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### Genealogy and Personal Manuscripts Collection

Jonathan Higgins (1816-1897), legal papers, 1820-1891

#### MS. 28

**Extent:** 3 boxes, including 54 deeds

**Biographical note:** Jonathan Higgins was born in Orleans on November 21, 1816. He was educated in Orleans public schools and studied law at Rock Harbor Academy under Judge J.M. Day in 1858. He was elected for 3 terms as Registrar of Probate (Barnstable County) and was elected to the Legislature in 1876. He was a deacon of the Orleans Congregational Church and handled many administrative tasks for the church including that of treasurer. Higgins also provided a similar service for the Orleans Cemetery Association. He first married Mary Doane, daughter of Captain Seth Doane, with whom he had seven children. Some time after Mary passed away he married his second wife, Ruth Snow, daughter of Joseph Snow, but it is uncertain if he had children from his second wife. For many years he lived on Pond Street, Orleans, Massachusetts, where he had a small office for his law practice.

**Scope and contents note:** The collection consists of correspondence, an account book and legal documents and receipts relating to Jonathan Higgins' Orleans law practice. There are a small amount of items relating to his involvement with the Orleans Congregational Society Church. The remainder of the collection consists of 54 deeds recording land transactions in Barnstable County. The majority deal with property in Provincetown, Massachusetts and date between 1820 and 1891, and also apparently relate to Jonathan Higgins' law practice.

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**Box 1****Folder #**

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| 1     | Account book, not dated                    |
| 2     | Correspondence, 1880-1891                  |
| 3     | “ 1892-1894                                |
| 4     | “ 1895                                     |
| 5     | “ 1896                                     |
| 6     | “ 1897                                     |
| 7     | “ not dated                                |
| 8     | Legal files: guardianship, 1888-1892       |
| 9     | “ appointment of executor, 1879-1893       |
| 10-12 | “ estate inventories, 1872-1896            |
| 13    | “ release of property for sale, 1869-1891  |
| 14    | “ widows' allowance, 1888-1890             |
| 15    | “ discharge of mortgage, 1887-1891         |
| 16    | “ fire insurance policies, 1854, 1889-1893 |
| 17    | “ misc legal, 1853, 1889, 1896, 1885       |
| 18    | “ blank legal forms, not dated             |

**Box 2****Folder #**

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| 19 | Receipts related to legal practice, 1860-1879 |
| 20 | “ “ 1880-1889                                 |
| 21 | “ “ 1890-1892                                 |
| 22 | “ “ 1893-1894                                 |
| 23 | “ “ 1895-1897                                 |
| 24 | “ “ not dated                                 |

## Church related activities (personal files)

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| 25 | Orleans Congregational Society Church, bills and receipts, 1851-1856 |
| 26 | Orleans Cemetery Association, receipts, 1849-1852                    |

