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Town and Local History Collection

Gustavus Adolphus Hinckley (1822-1905)
Photographs of Barnstable

MS. 33

Extent: 29 photographs (gelatin prints)

Biographical note: Gustavus Adolphus Hinckley was born in Barnstable in 1822. He went to Boston at age 18, learned the trade of machinist and traveled the country working on engines and instructing mechanics. After this he turned his attention to mining, and became superintendent of Pewabic Copper Mines in Lake Superior, and later managed an oil farm in Pennsylvania. He returned to Barnstable in 1872 and two years later became treasurer of the Barnstable Savings Bank, retiring in 1883.

Hinckley was interested in the “Old Colony” of Plymouth, and especially his native town of Barnstable and was determined to preserve its history. Hinckley became known as an authority on Barnstable families. He transcribed all early vital and town records, and Barnstable County probate records that dealt with town residents. He also visited cemeteries and recorded all names, dates and inscriptions. He fully indexed his transcriptions.

After Hinckley’s death his papers were donated to the New England Historical Genealogical Society library in Boston. His collection of transcriptions is published by NEHGS on CD, a copy of which is available in Sturgis Library.

Scope and contents note: All 29 photographs mounted on board and inscribed on the verso of the mount as by Gustavus Hinckley. Subjects are houses in Barnstable Village, house interiors, and landscape scenes in Barnstable.

Access: unrestricted

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Item list
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Folder #1 Interiors
John Dimmock House, front chamber
Gorham house, kitchen
Dr. S. Savage house, east room
Baxter house, north room
John Dimmock house, parlor

Folder #2 Exteriors
Dr. Samuel Savage house, 3010 Main Street
Capt. James Baxter house
Nathaniel Barow house
William Winslow Sturgis house
Gorham house
Bursley House, West Barnstable

Folder #3 Neighborhoods
East of Court House
Dimmock neighborhood (Whittemore house, etc.)
West Barnstable, north of Church Street
Bacon Farm and Major Phinney’s house
West Barnstable, road to station
Jail Hill – Howard House, etc. (views from rising land behind Beale-Iasigi House)

Folder #4 Nine Mile Pond (Wequaquet Lake)
4 views of Nine Mile Pond

Folder #5 Marsh/Water Views
9 views of Sandy Neck and other views