



## **Inventory of the Agreeable Situations Collection (Collection #55)**

The Brick Store Museum  
Kennebunk, Maine

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### Physical Description:

This collection includes four copies of the book *Agreeable Situations: Society, Commerce, and Art in Southern Maine, 1780 – 1830*, Laura Fecych Sprague, editor (Kennebunk: The Brick Store Museum, 1987), and assorted materials generated by that publication.

Most notably the collection includes the photographs and their negatives of all illustrations in the book. Filed with each photo as well as in separate notebooks (by the institution which owns the object pictured and by category) are photocopies of each photograph and (on the back of each) a grid detailing the item's catalogue number, owning institution, the number of negatives, and any other pertinent information. Unless otherwise specified, each folder contains one 8" x 10" black/white photograph. All photography was by J. David Bohl, Boston.

The collection also includes the book's manuscript and other materials pertaining to the production and reception of the book.

PLEASE NOTE: Although copies of all of the photographs in this collection can be made (at the expense of the applicant), permission for such duplication and use of the photograph **MUST** be supplied to the Brick Store Museum by the institution which owns the object pictured. Please note also – original photographs and negatives **WILL NOTE BE LOANED**.

The acquisition number for this collection is 87.I.40.1-5.

## Box and Folder Breakdown:

- Box 1: Individual folders containing photographs and negatives for catalogue items 1-55.
- Box 2: Individual folders containing photographs and negatives for catalogue items 56-110.
- Box 3: Individual folders containing photographs and negatives for catalogue items 111-164.
- Box 4: Individual folders containing photographs and negatives for catalogue items 165-175. Also, individual folder for Figures 1.1-5.7. The last folder in this box contains the transparencies for the book's color plates.
- Box 5: A paperbound copy of *Agreeable Situations*
- Folder 1: Correspondence pertaining to the project.
  - Folder 2: Correspondence pertaining to awards won by the book. This folder is followed by an awards catalogue for the New England Book Show, 1987. For *Agreeable Situations* see pages 42-43.
  - Folder 3: Typescript of a lecture by Sarah Giffen on the *Agreeable Situations* project and the Brick Store Museum's accompanying exhibit.
  - Folder 4: Mock-up of the cover for the paper edition of the book.
  - Folder 5: Invitations to the Brick Store Museum's autograph party for *Agreeable Situations*, August 27, 1987.
  - Folder 6: Copies of reviews of the book and correspondence pertaining to same.
  - Folder 7: Brochures and other materials pertaining to the Brick Store Museum's conference on *Agreeable Situations*, Crossing the Piscataquis, October 30 – November 1, 1987.
  - Folder 8: Northeastern University Press catalogue in which *Agreeable Situations* is listed and miscellaneous advertisements for the book.
  - Folder 9: Miscellaneous materials collected after this inventory was completed.

### Flat Box 1:

Corrected page proofs of *Agreeable Situations*.

Two posters for the Brick Store Museum's *Agreeable Situations* exhibit: "Agreeable Situations: The Means of Comfort, 1780 – 1830"

Enlarged photograph on poster board of Figure 1.6.

Envelope with photocopied pages 163-279 sent to editor by designer.

### The collection also includes:

One cloth and two more paperbound copies of *Agreeable Situations*. These are on the Maine Authors/Histories Shelf and in the Reference Library.

Two notebooks containing the manuscript for the contents of the book (essays and catalogue entries).

The collection also includes the following notebooks:

Notebook 1: Photocopies of grids for catalogue items and figures as owned by:  
The Maine Historical Society  
The Brick Store Museum

Notebook 2: Photocopies of grids for catalogue items and figures as owned by:  
York Institute  
Old York Historical Society  
Other institutions

Notebook 3: Photocopies of grids for catalogue items filed by type of object (silver, furniture, etc.)

#### ADDITIONS TO THIS COLLECTION:

Flat Box 1: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library Society E. Harold Hugo Memorial Book Prize to *Agreeable Situations*, November 14, 1988. Certificate encased in Mylar.

Box 5, Folder 10: Photocopies of floor plans and maps in *Agreeable Situations*.

Notebook 4: Photocopies of papers found 10/03.

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