



## **Inventory of the Coleman-Deering Families Collection (Collection #64)**

The Brick Store Museum  
Kennebunk, Maine

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### Physical Description:

This useful and interesting collection was given by a descendant of the Coleman-Deering-Wells and allied families of Kennebunkport and Kennebunk. Most of the significant material concerns people and organizations in Kennebunkport, but there is some useful Kennebunk material (such as the specifications for Kennebunk's first Ross Block).

There are documents, broadsides, ephemera of a later period in this collection that are not known to have survived elsewhere, such as the two broadsides, the Ross block specifications, etc., and important Tax Lists, etc.

The collection represents, is an example of, the kinds of important and fascinating documents that end up in private hands – the flotsam and jetsam of a family that was significantly involved in events in a small town.

The bulk of the collection is in one box. Numerous other items are stored in other locations as indicated.

The collection bears inventory number 88.31.

## Box and Folder Breakdown:

### Box 1:

- Folder 1: Class Book No. 2, Kennebunkport; Samuel Coleman, Leader. (Methodist Circuit ?). 1839 – 1840. Acq. 88.31.12  
E. T. Coleman's Tax List, 1860, Kennebunkport. Acq. #88.31.11  
Ledger of accounts, unknown, 1899. Acq. #88.31.35
- Folder 2: Some of the following bear the name of Mrs. Carrie Coleman, 71 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine.  
Brochure, "Just Down-Maine Folks and Places, 1951: Yesterday and Today at the Kennebunks and Other Maine Places," autographed by the author, Pauline Woodworth Hildreth.  
Kennebunkport Historical Society brochure, ca. 1950s  
Constitution and by-Laws of Pine Tree Encampment, No. 29, I. O. O. F., Kennebunk Maine. 1880. Acq. 88.31.27  
Constitution, By-Laws and Membership List, Good Cheer Club, no date (ca. 1960s – 1970s)
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous certificates, documents pertaining to members of the Coleman-Deering-Cummings families. Kennebunk and Kennebunkport, 1896 – c. 1957. Includes #88.31.24
- Folder 4: Three booklets of accounts with various merchants of Fred G. Coleman, 1910 – 1913. Acq. #88.31.28.1-3
- Folder 5: Document pertaining to legal case regarding the division of the Town of Kennebunkport and Town of North Kennebunkport, 1915 – 1916. Acq. #88.31.14
- Folder 6: Specifications for building the Ross Block (1<sup>st</sup>), Maine Street, Kennebunk, no date. Acq. #88.31.22
- Folder 7: School essays by Carrie Wells, Kennebunkport, including Oration given at graduation from Kennebunk High School, 1897 (together with copy of program)
- Folder 8: Miscellaneous notes on Kennebunkport families compiled by Charles L. Peirce (?) Acq. #88.31.25
- Folder 9: *The Youth's Companion*, December 20, 1866. Stamped with name: S. E. Coleman Acq. #88.31.18  
Grammatical Questions, 1818. Bears name Noah hatch, Wells. Acq. #88.31.26  
The Deck and Port Songster: being a choice collection of Bonaparte and Sea Songs, no date. Acq. #88.31.15
- Folder 10: Ration books, 1942, World War II, and tokens that belonged to Carrie Louise Coleman. With holder. Acq. #88.31.3
- Folder 11: Miscellaneous typed and mimeographed money-raising poetry (Sock Social, Telephone Afternoon, etc.)

