



## Inventory of the George A. Gilpatric Collection (Collection #48)

The Brick Store Museum  
Kennebunk, Maine

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### Physical Description:

This collection is made up of the personal research papers of George A. Gilpatric, a Kennebunk native with an interest in local history. Gilpatric's years of collecting data on local people, places, and events was the basis for the publication in 1935 of a brief history, *The Village of Kennebunk, Maine*. In 1939 that history was republished with supplementary material as *Kennebunk History*. The collection includes not only Gilpatric's notebooks, scrapbooks, and personal annotated copies of other Kennebunk histories (Bourne and Remich), but also some primary material, particularly papers of the Gilpatric family. This material is of interest because it contains information about local militia activities and the church and mills.

This collection is a good source of local genealogy even though much of the family information Gilpatric collected came from local published histories. Yet he brought it together in essay form and with his thoughts on reliability, etc. He is particularly strong on families related to the Gilpatric family (such as the Mitchell family).

Gilpatric was a devoted member of the Masons and I.O.O.F., serving as historian and record keeper for the local chapters, and functioning as an officer on a state level. The personal records of local members of York Lodge, No. 22, E. & A. Masons, and Mousam Lodge, No. 26, I.O.O.F. were largely compiled by Gilpatric, as were general histories of these organizations. Much of that material is included in this collection.

Collection #48 will be a useful source of information for the researcher interested in Kennebunk, the people, and the buildings, who is willing to spend the time sifting through Gilpatric's handwritten notes,

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confusing compilations of essays, and his duplication of effort. His compilations of all of the above have essentially been left as he arranged them, although steel nuts and bolts which held his notebooks together have been removed. The paper he worked with is highly acidic, and at some point this collection should be photocopied on acid free paper.

The materials in the collection come from three sources: Gilpatric himself, who gave some of his research materials to the founder of the Brick Store Museum, Edith Barry. (She, in turn, made typescripts of some of this material and these are part of the collection too); from his daughter, Mrs. Robert Beals; and from his great-grandson, Richard Bedard of Kennebunk. The acquisition numbers are 1269-79 and 64.5.122-26; 133-53; 158-64; 174-197; 200-211; 431-553. One or two other acquisitions that relate to George A. Gilpatric have been added to this collection such as #1924.

It should be noted that many photographs that should be part of this collection, and a few other items, are not. The material was not originally catalogued as a Gilpatric Collection, but “blasted” into the Museum’s photograph, genealogy, and local history files. In the effort to bring everything back into a collection bearing its owner’s name (because therein, in part, lies its significance), some items, such as the photographs, which had already been catalogued with inventory numbers, have been left under that arrangement.

This is an interesting and useful collection, which should be indexed for better retrieval of the information it contains.

#### Box and Folder Breakdown:

##### Box 1:

- Folder 1: A collection of biographic sketches of Kennebunk people, compiled by G. A. Gilpatric, either for his histories of Kennebunk or for lodge records. Arranged in alphabetical order with an index of last names.
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous notes on biographies of local people, compiled by G. A. Gilpatric, perhaps for lodge records.
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous letters to and from G. A. Gilpatric, many to Edith Barry, 1935 to 1944, which contain information on local families, individuals, and events. Includes Acq. #64.5.160.
- Folder 4: Miscellaneous biographic sketches, essays concerning local buildings, companies, etc., by G. A. Gilpatric, with one or two other items concerning local history.
- Folder 5: Record book compiled by G. A. Gilpatric filled with items of local history. Cover bears notation: “Items picked up 1939-40-41...” Acq. #1273.
- Folder 6: Notes by G. A. Gilpatric explaining how he came to write his local history. Acq. #64.5.518.
- Folder 7: Miscellaneous notes, typescripts, newspaper articles concerning local history.
- Folder 8: Miscellaneous sketches by G. A. Gilpatric and some work of others concerning local history, particularly Kennebunk houses.

