Inventory of the Owen Wentworth Family Collection  
(Collection #79)

The Brick Store Museum  
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:
This collection is from the personal effects of Owen Wentworth, of Kennebunk, consisting primarily of archival material and other objects. Most items relate to the Wentworth family’s hotels at Kennebunk Beach, specifically the Narragansett-by-the-Sea. Other items relate to the local, regional and state political career of George Jacobs Wentworth of Kennebunk.

This collection was donated by Merton Brown of Kennebunk on behalf of the Wentworth family in July of 1997. An inventory listing was done at that time and accession numbers were assigned to each object. The collection was housed in the summer and fall of 1999.

Archival objects are housed in two boxes, one document box and one ephemera box, each labeled with the collection number. The inventory lists each item. Photographs are housed in the general photograph collection, using the numbers assigned in the inventory. Oversize photographs are housed with oversize photographs in the white plastic open shelves in archives.

The following items are missing, and if found, will be added to the collection.

1997.19.29 – Placard, ca. 1960, Narragansett Hotel Punch Party
1997.19.65 – Photograph, 1921, Kennebunk Town hall during construction, three Selectmen including George Wentworth
1997.19.77-79 – Three photographs of the Maine Development Commission
1997.19.80 – Photograph, Maine House of Reps, 1933
Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

Folder 1: Narragansett-by-the-Sea paper including

- 1997.19.3 – Color brochure, ca. 1950
- 1997.19.5 – Trifold brochure, ca. 1940
- 1997.19.6 – Color brochure, no date
- 1997.19.7 – Color brochure, ca. 1965
- 1997.19.8 – Condo information, ca. 1985
- 1997.19.11 – Quarterdeck lounge card, no date
- 1997.19.18 – Wood label, ca. 1945
- 1997.19.20 – Breakfast menu, no date
- 1997.19.36.1-6 – Stationery, ca. 1960

Folder 2: Narragansett-by-the-Sea


Folder 3: Narragansett-by-the-Sea

- 1997.19.16 – Hotel Register, June 1917 – August 1921

Folder 4: Narragansett-by-the-Sea


Folder 5: Advertising brochures and menus from area hotels

- 1997.19.38 – Advertising card, BEACH HOUSE, Kennebunkport, ca. 1910
- 1997.19.43 – Hand painted and lettered card “Gentlemen are requested to wear jackets after 5 p.m.”, no date.
- 1997.19.44.1 – Breakfast menu, New Colonial Hotel, no date
- 1997.19.44.2 – Menu, The New Colonial Hotel, March 26, 1934
- 1997.19.46 – Menu, Spiller’s Inn, Cape Neddiek, no date
- 1997.19.49.1 – Postcard, Seagull Motor Inn, Wells, ca. 1955
• 1997.19.86 – Advertising brochure for the Kennebunks, ca. 1935
• 1997.19.122 – Placard printed both sides “DO NOT DISTURB”, ca. 1940

Folder 6:
1997.19.87 – Gooch’s Beach Association By-Laws, no date

Folder 7: Miscellaneous Kennebunk area items
• 1997.19.54 – Legislative calling card, George J. Wentworth, ca. 1940
• 1997.19.83 – Admission ticket for “The Chief” at Acme Theatre, benefit, January 22, 1934
• 1997.19.84 – Franciscan Monastery brochure, no date
• 1997.19.85 – Acme Theatre bill, no date
• 1997.19.95 – Membership card for the Brick Store Museum, 1966, for Mrs. George Wentworth
• 1997.19.119.1-2 – Small photograph of unidentified child and Daignault Camera Car Studio, Biddeford, ca. 1925
• 1997.19.127 – Arundel Opera House program, 1956
• 1997.19.128 – Commencement program for Kennebunk High School, 1934
• 1997.19.129 – IOU to Owen Wentworth for $250
• 1997.19.130 – Ticket for “The Circus” at Kennebunk Town hall, 1929
• 1997.19.131.1-2 – Two tickets for 1932 Kennebunk season football
• 1997.19.134 – Ticket to “The Gypsy Rover” by Kennebunk high school senior class, 1933
• 1997.19.97 – Filene’s Restaurant menu “The Salad Bowl”, in shape of bowl
• 1997.19.47 – August 3, 1882 newspaper article about Wentworth’s Beach House

Folder 8: Miscellaneous items relating to the Wentworth family
• 1997.19.73.3 – Empty manila envelope from Maine Development Commission to George Wentworth, dated October 19, 1954
• 1997.19.59 – State of Maine Official Primary Tabulation for Republican Primary June 20, 1932

Folder 9:
• 1997.19.53 – Poem by Dillingham, written at Beach House, August 1873, about guests
• 1997.19.132 – Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Wentworth, dated April 1865 (?), not signed, only initialed, giving all property to Owen Wentworth
• 1997.19.90 – Deed from Edward Greenough of Kennebunk to Betsy Boothby and Benjamin Wentworth, March 1828
• 1997.19.94 – License to Owen Wentworth for cattle broker, January 1863
• 1997.19.126 – Probate court directive for inventory of estate of Benjamin Wentworth, October 1854
• 1997.19.92 – Deed from Job Emery of Kennebunk to Benjamin Wentworth for salt marsh, March 1821
• 1997.19.91 – Deed from David English to Benjamin Wentworth for land, June 1815

Housed in White Plastic Unit (oversize photographs)
• 1997.19.117 – Photograph of Kennebunk High School Baseball Team, ca. 1910
• 1997.19.118 – Photograph of Kennebunk High School Baseball Team, ca. 1910
• 1997.19.60 – Photograph of Maine State House of Representatives, 1933
• 1997.19.61 – Photograph of House of Representatives, 1939
• 1997.19.63 – Maine State Senate, 1930s
• 1997.19.64 – Maine House of Representatives, 1935
• 1997.19.104 – Kennebunk High School Class of 1934 at US Capitol
• 1997.19.105 – Kennebunk High School Class of 1938 at US Capitol

Newspaper Box XV (folders 4 – 7)
• 1997.19.100 – Commemorative issue Maine Fire Disaster, October and November 1947 by Guy Gannett (Folder 4)
• 1997.19.57 – Flyer, Report of Town Management Commission, George J. Wentworth, Chairman, 1939 (Folder 6)
• 1997.19.87 – The Wave, July 23, 1887

Ephemera Box
• 1997.19.10.1-2 – Calendar Holders, brass, Narragansett-by-the-Sea
• 1997.19.17 – Key tag, Narragansett-by-the-Sea, ca. 1950

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