

## FALMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### GUIDE TO COLLECTIONS OF FAMILY PAPERS

#### **Bodfish Family Collection 1803-1907**

The bulk of this collection derives from the activities of **Captain William Bodfish** (1789-1824) and his son **Robinson Crocker Bodfish** (1818-1912).

The papers of Captain Bodfish, a trader, who shipped goods from Puerto Rico, St. Pierre, Martinique, and St. John, consists of correspondence with other shipping merchants (ca.1815-1824); receipts, invoices, and freight lists for goods shipped on brigs **Fame**, **Caroline**, **Franklin**, and **Clarion**, and schooner **Leon** (ca.1819-1824). In addition there are papers (1824-1828) relating to William's estate for which his wife, **Mary Crocker Bodfish**, was executrix.

The papers of Robinson Crocker Bodfish reflect his interest as an amateur local historian and his ambitions for the development in the **Ocean Vistas** and **Falmouth Heights** areas. They consist of correspondence (ca.1842-1905) relating to real estate developments, maps and plans for the development of the village of **Oak Bluffs** in Martha's Vineyard; letters (ca.1859-1872) from **Frederick Freeman**, author of *The History of Cape Cod* (1858); a scrapbook of clippings of Falmouth history (1900-1904); and a compilation of data on the whaling industry of Falmouth.

Completing the collection are papers and/or photographs of **Abigail Fessenden (Mrs. William) Bodfish** (1764-1852); **Deborah Frances Bodfish Woodberry** (1820-1851); **H.H. Bodfish**; the **Reverend J.P. Bodfish**; **Joseph C. Bodfish**; **Lydia Soule (Mrs. Robinson Crocker) Bodfish**; **Mary Crocker (Mrs. William) Bodfish** (1788-1847); **Sumner H. Bodfish**; and another **William Bodfish** (1758-1809). 2 boxes.

See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Bourne Family Collection 1743-1837**

Consists of real estate deeds of **John** (gentleman); **Joseph** (yeoman); **Nathaniel** (yeoman, Falmouth), later Redfield, N.Y.; **Mehitable** (single daughter of Nathaniel); and **Timothy** (mariner) also court papers in a case brought by **Nathaniel Bourne** against **Samuel Phinney**. Also included are photographs of **Samuel P. Bourne** (cashier of the Falmouth Bank from 1843 to 1873) and his wife **Celia Lawrence**.

See also Genealogy collection.

#### **Baker Family Papers**

Consists of deeds (ca 1799-1827) recording transfers of property of **Barnabas and Barnabas, Jr.** (mariners), **Mary** (Baltimore, Md., widow of **Jehial Baker**), **Matthew** (mariner) and **Nathaniel** (yeoman), and a bond (1845) of **Hiriam** (mariner). Also photograph (nd) and biographical sketch of **Captain Nehemiah P. Baker** (1822-1911; shipmaster); and photographs (n.d.) of **Minnie, Ernest**, and his sister. Included also are clippings relating to the visit to Falmouth in 1950 of Mayor Albert V. Baker (Falmouth, England).

See also letters (1824-1825) from **James** and **John Baker** to **Captain William Bodfish** in the Bodfish Collection.

### **Barker Family Papers**

Consists of papers arising from legal actions (ca.1724-1735) in which **Samuel Barker** (yeoman, Falmouth) and a **Samuel Barker** (ferryman, Nantucket) were involved; and a letter (1816) from **Josiah Barker** (Nantucket) were involved; and a letter (1816) from Josiah Barker (Nantucket) relating to shipments of oil. See also **Dimmick** Family Collection for power of attorney (1807) given by **Wendell Randolph Barker** (merchant, Boston) to **Joseph Dimmick** (esquire).

See also Genealogy Collection. 4 items.

### **Bowerman Family Collection 1749-1929**

Collection consists of deeds (1749-1767) of Bowerman family members: **Barnabas, Daniel, Samuel, Jr., Simeon, and Stephen, Jr.**, all yeoman, as grantors or grantees; an invoice (1773 copy), of **Stephen, Jr.**, showing sale by him of spermaceti oil; a deed (1826) of **Daniel**; a photograph (1929) of the Bowerman House in West Falmouth; and a poem written by **Frances E. Swift** (1897) in which she described it as the house where the "Nameless Nobleman" found shelter.

See also materials in other collections relating to **Abraham** (yeoman), **Amasa** (laborer), **Enos** (one of the heirs of Recompense Landers) and **Paul**.

See also Genealogy Collection.

### **Bradford Family Collection 1804-1810**

Consists of a deposition (1804) of **Cornelius Bradford** (mariner) taken in the matter of the drowning of **Elisha Delano**; court papers (1806-1810) in legal actions that arose from his non-payment of debts; an agreement (1807) of **Edward Bradford** to partition his land; and papers (1809) in Edward's estate.

See also Genealogy Collection.

### **Butler Family Collection 1744-1897**

Consists of deeds to real estate in Falmouth covering the period 1744-1897 of **Benjamin** (yeoman); **Daniel** (yeoman); **John** (housewright); **Obadiah** (yeoman); **Obed** (yeoman) and **Otis** (mariner); a judgment awarded to **Pernail Butler** (widow) against a debtor; and photographs of **David**.

See Genealogy Collection.

### **Cahoon Family Collection 1878-1917**

Consists of deeds to real estate in Falmouth covering years 1878-1917, of **Barzillai Cahoon** graduation certificates from Grammar and Lawrence High School (1913, 1917), of **Ethel May Cahoon**; executor's deed for land of **Rosanna Weeks** (1880).

Also papers relating to Fred A. Cahoon: warranty deed of land near **Backus River** 1888); salt marsh owned in common on Lewis Neck at East Falmouth from **Silas Hatch** (1909); deed of land from **Andrew W. Davis** (1922); mortgage from **John Teixeira** for land in Waquoit (1917); release of damages regarding accident of **Felix Costa** (1918).

