Inventory of the Ardelle Maling Collection
(Collection #52)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

This collection of newspaper articles concerning events, people, organizations, etc. in York County and Maine, particularly in the Kennebunks, was given to the donor by Ardelle Maling, the compiler.

Maling lived most of her life in Cape Porpoise. For many years she was an assistant to the post mistress, Florence Nunan. As a native of the area, she was interested in local events and history. Her appetite for arrangement and scrapbook making and her historian’s instincts led her to compile this material.

The collection will be a useful research tool because articles pertaining to particular organizations or subjects are pulled together in one place and because they represent a fairly complete selection of newspaper articles from the 1950s – 1970s.

Acq. #86.22. Stored in eight half boxes.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

The newspaper articles and clippings in this collection are in two forms: loose and pasted on sheets that are tied together to form scrapbooks.

Box 1:
   Folder 1: Kennebunk churches
   Folder 2: Kennebunkport and Kennebunk Lower Village churches
Box 2:
Folder 1: Kennebunkport schools
Folder 2: Kennebunk High School
Folder 3: Kennebunk grammar schools
Folder 4: Arundel schools
Folder 5: York County schools
Folder 6: Consolidated School, Kennebunkport
Folder 7: Schools of the Kennebunks, chronologically, 1953 – 1959

Box 3:
Folder 1: Kennebunk. Miscellaneous, including the Lafayette Elm.
Folder 2: Kennebunk. Miscellaneous.
Folder 3: Kennebunk Beach
Folder 4: Kennebunk mills and factories
Folder 5: Kennebunkport. Miscellaneous
Folder 6: Kennebunk. Miscellaneous
Folder 7: The Kennebunks. Miscellaneous
Folder 8: Vessels

Box 4:
Folder 1: Kennebunkport Playhouse
Folder 2: Arundel Opera Theatre
Folder 3: Kennebunkport Playhouse programs, 1956 – 1971
Folder 4: Kennebunkport Seashore Trolley Museum, magazine articles and 1959 brochures
Folder 5: Kennebunkport Seashore Trolley Museum
Folder 6: Kennebunkport Seashore Trolley Museum
Folder 7: Arundel Opera Theatre programs, 1955 -1963

Box 5:
Folder 1: Historical agencies, state and New England
Folder 2: Historical agencies, Biddeford and Saco
Also scrapbooks concerning the Kennebunkport Historical Society

Box 6:
Folder 1: Brick Store Museum scrapbook
Folder 2: Brick Store Museum
Folder 3: Abbott Graves exhibit at the Brick Store Museum
Folder 4: The Kennebunks: A Watering Place exhibit at the Brick Store Museum
Folder 5: Articles and essays concerning the history of the Kennebunks including Betty Joyce columns about local haunted houses.

Box 7:
Folder 1: 1947 forest fires
Folder 6: Miscellaneous columns by local writers 1970s and 1980s.
NOTE: This collection also included collections of columns by Henrietta Schmidt, Joyce Butler, and Kenneth Joy. These were not given by the donor, but retained for her use.

Folder 7: The Kennebunk Star and its forerunners

Box 8:
Folder 1: Notes on local history by Ardelle Maling and descriptive calendar of Kennebunkport Historical Society meetings, 1951 – 1979
Folder 2: Articles from Down East magazine concerning the vessels Jefferson Borden and Anne F. Schmidt.
Folder 3: Brochures of churches in Kennebunk
Folder 5: Miscellaneous brochures for organizations and businesses in the Kennebunks. Included is an envelope with a sample of the seal of Kennebunkport’s Masonic lodge, Arundel Lodge No. 76.

Also, parts of this collection are the following:
The Kennebunk Star, October 24 and 31, 1947
The Biddeford Journal, October 29, 1947 (not complete)
The Boston Post, October 22-27, 1947 (not complete)
The Boston Post, January 1, 1948 (not complete)
These are stored in Newspaper Box X, Folder 7

Additions:

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