- Folder 12: Deeds, Coleman's as grantees and grantors, 1821 – 1944. Includes documents pertaining to "estate of Fred G. Coleman."
- Folder 13: Miscellaneous documents pertaining to members of the Palmer family, Buxton, 1868 – 1876  
Miscellaneous deeds, John Smith and John Smith, Jr., Arundel and Kennebunkport, as grantees and grantors, 1769 – 1853
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous deeds and documents pertaining to the estate of Humphrey Deering, Arundel, 1725 and 1791 – 1792.
- Folder 15: Miscellaneous deeds and documents pertaining to James Deering of Arundel, 1765 – 1842, including his will dated 10/8/1808; pew deeds and rental agreements for the "enlarged and repaired meeting house," 1799 – 1806; and a "Plan of the Homestead Farm of James Deering by Seth Burnham," no date.
- Folder 16: Miscellaneous deeds and documents pertaining to Joshua Deering, 1805 – 1846 and his will, dated 2/6/1865.
- Folder 17: Miscellaneous deeds and documents pertaining to Ira Deering, Kennebunkport, 1847 – 1901. Includes deed for lot in Arundel Cemetery, 1893.
- Folder 18: Miscellaneous deeds and documents pertaining to various members of the Hutchins family, Arundel/Kennebunkport, 1756 – 1876. Includes miscellaneous Arundel Cemetery deeds and death notices.
- Folder 19: Miscellaneous deeds and documents pertaining to members of the Wells family, Kennebunkport, 1828 – 1937. Includes cemetery and church pew deeds; deed for Ezra Wells/ H. A. Wells store, Kennebunkport, 2/10/18\_\_ (not readable) deeds for Captain Jacob Merrill place, River Road; deeds for Edwin Chick house, Kennebunk Lower Village, 1903 – 1919.
- Folder 20: Deed for pew #34, Baptist Society in Arundel, to Samuel Coleman, 1807.  
Hectograph Plan of Six Lots of So[uth] Con. Soc., [K'Port], November 1885.  
Miscellaneous genealogy list for Deering, Meserve, Smith families. See additions on next page.

The following items from this collection are stored elsewhere, as indicated:

Collection of postcards – USA, Canada, Europe – appropriate postcard files

Six photograph albums with unidentified photos probably of the above family's members (Coleman, Deering, Hutchins, Wells ?) – Metal Cupboard with photo albums. Acq. #s 88.31.2, 4, 5-7

Tintypes and three daguerreotypes, unidentified – Tintype Box 1

Rocky Mountains picture book – with general collection of old books

Two broadsides: Woodland auction, Kennebunkport, 1848; York County road notice (early Route 1?), 1825 – Misc. Box (0) #1, Folder 1

Certificate of sale of patent on Thrashing Machine to four Kennebunkport men (including Samuel Coleman), from Edmund Warren, Augusta, 1825 – Misc. Box (0) 4, Folder 9  
Acq. 88.31.1? (not readable)

Map of New England, c. 1907 – Pamphlet Box 29 Acq. 88.31.17

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Vintage photographs, #s 88.31.20.1-10. Photo file by number and Coleman and Snowden people files (Note 9 and 10 unidentified as attached and in that file)

Miscellaneous magazine and newspaper clippings scattered in appropriate files (for example: see Cummings genealogy file)

Large collection of early 20<sup>th</sup> century sheet music – Music Box 2 Acq. #88.31.23

Book, *Snowbound*, by John Greenleaf Whittier – with old books. Acq. #88.31.29

Diploma of Carrie Louise Wells, Kennebunkport High School – Misc. Box (0) 4, Folder 1 Acq. #88.31.32

Story book for Good Little Girls – Book Box I, Folder 7. Acq. #88.31.33

Also, a collection of deeds (see attached list of grantors and grantees) which have been filed into the regular deed collection. See the DEED BOX.

#### Box 1 (continued)

Folder 20: Two sheets of accounts, 1808 – 1824

Receipt to Augusta Curtis for keeping school, Kennebunkport, 1849, Dist. No. 1

Probate document, estate of William B. Nason, 1811

Plan of land abutting land of Alphonse Leach, Kennebunkport (?), no date

Additions, August 1994. Acq. #1994-12

Folder 21: Typescript of papers and receipts of Samuel Coleman, Saco Road, dated c. 1805 – 1820. Copied by Charles L. Peirce, 1943. Includes official business (surveying, militia) of the town of Arundel (Kennebunkport), 16 pgs. Also copies from Bradbury's *History* of Saco Road information.