### **Chadwick Family Papers**

Consists of the last will & testament of **Benjamin Chadwick** (1775); deeds of Benjamin and **Sarah Chadwick** (copies 1790,1822); Poem by **Warren L. Chadwick** (ca. 1884) about incarceration in Belle Isle Prison during Civil War (handscript 12 pgs); Descendants of **Micajah Chadwick** (4 pages, typescript). 5 items. See also Genealogy Collection.

### **Clark Family Papers**

Consists of the last will & testament of **Eliza T. Clark** (copy, 1890); receipt for lot at Oak Grove Cemetery (1881); **George E. Dean** appointed administrator of will (1912); letters regarding funds to heirs of Eliza (1916); records, bills, checks relating to her estate (21 items, 1911-1915). 25 items

### **Collins Papers (George R. Collins 1917-1993)**

Documents relating to West Falmouth Country Club/Golf Course 1920-1938. In 1986, G.R. Collins sold 50 acres to 300 Committee as its first land acquisition; also included are **John H. Dillingham** Land Deeds 1870-1899. Also, a folder of Dillingham/Quaker profiles with English ancestors (no Falmouth connection) **Alexander Jaffrey**, **Catherine Burling**, **Richard Pike**, **Sarsh Taylor**, **Jeremiah Waring**, **Elizabeth Kendall**, **Henry Stout**, **John Carlile**.

### **Crocker Family Collection 1774-1937**

Consists of deeds (ca. 1774 - 1812) of **John , Noah** and **Timothy** (yeoman); court papers (1795) in a case of trespass against **Alvin** (yeoman, Barnstable); court papers (1801, 1810) in cases **John** brought personally and as agent of the ferry at Falmouth to Dukes County; and marriage records (1854) of **Allen** (yeoman) and **Lydia C. Brown** (Nantucket).

A substantial part of the collection consists of the papers of **John Henry Crocker** (1857-1919, cranberry grower) that relate to his family and business affairs. Included are records of this marriage in 1892 to **Helen M. Baker** (1859-1935, Somerville, Mass.) and their obituaries; deeds and/or correspondence (1883-1919) arising from land transactions, his interest in **The Falmouth Cranberry Co.** and the **Falmouth National Bank** of which he was a director.

Included also are photographs and organizational records of **The Falmouth Gentleman's Driving Club** (Trotting Park Road, East Falmouth) which John at one time owned; and two diaries with his entries for the years 1894 and 1918-1919. Among this family's papers are records of the marriage of John's daughter **Ester Moyce Crocker** (d.1982) to **Angus Van Ausdol Swift** in 1916 and to **John Lewis Binda** in 1928; the certificate of appointment of **John Binda** in 1911 as vice and deputy consul of the United State in Solonika, Turkey; and account of John's death in 1934 in a plane crash; and the will (1911) of his father, **Columba Binda** (Hyannis).

Included also are photographs of **Albert** (d. 1928); **Louisa C.** (1859 -1863); **Helen** and **John Henry**; and **Ester** and Ester's daughter **Helen Moyce Swift** ([d.ca.1931](#)); and the houses of **Allen** and **Lydia**, **Frank W.**, **John**, **John Henry**, and **Timothy**.

### **Croswell Family Papers (1811, 1831)**

Consists of court papers in the case of **Samuel P. Croswell** (trader) vs. **Moses Nye** (mariner); and certificate of his appointment as Chairman of the County Commissioners of Barnstable County. See also Genealogy Collection. 5 items.

### **Crowell Families Collection 1792-1831**

Agreement re: boundary of "New Purchase" 1815, A Bill of Sale (1792) for the sloop **Susanna** sold by **Barnabas Crowell** (mariner) to **Francis Davis**; a letter from **Charlotte Crowell** to **Simeon C. Sears** (1983) and a printed discharge of note to **David Crowell** (1798); invoice **David Crowell** to **Thomas Hall** for carting of fish (1808); Power of attorney of **David Crowell**, assigned to **James Hinckley** (1801) Bank statements and greeting cards of **Frank A.** and **Louise M. Crowell** (1926-1927).

**Isaiah Crowell**: deeds, accounts and bills, a promissory note (1797) of **Silvanus Crowell**; a deed (1860) of land in Yarmouth to Silvanus son **Solomon**; the last will and testament (1815) of **Phebe (Swift) Crowell** (widow); and a deed (1831) of **Mahitable Crowell** to a pew in the Falmouth Meeting House.

Also materials (ca. 1798 -1808) arising from the activities of **David Crowell Jr.** (1720 – 1813), trader in Kennebec and Falmouth) which include a promissory note, a power of attorney assigned by him to **James Hinckley**, business letters from Hinckley to Crowell, and a ledger for a general store which he operated in Falmouth.

Bill of Lading for sloop ***Amphibiois***, **Matthew Crowell** (1810); last will of **Phebe Crowell**; crew protection bond for schooner ***Rambler*** by **Jonathan Baker** and **Silvanus Crowell** (1804); invoice of wines shipped to **Silvanus** on schooner ***Rising Sun*** (1810); minutes/vote; deed by **Simeon Crowell** for owners of **Parker's Mill** (1838); deed of land in Yarmouth from **Simeon** to **Charlotte and Mark Crowell (1847)**; ledger for general store of **David Crowell Jr. (1795-1800)**.

### **Davis Families Collection 1701 -1896**

Consists of papers that relate to **Abner** (yeoman, ca. 1787 -1804) **Benjamin** (yeoman, 1748); **Clara** (librarian, ca. 1895); **David** (mariner, 1809 - 1810); **F.C. Davis** (1896); **F. J .Davis** (1867 - 1871); **Francis** (yeoman, 1804); **Frederick** (druggist, [d.ca.](#)1863; ca. 1825 - 1862 and n.d.); **Frederick** (tailor, 1823); **Ichabod** (yeoman, 1760, 1778); **Jabez** (yeoman, 1748, 1758); **Jedidiah** (yeoman, 1748); **John** (d. 1703; 1701); **John** (yeoman, ca. 1747 - 1824); **John** (yeoman, Wareham, 1748); **Joseph 3d** (1823); **Lemuel** (yeoman,1748); **Louise** (1862); **Moses** (ca. 1758 - 1811); **Nathan** (yeoman, 1748, 1765); **Nathaniel (yeoman, 1748)**; **Noah** (yeoman, d. ca. 1787; ca. 1748 -1762); Noah (boatman, 1761); **Temperance** (1807); **Walter** (1828); **William** (1844).

