Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection
Photographs and Images Collection

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Extent: 4 boxes

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of photographs, images, and reproductions of artwork featuring local scenes, documents, people, and places. Some of the photographs are enlargements or duplicates of images from other parts of our archives. Prominent images includes Barnstable Village buildings and houses; John Lothrop’s baptismal record; the salt works in Yarmouth; shore whaling in Wellfleet; the cranberry industry in Harwich Port; and photographs of students of Barnstable High School in the late 1800s.

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Acquisition: Photographs were acquired from a number of sources over the years.

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Contents:

Box 1  Fldr 1  Images of John Lothrop Baptismal Record including cover of record book and correspondence with Parish Archivist

Flr 2  Daguerreotype photograph of Barnstable Academy

Flr 3  Harrison Kerr prints and photographs of Barnstable Village & article on Kerr from Christian Science Monitor, March 15, 1974

Flr 4  Images of unknown family picnicking at Highland Light in Truro. Shows men and women with lobsters, cows, and chickens and on a hillside near the light and outbuildings.

Flr 5  Ships and shipwreck including:
1. The Montclair (3 images)
2. S.S. Onondaga (1 image)
3. Brig Cummaquid (1 image with accompanying letter)
4. Unidentified ship, Provincetown
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Box 1  Fldr 6  First Parish (now Unitarian) Church before and after 1905 fire (9 photos and postcards)

Fldr 7  Salt works, South Yarmouth

Fldr 8  3 images of John Gorham documents reproduced from originals at the Massachusetts Archives in Boston:
* Letter from John Gorham to Governor Winslow during King Philip's War, 1675
* Letter from Gorham to Major Walley, Commissioner for War, April 8, 1697
* 1745 letter regarding the "party from the Grand Battery."

Fldr 9  Images of Barnstable Village
1. Hunter's bounty - dead animals being displayed on side of barn
2. Hillside homes near Hinckley/Coggins Pond
3. Cyrus Benjamin Smith driving the depot wagon in front of Sturgis Tent
4. Coggins/Hinckley Pond with Paine homestead and Stephen Smith farm
5. Stephen Smith Farm and Coggins/Hinckley pond
6. Image of drawing of residence and surroundings of Nathan Edson
7. House of the late Daniel Cobb circa 1895
8. Captain James Baker House destroyed by fire 1896
9. Main Road looking west from Phinney's Store [photo has water damage]
10. Sturgis House, built by John Dimmock in 1690
11. Main road looking east from Depot Lane showing Globe Hotel & courthouse lawn
12. Looking west from Cobb's Hill cemetery with Courthouse in the middle distance
13. Inn/Hotel and Courthouse Main Street
14. First Parish Church (before fire) now Unitarian Church
15. Village farm
16. Unknown house and family
17. Unknown house and family
18. Lothrop Hill Cemetery Tomb of Rev. Joseph Green 1920
19. Lothrop Hill Cemetery Tomb 1920

Fldr 10  3 images of cranberry bogs and workers including women and children. W. L. Kelley, Photographer, Harwich Port, MA
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Box 1  Fldr 11  Photographs/Images of People
1. Barnstable High School [BHS] basketball team circa 1900. Players identified on back
2. BHS school photo, Hyannis, MA, circa 1893. Names and graduating year noted on back.
3. BHS class of 1893. Students identified on back.
4. BHS class of 1894. " "
5. BHS class of 1896. " "
6. Enoch Cobb + 6a-b. Record of death & letter of donor. Town of Barnstable Cobb Trust is named for Enoch Cobb, and funds are meant for the benefit of school children.
7. Mary Gorham Bourne (Mrs. Sylvanus Bourne). Images of painting by Copley 1765.
8. Yesteryear House and Gorham family, Barnstable Village

Box 2  Fldr 1  2 aerial photographs of Barnstable Village, showing railroad, houses, harbor, Freezer, and jail [behind courthouse] under construction circa 1936.


Fldr 3  1901 graduates of Barnstable High School. Students identified on back.

Fldr 4  Painting of Three Sisters lighthouses, Truro, MA. Signed "H.L." Not dated.

