



Inventory of the Mary Carpenter Kelley Collection (Collection #28)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

This important collection of papers, documents, manuscripts, clippings, photographs (with negatives), etc. came from the estate of Mary Carpenter Kelley of Alfred, who had given it (or left it) to the Sanford-Alfred Historical Society and/or the Parsons Library in Alfred (donors to the Museum).

Mrs. Kelley was a journalist. She wrote for the Portland paper and *The Christian Science Monitor* and possibly other newspapers. She was active during the 1930s and 1940s (some from 1950s), and her subject matter encompassed the usual range of individuals and sites of historic and artistic interest. The Kennebunks were home to many such people and sites in the 1930s and 1940s, thus this collection has real interest. It includes material about the notables of the day - Deland, Tarkington, Roberts - as well as local people who were doing interesting things. In many cases, the collection includes not only Mrs. Kelley's manuscript, but also the finished (published) article and the series of photographs (carefully labeled) with negatives that she took to illustrate her piece.

Included in the collection are an assortment of clippings about the Kennebunks (from which, no doubt, Mrs. Kelley drew her inspiration) and a small group of letters and notes from editors and subjects, particularly Margaret Deland.

The collection is stored in one half box and a box for photographs. Acq. #82.45 and 46.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Typescripts of articles by Mrs. Kelley. (Most have been copied on acid-free paper – see Folder 2 – and it is recommended researchers work with the copies.)
- Folder 2: Xerox copies of typescripts and clippings of articles by Mrs. Kelley.
- Folder 3: Advertising brochures and leaflets for York County events, places, publications of interest to Mrs. Kelley, as follows:
- York County, Tercentenary leaflet *Watercolor Fares Forth*, by Eliot O'Hara, leaflet
 - The Kennebunks, House and Garden Tour
 - Good Maine Food*, by Marjorie Mosser, leaflet
 - Perkins Tide Mill
 - York Houses and Flowers, 1956
 - First Parish Church, York, Service of Rededication, 1951
 - History of York, Maine*, by Charles Edward Banks, publication brochure
 - Rogers-Campbell estate, advertisement for sale, 1936
 - Also, envelope for photo printing, Edgar Merrill, Portland
- Folder 4: Correspondence, including letters from Margaret Deland, Kenneth Roberts note, 1933 – 1941
- Folder 5: Newspaper clippings concerning the Kennebunks
- Folder 6: Newspaper clippings, article concerning Eliot O'Hara, Goose Rocks
- Folder 7: Newspaper clippings concerning the Mousam House, Kennebunk
- Folder 8: Newspaper articles by and about Cora Roche Howland, Kennebunkport
- Folder 9: Newspaper articles concerning Kenneth Roberts
- Folder 10: Newspaper articles concerning Booth Tarkington
- Folder 11: Newspaper articles concerning York and Ogunquit
- Folder 12: Oversize photographs of local significance. Photocopies. Originals to photo file.

*Note: These are to be indexed into the scrapbook index for easy reference.

The collection also includes a paper-bound copy of William Barry's *Chronicles of the Kennebunks*, which is on the Maine Author/Histories bookshelf, and a copy of the *York County Coast Star*, February 28, 1969 which is in Newspaper Box VI, Folder 2.

Mrs. Kelley's photographs, with negatives in most cases, are stored separately in a Photographs Box.

Subject Tracings:

KENNEBUNK

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Cook, Hannah house

Day's mills

Smith, James, farm

Barry, William E.

Bourne mansion

Great hill

Junkins house

Mousam house

Rogers, William A., estate (Campbell estate)

Stevens, Roscoe (observatory)

Storer Mansion

Wedding Cake House

KENNEBUNKPORT

Allen cottage (whale bones)

The Arundel Hotel

Baxter Bible

Brooks, Capt. Harry

Burrage, Madeline

Burrage, Mildred

Cape Porpoise Pier

Corning farm (North Kennebunkport)

Deland, Margaret

East India House

Hill, Gladys

The Hitching Post

Howland, Cora Roche

Kennebunkport Grammar School

Mosser, Marjorie

O'Hara, Eliot

Perkins mill

Peter's Rock (Talbot)

Roberts, Kenneth

Seavey, Huldah

Shannon, Elizabeth

Shuffleberg, Capt. James

Tarkington, Booth

Turbat's Creek

Williams, George Alfred

Also, Kezar Falls, Ogunquit, and York, Maine.

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