



Inventory of the Kennebunk River Club Collection (Collection #65)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

The Kennebunk River Club of Kennebunkport was formally organized in 1889. In 1989, in recognition of the Club's 100th anniversary, its records and the memories of members were culled for the writing of a history of the organization. This activity moved the Club's directors to do something about the archives. To that end, they placed them in the care of the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk.

This collection is therefore the archives of the Kennebunk River Club. The bulk of the papers date from the late 1920s to the early 1980s. A few records of the Arundel Casino, a sister organization, are included. These date from the 1880s to the mid-20th century.

A few printed materials, pertaining to the Kennebunk River Club, date to the turn of the 20th century.

The collection, which bears the accession number 89.44 and 90.37, is stored in a variety of different boxes and notebooks. For the current Commodore's instructions concerning this collection, see his attached letter to the Museum's Registrar, Kathryn Hussey.



THE KENNEBUNK RIVER CLUB

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE 04046

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October 2, 1989

Kathryn A. Hussey, Registrar
The Brick Store Museum
P.O. Box 177
Kennebunk, Maine 04043

Dear Kathryn Hussey:

I enclose the signed blue Gift Agreement making an unrestricted gift of the archival materials of the Kennebunk River Club to the Brick Store Museum, the gift subject to the conditions recorded below.

1. Members of the Club may have access to the archives at any time the Museum is open.
2. Materials in the archives may only leave the Brick Store Museum by written request of the Board of Directors of the Kennebunk River Club except that the person designated by the Board of the Kennebunk River Club as "Club Historian" may remove materials for use and/or study with the requirement that the materials so removed be returned to the Museum in a reasonable period of time not to exceed two months.
3. Scholars who are not members of the Club may have access to the archives for research and study in the Museum in the discretion of the Director of the Museum
4. The ownership of the archives will revert to the Kennebunk River Club in the event the Brick Store Museum ceases to exist or is no longer a viable institution.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Graham
Commodore

JAMES I. ARMSTRONG
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May 29, 1990

Joyce Butler
Curator of Manuscripts
The Brick Store Museum
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Kennebunk, ME 04043

Dear Joyce:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the inventory of the Kennebunk River Club collection. I shall carry it to the next Board meeting and suggest that it be placed in the records of the Secretary which are the nearest entity we have to a "permanent" repository within the Club. I know the Directors will be most grateful to you for your good offices in compiling the inventory, and I, for my part, am especially grateful since it had been my hope for a number of years that the Brick Store might be willing to become the official repository for the Club.

Indeed, we are glad that the archives are at the Museum and have benefit of your careful and competent review and ordering of the materials. I now hope that the Club will set up a simple system of keeping documents and *realia* which should be considered by the Museum for additions to the Club collection. I wonder, for example, if the Museum has a copy of the video tape of the Centennial Opening Exercises with Mrs. Bush among the speakers. The tape was done professionally and is quite good. Susan Edwards represented the Museum on that occasion.

The other day I called the Museum to leave a message for you of thanks and word that there are some more records at the Club which have "emerged" in the process of our enlarging and renovating the office. Our Office Manager, Al O'Donnell, is ready to show these records to you if you have any interest in seeing them. My quick assessment is that they are mostly "financial" documents, but there may be other materials of interest. The telephone number is 967-2090 if you wish to call in advance, but Al is there a great deal of the time.

With our thanks and best wishes,


James I. Armstrong

cc: Jack Graham, Commodore

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box (Miscellaneous Box (0) A)

- Folder 1: Mimeographed copies of Constitution and By-Laws, Kennebunk River Club
- Folder 2: 1955 Corporation papers, Kennebunk River Club, and related correspondence to 1988.
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous membership lists, 1940 – 1977. Miscellaneous membership application forms and applications. Miscellaneous membership dues schedules. Miscellaneous dues comparison schedules, 1956 – 1957 and 1977 – 1978.
- Folder 4: Abstract of property title, Kennebunk River Club. Prepared 1932 (?).
- Folder 5: Deeds, Kennebunk River Club property, 1893 – 1972. Copies and originals.
- Folder 6: Deeds, Elizabeth Trotter property, Ocean Avenue.
- Folder 7: Plans (sketches) pertaining to Kennebunk River Club properties
- Folder 8: Will, Elon Dunbar Lockwood, 1895
- Folder 9: Correspondence pertaining to deeds and leases, Kennebunk River Club, 1929 – 1972
- Folder 10: Documents pertaining to sale of Picnic Rock property, 1960
- Folder 11: Correspondence pertaining to sewer connection, 1973
- Folder 12: Insurance policies, 1940s – 1973
- Folder 13: Documents pertaining to dredging of Kennebunk River, 1960
Documents pertaining to rebuilding of Glen Creek Bridge, 1973
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous documents pertaining to liquor licenses, 1940s – 1960
- Folder 15: Miscellaneous Nominating Committee reports, 1954 – 1982
- Folder 16: Miscellaneous Reports on Annual Art Show, 1960s and 1970s
- Folder 17: Miscellaneous documents: Sailing Certificates, 1972; Maine Yacht Racing Association, 1961; Carnival, 1960.
- Folder 18: Miscellaneous documents pertaining to tennis at the Kennebunk River Club including applications for Tennis Pro, 1960
- Folder 19: Junior Tennis Members, 1959; Junior Members, 1977 – 1978
- Folder 20: Tennis Court Repairs, 1972 – 1973
- Folder 21: Miscellaneous documents, Kennebunk River Club Invitational Tennis Tournament, 1955 – 1960

