



Inventory of the Tarbox Family Collection (Collection #58)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

This collection of diaries and memorandum books (61 in number) was purchased by the Brick Store Museum from a local book dealer who bought them out of a Kennebunkport house (location not revealed) along with a large assortment of books.

The diaries were kept by Roscoe D. Tarbox Jr. and his sister Lillian E. Tarbox. Roscoe and Lillian appear to have lived with their parents in North Kennebunkport. He attended Kents Hill's Maine Wesleyan Seminary, the Northfield-Mt. Hermon School, and Boston University (1907) graduate). He became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church with pastorates at Franklin, Newtonville, and Rensselaer, New York.

Lillian gives her addresses at Knoll Crest Cottage, Kennebunkport, Maine, and Box 577, Biddeford, Maine.

The following family members are mentioned in the diaries and papers removed from the diaries:
Roscoe Daniel Tarbox, Roscoe Jr., George Hl. Tarbox, Lillian E. Tarbox, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Tarbox (she was 80 on Tuesday, 5/18/1915).

The papers removed from the diaries and placed in folders, in packets labeled by year, contain many news items of local businesses in Lillian's case Kennebunkport people).

The collection also includes the records of Kennebunkport's I. O. C. T. from 1897 – 1903.

The collection bears the acquisition number 87.87.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1: Roscoe D. Tarbox diaries: 1885, 1886, 1888 – 1894, 1899 – 1910, 1912 – 1914.
Folder 1: Miscellaneous receipts and other papers removed from diaries from 1888 – 1901
Folder 2: Miscellaneous receipts and other papers removed from diaries from 1902 – 1908
Folder 3: Miscellaneous receipts and other papers removed from diaries from 1909 – 1914

Box 2: Roscoe D. Tarbox diaries: 1915 – 1919
Lillian E. Tarbox diaries: 1896 – 1898, 1903 – 1905
Two copies Rites and Ceremonies of the Essenes
Pocket Memorandum Book, 1919 – 1920 (blank)
Constitution and By-Laws, First Methodist E. Church Men's Club, Newtonville, NY, 1929
Pastor's Vest Pocket Record (blank)
Boston University Students' handbook, 1905 – 1906
Memorandum Book, 1927 (blank)
Constitution and By-Laws Roxbury (Mass.) Lodge, I. O. G. T. with notice R. D. Tarbox initiation, 1916.
R. D. Tarbox record of expenses, 1898 – 1899
Folder 1: Miscellaneous receipts and other papers removed from R. D. Tarbox diaries 1915 – 1919.

Box 3: Lillian E. Tarbox diaries: 1916 – 1918, 1921 – 1923, 1930 – 1932, 1934.
Folder 1: Miscellaneous papers removed from diaries 1916 – 1922.
Folder 2: Miscellaneous papers removed from diaries 1923 – 1934.

Box 4: Roscoe D. Tarbox diaries: 1916 – 1928, 1930 – 1931
Silas Marner, George Eliot, 1911 edition inscribed Roscoe Tarbox Jr.
Folder 1: Miscellaneous receipts and other papers removed from diaries, 1916 – 1922
Folder 2: Miscellaneous receipts and other papers removed from diaries 1923 – 1931

Record Book, Seaside Lodge, No. 31, I. O. G. T.
Kennebunkport, Maine
September 24, 1897
A. B. Kent, Sec.
Contains minute of meetings from 1897 - 1903

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We are sorry to learn of the illness
of Mrs. Lorenzo Tarbox, one of our
dear old ladies. Her age is about 90
Her son of New York is at the Tar-
box home. All hope for her recovery
May 25 1921
SOUTH BERWICK.

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