



Inventory of the Alfred Court House (Collection #31)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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In 1979 in response to the 1978 removal of York County's court records (dating from ca. 164-1930) from the York County courthouse at Alfred to the State Archives at Augusta, a Task Force on Courthouse Records was appointed by the County Commissioners. The task force was to study the problem of storage, handling, use of the records remaining at the courthouse and to investigate the possibility of returning the court records to the County.

This collection is made up of correspondence and meeting notices of the Task Force as well as an inventory of the Task Force Committee members Joyce Butler and Ethel Jewett of Buxton. An inventory of the contents of the attic of the courthouse was taken by Joan Elliott and some of her final listings (photographs and newspapers) are included here, but not all.

The collection includes Butler's original inventory sheets (although not Jewett's), the findings of both inventories transferred to card form in a preliminary draft, and the final typed cards photocopied in sheets for a notebook.

The collection is stored in one box and is Acquisition number 84.3.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Correspondence, notices of committee meetings, notes, 1977-84, concerning the York County Task Force on Courthouse Records. Includes final report of the inventory committee to the County Commissioners, dated February 28, 1983.
- Folder 2: Inventory of photographs and inventory of newspapers in the attic of the Courthouse, as prepared by Joan Elliott, 1980. Also two newspaper articles concerning her project. NOTE: Not included are her lists of documents and records and books in the attic.
- Folder 3: Photocopy of Maine State Archives transfer receipt. August 24, 1978, for York County Court Records, ca. 1640-1930, which were removed to Augusta. Also, the State Archives' Microfilm Finding Aid for the York County Court Records, dated Feb. 1982.
- Folder 4: Photocopies of catalogue cards of The Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, for York county Records in their collection on microfilm.
- Binder: Original inventory sheets compiled by Joyce Butler, summer 1979. Does not include sheets of Ethel Jewett although her findings are included in the final inventory.
- Notebook: Photocopy of inventory cards (on notebook sheets in order) for final file prepared for the York County Commissioners by Butler and Jewett, exclusive of holdings in the attic. These are filed by instrument (deed, plan, map, etc.) and arranged by department (registry of Deeds, Registry of Probate, Clerk of Courts.)

Collection also includes rough drafts for above inventory, tied in bundles by departments.

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