Box 2:

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1943
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1944
- Folder 3: Correspondence, 1945 – 1948
- Folder 4: Correspondence, 1949
- Folder 5: Correspondence, 1950
- Folder 6: Notices about committees and events, 1950
- Folder 7: Correspondence, 1951
- Folder 8: Correspondence, 1953 – 1958
- Folder 9: Correspondence, 1959
- Folder 10: Correspondence, January-March 1960
- Folder 11: Correspondence, April-September 1960
- Folder 12: Correspondence, 1961 – 1964
- Folder 13: Correspondence, 1965
- Folder 14: Correspondence, 1966 – 1969
- Folder 15: Correspondence, 1972 – 1989
- Folder 16: Newsletters and mailings to members, 1949 – 1973

Box 3:

- Folder 1: Correspondence pertaining to promissory note of Miss Edna Wood, 1972 – 1974
- Folder 2: Income Tax Returns, 1963 – 1967, 1973 – 1976
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous I.R.S. documents, 1955 – 1964
- Folder 4: Stock certificate, Arundel Land and Improvement Co., 1931 – 1932, and miscellaneous stock coupons and receipts, 1932
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous tax forms
- Folder 7: Financial Report, 1949
- Folder 8: Notes pertaining to financial matters, 1949 – 1951
- Folder 9: Notes and lists pertaining to financial matters, 1960
- Folder 10: As above, 1964
- Folder 11: Bills, 1949
- Folder 12: As above, 1950
- Folder 13: As above, 1951
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous banking papers, 1969 – 1974

- Folder 15: Casco Bank and Trust Company papers, 1972 – 1974
- Folder 16: Miscellaneous bills, receipts, and notes, 1960s
- Folder 17: Work orders and copies of text, Pioneer Services, Kennebunk, 1982 – 1986. Includes history of Kennebunk River Club, 1982 – 1984
- Folder 18: As above, June-November 1986. Includes operations manual, 1986.
- Folder 19: Miscellaneous printed documents. House rules, membership applications, book plates, etc. 1940s and 1970s.
- Folder 20: Copy from *The Wave*, 8/5/1905 “Hotel Arrivals”
- Folder 21: Specifications, Nantucket One Design Class, John G. Alden, Naval Architect, 1928
- Folder 22: Miscellaneous advertising flyers

Box 4:

Miscellaneous financial papers: Cancelled checks, 1959, Bar slips, 1951; Cash sheets (for snacks), 1946, 1949, 1950

- Folder 1: Bank statement with cancelled checks, August-December 1949
- Folder 2: Bank statements, 1956

Box 5:

Arundel Casino Records

- Folder 1: Miscellaneous director’s Reports and Notes and list of members from 1886

Also: Record Book, Arundel Casino, 1886 – 1928

Accounts, Arundel Casino (?), 1886 – 1901

Arundel Casino Tennis Tournament Book, 1914 – c. 1957

Arundel Casino Book of Membership Certificates, 1890 – 1928

Pamphlet Box 1:

Report of the head of the House Committee, 1935. Framed.

Constitution, By-Laws, and Members of the Kennebunk River Club, 1901. Boston: Published by the Club Secretary.

By-Laws and Rules of the Arundel Casino, 1902

By-Laws and Rules of the Arundel Casino, 1903

The Kennebunk River Club, Kennebunkport, Maine, 1922. Promotional booklet.

A Brief History of the Kennebunk River Club, no date. 12 copies.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Kennebunk River Club. Saco, Maine: The Streeter Press, 1913.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Kennebunk River Club, 1927, 1931. Two copies each year.

Kennebunk River Club, Kennebunkport, Maine. Predicted Times of High Tides at the Clubhouse. Copies for 1930 through 1941.

Tide tables, 1896 – 1900. Bound.

Flat Box 1:

Receipts for purchases, services, taxes, etc. 1940s. Not sorted into chronological order.

Flat Box 2:

Materials gathered for 1989 history of the Kennebunk River Club including written accounts by members of their memories of Club activities and events. Also galleys of the publication.

Box 1:

Ledger, 1919 – 1920. Charges to Members (89.44.4.1.)

