



Inventory of the Robert Beardsley Collection (Collection #93)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

Robert Beardsley gave the museum this collection upon selling the house at 26 Summer Street in 2005. The house, designed by George Meacham of Boston, had been in the possession of the Lord family from the time it was built in 1885 until Lucinda Lord sold it in 1983 to Beardsley. The collection is very rich and varied, dating back to documents dated 1854. It is important because the house is one of the finest examples of Queen Anne architecture in the state, if not the nation, and Hartley Lord was meticulous in keeping records. He kept the specifications for the house, including the general, contractor and mason's specs, with handwritten notes in the margins. It should be noted that the general contractor for the house was John H. Ferguson, who had a sash and window blind factory of the Mousam River. In addition to the drawings for the house there are plans for remodeling of the house c. 1910 by Hutchins & French of Boston. There is also a set of original drawings of the Lord Tomb at Hope Cemetery done by George Meacham, renovations by William Barry to the beach cottage at Lord's Point at Kennebunk Beach, and a set of plot plans for the property. There is a small collection of newspapers about important events: the 1947 fire, the 1936 hurricane, the death of President Kennedy and the first man to walk on the moon, etc. It is very rare that these original drawings of the house survive, and the museum has been given the opportunity to care for them.

The collection consists of a group of photographs the interior and exterior of the house and the inhabitants, taken from the time the house was constructed in 1885 until the 1960s. Most of the photographs are from 1885 to c.1920. The original drawings of the house, working drawings and the renovations to the beach cottage show the changes to the houses. The Tomb remains in Hope Cemetery.

This collection is housed in two half document boxes, one document box of photographs (with the photographs) and the drawings and plans are housed in Metal Cabinet 3. The books are housed with the Maine Authors books, with the exception of the lectures at the Newcomen Society (which are housed with Newcomen Society pamphlets). The chair and wastebasket are housed in Building 3. The newspapers are housed in the appropriate newspaper boxes.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1

- Folder 1: General Specifications: House, 1884. Including excavation, stonework, underpinning, centre pieces, gutters, slating and tinning and copper work, conductors, mantles, hardware for doors, gas pipes, plumbing, stained glass, glazing, and wall painting. Includes brands.
- Folder 2: Contractor Specifications. Including general conditions, timber framing, boarding, partitions and furrings, furnace, lathing, upper floors, window frames, blinds, screens, outside finish, stairs, inside finish, mantles, doors, and hardware for doors. Includes notes in margins about what is *not* included.
- Folder 3: Mason Specifications. Including brickwork, stonework, excavation, drains, concreting, whitewashing, plastering, and tiling. Notes in margins and brands included.
- Folder 4: Handwritten copy of information in first three folders.
- Folder 5: Joel Goldthwait & Co. Carpetings, Boston, shipping label.
Lucinda Lord's lists of work done and contractors, 1940s – 1970s.

Box 2

- Folder 1: Deeds from various parties to Hartley Lord to create 26 Summer Street, January 11, 1875 to May 29, 1885. List made by Hartley Lord (complete) from:
- Heirs of William Lord
Ocean National Bank
John and Rowena Hanson
Sarah C. Perkins
Levi Hilliard
Nathan Dane
- Folder 2: Deeds, indentures and HLL's typewritten notes from various parties to Hartley Lord to create 26 Summer Street, December 7, 1878 to May 9, 1909. List made by Hartley Lord (incomplete) from:
- Sarah C. Perkins et als. (Sally Lord pasture)
Lot below Robert W. Lord's lot
Robert W. Lord (lot)
Porter Farm
John A. Lord (odd shaped lot)
John A. Lord (pasture)
Mary Curuniskey
Susan H. Shannon
Robert W. Lord (triangular piece)
Frank Parsons

William Thompson heirs
John A. Lord (right of way)
Map of HLL's lot sold to Mousam Water Company
William D. Hay

Folder 3: Deeds and indentures from various people.

Joseph Porter to Levi Hilliard
Sarah K. Lord to William Lord
Charles W. Lord to Joseph Dane
Hannah A. Hatch et al to William Thompson
Fred P. and Louisa A. Hall to Hartley Lord
Florence D. Lord to Andrew Murphy

Folder 4: Letter from R. W. Libby, Engineer, to Hartley Lord and copy of a map labeled "Sarah K. Lord Homestead Lot field and pasture, 1867".

Folder 5: List of Claims allowed against Levi P. Hilliard Estate
Copy of Levi P. Hilliard's will (July 14, 1854)
Abstract of dower on Levi P. Hilliard's estate

Folder 6: Drawing of acreage of 26 Summer Street

Folder 7: Records of deeds regarding 26 Summer Street:

Sarah K. Lord to Hercules H. Chadbourne
William Lord to H. H. Chadbourne
Hercules H. Chadbourne to Elizabeth Kilham
Abstract of will – Elizabeth Kilham
Probate #10840 – Elizabeth Kilham
State of Alabama, Israel W. Roberts and Wilhelmina C. Roberts to Susan H. Shannon
Hartley Lord to Susan H. Shannon
Susan H. Shannon to Edna L. Barker
Edna L. Barker to Susan H. Shannon
Edna L. Barker Estate
Abstract of will – J. Starr Barker
Estate of J. Starr Barker
Aretos O. Barker of Cohasset, MA and Dorothy Fields of Nanticoke, MD to Andrew and Margaret Murphy
Andrew and Margaret Murphy to Kennebunk Savings Bank
Robert W. Lord to Annie J. Crediford
Inhabitants of Town of Kennebunk to Robert W. Lord
Sarah C. Perkins et al to Hartley Lord

Folder 8: Copy of boundary plan of 24 Summer Street made by William E. Barry, April 1905 when property was deeded to him by Charles D. Barry