- Folder 9: Correspondence to G. A. Gilpatric from Dorothy Grigg, giving the history of her Kennebunk Landing house – the Stephen Titcomb house – and from William E. Barry with notes on various Kennebunk houses.
- Folder 10: Notes on Hope Cemetery by G. A. Gilpatric.
- Folder 11: Newspaper reprint of “Record of Vessels Built in District of Kennebunk.”
- Folder 12: Records of Mousam Lodge, I.O.O.F. compiled by G. A. Gilpatric. Includes typescript of biographical sketches of members compiled by G. A. Gilpatric. Acq. #64.5.529.
- Folder 13; Miscellaneous items concerning local fraternal organizations, particularly the Masons and I.O.O.F.. Acq. #s 1924 and 64.5.164 included.
- Folder 14: Alphabetical listing of membership of Mousam Lodge, I.O.O.F., May 8, 1875 to March 14, 1922. Acq. #64.5.528.
- Folder 15: Miscellaneous maps, annual reports, directories, etc. used by G. A. Gilpatric in writing his histories. Some with notes by him. From Acq. #64.5.547.
- Folder 16: Invitations, publications, etc., concerning Kennebunkport’s 1953 tercentenary celebration.
- Folder 17: Time Table, York Utilities Company, Sept. 26, 1926, Sanford to Biddeford, Biddeford to Sanford. Also Atlantic Shore Railway tickets. Acq. #64.9.358.
- Folder 18: Poetry copied in the hand by G. A. Gilpatric and a printed booklet titled *Old Sayings*, 1885.

Box 2:

- Folder 1: Miscellaneous papers of the Gilpatric family, dating from 1751 – 1774. Includes papers concerning operation of a sawmill which are not dated including a “List of Proprietors.” Included is a “List of Tax,” 1774, for the Second Parish of Wells (Kennebunk). Also, an accounting by G. A. Gilpatric of the provenance of these papers and those in Folder 2.
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous papers of the Gilpatric family, dating from 1776 – 1885. Includes papers concerning town roads and taxes, militia papers, and a printed list of conditions for evading the draft in 1863.
- Folder 3: Various receipts and bills, Gilpatric family 1869 – 1916, many concerning funeral expenses, and in particular concerning the settling of the estate of John Gilpatric, 1885.
- Folder 4: Miscellaneous papers concerning fraternal organizations, including the Mousam Lodge, #26, I.O.O.F.; a brief handwritten history of the Olive Lodge #21; some papers concerning Salus Lodge, N. 156, I.O. of G. T.; and Masonic Lodge returns, York County. Dates are ca. 1871 – 1907. Also included is the notification of membership in Mousam Lodge, I.O.O.F., 1847, for Ivory Gilpatric.
- Folder 5: Deeds, filed by date and last name of Grantor.
- Folder 6: Correspondence and itinerary concerning trip to and residency in Hampden-Sydney, VA, by George A. Gilpatric, 1935 - 1937. Acq. #64.5.525 and 64.5.553.

- Folder 7: Notes concerning Tax Book, Town of Wells, “that part called Kennebunk” which was once in the possession of John Gilpatric Jr. Acq. #64.5.158.
- Folder 8: Miscellaneous sheets of school exercises and instructions for the building of a house. Acq. #64.5.472, 64.5.500, 64.5.523.
- Folder 9: Miscellaneous genealogical information concerning the Gilpatric family. Acq. #64.5.153, 162, 163, 522. Also 64.5.159.
- Folder 10: Partial manuscript for George A. Gilpatric’s history of Kennebunk and an explanation in his hand of how the history came to be published.
- Folder 11: Typescript of autobiography written by George Alden Gilpatric in 1932.

Box 3:

Notebook with genealogical information compiled by G. A. Gilpatric concerning the Gilpatric and related families. Acq. #64.5.548.

Ledger, 1867 – 1888, of George A. Gilpatric. Contains miscellaneous information: accounts, genealogy, Salus and York Lodge records, etc.

Packet of miscellaneous notes concerning Kennebunk history used by G. A. Gilpatric for his history. Acq. #64.5.547.

Account Book, “John Gilpatric, Kennebunk, January 1, 1855.” Weather reports, 1855 – 1873. Not inclusive. Acq. #64.5.124.

Account Book, possibly of John Gilpatric, 1841 – 1880. Acq. #64.5.124.

Leather pocketbook that held collection of deeds. Acq. #2942.

Notebook containing notes on local history compiled by G. A. Gilpatric.

Dime novel *Off and On* by John S. Warner, 1853 (?)

Diary, George A. Gilpatric, February 1860 to May 1864. Acq. #64.5.125.

Diary, 1865 - Acq. #64.5.126.

Certificate as Master Mason of G. A. Gilpatric, 1873. In leather case. Acq #64.5.196.