Folder 22: Mimeographed copies. Communications systems, various York County towns, including the Kennebunks, no date.

Folder 23: Roll Call sheets, Kennebunk Fire Department, Central Station, 1964, 1967, 1969, 1975

Folder 24: Typescript by Mrs. Anne Balch of various By-laws of the town of Kennebunk, dating from 1864 – 1930.

Folder 1: Attendance or grade book of Mary Coleman, 1896

#### Other:

*Firefighting Men and Equipment*, Boyer. Reference Library

Bradbury's *History of Kennebunkport*, 1837. With index compiled by Charles L. Peirce. Rare Book Shelf

Ten tintypes. #1 in Coleman folder, others in unidentified tintypes Box 1, #s 1994 – 12.9.2-10

Three postcards added to postcard file, #1994-12.11.1-3

Miscellaneous photographs bearing the accession #1994-12+, in the photo file and in Pierce/Peirce and Coleman files.

Deeds:

Thomas Perkins to Elijah Littlefield, 1758

Isaac Wells, Gorham, to Jonas Welsh, Biddeford, 1797

Israel Whitten, Arundel, to Daniel Mitchell, Arundel, 1793

Josiah G. mason to Benjamin Goodrich, 1864

Albert Robinson, Kennebunk, to Oliver Benson, Kennebunkport, 1848

NUMBER: 88.31.20.8

SUBJECT: Unidentified

PHOTGRAPHER: \_\_\_\_\_

COPY PRINTS: \_\_\_\_\_

COPY NEGATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

SLIDES: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER: 88.31.20.9

SUBJECT: Unidentified

PHOTGRAPHER: \_\_\_\_\_

COPY PRINTS: \_\_\_\_\_

COPY NEGATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

SLIDES: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Resources:

Mary E. Coleman  
1874 – 1940  
M. C. Edward Meserve  
1872 – 1933

Fred G. Coleman's sister  
H. G. Coleman's aunt

Other additions:

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*Simple photo of Meserve indicated*

*Helen Jones + sister (Grove St)*



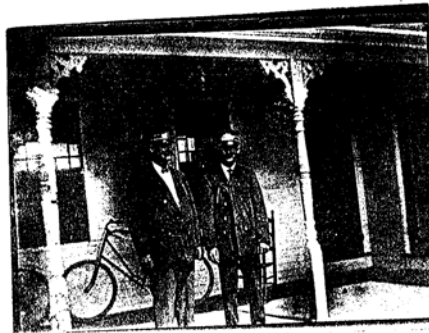
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*Willie Wilkes + Marie Godewin (Grove St)*

1994-12-10-8



*Bill Godewin Perry Godewin*

*Godewin*



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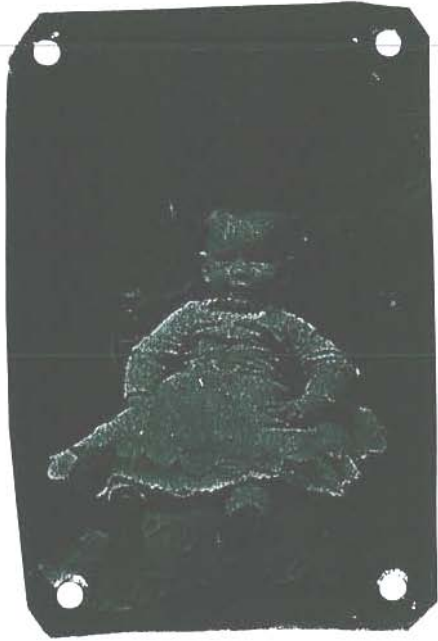


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In unidentified types 201



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Group

Unidentified types Box 1



Let may be Fred Q. Coleman  
J. Coleman - (people) photo

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