Included are deeds showing transfers of property in Falmouth; records of a general store and a drugstore conducted by members of the Davis family; guardianship and estate papers; military records; and bills and promissory notes. Also included are school records and photographs of family members. See the **Bodfish collection** for letters of **Frederick C. Davis**; **James H. Davis** and his wife **Harriet A. Davis**.

See also Genealogy Collection.

### **Dillingham Family Collection 1807- 1878**

Collection consists of military records (1807) of **Jonathan Dillingham** (hatter, Sandwich); a bill of sale (1836) for a share of schooner ***Susan***, sold by **Stephen Dillingham** (postmaster); and a deed (1878) of **Elizabeth Dillingham**.

See also Genealogy Collection.

### **Dimmick Family Collection 1790-1890, 1923, and not dated**

Collection consists of papers of family members which include deeds and other property transfers, legal and business records, and records of members who served as selectman and sheriff of the town of Falmouth.

The materials relate to **Braddock** (1761- 1845, selectman); **David** (owner of the "Dimmick House"); **Joseph** (1733 -1822) Revolutionary War General and sheriff); **Joseph (Bourne)**; **Prince** and **Robinson** (mariners); **Susan** and **William**. Also papers of **Joseph** arising from his administration of the estates of **Enos** and **Stephen Bowerman** and **Jabez Swift**, and a license issued to him to sell goods and chattel. Included also are photographs (n.d.) of family members, among which are those of **Braddock** and his wife **Susan**, **Charles William** (1826-1888) and his wife **Oradine Reynolds** (1834- 1899); **Sylvanus**; and **William**.

See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **M. Sylvia Donaldson Collection ca.1888-1896**

The papers of Falmouth-born teacher, school administrator, Representative from Brockton, Mass. to the State legislature, first woman to serve in the Mass. House of Representatives, and first woman to wield a gavel there. Collection consists of biographical data, including an autobiographical sketch and photograph, and speeches, primarily on subjects relating to her work with the Brockton schools; school publications and classroom notes. Also a plan of the General Court (1923) on which is indicated the seat of Miss Donaldson which had previously been the seat of her father, **George W. Donaldson**. See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Eldred/Eldredge Family Collections ca.1800–1902**

Consists of papers that relate to: **Alice, Anna** (widow), **Arthur W.** (d. 1938), **C.H. Eldred, David, Edwin** (1818 - 1901), **Franklin, Frederick** (1822 - 1874), **Hattie** (North Falmouth), **Lemuel, Lorenzo, Lucius, Marian Eldred Minchler, Mercy Eldred Grew** (1824 - 1914), **Patience, Prince, Silas Jones Eldred, Susanna** (1778 - 1798), **Ward** (North Falmouth), **Captain William** (Quissett), **William Henry** (b. 1833) and **William** (d. 1839). Included are deeds to real estate in Falmouth, estate and court papers, family letters, bills and receipts and photographs. Also included are autograph and friendship books. See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Fenno Family Collection ca.1876 -1881**

Collection consists of a certificate (1876) appointing **Edward N. Fenno** as Aid-de-camp of the 2nd. Brigade of the Militia of the Commonwealth; a certificate (1881) commissioning him as Major and Assistant Inspector-General of the 2nd, Brigade of the Militia of the Commonwealth; a photograph of **Edward N. Fenno** and his wife, **Nicoll Fenno**; one of **Nicoll Fenno** and her two sons, **Edward Nicoll Fenno, Jr.** and **Bradlee Fenno**, both photographs taken in front of the Fenno home built in 1902, now owned by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; and a photograph of **Bradlee** with his horse and dog on

the estate. See Smythe Collection for letters of **Ellen M. Fenno** and **Edward N. Fenno** written to the **Rev. Henry Herbert Smythe**.

#### **Fish Family Collection ca.1724 – 1955**

Consists of an indenture (1724) of **Nathan Fish** binding his young son **Rowland** to his brother **Thomas** (yeoman, Duxbury); a deed (1782) of **Rufus Fish** (yeoman) and his wife; letters (1801- 1814) written by **Jonathan Fish** from the town of Bernard to his sister and brother (in Falmouth); legal papers (1804- 1811) arising from the court cases of **John Smalle** (mariner) vs. **Timothy Fish** (joiner, Sandwich); **Mercy Green** (single woman) vs. **Ezra** and **Lemuel Fish**; and **Theodore Fish** (joiner, Sandwich) vs. **Seth Hamlin** (mariner); a deed (1861) of **Moses R. Fish**; and an obituary (1955) of **Effie L. Fish** (1859 -1955) who served as postmaster of Teaticket from 1890 to her retirement in 1940. Included also are photographs of **Betsey (Waterman) Fish**, wife of **Ezra**, and **Amanda (Swift) Fish**, wife of **Abner**. See also Photograph and Genealogy Collections.

#### **Fisher Family Collection ca. 1838, 1841**

Consists of a deed (1838) of **Stanton C. Fisher** (master mariner); a deed (1846) of **Philander Fisher** (Nantucket); biographical sketch and photograph of **James H. Fisher** (b. 1838, mariner); and a biographical sketch and photograph of **Watson H. Fisher** (b. 1841, mariner).

