

Sturgis Library Archives | Benjamin Harrison Photograph Collection
Town and Local History Collections

MS. 18
Benjamin Harrison Photograph Collection

Content: The collection consists of negatives and photographic prints from the studio of photographer Benjamin Harrison, including aerial photos of Barnstable and surrounding towns, and local postcards produced from his photos. The photos date from 1948 to 1974.

Volume: 3 boxes.

Provenance: Donated by George D. Harrison of West Falmouth, brother of Benjamin Harrison, in 1990.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The late Mr. Harrison was a professional photographer with studios in Buzzards Bay and Monument Beach. The majority of these negatives and photographs are aerial images and capture the Town of Barnstable and most of its respective villages from 1948 - 1974. Shots taken at higher altitudes, however, reach as far as Provincetown. Prints are developed from mostly black and white negatives but there are several color negatives as well.

Many of the photos were commissioned by certain interest groups or organizations, such as the Hyannis Chamber of Commerce and the Cape Cod Community College. Others were taken for private individuals, such as those shot of the Lewis Bay home of a Mr. Jacobs and the Biagrotti Estate in Centerville. The most extensive areas photographed by Mr. Harrison are the Barnstable County Municipal Airport and the village of Hyannis.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The material is arranged alphabetically by village, and chronologically within each file. The prints are 8x10 glossy black and whites. The postcards are also in alphabetical order by village and subject.

It should be noted that the mailing and negative envelopes included as part of this series bear Mr. Harrison's own marks, instructions, and notations as indications for developing the negatives. The negatives envelopes are kept in the same folder as the negatives.

Benjamin Harrison Photograph Collection Container List

Box: Folder: Contents:

1	1	Barnstable Village, Harbor, and Marina PRINTS (2)
1	2	Barnstable Village, Harbor, and Marina NEGATIVES (12)
1	3	Cape Cod Community College NEGATIVES (11)
1	4	Cape Cod Route 6 NEGATIVES (4)
1	5	Centerville – Beach Club PRINTS (1)
1	6	Centerville – Beach Club, Biagrotti Estate, Wequaquet NEGATIVES (8)
1	7	Cotuit – Crosby Boat Yard, Santuit, Etc. NEGATIVES (13)

Box: Folder: Contents:

1	8	Craigville NEGATIVES (7)
1	9	Hyannis -- Barnstable Municipal Airport PRINTS (7)
1	10	Hyannis -- Barnstable Municipal Airport Undated - 1968 NEGATIVES (27)
1	11	Hyannis -- Barnstable Municipal Airport 1969 NEGATIVES (32)
1	12	Hyannis -- Barnstable Municipal Airport 1970-71 NEGATIVES (35)
1	13	Hyannis -- Barnstable Municipal Airport Undated 1972 NEGATIVES (21)
1	14	Hyannis -- Cape Cod Mall NEGATIVES (11)
2	1	Hyannis -- East/West NEGATIVES (5)
2	2	Hyannis -- Harbor NEGATIVES (7)
2	3	Hyannis -- Lewis Bay PRINTS (11)
2	4	Hyannis -- Lewis Bay NEGATIVES (9)
2	5	Hyannis -- North/South PRINTS (1)
2	6	Hyannis -- North/South NEGATIVES (12)
2	7	Hyannisport NEGATIVES (4)
2	8	Hyannis Village NEGATIVES (16)
2	9	Hyannis Yacht Club PRINTS (1)
2	10	Hyannis Yacht Club NEGATIVES (5)
2	11	Osterville NEGATIVES (10)

Box 3

Postcards

- Bourne
- Buzzard's Bay
- Camp Edwards
- Cape Cod Canal
- Cataumet
- Centerville
- Cragville Beach
- Cotuit
- Falmouth
- Hyannis & Hyannisport
- Martha's Vineyard
- Monument Beach
- Nantucket
- Onset
- Osterville
- Pocasset
- Sandwich
- Sagamore
- Waquoit
- Wareham
- Wellfleet
- Woods Hole