Treasurer's Book, 1929 (89.44.4.2)

Members' Accounts, 1930 (?) (89.44.4.3)

Cash Book, 1930 (89.44.4.4)

Cash Book, 1931 (89.44.4.5)

Cash Book, 1932 (89.44.4.6)

Ledger, 1931 (89.44.4.7)

Petty Cash, 1931 (89.44.4.8)

Cash Book, 1933 (89.44.4.9)

Receipt Book, 1933 – 1939

Receipt books (3), not used (89.44.4.11-13)

Guest Book, 1930 – 1956 (89.44.4.14)

Minutes of Meetings, 1965 – 1966 (Only a few pages in back of book used) (89.44.4.15)

“Event Register” (guest book) 1924 – 1961 (89.44.4.16)

Box B:

Check book, 1941 – 1945 (89.44.4.17)

Check book, 1945 – 1947 (89.44.4.18)

Check book, 1947 – 1950 (89.44.4.19)

Check book, 1956 – 1959 (89.44.4.20)

Check book, 1959 – 1960 (89.44.4.21)

Check book, 1960 – 1962 (89.44.4.22)

Financial records including dues and membership lists, 1951 – 1962 (89.44.4.23)

Cash Book, 1944 (89.44.4.24)

Ledger, 1948 – 1949 (89.44.4.25)
Accounts, 1953 – 1959 (89.44.4.26)
Treasurer's Book, 1953 – 1962 (89.44.4.27)

Notebook 1:

Notices and reports of various meetings: Annual, Directors, etc. 1944 – 1959

Notebook 2:

As above, 1960 – 1979

Notebook 3:

Commodore's files, 1977 – 1979

Notebook 4:

Miscellaneous financial reports, 1939 – 1977

The Collection also includes:

Event Register (guest book), 1924 – 1961

Photographs numbered as follows:

89.44.1.1-6
89.44.2.1-8
89.44.3.1-22
89.44.4.1

Kennebunkport Items, 6/30/1917 & 7/14/1917 Newspaper Box V/5

The following items are stored in Map Box (0) 1, Folder 11:

Poster. Tour of Summer Homes on the Point at Kennebunkport, no date.

Poster. House Tour. Arundel Point, Kennebunkport, no date.

Map. Plan of property at Kennebunkport, Maine. Made for the Kennebunkport (sic) River Club, September 1937. H. I. Jordan, C. E.

The following items stored in Folio Box 2/1:

Right of way maps (2) for the Glen Creek Bridge, Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport. Department of Transportation, 1973.

Additional materials given September 1990. Accession number 90.37

Photographs (removed from scrapbook) numbered 90.37.1.1-90.37.1.153.1-11

Photographs are in numbered folders in the photograph file and with unidentified photos. Photocopies of all photographs are in a blue binder labeled PHOTOGRAPHS which is on the shelf with the rest of the Kennebunk River Club Collection.

Box 6:

Folder 1: Miscellaneous printed invitations having to do with River Club members (wedding invitations, etc.)

- Folder 2: Proof page and other materials pertaining to the publication *High Tide*, which was published by Joy Dow, and photographs used in that publication.
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous printed materials pertaining to the Kennebunk River Club (tickets, programs, brochures, and a promissory note dated October 1, 1974.
- Folder 4: Miscellaneous items and newspaper clippings pertaining to Booth Tarkington
- Folder 5: Photocopies of newspaper articles concerning Kennebunk River Club activities and members
- Folder 6: Photocopied pages of a scrapbook kept by a Kennebunk River Club member from 1919 to 1981.

NOTE: Most of this material was removed from a scrapbook that had evidently been put together by Joy Dow, Jr., a former River Club member and publisher of *High Tide*, a summer newspaper that publicized River Club events and the doings of people in Kennebunkport and at Kennebunk Beach.

Plans, River Club Boat House, Stickney and Austin, Boston, no date [1890]. Six views.
90.37.2.1-6

Metal case #2, Drawer 1, Folder 3

Additions to the collection, 1992

Box A:

Ledger, Minutes of Club Meetings, 1923 – 1950

Box 6:

- Folder 7: Miscellaneous items removed from above ledger
- Folder 8: Typed script of production “100 Years of ‘Bunk’” a musical comedy revue presented at the Casino 1989. And a program.
- Folder 9: Notebook kept by the Agnew family of various printed items sent out by the River Club – tickets, schedules, programs, etc., c. 1890s to 1920s
- Folder 10: Papers of Race Committee, 1974 – 1979
- Folder 11: Casino Committee papers, 1980s
- Folder 12: 1960 insurance policy and 1990 correspondence and inventory of archives from the Brick Store Museum

Pamphlet Box 2:

By-Laws and Rules of the Arundel Casino, 1909

Constitution and By-Laws, Kennebunk River Club, 1927

Additions:

Box 6:

Folder 13: Correspondence from John Heilman pertaining to question of whether or not there was tennis at the River Club as early as 1890, and his conclusions.

Reference Resources:

Kennebunk River Club: The Course of 100 years, 1889 – 1989, Patricia Chandley, with boating history by Lyman Page. Kennebunkport: Kennebunk River Club, 1989.

Subject Tracings:

Alden, John G.

Arundel Casino

Arundel Land and Improvement Co.

Dow, Joy Jr.

Glen Creek Bridge (Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport)

High Tide

Kennebunk River (Dredging, 1960)

Lockwood, Elon Dunbar

Picnic Rock

Pioneer Services (Kennebunk)

Tarkington, Booth

Trotter, Elizabeth

Wood, Edna

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