#### **Gifford Family Collection ca. 1675 - 1960**

Collection consists of papers that relate to **Abigail Bowerman** (daughter of Prince, Sr.), **Alfred** (cordwainer), **Amasa**, **Amma** (single woman), **Arnold** (proprietor of general store, son of Prince Sr.), **Benjamin** (yeoman, son of Prince, Sr.) and **Benjamin** (son of William), **Charles L.**, **Christopher** (yeoman), **David** (housewright), **Elizabeth** (wife of **Prince, Sr.**) and **Elizabeth Swift** (daughter of **Prince, Sr.**), **Elmer W.**, **Franklin Lewis** (housepainter, artist), **George** (cabinet maker), **Gershom** (Wareham), **H.L. Gifford**, **Hannah** (daughter of Prince, Sr.), **Harriet H. (Mrs. Henry)**, **Henry F.** (1818-1903, sea captain), **Jabez**, **James E.**, **John** (house carpenter), **Joseph**, **Jossigne** (mariner), **Justus** (yeoman), **Maltiah** (yeoman, son of Prince Sr.), **Marmaduke** (son of Prince, Sr.) **Martha Bowerman** (daughter of Prince Sr.) **Mordecai** (yeoman), **Nathan** (yeoman), **Prince** and **Prince, Jr.** (yeoman), **Reuben** (yeoman), **Robinson** (yeoman), **Roseter**, **Silas** (housewright), **Stephen**, **Temperance**, **Virtue Arnolda**, **Virtue Bowerman** (teacher), **William** (mariner), **William** (weaver, Sandwich), **William Maxon** (b. 1886) and other family members.

Included are records of property transfers and agreements, court papers arising from cases brought by and against members of the family, estate and guardianship papers, maritime and military records, ledgers for a general store and a farm and sheep raising business and school records. Also included are a guest book for the Bowerman

Homestead, a catalog of paintings by artist **Franklin Lewis**, and photographs of family members. Papers (copies) arising from the actions of Gifford members of the Society of Friends on behalf of Negroes and Indians complete the collection. See Samuel Dewey and Nye Family collections.

See also Genealogy Collection.

### **Gould, Erasmus Collection ca. 1846 -1880**

**Erasmus Gould** served as President of the Falmouth National Bank. The collection consists of his personal account book (1846 - 1880); a ledger (1849 - 1880) of his general store; and plans and specifications for the Erasmus Gould house. Laid in his account book is a memorandum (1852) reporting a meeting at the counting room of the firm of **O.C. Swift & Bros.** of members of the firms of **E. Gould & Co.** and **O. C. Swift & Bros.** when distribution of the effects of E. Gould & Co. were made to O.C. Swift & Bros. Affixed to the back cover are deeds (1854) of Erasmus Gould to lots in Oak Grove Cemetery Assn.

### **Hallett, Freeman Papers**

Consists of early tax receipts (1795-1850), personal bills, family letters, including **Freeman** and **Achsah Hallett, Samuel Lawrence, Capt. Samuel Fish & Co.** Included is a certificate of marriage to **Martha Fisher** (1855). Deeds for Hoop Hollow Rd at Johns Pond/Ashumet (1872), also a Lease for Ashumet Pond Land (1900-1905).

Notebooks for Hallet Farm kept by Freeman Hallett includes notes for prices of vegetables, fish, tobacco and tea (1846, 1851). Also diary (1946) of Willis Hallett (son of Freeman Hallett) noting accounts for Hallett Farm. Obituary of **Agnes Fisher Chamberlain** (1901-1988) and mother of collection donor is included.

### **Hamblin Family Collection ca. 1846 - 1880**

Consists of an assignment (1808) by **Deborah Hamblin** of money held for **Benjamin Hamblin**; an intention of marriage between **Capt. James Stuart** and **Mrs. Sarah Hamblin**, filed in Feb 9th.1836 (married March 3,1836); a deed (1872) of **Caleb O. Hamlin** (master Mariner) to real estate in Sandwich; and a photograph of **Willie Hamblin** as a child. See also Genealogy Collection. See also Maritime Collection.

### **Hamlin Family Collection 1810-1899**

Primarily the business records of **Solomon L. Hamlin**, general store proprietor, consisting of daybooks and ledgers and invoices , also accounts with ship owners whose vessels he supplied; and a photograph (1886) of the store. Also included are promissory notes



(1804, 1810) of **Nathaniel and Seth**. See Fish and Godfrey-Kendrick Collections for promissory notes of **Maria F. and Seth**. See Genealogy Collection.

### **Handy Family Collection**

These records consists of deeds of **Ebenezer Handy** to **Elisha Fish**, 1875; also his marriage certificate to **Lucy Wicks** (copy) 1869; Baptism of **Lucy Handy**,1890; also deed of **Andrew Handy** (1872); and Vital records (1872-1890) for the Handy Family (copies). An 1878 invitation to Mardi Gras addressed to **Capt G.R. Handy**; and court papers involving the case of **Nathaniel Lewis vs. Dianah Handy**, 1807-1812; and a summons in case of **Micah Sampson vs. Paul Handy** (1811).

### **Hatch Families Papers 1679-1966**

Consists of materials that relate to **Allen B.** (b.1886); **Caroline C.** (widow of John); **Charles G.** (pastor of First Baptist Church, South Dartmouth); **Coleman** (gentleman); **Consider** (b.1769); **Davis** (Esquire, deputy sheriff of Barnstable County and executor of the will of **Dr. Francis Wicks**);**Ebenezer A.** (miller);**Edmund C.** (father of Ebenezer A.); **Etta: Francis; Freeman; George Edwin** and his wife; Henrietta; Henry Franklin; Isaiah A. (South Wellfleet, Mass.); Jethro (husbandman, Bowdoinham, Mass., son of Ebenezer and Hannah); **Isaac; John** (mariner); **Jonathan; Joseph** (husbandman) and **Joseph** (laborer);**Mary; Moses** (yeoman); **Moses, Jr.** (gentleman); **Patience** (widow of Moses); **Reuben** (Mashpee); **Samuel** (husbandman);**Seth; Shubel; Silas** (selectman of Falmouth); **Silvanus** (son of Moses); **Silvanus, Jr.**(cordwainer); Stephen (yeoman); **Susan; Sylvania** (wife of **Edmund C.**); **Thomas,Jr.** (blacksmith); and **Timothy**. Included are records of property transfers and agreements; papers arising from court cases brought by and against family members; letters written from the gold fields to relatives in Falmouth, and a poem (printed) written by Isaiah A., one of the "little" Hatches. Also included are a deed to the services of a Native American woman and man; a copy of the deed of **Job Notantico** (Indian son of **Thomas Notantico**) to **Moses Hatch**; and photographs of family members. 62 items. See Lewis, Robinson, Swift and Wicks Collections for materials relating to these families. See Genealogy Collection.

