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Charles L. Bassett Papers, 1853-1943

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Biographical Note: Charles Luce Bassett was born in 1853 and died in 1941. He lived his life on a farm located on Main Street in West Barnstable, MA. His parents were Chester L. and Eliza Bassett. He married Annie Hamblin and they had at least one child, Chester L. Bassett. As a local farmer, and seemingly a prosperous one according to his probate records, he cultivated cranberries and various other vegetables. At the time of his death, in 1943, his stock portfolio was worth approximately \$43,000.

Scope and Contents note: Collection consists of Bassett's personal and business correspondence, account books, and other records relating to his cranberry growing business, 1883-1889. Also includes his personal investment records and records of town service. Arranged chronologically.

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1	Correspondence, undated
2	“ 1854,1884, 1886-1889
3	“ 1890
4	“ 1891
5	“ 1892-1893
6	“ 1894
7	“ 1895
8	“ 1896
9	“ 1897
10	“ 1898
11	“ 1899-1900
12	Correspondence relating to selling bog property, 1900-1901

Records regarding cranberry growing business, 1883-1899

13	Grocery supply account book, 1883-1889
14	“ “ 1887-1890
15	“ “ 1888-1895
16	“ “ 1889
17	“ “ 1890
18	“ “ 1890
19	“ “ 1890-1892
20	Farm and bog account book, 1893-?
21	Grocery supply account book, 1894-1897
22	“ “ 1897
23	“ “ 1897-1900
24	Receipts and inquiries from merchants for other vegetables, 1888-1901
25	Receipts for picking, screening, and weeding on cranberry bog, 1889-1899
26	Wages paid to cranberry pickers
27	Sales receipts from Waquoit Barrel Co. for barrel purchases, 1895-1898
28	Sales receipts for cranberries, from various merchants, 1885-1898
29	“ “ “ 1890-1893
30	“ “ “ 1895-1898

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- 31 Postcard notices advising on market prices and conditions
(from various merchants, including Titus Brothers, NYC, Sharp Cox & Co.,
Philadelphia, and Redfield and Son, Philadelphia)
- 32 Correspondence from merchants advising on market prices and conditions,
1895-1899
- 33 Railroad shipping receipts, 1888-1899

Records regarding town appointments, taxes, permits and fees

- 34 Appointments as Fire Warden, Town of Barnstable, 1887-1897
- 35 Receipts for payment to firefighters, 1884-1896
- 36 Poll tax payments, 1890-1897
- 37 Republican Party, notices and member list, 1895
- 38 Notice of insolvency
- 39 Burn permit, 1898
- 40 Money order
- 41 Fire insurance
- 42 Description of unknown woodlot
- 43 School notebook
- 44 Photograph (not identified)
- 45 Notice of cattle impoundment
- 46 Receipts

Records relating to railroad stocks owned by Charles Bassett, 1886-1898

- 47 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe stocks, notice of dividend payments, stockholder
meetings, plan of income hand conversion, 1886-1889
- 48 Old Colony Railroad stocks, notice of dividend payments, director's report,
1890, 1895
- 49 Union Pacific stocks, notice of stockholder meeting, 1888-1891
- 50 West End Street Railway stocks, annual meetings, proxy notices, notice of
directors, board vote, notice of dividend payment, 1892-1898

Records relating to telephone company stocks owned by Charles Bassett, 1892-1901

- 51 New England Telephone and Telegraph stocks, order forms, notice of dividend
payments, notice of stockholder meetings, notice of new stock offering to
shareholders, 1892-1901
- 52 American Telephone and Telegraph Company stocks, notice of dividend
payments, annual meeting notices, notice of capital stock increase, 1894-1901

Box 3

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Record of mining company stocks owned by Charles Bassett, 1891-1901

- 53 Cordell Zinc and Lead Mining Co., correspondence from broker, blank forms, advertising circular, 1900
- 54 Quincy Mining Co., proxy forms, notice of dividend payments, annual stockholder meetings, Thomas F. Maron memorial, 1899-1901
- 55 International Zinc Co., Ltd, prospectus, correspondence, order forms, 1899
- 56 Syndicate agreement to purchase May claim, with prospectus, 1900
- 57 Continental Zinc and Lead Mining and Smelting Co., notices and prospectus, not dated

Records regarding various other stocks owned by Charles Bassett, 1892-1901

- 58 Olympia Light and Power Co, notices, 1892?
- 59 Swift and Company, notices, forms, 1895-1901
- 60 Crescent Oil Co., prospectus, correspondence, forms, 1901
- 61 American Sugar Refining Co., notices of meetings, payment, forms, not dated
- 62-63 Brokerage firms (various), notices and receipts, 1890-1901
- 64-65 Advertising circulars from various merchants selling agricultural products

Other items

- 66 World's Fair memorabilia
- 67 Other memorabilia (Luray Caverns, Brockton Fair tickets)
- 68 Metal shipping stencils
- 69 Receipts