**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) 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)

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 (1883) 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 form Hinckley to Crowell, and a ledger for a general store which he operated in Falmouth.

Bill of Lading for sloop Amphibios, 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.) 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.

Hamblin 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 Spritsail 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.


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 Tristam. 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.