### **Hauser Family Papers**

This collection consists of personal papers, photographs, mementos and artwork of 3 generations of Hausers. There are 4 boxes for **Henry Hauser, Albert Hauser, Grace Hauser** and **Robert Hauser**. Their immigration from Germany in 1927 to New York and later Falmouth is documented with birth, marriages and deaths--all certified. Albert Hauser and his U.S. Coast Guard career, his rescue missions for the *Andrea Doria*, and his founding and defense before the Supreme Court of Hauser's Island in Vineyard Sound. Robert Hauser's career as an artist, fine book maker and archivist is fully documented.

### **Hewins Family Collection 1886-1948**

Consists of biographical data (clippings) relating to **William Harrison Hewins** (1840-1936), town clerk, town treasurer, business man; **Joseph Grinnell Hewins** (1860-1948), police officer; and **Love Frances Hewins**, long-time soloist at St. Barnabas Church. Also essay ***Falmouth in Eighteen Hundred and Fifty.***

Also photographs of William H. Hewins, and a house survey, prepared by him.

See Genealogy Collection.

### **Hinckley Family Collection 1729-1890**

Collection consists primarily of the papers of **James Hinckley** (1767-1812), selectman of the Town of Falmouth from 1803 to the time of his death; Justice of the Peace; deputy representative to the Massachusetts General Court; Notary Public; and attorney and administrator of local estates. Included are papers arising from his professional duties; business records of **Hinckley & Crowell**, a general store, of which he was a partner; deeds and other records of property transfers; and business letters including one (1812) relating to the management of **Naushon Island** following the death of its proprietor. Also included are papers that relate to the administration of James own estate and to the guardianship of his son James. Included also are papers that relate to **Allen**, another son; to **James** (cordwainer); to **John** (gentleman, Barnstable); and to **John** (joiner, Tolland, Conn.); and to **Joshua** (joiner, Provincetown). A photograph (1890) of **Hannah Hinckley** completes the collection. See Genealogy Collection.

### **Jenkins Family Collection 1701-1933**

Consists of deeds (ca. 1701-1845) of **John** (d.1859); **Joshua** (yeoman); and **Thomas** (Barnstable); a receipt showing payment to John for tutoring, and a sermon preached on the occasion of his death; a report on ***The Retaliation***, an English privateer that was operating in Tarpaulin Cove and Falmouth. Also a deed of **Edward Hopkins Jenkins** (1850-1931), scientist, New Haven, Conn.); "Old Falmouth stories", as told by **Dr. Jenkins** to a nephew; and a program (1933) of the dedication of the Jenkins Laboratory at the Connecticut Experiment Station, New Haven, where he was chemist and director.. Included also are a receipted bill (1830) of the **John Jenkins & Co.** general store; bounds of land of a **Deacon Jenkins** on **Hammond's Neck**; and a friendship book (1830) of **Eunice Jenkins**.

Also included is *the Report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the Petition of Weston Jenkins and others accompanying a bill for the relief of Weston Jenkins and others.* Jan. 13, 1815, printed by Roger C.Weightman. 1 printed sheet.

Letter 1859, January 12 written by **John Jenkins** of Falmouth to his son **Foster Jenkins**. References are made to "**Ship Morris**" and losses of \$33,000.00, disastrous voyage. Ship

Awashonks and Hobomok without encouraging news. "prospect in regard to the whaling business generally are rather gloomy" with transcription.

See Genealogy Collection.

### **Jones, George Seneca Collection**

2 diaries describing childhood in Falmouth, and school days at Lawrence Academy. Also notes transcribed from diaries, 1 page genealogy of George Seneca Jones. Xerox from "Falmouth In the Civil War" by **John T. Hough**: "George S. Jones Follows the 38th"; also *Sprintsail* Winter 1991 with selections from George Jones diaries.

See photograph of George S. Jones as adult in Portrait files.

### **Jones, George W. Collection**

Includes papers of **George W. Jones** and **Chandler Jones**. Papers relating to Oak Grove Cemetery, Falmouth Nursing Association, Outlook Club, Miscellaneous. (3 folders). Also, documents and letters regarding **Edith M. Silveus**, **William Hewins**, **Elizabeth G. Parke**, **John P. Sylvia, Jr.**, **Elizabeth Parek**, **Curtis Guild, Jr.**

### **Jones, Kate Collection (Kate (Jones) Watson)**

**Kate (Jones) Watson** was a civic leader and longtime curator of the Falmouth Historical Society. Collection consists of a scrapbook of announcements; theater and concert programs; certificates (1917-1919) issued to her for her wartime efforts; and clippings relating to the social, cultural, academic and religious life of Falmouth. Also letters from **Lucian Hunt** (d.1913) a retired Lawrence Academy principal; a catalogue (1845) of the overseers, instructors and students of the Lawrence Academy in Falmouth for the year ending Oct. 31,1845; and letters from relatives which contain genealogical data on a number of Falmouth families.

15 items 1 vol.

### **Jones, Silas Papers (Silas Jones 1811-1887)**

Collection consists of papers relating to **Silas Jones, Jr.**, ship's master and hero of the attack on the ship **Awashonks**; bank president; town selectman, assessor, and moderator; and representative from Falmouth to the General Court; and members of his family. Included are the certificate issued in 1840 by insurers of the **Awashonks** showing payment to him of a reward for his bravery during the attack on the ship by natives from one of the Marshall Islands, his diary with entries from 1877-1887 that pertain to his relatives and to people and events in Falmouth, and list names and addresses of his correspondents and records of business transactions.