Folder 9: Drawings of property from which HLL created 26 Summer Street (15 Pages)

- Folder 10: Miscellaneous papers from 26 Summer Street.
 Letter to W. L. Dane from Howard Brackett
 Drawing of property owned by Lord's on Summer Street
 Wm. Lord's heirs to Hartley Lord, Begin at Kilham's
 Fence division Mrs. Williams back line by F. N. Thompson
 Land at 34 Summer Street (4 pages)
 Envelope
- Folder 11: Quit Claim deeds for property at 16 Summer Street
 Hartley Lord to Lucinda Mary Lord et als
 Anne Lord Rogers to Lucinda Mary Lord et al
- Folder 12: Papers regarding back line of 26 Summer Street
- Folder 13: Two maps by William Barry, n.d.
 Little River Stream
 Branch Brook

Metal Case 3

Drawer 1, Folder 1

Architectural drawings on linen of the Hartley Lord Tomb at Hope Cemetery,
 drawn by George Meacham. 6 pages. 2005.078.0010.1-6

Drawer 1, Folder 2

Architectural drawings of 26 Summer Street by George Meacham and
 miscellaneous drawings all on paper. 8 pages. 2005.078.0009.1-8

Side entrance
 Corner blocks
 1900 bay window
 Farm drains at outlet at brook, 1915
 Fireplace
 First floor plans (2 pieces)
 Second floor plans (2 pieces)

Drawer 1, Folder 3

Architectural drawings of 26 Summer Street by George Meacham on paper. 5
 pages. 2005.078.0008.1-11

Back Porch
 Wood shed plans
 Dining room finish
 Parlor ceiling and sitting room ceiling

Drawer 1, Folder 4

Architectural drawings of the carriage house at 26 Summer Street by George Meacham. One linen drawing, others on paper. 7 pages. 2005.078.0011.1-7

Stable
Cupola
Front elevation
Front of stable
Side/Rear elevation
Front/Rear elevation of frame
Frame of roof
First/Second floor frame

Drawer 1, Folder 5

Architectural drawings of 26 Summer Street by George Meacham on linen. 13 pages. 2005.0780003.1-13

Front elevation
Side elevation
Rear elevation
Side elevation
Roof framing
Front elevation framing
Rear elevation
Second floor framing
Details including servant's chamber
Plan of first floor
Plan of second floor
Plan of attic and roof
Plan of office and foundation

Drawer 1, Folder 6

Proposed Alterations to House of Mr. Hartley Lord by Hutchins & French, Architects, Boston. 4 pages. 2005.078.0005.1-4

First floor plan
Second floor plan
Side/Rear elevation
Attic floor plan

Drawer 1, Folder 7

Misc. drawings of 26 Summer Street. 4 pages. 2005.078.0004.1-6

Elevations and floor plan of rear (Hutchins & French?)
Plan of well curb by William E. Barry
Exterior drawing of roof elements
Alteration to Shed (2 copies) done for Robert Beardsley
Exterior drawing of trellis (?)

Drawer 2, Folder 1

Collection of plot plans and maps for 26 Summer Street, 19th and 20th centuries.

Plan of Property of Hartley Lord on linen, 1914
Plan of Homestead Lot of Mrs. Sarah K. Lord on linen, 1914, from a plan by George Wallingford in 1867
Plan of location of farm buildings on paper, 1915
Sheet 2 of above
Topographic survey done for Robert Beardsley, 1983
Plan of front steps by Tamarack Tree and Landscaping done for Robert Beardsley
A Plan of Field, Wood, and Pasture Lands done for Hartley Lord, 1881
Plan of Wood and Pasture Land, 1881
Two sheets of above
Plot plan of house
Plot plan of lands below house
Copies of 'Plan of location of farm buildings' (10 pages)

Drawer 2, Folder 2

Hartley Lord's Beach Cottage remodeling plans by William Barry, 1897.

Newspapers

Maine Fire Disaster, Oct. and Nov. 1949, Pictorial Review by Guy P. Gannett Publisher
Maine's Hurricane Edna, Sept. 11, Pictorial Review by Guy P. Gannett Publisher
Maine's Hurricane of '54, Pictorial Review by Guy P. Gannett Publisher
Biddeford-Saco Journal – Oct. 8, 1969
Portland Sunday Telegram – June 20, 1954
Kennebunk Star – July 17, 1925
Kennebunk Star – Aug. 9, 1962
Kennebunk Star – Aug. 13, 1964
York County Coast Star – July 12, 1967
Portland Press Herald – Nov. 23, 1967
Portland Press Herald – July 21, 1969
New York Journal American – Nov. 25, 1969

Misc. Box 41, Folder 26 – Total Eclipse of the Sun, June 20, 1963 (came across Maine)

Large scale, hand drawn and hand colored, map of the road at Kennebunk Beach indicating lot size and ownership, c. 1886

Wastebasket with image of ship on one side.

Subject Tracings:

1947 Fire
Barry, William E.
Chadbourne, Hercules
Crediford, Annie J.
Dane, Nathan
Hay, William D.
Hilliard, Levi
Hurricane Edna
Hurricane of 1954
Hutchins & French
Kennebunk Beach
Kennebunk Savings Bank
Kilham, Elizabeth
Lord, Charles W.
Lord, Florence D.
Lord, Hartley L.
Lord, John A
Lord, Lucinda Mary
Lord, Robert W.
Lord, Sarah K.
Lord, William
Meacham, George F.
Mousam Water Company
Murphy, Andrew
Parsons, Frank
Perkins, Sarah C.
Porter, Joseph
Rogers, Anne Lord
Rogers Fibre
Thompson, Franklin N.
Thompson, William
Wallingford, George

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