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## Whittier Family Archives

### Henrietta Maria Thurston Whittier Family

Papers, 1845-1954

One box (1 linear foot)

Daughter of Searsport Congregational Church Minister Stephen Thurston, wife of Dennysville, Maine clergymen, mother of PMM board member and others.

Diaries, family letters, newspaper articles, advertisements, and archives related to Henrietta Maria Thurston Whittier and her family. In addition to archives specific to the Whittier family, the collection provides context for the Congregational Church in Maine, diaries of late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century women in Maine and Boston, newspaper series in the Cleveland Plain Dealer: "An Outdoors Diary" and "Philosopher of Folly's Column" by Ted Robinson, newspaper articles about Maine, and archives related to league bowling and card games.

English

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### Subject Headings:

Artists

Bowling

Charlotte Goodale Greeley (1836-1930)

City life

Clergy

Congregationalism

Country Life

Diaries

Henrietta Maria Thurston Whittier (1839-1913)

Poetry

Ralph Whittier (1882-1950)

Spouses of clergy

### Acquisition:

This collection was donated to Penobscot Marine Museum by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stoneburner of Ohio, who had bought the collection from James Lawton, a secondhand bookseller in Brookline, Massachusetts. Mr. Stoneburner bought it for the newspaper articles from the Cleveland Plain Dealer, including a poem submitted by Mr. Stoneburner's high school English teacher, Evan Lodge. After further reviewing the collection, and seeing the connection to the Thurston and Whittier families of Maine, Mr. Stoneburner decided to donate the collection here.

### Restrictions:

This collection is open to research. There are no special restrictions.

### Condition:

The papers are in mostly good condition.

### Processing Note:

Papers have been sorted by person and miscellaneous materials by type.

**Related Materials:**

Papers related to the Thurston and Whittier families can be found in PMM 3 Family Papers collection, sorted by last name.

**Historical Note:**

Henrietta Maria Thurston (1839-1913) was the daughter of the Reverend Stephen Thurston and Clara M. Benson of Searsport. Her father, Stephen Thurston (1797-1884), was the Congregational Church minister in Searsport from 1826-1864. She married the Reverend Charles Whittier (1830-1921) in 1861, and they lived in Dennysville, Maine. Charles was the pastor of the Congregational Church in Dennysville from 1860-1891. Other materials in the collection belong to her children:

John K. Whittier (1867-1957) worked as a draughtsman, superintendent, and agent for a machine company in Lowell, Massachusetts from 1900-1920 and a farmer in Dunstable, Massachusetts from 1930-1940.

Clement Whittier (1880-1955) worked as a clerk and bricklaying agent in St. Louis from 1900-1910, an electrical engineer in Cleveland, Ohio from 1920-1940, and retired to Searsport, Maine. He married Mabel Lamoreaux (1876-1950) of Oneida, Illinois. Their children were Charles Lamoreaux Whittier (1910-1978), a sport announcer in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and Harriet Whittier McKenzie (1912-1998) of Lake County, Ohio.

Ralph Whittier (1882-1950) of Bangor, Maine worked through the ranks to become President of the Penobscot Savings Bank in 1950. He was a PMM trustee in the 1940s.

Other family included in collection are:

L.H. "Bay" Whittier who was living in Chardon, Ohio in 1951.

Charlotte Goodale Greeley (1836-1930) an artist living in Boston, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Henrietta Thurston Whittier's cousin.

**Scope and Content:**

Diaries, family letters, newspaper articles, advertisements, and archives related to Henrietta Maria Thurston Whittier and her family. The diaries of Henrietta Whittier shine a light on the daily life of a clergyman's wife in rural Maine in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. By contrast, diaries of her first cousin once removed Charlotte Goodale Greeley impart a glimpse into the life of an artist living in Boston at the same time. The third set of diaries, by Henrietta's son Ralph, show the life of a Bangor, Maine bank treasurer and president in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The other Whittier family archives include newspaper articles about notable events in their lives, financial and personal papers, family correspondence, personal religious texts, and notes regarding their recreational pursuits in bowling leagues and card games. The Clement Whittier family papers in the collection show that family's experience living in the Cleveland, Ohio and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania areas. In addition to archives specific to the Whittier family, the collection provides context for the Congregational Church in Maine, diaries of late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century women in Maine and Boston, newspaper series in the Cleveland Plain Dealer: "An Outdoors Diary" and "Philosopher of Folly's Column" by Ted Robinson, newspaper articles about Maine, and archives related to league bowling and card games.

**Box and Folder List:**

Box Folder

Personal Papers organized by Name

- 1 1 Stephen Thurston
- 2 Charles & Henrietta Whittier
- 3 Charles Lamoreaux Whittier & Harriet Whittier
- 4 Clement Whittier
- 5 John K. Whittier
- 6 L.H. "Bay" Whittier
- 7 Mabel Whittier
- 8 Ralph Whittier

#### Miscellaneous

- 9 Miscellaneous Correspondence
- 10 Miscellaneous Ephemera
- 11 News clippings
- 12 Religious Texts

#### Diaries

- 13 Charlotte Greeley's Diaries of 1872, 1874, 1876, 1879, 1882, 1884, 1886-1889, 1891-1892
- 14 Henrietta Maria Thurston Whittier's Diaries of 1876-1877, 1879, 1881-1882, 1884, 1886-1888, 1890-1891, 1893, 1895-1897, 1901-1905
- 15 Ralph Whittier's Diaries of 1919-1923, 1934-1938, 1939-1943