Also papers in the case brought by Silas against **Silvanus Crocker** for assault on his ward in 1811; his obituary; biographical data about him and his wife, **Harriet Robinson** (1877-1883) and other members of his family and photographs of Silas Jr. and his home. Included is also a log (1806-1810) kept by his father **Silas** (1772-1845) recording voyages on the ship **Caroline** and the **brig Hannah and Sally**, and one kept by his son **Silas, 3d.** (b.1859), also known as **Silas Jones Jr.** recording a voyage (1876-1877) on the ship **Samar**.

#### **Kendrick-Godfrey Collection 1847-1915**

The Collection consists of personal and business papers of members of the Kendrick and Godfrey families of Sandwich. They relate to **George A. Kendrick; Lucy E. Kendrick; Reuben Kendrick** and his estate; **Pliney S. Kendrick** and his estate; **Josiah Godfrey; Phebe H. Godfrey; Josiah Godfrey, Jr.;** and **Abby Godfrey**. And there are selected materials arising from the activities of **Horace, Isaiah, Solomon** and **Warren Kendrick**. The Kendricks and Godfreys had family ties and common business interests, most of which related to their maritime occupations. Papers pertaining to schooners **Artist, Faithful, Henry Gibbs, Hockomon, Monitor, Nahant** and **Patron**, in which they had interests as owners, masters, or crew, are included, as well as those relating to their real estate dealings in Sandwich. Greeting cards and announcements sent to Falmouth relatives (Dimmicks) complete the collection.

#### **Knight, Charles R. Collection**

Consists of sketchbooks of Falmouth summer resident and artist **Charles R. Knight**, a biographical article "Father of Prehistoric Wildlife Art", also an unpublished work by **Rhoda Kalt**, granddaughter of Charles Knight and her remembrances of summers in Woods Hole, entitled "Nonnie & Topsy: an Affectionate Memoir", as well as "Autobiography of an Artist" by Charles R. Knight.

Photographs of the family homestead on Quissett Avenue in Woods Hole, as well as **Mrs. Annie H. Knight**, and 2 works by Charles Knight including "The Relief Lightship at Woods Hole, and the First Church of Christ, Sandwich.

See also Falmouth Enterprise, May 22, 1981 edition, "An Artist Who Recreated Living Prehistoric World" (Oversize Document Collection).

#### **Landers Family Collection 1774, 1780**

Consists of a deed (1774) of **Richard Landers** (yeoman) to his sons **Amos, John and Recompense** and to his grandson **Reubin** to real estate in Falmouth; a bond (1780) of **Enos Bowerman** heirs of **Recompense Landers, Nicholas Landers** and a request for assistance from his friends.

See Samuel Dewey Collection for material relating to **Edmund** and **Price Landers** (mariners). See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Lawrence Family Collection 1810-1860; 1918-1956**

Includes court records (1810) in a case brought by **Thomas** (yeoman); deeds (1824, 1833) of **Shubel** to real estate in Falmouth; Poems (1845-1852) of **Martha D**; a journal (1855-1859) kept by **Hattie G.**; military records (1918, 1941) of **Eugene Francis** and **Leroy F. Lawrence**; entries from Starbuck's *American Whale Fishing relating to Captains Augustus, Lewis Henry, Samuel, and Thomas H.; secret instructions for sighting whales on **Ship Addison, Samuel Lewis**, Master, written in 1860 in the hand of his wife **Mary Chipman Lawrence**.*

Included also are photographs of **Barzilla S.**; **Eunice F. Davis**, wife of **Lewis Henry**; **George S.**, son of **Joseph and Harriet**; **Harriet Tabor**; **Joseph** (b.1812); **Martha D.**, daughter of **Augustus** and **Sarah Olive** (b.1747) oldest daughter of **Silas** and **Susanna**, and wife of **Joseph Robinson**; **Sarah P.**, wife of **Augustus**; **Silas**; **William L.** and his wife. Also photographs of the home of **Captain Thomas H.** and biographical sketches of **Amelia H.** (b.1847), his daughter, written in the *Falmouth Enterprise* on the occasions of her 95th and 99th birthdays.

See other collections for materials relating to John R., Maltiah, Shubel, Jr., Solomon, and William. See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Lewis Family Collection 1790-1862; 1951; 1962**

The collection consists of materials that relate to **Abigail Tolman**; **Barzilla** (1833-1851); **David Ward** and his wife; **Frederick Thomas** (1875-1951), Harvard College professor and son of **Charles Sanford Lewis** of Falmouth); **H.C.**; **Isaiah** (1776-1865); **Rev. James D.**; **Nathaniel** (merchant); **Samuel** (yeoman); **Sarah**; and **Thomas** (1806-1884). Included are biographical data relating to members of the family; deeds and other records of real estate transactions; school records; portraits and photographs. Included is a ledger (1790-1824) of **Nathaniel's general store**, and a summons to him to appeal a writ of distress issued for his non-appearance at muster in 1807; entries (1802) from the log of **David Lewis, Jr.** in which he described the fatal illnesses of members of the crew of a vessel in (Haitian) waters; and a receipt (1851) showing payment by **Isaiah** for a share in the brig **Judge Whitman**. Also an article entitled "**Crusader Sam Lewis and businessman Nat Lewis; two Falmouth cousins**", which appeared in the *Falmouth Enterprise*, May 25, 1962. See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Lovell Family Collection 1729 -1830**

Consists of an indenture of **Isaac Pepenie** (Native American) to **James Lovell, Jr.** (seafaring man) in 1729 for the period of the whaling season; an intention of marriage of **George Lovell** and **Adeline Hallet** (both of Barnstable), filed in 1830; and court costs in a case brought against **William Lovell**, also of Barnstable.

### **Mann, Zipporah Collection**

Consists of letters of attorney (1795) given to **Joseph Crocker Snow** (cabinet maker) by **Zipporah Mann** (widow) and the revocation of that instrument in 1807. 2 items

### **Norton, Joseph and Annie Collection**

Correspondence February 1862 – June 12, 1862; October 26, 1900.

14 items, 1 image Aunt **Ellen Miller**.

