



## **Inventory of the Wentworth Family Collection (Collection #27)**

The Brick Store Museum  
Kennebunk, Maine

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### Physical Description:

This collection of diaries, account books, almanacs, business papers (including receipted bills from any local businesses), and personal papers, belonged to various members of the Wentworth family of Kennebunk Beach, particularly Owen and Freeman A. Wentworth. The collection encompasses the dates 1836 – 1940.

For an overview of this family, see the reference resource listed at the back of this inventory.

The collection is housed in two full boxes and one half box. The diaries, account books, almanacs, etc. are all part of acquisition #69.193. The loose papers, most of which concern Freeman A. Wentworth, were given separately by an unknown donor and were not given an acquisition number.

NOTE: Four photographs of Wentworth family members, which are a part of this collection, have been moved to the photograph file. Xerox copies can be found in Box 1, Folder 13.

## Box and Folder Breakdown:

### Box 1:

- Folder 1: Receipts, Charles Wentworth, 1852 – 1897.
- Folder 2: Invitations, calling cards, certificates, etc., Freeman A. Wentworth, 1866 – 1907, including invitation to his wedding to H. Estelle Knowles in 1875, and her teacher's certificates from Corinna, Exeter, and Kennebunk, Maine.
- Folder 3: *A Silver Quarter, A Poem, Written to Commemorate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Wentworth*, and read by George C. Lorimer, Boston: J. E. Simonds, Printer, 1879.
- Folder 4: Tax Receipts, Charles Wentworth, Freeman Wentworth, Marion E. W. Perkins, 1860 – 1940
- Folder 5: Receipts, Owen Wentworth, 1864 – 1893, and a few miscellaneous undated receipts, business cards, one letter, etc.
- Folder 6: Advertising cards, 1876 – 1893 (including Shaws of Portland, business cards, bill heads, blank receipts, etc. for F. A. Wentworth, Kennebunk Beach, and his Ledge Cottage and Stables.
- Folder 7: Receipts, F. A. Wentworth, including some local businesses, 1861 – 1879
- Folder 8: Receipts, F. A. Wentworth, including some local businesses, 1880 – 1889
- Folder 9: Receipts, F. A. Wentworth, including some local businesses, 1890 – 1895
- Folder 10: Receipts, F. A. Wentworth, including some local businesses, 1896 – 1899
- Folder 11: Receipts, F. A. Wentworth, including some local businesses, 1900 – 1915
- Folder 12: Receipts, miscellaneous, F. A. Wentworth
- Folder 13: Miscellaneous documents including 1867 letter from H. Gooch, 1910 letter from William E. Barry, documents concerning Marion Wentworth, daughter of Freeman.

### Box 2:

Diaries of Owen Wentworth 1866, 1867, 1870, 1871, 1873 – 1886, 1888, 1889, 1892, 1893.  
Accounts, F. A. Wentworth, 1907, Deposit Book, F. A. Wentworth, 1889, Ledger, Baggage Master, F. A. Wentworth, 1904 – 1907.

Also, two leather wallets.

### Box 3:

Accounts, Benjamin Wentworth, 1836 – 1838, and Accounts, Owen Wentworth, 1849 – 1871 (same ledger); Accounts, Owen Wentworth, 1857 – 1866

Almanacs: *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, 1852, 1856, 1857, 1865

*Ayer's American Almanac*, 1862

*Brown's Almanac*, 1859 – 1865

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- Folder 1: Accounts, Owen Wentworth, 1842 – 1844, 1843 – 1847, 1955 – 1861 (this includes a list of children’s names and ages – a school list ?)
- Folder 2: Accounts, Owen Wentworth, 1852 – 1863, 1853 – 1862, 1857 – 1865, 1861 – 1863, 1868 – 1869
- Folder 3: Copy book of song lyrics copies by Owen Wentworth, 1847.

Reference Resources:

For information about the Wentworth family of Kennebunk Beach and brief biographical sketches of Freeman A. and Owen, see *Kennebunk in the Nineties and Biographical Sketches*, by Edward E. Bourne III and Hartley Lord II, pgs. 77-79.

Subject Tracings:

Larry, William E.

Gooch, H.

Knowles, H. Estelle (Mrs. Freeman A.)

Ledge Cottage and Stables

Lorimer, George C.

Perkins, Marion B. W.

Wentworth, Benjamin

Wentworth, Charles

Wentworth, Freeman A.

Wentworth, Owen

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