Books:

*History of Kennebunk*, by Daniel Remich, 1911. George A. Gilpatric’s copy with his notes and additions. Presented to him by Mrs. Daniel Remich as per bookplate on inside front cover. Acq. #1276.

*History of Wells and Kennebunk*, by Edward E. Bourne, 1875. George A. Gilpatric’s copy with his notes. Acq. #1277.

*Old Building of Kennebunk*, Material supplementary to “The Village of Kennebunk.” From letters of Mr. George A. Gilpatric, 1938 – 1939. Typescript prepared by Edith Barry (?) Bound.

*Some Former Residents of Kennebunk*. Information from letters from George A. Gilpatric, 1938 – 1939. Typescript prepared by Edith Barry (?) Bound.

- Old Houses and Families of Kennebunk.* This bound typescript, which bears the publication date of 1940, is a compilation of the above two volumes which contain information supplementary to G. A. Gilpatric's published history and are taken from his correspondence with Edith Barry, 1938 - 1939. This duplicate volume is located in the Research Library with local history books.
- The Beauties of the Late Reverend Dr. Isaac Watts, 1787.* Inside front cover is written: This book came from The Old Gilpatric, 1859. This book is stored in the Rare Books section. Acq. #1270.
- Pamphlet Box 1: "Kennebunk Genealogy and Biography." Records compiled by George A. Gilpatric.  
"Kennebunk Genealogy, Biography, and History." Records compiled by George A. Gilpatric.
- Pamphlet box 2: "The Village of Kennbunk, Maine: Items of Town History. A Few Biographical Records. Pictures. Vol. 2"  
"Biographical Sketches of a few of the men that are mentioned in the *Village of Kennebunk* and in *The Kennebunk History*."  
Directories, Town of Kennebunk, 1887, 1930, 1933, and 1936. With notes and additions by G. A. Gilpatric. Acq. #1272.
- Pamphlet Box 3: "Who Have Been in Kennebunk," by George A. Gilpatric. Alphabetical listing of biographical sketches of Kennebunk people. Typescript. Two copies.  
Kennebunk History. Manuscript notes from which was drawn in part Gilpatric's book, *The Village of Kennebunk*.
- Pamphlet Box 4: "York Lodge History, F. and A. Masons." Compiled by George A. Gilpatric. Acq. #1279.  
Biographical Data, Members of Mousam Lodge, #26. Compiled by George A. Gilpatric. Acq. #1279.  
"First Record Book." First compilation of Kennebunk history kept by George A. Gilpatric. Acq. #1275.  
Scrapbook of miscellaneous items, compiled by G. A. Gilpatric. Contains a number of newspaper items concerning Masonic and I.O.O.F. events and people.  
Records of Building Committee, I.O.O.F., 1895. Compiled by G. A. Gilpatric. Acq. #64.5.516.
- Pamphlet Box 5: *Proceedings at the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at Masonic temple, Portland, Maine, Wednesday, May 5, 1920.* Compiled by Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary, Portland: Tucker Printing Company, [1920].  
*History of York Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M., Kennebunk, Maine, from 1813 to March 1, 1871.* Portland: Stephen Berry, Printer, 1871. With additions and corrections added by George A. Gilpatric. Bound with another copy of the *History of York Lodge*, published in 1913 which has been annotated by Gilpatric. Acq. #1278.

#### Reference Resources:

July 28, 1944

## Gilpatrick Rites Held At Kennebunk, Maine

George Alden Gilpatrick, 94, died Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Beale, at Hampden-Sydney. He had been confined to his bed for the past several weeks following a fall.

Prominent in fraternal circles in Maine, he had been a member of the York Masonic lodge in Kennebunk since 1873, and had occupied almost every important Masonic office in that state. He was a past grand master of the Odd Fellows in Maine. Much interested in his native state, he was author of two volumes on Maine local history. Full Masonic honors were accorded him at the funeral services.

The body was taken to his former home for funeral services at the First Congregational church, Kennebunk, Maine, and burial there. In addition to his daughter, he is survived by a son, William S. Gilpatrick of Kennebunk.

For several years he has made his home with his daughter, moving to Hampden - Sydney from Lynchburg.

Dr. and Mrs. Beale accompanied the body to Maine, where the funeral was held on Monday. They returned to Hampden-Sydney on Wednesday.

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