### **Nye Families Collection 1697-1900**

Consists of deeds (ca. 1697-1881) to real estate in Falmouth and Sandwich of **Albert** (merchant); **Ebenezer F.**; **Elnathan**; **John**; **Sheboel (Shobal)**; and **William**; papers (ca. 1702-1802) arising from legal actions brought against **Newport** (laborer, Mashpee) and **Will** (Native American, Sandwich); a promissory note (1809) of Moses (mariner, Sandwich) and papers (1857-1860) in the settlement of the estate of **Francis Nye**, some of which relate to **Hiram**, **Olivia**, **Thomas** and **Tristram**. Also a certificate of the appointment (176\*) of an attorney for **Edmond** (Sandwich); and a certificate of the election (1827) of **Francis** as Major in the Militia of the Commonwealth; photographs of **George**, **Helen**, **Richmond**, **Sylvanus T.** and **William**; and a letter from a **Rebecca Hart (Westmoreland)** to her sister **Celia Nye**. Included also is material (programs, announcements, clippings, etc.) relating to the Nye Family Association meetings and reunions.

See Dimmick Collection for receipt (1807) for court costs in case brought by **General Joseph Dimmick** against **Zenas Nye**, and the Bodfish Collection for a letter (1900) written by **Helen Nye** to **Robinson Crocker Bodfish**. See also Genealogy Collection.

### **Olney, Richard E. Collection (1895, 1974, and n.d.)**

**Richard Olney**, Counsel for Boston & Maine Railroad, was Secretary of State during the second administration of President **Grover Cleveland**. Collection consists of a communication (marked confidential) from Mr. Olney to **Thomas F. Bayard** relating to the dispute over the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana; and biographical data, an obituary, and a photograph of his home on the corner of Mill Road and Surf Drive (clipping).

See Crocker and Smythe Collections for letters of **Agnes and Richard E. Olney**.

3 items

### **Palmer Family Collection 1775-1811**

This collection includes papers (1775-1776) arising from the settlement of the estate of **Thomas Palmer** and the guardianship of his children, **Job**, **Martha**, and **Thomas, Jr.**; a deed (1776) of **Samuel Palmer** (clerk) to his son **Joseph** (joiner) to real estate in Falmouth; certificates of appointments (1781-1798) of **Joseph Palmer** as Captain of the 5th Company in the First Regiment of the Militia of the County of Barnstable, signed by John Hancock and witnessed by **Joseph Dimmick**, Lieutenant Colonel (copy); as Justice of the Peace of Barnstable County; Inspector, Collector's Office, District of Barnstable County; and Assistant Assessor in the 17th Assessment District comprehending the towns of Sandwich, Falmouth, and the Plantation of Marshpee; a power of attorney (1802) given by **Nathaniel Bourne** (yeoman); and bills rendered to him and papers in his estate (ca. 1791-1811) which include a release by **Ruth Butler Palmer**, widow of **Joseph**, of certain claims against the estate of her husband in accordance with a premarital agreement executed by her; and a letter (1783) from a **Job Palmer** (Philadelphia) to **Joseph** addressed "Dear Brother". Also notes of the **Rev. Henry Herbert Smythe** tracing the history of the site of the house of the **Reverend Samuel Palmer**, who was pastor of the First Church of Falmouth from 1731-1775.

See also Genealogy Collection.

### **Parker Family Collection 1759-1822**

Collection consists of deeds (ca. 1759-1822) of **Hannah** (widow); **Joseph** (gentleman); **Nathan** (housewright); and **Thomas** (yeoman) recording transfers of property in Falmouth; and military records (summonses and a writ of distress, 1807) of **Ward M. Parker**. See materials in other collections relating to **Ephraim**, **Joseph** and **Ward**. See Genealogy Collection

### **Robinson Families Collection ca. 1722-1860; 1964**

The Collection consists of papers that relate to **Elizabeth D.**, **Isaac** (yeoman and constable of Falmouth), **James**, **Joseph, Jr.**, **Lydia** (single woman), **Moses**, **Rowland** (housewright), **Silvanus**, and **Solomon D.** They include records of real estate transactions, including an agreement (1767) between **Isaac Robinson** and **William Bowdoin**, setting out the conditions for the use of the **Island of Naushana (Naushon)**; deeds to church (First Congregational) pews; a certificate of marriage intentions; and estate and guardianship papers. Also photographs of **Charles**, **Francis**,

**Captain James, John and John Parker, Joseph, Mary Childs, Solomon, Susanna, Thomas and Wiston.**

See Davis, Sanford and Swift Family Collections for materials relating to other members of the families. See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Robinson/Sanford Letters 1813-1819**

The collection consists chiefly of letters written from Cincinnati to members of the Sanford family in Falmouth (**Betsey; Charles**, postmaster; and his father-in-law, **Benjamin Sanford**, 1750-1830, town magistrate) by **Zenas Robinson** (b.1782). Letters from **Benjamin Sanford** to **Zenas** and his wife, **Nancy Sanford Robinson** (d.1813) comprise a substantial part of the collection.

Both groups of letters contain news of family, friends, and events, as well as detailed accounts of living conditions in Falmouth and Cincinnati, affected by the **War of 1812**. Included in the collection is an account, drawn from **Zenas'** letters to **Charles**, of the journey of the Robinsons and their four young children from war-depressed Cape Cod to a bustling Cincinnati. Traveling by carriage and covered wagon to Pittsburgh, and then by flatboat down the Ohio River to Cincinnati, the trip took from May to July (1813). See Robinson Families Collection. See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Rowley Family Collection 1700-1802**

Consists of deeds (ca.1700-1768) of **Aaron** (husbandman), **Elnathan** (yeoman), **Matthew** (carpenter), **Quissett**, and **Timothy** (yeoman) to real estate in **Woods Hole Neck**; letters (1798, 1800) from **Benjamin** (mariner) written from Fairhaven and Philadelphia to his parents in Falmouth; papers in the case of Benjamin brought against **Samuel Fish** for non-payment of debt; and a letter (1802) from **William Bodfish** asking him to take charge of rigging his vessel. Also included is a receipt (1748) showing payment by **Matthew** for maintenance of his parents; and a file of copies of deeds of members of the Rowley family. See also Genealogy Collection.