Fldr 5  Images of the payroll of men who went from Barnstable under the command of Col. Joseph Otis April 19, 1775. Originals in Massachusetts Archives in Boston.

Fldr 6  Barnstable Village houses, buildings, and scenes (9 items) including Cobb's Hill, Millway, Bourne House, etc. Circa 1995

Fldr 7  Barnstable 300th Anniversary/Tercentenary Banquet, Barnstable Fairgrounds, 1939

Fldr 8  Crocker Store, Osterville, 1886

Fldr 9  Barnstable/West Barnstable houses, buildings, and Sandy Neck dunes (9 photos on two brittle scrapbook pages)
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Box 2  Fldr 10  William Sturgis Bigelow, Library Trustee, William Sturgis descendant, art collector, Buddhist, and Boston Brahmin
* 1 framed photograph and 1 unframed copy of same photo
* 1 copied image of John Singer Sargent charcoal portrait, in the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
* 1 photo of Bigelow as a Buddhist student
* 2 pages of accompanying documentation

Item 11  Cyrus Benjamin Smith in Depot Wagon in front of Sturgis Tent (Enlargement of image in Box 1 folder 9)

Item 12  Cobb's Hill Cemetery looking east to courthouse (Enlargement of image in Box 1 folder 9)

Item 13  Rendezvous Creek (Enlargement of image in Box 1 folder 9)

Item 14  Coggins/Hinckley Pond & Stephen Smith Farm (Enlargement of image in Box 1 folder 9)

Box 3  (Oversized)

Most of the images in Box 3 are enlargements of images in Box 1, Folder 9, and are also part of the Preserving Memory online digital archive, available on the Sturgis Library website.

Item 1  Phinney's Store

Item 2  Pond Village farm

Item 3  Pine Lane / Franklin Goss House (later Tupper School)

Item 4  Town pump, corner of Rendezvous Land and Route 6A

Item 5  Nathaniel Bacon saltbox house

Item 6  Captain James Baxter house

Item 7  "Barnstable House"

Item 8  William Winship Sturgis / John Dimmock House

Item 9  First Parish Congregational Church (now Unitarian) destroyed by fire 1905
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Box 3  
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Item 12 West Barnstable corner of Route 6A & 149  
Item 13 Sturgis Library circa 1900  
Item 14 Main Street looking east with Courthouse on right  
Item 15 Baptist Church (now Tales of Cape Cod) & St. Mary's Church, corner of Rendezvous Lane and 6A  
Item 16 First Parish Congregational Church (now Unitarian) Fire 1905  
Item 17 Town Pump, with Main Street, looking east  
Item 18 Globe Hotel (site of present day Barnstable Tavern)  
Item 19 Main Street at Millway & 6A  
Item 20 Main Street Circa 1911  
Item 21 Ice House Coggins/Hinckley Pond  
Item 22 Barnstable Railroad Station, Railroad Avenue  
Item 23 Unidentified House  
Item 24 Globe Hotel from Courthouse lawn looking west  
Item 25 Millway  
Item 26 Courthouse  
Item 27 Cobb's Hill and Unitarian Church  
Item 28 View of fields, marsh, houses and Barnstable Harbor circa 1900  
Item 29 View of road, fields, homes, and stone walls circa 1900  
Item 30 Barnstable marina and Whale Watcher building
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Item 31  Reflection of Unitarian Church steeple in Trayser Museum window (now Coast Guard Heritage Museum)

Item 32  Barnstable Harbor and Marina aerial view circa 1962

Item 33  Barnstable Harbor and Marina aerial view circa 1966

Item 34  Barnstable Harbor and Marina aerial view circa 1966

Item 35  Barnstable Harbor and Marina aerial view circa 1968

Box 4

Fldr 1  Hinckley House Hyannis – glass plate negative

Fldr 2  Barnstable Tercentenary photos taken at Sturgis Library and unidentified restaurant

Fldr 3  Tintype portrait taken at Barnstable County Fair

Fldr 4  Images of Barnstable Village

Fldr 5  Images of Centerville, Cotuit, Marstons Mills, Osterville, and West Barnstable

Fldr 6  Images of Hyannis and Hyannisport

Fldr 7  Images of the Hyannis airport

Fldr 8  Miscellaneous Cape Cod images