



Inventory of the Architectural Survey of the Kennebunks, 1976, Collection (Collection #56)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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In 1976, as a project in celebration of and recognition of America's observance of its Bicentennial, a group of students at Kennebunk High School spent a semester conducting an architectural survey of six districts in the Kennebunks. The project was sponsored by the Brick Store Museum and the Kennebunkport Historical Society, and was conducted with the blessings and cooperation of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

This collection includes planning materials generated by the project, grant applications, financial information, the worksheets prepared by the students, corresponding Maine Historic Preservation Commission survey cards, photographs taken by the students of the houses in each district surveyed, copies of assessor's maps and listings of owners from both towns, etc.

It should be noted that the project was never properly completed. House information is fragmentary and in many cases not accurate (particularly architectural styles designations). One district, #3, was never surveyed. The final cards were not distributed to the three cooperating organizations (some were given to the Kennebunkport Historical Society for their files). In some cases, assessor's maps and listings are missing, thus worksheets and cards do not have proper identifying numbers. The project was a grand idea, but was too ambitious, and did not have proper supervision to see that it was carried through.

The overall acquisition number for this collection is 88.I.7 with the following extension numbers:

88.I.7.1-29	=	vintage photos
88.I.7.67	=	copy photos of masters
88.I.7.30-66	=	1976 photos
88.I.7.68	=	pamphlets, maps, etc.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Planning materials for the project, including listing of objectives of the course, course outline and class schedule, description of six districts to be covered, estimated budget, worksheets and cards to be filled out, copy of letter to be sent to homeowners, bibliography.
- Folder 2: Grant applications for project.
- Folder 3: Paperwork pertaining to collecting matching funds for grant.
- Folder 4: Correspondence of Project Director, Janet Merrow, particularly with homeowners. Some letters contain historical information about houses in question.
- Folder 5: Collection of brochures on architecture, photography, local history, reading lists, etc. which was supplied to each student in the course.
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous handwritten lists and notes generated by the students.
- Folder 7: Numbered lists of homeowners' names and addresses in various districts surveyed. Numbers are keyed to maps supplied by town offices.
- Folder 8: Labels used in concluding exhibition at the Brick Store Museum.
- Folder 9: Miscellaneous materials pertaining to America's Bicentennial Celebration, 1976.

Box 2:

- Folder 1: Worksheets of students assigned Summer Street/landing houses number 39-. This information transferred to survey cards. (Numbers correspond to town maps.)
- Folder 2: Worksheets (as above) for houses in Landing area number 40-.
- Folder 3: Worksheets (as above) for houses in Landing area numbered 93.
- Folder 4: Worksheets (as above) for houses in Alewife area numbered 45-.
- Folder 5: Worksheets (as above) for houses in Alewife area numbered 50-.
- Folder 6: Worksheets (as above) for houses in Alewife area numbered 51-.
- Folder 7: Worksheets (as above) for houses in Alewife area number 52-.
- Folder 8: Worksheets (as above) for houses on Kimball Lane in Alewife area numbered 53-.
- Folder 9: Worksheets (as above) for houses with no map numbers in Alewife area. These are numbered simply 1-2-3-etc. for cataloguing purposes.
- Folder 10: Worksheets (as above) for houses on Cape Arundel.
- Folder 11: Copies of assessor's maps for Cape Arundel and list of homeowners with corresponding numbers to lots on map.
- Folder 12: Worksheets (as above) for houses at Cape Porpoise numbered 022-.
- Folder 13: Worksheets (as above) for houses at Cape Porpoise number 029-.

- Folder 14: Worksheets (as above) for houses at Cape Porpoise numbered 030-02- and 030-03-.
- Folder 15: Worksheets for Cape Porpoise houses to which map numbers not assigned. Given number 1-2-3-etc. for cataloguing purposes. Not in correct order as to actual location.
- Folder 16: Copy of Cape Porpoise assessor's map and list of homeowners with corresponding numbers to lots on map.
- Folder 17: Worksheets for North Street area houses to which map numbers not assigned. Given inventory numbers 1-2-3-etc. (this set goes to 35) for cataloguing purposes. Not in correct order as to actual location.
- Folder 18: Worksheets for North Street area houses to which map numbers not assigned. Given inventory numbers 1-2-3-etc. (this set goes from 36-83) for cataloguing purposes. Not in correct order as to actual location.
- Folder 19: Copy of assessor's map for North Street area and list of homeowners which is not complete and does not have numbers corresponding to the map.

Box 3:

The cards supplied by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for this project. To be filled out with information from the worksheets and photos of the houses attached. Three cards were made for each house: one for the Commission, one for the Brick Store Museum, one for the Kennebunkport Historical Society. In some cases, the Kennebunkport Historical Society has been given their copy so there are only two cards. In most cases, the cards bear the assessor's map numbers, as do their corresponding worksheets. When these numbers are missing, inventory numbers have been assigned so the cards can be matched up with their worksheets.

This collection also includes photographs taken for this project of the houses in various districts and negatives of the same, as well as contact sheets of photographs taken of the students in classroom situations and on field trips. Also copy photos of vintage photos borrowed from the Kennebunkport Historical Society and taken from published materials. These are listed below and all are stored in the photograph collection by number.

NOTE: KENNEBUNKPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTOS MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION OR USED BY THE BRICK STORE MUSEUM WITHOUT CREDIT TO THE SOCIETY.

- 88.I.7 Contact sheets and negatives of district houses, classroom situations and field trips. These precede the 88.I.7.1-66 photos in storage.
- 88.I.7.1-29 Vintage photos of houses in various districts covered by this project. Copied from published materials and Kennebunkport Historical Society photos for this project.
- 88.I.7.30-66 Enlargements of photos of houses taken for this project in 1976 by students.
- 88.I.7.67 Copy photos of various masters of ships built at Kennebunk landing. Copied from *Captain Nathaniel Lord Thompson and the Ships He Built* for exhibit that ended this project. (See following photocopies) The copy photos themselves are stored in the collection of photos of local people, filed under the names of the masters.

This collection also includes:

- Folio Box 2, Folder 2 Property map #39 and 40, Town of Kennebunk, prepared by James W. Sewall Company, Old Town, Maine, no date. Summer Street, The Landing, Sea Road sections of Kennebunk.
- Folio Box 2, Folder 2: Map of Kennebunk, Maine. Showing the locations of housing developments. Compiled from the latest authorities by William R. Hooper, Kennebunkport, Maine, 1973.
- Metal case, Shelf 1, Folder: Kennebunk Quadrangle. Topographical map, U. S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, 1956.
- Map Box (0) #1, Folder 8: Maps of Cape Porpoise and The Landing made for the exhibit that ended this project.

See also "Inner Reaches," a publication that reproduces some of the information gathered by the students for this project. Miscellaneous Box (0) #9, Folder 7.

Duplicate copies of some of the architectural brochures provided the students for this project have been placed in the collection of the reference library.



Captain William B. Nason Jr. of Kennebunk
Maine, master of the Ship "Helios."



Captain Edward Stone of Kennebunk, Maine
master of the Schooner "Lucy Ward."



Captain John Hill of Kennebunk, Maine
master of the Ship "James Titcomb."



Nathaniel L. Thompson



Captain Nathaniel Lord Thompson.
Reproduced from the original miniature
in the possession of Jane Lord Burbank.
Painted in France about 1810-1815 and
given by Captain Thompson to his wife,
Jane Lord.

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