#### **Sherman, William Collection**

Consists of papers in the case brought by **Garrison M. Smith** (saddler, New Bedford) against **William Sherman** (yeoman) for non-payment of debt. 1805, 1811. 3 items.

#### **Shiverick Family Collection**

Consists of deeds (ca.1806-1851) of **Celia; Nathaniel** (yeoman); and **Samuel** (gentleman) recording transfers of real estate in Falmouth; military records (summonses for non-appearance at regimental review, 1810) of Nathaniel (yeoman);and an appraisal (1833)



of his estate. Also obituaries of **Andrew Freeman** (1842-1863) and **Harriet Jones** (1838-1908); and a photograph (n.d.) of **Edward Payson**.

See also Genealogy Collection. 7 items.

### **Strawberry Growers Collection (1900-1950; Azorean/Cape Verdean families)**

Collection was compiled by **Margaret Hough Russell** from various sources, including **George Souza**, long time shellfish warden and East Falmouth resident.

It contains Oral Histories, DVD with transcription; research manuscripts; and documents concerning Falmouth families of Portuguese extraction: **Aranjo, Arrauzo, Alves, Andrews, Augusta, Botelho, Benevides, DeMello, Emerald, Marks, Marshall, Medeiros, Mello, Perry, Raposa, Roderick, Soares, Souza, Valadao**.

Also, documentation on the strawberry crop 1920-1950's; photographs, ephemera and clippings concerning the Strawberry Festival. All relate to the families and culture of East Falmouth 1900-1950.

1 Carton, 1 flat box.

### **Swift, Elsy (Elsy (Swift) Jessup) Collection 1841-1927**

Consists of papers of **Elijah Swift (1774-1852)**, **Eugene E.C. Swift (1836-1914)** and **Kathryn Swift Green (1883-19??)**. Documents include a pew deed to the Falmouth Congregational Church, 1841; account books of Elijah Swift; accounts for Eugene E.C. Swift; deeds, papers and indentures (1859 and various dates, 48 items) deeds, mortgages & licenses (1903 and various dates, 61 items); E.E.C. Swift letters (1890-1896, 6 items); will of Eugene E.C. Swift. Also an autograph book of Kathryn V. Swift 1893, 1896.

Genealogy of the Swift, Van Ansdol, and Green families in the Genealogical Files.

### **Swift, Frances Elisabeth 1853-1927**

Falmouth Poet who wrote under the name **Fannie Fales**. Her first published work appeared in the Warren (RI) *Star*. Her verses became regular features in the *Boston Post*, *Hartford Republican*, *Lady's Book*, *New Bedford Bulletin*, *Republican Standard*, *Saturday Evening Gazette*, and other periodicals. Her papers consists of poems in manuscript, in clippings from local newspapers, and in published collections; and an autobiographical sketch of her life and family, written for her son, which gives genealogical data on the **Campbells** and **Chases**, families of her parents.

### **Swift Families Collection 1754-1919**

Consists of deeds and other papers relating to the transfer and handling of real estate; records (1809-1872) of **Swift family** land in **Marshpee**; business records such as ledgers, accounts, invoices and receipts; bills of sale for vessels; personal and business letters; wills and papers relating to the estates of members of the family and others whose estates were administered by members of the family; biographical sketches and obituaries; and photographs of family members and their homes.

An autobiography written by **Oliver F.** (b. 1840), lumberman, whose wife was **Lucy E. (Day)** provides much early Falmouth and Swift family history. Papers in the collection relate to **Abiel** (blacksmith); **Abraham** (yeoman); **Charles**; **Cynthia**; **David** (hatter, Roxbury); **David** (Milton); **David H.** (North Falmouth); **Elijah**, and **Elijah E.** (1774-1852), shipbuilder, founder of Falmouth's whaling industry, and supplier of live oak to the U.S. Navy); **Elizabeth**; **Ephraim** (tailor); **Ephraim, Jr.**; **Eugene**; **Ezekial E.** (mariner); **George W.**, whose wife was **Frances E. Chase**; **H.D.**; **Hattie**; **Henry Russell**; **John** (yeoman); **John** (mariner); **John** (Marshpee); **General John Lindsay**; **John**, whose wife was **Martha**; **John**, whose wife was **Mehitabel** (d.1843); **John, Jr.**, **John 3rd**, **Francesca**; **Katharine**; **Manassah**; **Martha**; **Moses** (blacksmith); **Samuel** (yeoman); **William**, and **William, Jr.** (mariner).

#### **Tobey, John Collection (1766-1849)**

Consists of the business papers of John Tobey of East Falmouth, 1798-1847. Tobey was born in Sandwich and married to **Patience Nye**. (Some of the later papers could belong to his son John Tobey, born in 1807.)

Most of the 364 documents are promissory notes and bills owed by or to Tobey, with a few deeds. He dealt extensively with other Falmouth families named **Baker**, **Bourne**, **Chadwick**, **Childs**, **Dimmick**, **Eldredge**, **Fessenden**, **Fish**, **Goodspeed**, **Hatch**, **Jenkins**, **Lawrence**, **Lewis**, **Marchant**, **Palmer**, **Parker**, **Phinney**, **Pocknet**, **Riddell**, **Robinson**, **Sherman**, **Shiverick**, **Small**, **Turner**, and **Weeks**. Also, with Mashpee residents named **Ayres**, **Keeter**, **Peters**, and **Pocknet**. Each name has its own folder in this collection.

#### **Wicks Family Collection 1807-1809**

Consists of orders of **Abby** and **Elizabeth Wicks** to **James Hinckley** and **Moses Swift** to pay from their accounts their obligations to creditors; an appraisal (not dated) of the estate of **Harvey Wicks**; a photograph of **Herbert Wicks** as an adult; and a receipt (189?) showing payment by a **Mrs. Wicks** (New Bedford) to a jeweler. See also Genealogy and Weeks Collection.