**Box 3**Barnstable County Deeds

## Item #

- 1 Allen, Elizabeth to Edward B. Allen, Barnstable Co. (Harwich) 1868 January 31
- 2 Allen, Elizabeth P. to Edward B. Allen, Barnstable Co. (Harwich)  
1868 January 31
- 3 Bassett, Esther to Mary Pierce, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1888 January 20
- 4 Bourne, Elisabeth W. to Frederick O Smith, Barnstable Co. (Sandwich)  
1875 January 12
- 5 Crosby, Fanny to John Gould, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1848 February 9
- 6 Crosby, Nathan to Edward Freeman, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1863 June 27
- 7 Crocker, Temprance L. to Baron, Dexter and Coolidge, Barnstable Co.  
(West Barnstable) 1869 September 6
- 8 Crowell, Edward to James Smalley, Barnstable Co. (Dennis) 1849 January 2213  
Currant, Richard G. to Anna J. Hutchinson, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown)  
1883 August 9
- 9 Doane, Mary F. to Augustus Percival, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1860 April 30
- 10 Eldridge, Gideon to John W. Robbins, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1875 April 17
- 11 Eldridge, Laura et al to Nathaniel Freeman, Barnstable Co. (Orleans)  
1888 November 8
- 12 Ellis, Emma S. to Mary Pierce, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1888 January 20
- 13 Freeman, Phebe to Benjamin Gould, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1869 April 15
- 14 Gifford, James to Jonathan Higgins, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1889 June 21
- Gould, Thankfull to Fanny Gould, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1858 December 13
- 15 Gould, Isaac et al to Joseph K. Gould, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1888 May 15
- 16 Healey, Willis C. to William A. Atkins, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown)  
1889 April 3
- 17 Higgins, Alice et al to Edmund Linnell, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1873  
December 12
- 18 Higgins, Joan R. to Willard Higgins, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1840 February 6
- 19 Higgins, John to Russell Snow, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1861 July 5
- 20 Higgins, Jonathan to Elisabeth P. Allen, Barnstable Co. (Harwich) 1868 January
- 21 Higgins, Jonathan to Mary L. Rollins, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1885  
January
- 22 Higgins, Susan M. to Isaac Taylor, Humboldt Co., CA (Orleans)  
1873 December
- 23 Higgins, Thomas to Samuel Mayo, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1862 January 7
- 24 Higgins, Zara to Whitfield (?), Barnstable Co. Wellfleet) 1872 May 4
- 25 Hinckley, Amelia to Mary > Smith, Barnstable Co. (Barnstable) 1867  
September 16
- 26 Holway, Ebenezar to Anna Tavers, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1880  
October 18

- 27 Hopkins, Sarah to Franklin Hopkins, Barnstable (?) Co., 1848 February 9  
28 Horton, Isaiah H. et al to Louisa Horton, Barnstable Co. (Eastham) 1875 April 12  
29 Hutchinson, Benjamin F. to William Matheson, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown)  
1820 December 1335  
30 Hutchinson, B.F. to Ann Butler, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1878 August 27  
31 Kiley, Nathaniel to Myrick G. Atwood, Barnstable (Provincetown) 1887 May 817  
Leak, Ebenezer to Sarah K. Cooke, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1879  
February 24  
32 Linnell, Gould to Thomas Higgins, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1859 December 3  
33 Loh, Joshua to Joseph G. Soloan, Barnstable Co. (Eastham) 1866 March 3  
34 Loveland, Elizabeth to Myrick Kent, Barnstable Co., 1890 January 13  
35 Mayo, A. et al to George W. \_\_\_ (?), Barnstable Co. (Eastham) 1874 August  
36 Newcombe, Thomas to Franklin Newcombe, Barnstable (Wellfleet)  
1859 December 25  
37 Nickerson, Asa S. to Sylvanus L. Eldridge, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1888  
June 15  
38 Rogers, Manuel to Francis Joseph, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1879 May 5  
39 Rogers, Manuel et al to Francis Joseph, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown)  
1877 January 11  
40 Rollins, Antoine J. to Jonathan Higgins, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown)  
1885 January 23  
41 Small, Caleb to Joseph K. Baker, Barnstable Co. (Harwich) 1877 August 30  
42 Small, Samuel to David Smith, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1875 August 30  
Smith, Amanda M. et al to J. Harvey Dearborn, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown)  
1878 September 12  
43 Smith, Eliza J. et al to Michael Hamilton, Barnstable Co. (Chatham) 1862  
May 15  
44 Smith, Timothy to John Linnell, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1867 February 8  
45 Snow, Joel et al to Rosilla Shannon, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1892 April  
46 Sparrow, Harvey to Joseph C. Mayo, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1853 January 22  
47 Sparrow, Herbert to Benjamin Sparrow, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1890  
May 19  
48 Taylor, Alice A. to James L. Ditson, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1892  
May 18  
49 Turner, Honorah to Jonathan Higgins, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1889  
June 20  
50 Whitcomb, Joseph to B. F. Hutchinson, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown)  
1878 August 29  
51 Whitcomb, Joseph to Joseph Richards, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 1878  
June 14  
52 Williams, Jackson to John L. Rich, Barnstable Co. (Provincetown) 13 April 1891  
53 Young, Guilford to W. Wilson, Barnstable Co. (Orleans) 1891 March 13  
54 Young, Jonathan to Jonathan Higgins, Barnstable Co. (Brewster) 1890 May 23