

Sturgis Library Archives

MS. 178 Andrea Leonard Collection

Extent: 7 boxes

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of writings and genealogies by Andrea Leonard (1923-2007) of Osterville, including the notes for her two-volume genealogy of the Crocker family. Also included are travel essays, poems, stories, and articles, as well as additional genealogical records.

Biographical and historical information:

Andrea Leonard was a writer and journalist, and wrote a regular column called *Village View*. In one column, she wrote of herself: "I was born and brought up in Osterville by rock-ribbed Republican parents in company with three brothers, one of whom is presently and has been for the past 22 years a stress engineer for an aircraft company. Dad was a mechanical engineer and operated a machine shop of his own for many years, as well as a small brass foundry, a couple of gas pumps, and what we would today call a service station. In those days, it was a garage. He repaired automobiles. I was raised in a "motor car atmosphere", in other words.

"I'm a product of Barnstable schools, am a graduate of the University of Chicago, and am a competent executive secretary. Among several other fields in which I have worked are Research and Development (Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Inc., now a division of Cutler Hammer), as executive secretary to the Treasurer (1953-1957) and the State of Illinois, executive secretary to the Director of a State Agency (1950-1953). From 1960 to 1966 I was part-owner and operator of a small travel agency [in Osterville], since sold. I am presently employed by Children's Protective Services, Cape Cod District, Massachusetts Prevention of Cruelty to Children."

Leonard's niece, Judith Leonard Staples, writes of her: "My aunt was a vocal supporter of many causes. She was an elected representative of the village of Osterville in town government for many years. She supported environmental protection, was in favor of recycling, conservation areas, clean water and alternative energy sources such as solar power and electric vehicles. She believed in fiscal responsibility, and was never known for ostentatious display. She was kind to all her nephews and nieces and quietly gave help to those in need. She supported education and equality for women and didn't hesitate to let any man in the room know that she was his intellectual equal. She enjoyed having a discussion where opinions varied and different views were shared respectfully and responsibly.

"In her later years, she experienced severe hearing loss and was legally blind in one eye after a retina detached. She had survived a serious bout of ovarian cancer in her late 40's and passed away after a years-long battle with bowel cancer at the age of 83.

"She had married Ira S. Glick of Chicago shortly after graduating from college in 1946 and they divorced after 19 years. They never had any children. They lived in Chicago, New York and Osterville. Her last seven years were spent living at Heatherwood (independent living for over 55) in Yarmouth Port.

“On both sides of her family, her forbears were old Cape Cod and New England families going back to the Mayflower. She wrote extensively about genealogy and published two books on the Crocker family. She wrote articles, usually relating to local history, for Cape Cod Life and occasionally for other publications.”

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Acquisition: Donated by Andrea Leonard’s niece and nephew, Judith Leonard Staples and Jim Leonard.

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Related collections:

- MS. 106 - Family Bible Collection – Boulton, Hinckley, Leonard, and Lovell
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- MS. 171 – Prince Family Letters 1715-1751

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 - *History of Osterville ME Church*
 - *United Methodist Church Osterville*
 - *The Osterville Historical Society 1931-1981*
 - *The Osterville Historical Society Museum*
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 - *Proceeding of the Tercentenary Anniversary of Barnstable*
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- Crocker and other vital records (births, death, marriages)
- *Cape Cod – A Guidebook* by Andrea Leonard Glick, 1961
- *Crocker Family Historic Sites in the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts*, 2nd edition, December 1999, by Jeffrey D. Crocker.
- *Our Crocker Story*, February 1977, by Jeffrey D. Crocker.
- Three books by Tracy A. Crocker:
 - *William Crocker of Barnstable*
 - *Roger Goodspeed of Barnstable*
 - *Samuel Hinckley of Barnstable*
 - *Benjamin Nye of Barnstable*

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Loose in box:

- *Bearse Family Tree* (2 volumes) – Ancestors of Charles Inman Bearse, Jr.
- Nye/Bearse Records
- *The Genealogical Record of John Howland Crocker & Mary Hinckley*
- *A Crocker Genealogy Volumes 1 & 2* by Andrea Leonard
- Crocker Family group charts and family tree