Captain Simon
- 11 Provincetown, Town of
- 12 R. Ships
- 13 Ranger, Privateer. Jones, Captain J. Paul
- 14 Red Jacket, 1853, Clipper

- 15 RHINE, c. 1890. Windjammer. Bergman, Captain Charles
- 16 S. Ships
- 17 S-T. Shipmasters
- 18 Santa Maria, 1492. Columbus, Captain Christopher
- Ships, History of
- 19 Ships, History of, General
- 20 Ships, History of, Figureheads
- 21 Ships, History of, Maps and Photographs
- 22-23 Ships, History of, Marine Mercantilism, 1822-97. (2 folders)
- RM-10 1 Ships, History of, Register of Ships, issued by James Otis, Collector of Barnstable, 1801
- 2 Ships, History of, Shipbuilding
- 3-4 Ships, History of, Shipwrecks. (2 folders)
- Smith, Captain Nehemiah. Eastham
- 5 Sovereign of the Seas, 1852. Clipper
- 6 T. Ships
- 7 Tall Ships, History of
- 8 U. Ships
- 9 V. Ships
- 10 Victory, c. 1805, Frigate
- 11 W. Ships
- 12 W. Shipmasters
- 13 Whaling
- 14 X-Z. Ships

**SERIES II: RESEARCH MATERIALS: OVERSIZED BOX A**

Sub-Series A - General Files:

- A 1 Eastham Deeds: (4 items) Joshua P. Atwood, as administrator for estate of Nathaniel Cole, to John Gould, Sept. 24, 1817 Benjamin Higgins to Joshua P. Atwood, Feb. 18, 1817 Josiah Doane to Joshua Paine Atwood, May 17, 1817 Henry Mayo, executor of estate of John Mayo, to Joshua P. Atwood, July 10, 1817

- A 2 Town of Barnstable: (2 items) Aerial photograph, 1935 Tercentenary Map, 1939
- A 3 Sandwich Deed: John Peter to Timothy, Eliezer & Hezeciah Bourn, October 10, 1683
- A 4 Barnstable Deed; John Chipman to Thomas Lewes to John Davis, Feb. 1, 1669 (a later copy)
- A 5 Yarmouth Deed, William Covell to Seth Tayler [Tayller], June 15, 1709
- A 6 Wellfleet plan of real estate of Elisha Doane, 1783
- A 7 Yarmouth Register, Tercentenary Issue, Aug. 2, 1939
- A 8 The Cape Cod Item, May 23, 1884, May 30, 1884

Sub-Series B - MARITIME FILES:

- A 9 Brig Adams, Protest Statements, 1832, Edward Rathbone, Captain, (2 items)  
Schooner First Attempt, Bill of Sale, 1830, Daniel Hathway, Captain  
Brig Pacific, Protest Statement, 1832, John Deering, Captain
- A 10 Schooner Telemachus, Protest statement, 1829, Nathaniel Phelbe, Captain.  
Schooner Venus, Protest statement, 1833, Samuel Nickerson, Captain

**SERIES II: RESEARCH MATERIALS: OVERSIZED BOX B**

Sub-Series B - Maritime Files:

- B 2 Volumes: Maritime Business Ledger [1845?] Account Book of Samuel Higgins, of Wellfleet, 1822-1859