

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

**MS. 138
Hyannis State Normal School/Teacher's College Collection**

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content Note: The collection contains two Iyanough yearbooks of the Hyannis State Normal School from 1930 and 1931 belonging to Stasia Wojtueski; a collection of photographs of Stasia, her classmates, and the school; and a scrapbook kept by student Mary Maguire at the Hyannis State Teacher's College circa 1945.

Historical and Biographical Information: *From Wikipedia:* The Hyannis State Normal School / Teachers College is a former college located in Barnstable, Massachusetts. It operated under various names from 1897 to 1944. It operated as the Hyannis State Normal School from 1897 to 1932 and the Hyannis State Teachers College from 1932–1944. It used to have a physical education program, which was transferred to nearby Bridgewater State College (now University) after its closure. It was forced to close in 1944 due to declining enrollment at the school.

During its operation, there was a public elementary school to the east which was constructed to be used alongside the school. Mysteriously, the school burned a few weeks after opening, but it was rebuilt. The building was later replaced by the Hyannis Elementary School a few miles away and the building was torn down.

During the last two years of operation, the college shared its grounds with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, which continued using the site until 1948 when the acquisition of a newer ship required a move to its present location on Buzzards Bay. After the Academy moved, the site was used by the town until 1960. It was reused again as the temporary headquarters for Cape Cod Community College until 1970. After the college vacated the site, the town of Barnstable used the building for the Barnstable Middle School Annex. When the new Barnstable Middle School was built in 1976, the building closed down as a school for good. It was dedicated as the Town Hall and School Administration Building on September 29, 1979. The former dormitories are the location of the administration building while the site of the classrooms is the location of Town Hall.

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Acquisition: Scrapbook purchased at local antique shop, 2013. Yearbooks and photographs purchased by Library on ebay, 2014.

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Contents:

- Fldr 1** 1930 Iyanough Yearbook of the Hyannis State Normal School/Teacher's College belonging to Stasia Wojtueski of New Bedford with inscriptions from other students.
- Fldr 2** 1931 Iyanough Yearbook of the Hyannis State Normal School/Teacher's College belonging to Stasia Wojtueski of New Bedford with inscriptions and superlatives.
- Fldr 3** Photographs:
A. 4 images of Hyannis State Normal School circa 1931
B. 8 images of Stasia Wojtueski circa 1931
C. 10 group/class images. 9 of them circa 1931. 1 image of a selection of the class gathering at someone's home, dated 1985.
- Fldr 4** Scrapbook belonging to Mary G. Maguire, who attended the Hyannis State Teacher's College and graduated in 1945. Scrapbook contains cards, letters, photographs, notes, matchbooks, postcards, napkins, advertisements, drawings, as well as school records including report cards, commencement exercises, etc.