



Inventory of the Butler Collection (Collection #66)

The Brick Store Museum
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This collection is of interest because it is representative of the process so many new homeowners in the Kennebunks pursued as housing developments sprang up in the 1960s – 1980s. Here are the building permit, deed work, construction invoices, the photographs taken by the excited family, plans drawn up by neighbors for new neighbors, the evidence of new appliances and household equipment (the manuals and brochures), and even the drawing by a local artist of the new house, which was then printed on stationery. This last was a very popular step during the 1960s in towns like Kennebunk.

Other materials in this collection are of significant Biddeford and Saco events which were participated in by the Butler family.

The bulk of the collection dates from approximately 1928 to 1967. The collection bears accession number 88.53.1-13. It is stored, for the most part, in one half box.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

- Folder 1: Four sheets of stationery of Mrs. George Butler, Fairfield Drive, Kennebunk. With imprint of drawing of the house made by Anneke Brook of Kennebunkport. See Acq. #88.53.1 Drawing and stationery Christmas gift to Mrs. Butler from her family, 1962 (?)
- Folder 2: Building permit, grantor/grantee schedules for property and other materials pertaining to the house and site for new Butler house, Fairfield Drive, Kennebunk.

- Folder 3: Receipted bills for building of the George and Martina Butler house, Fairfield Drive, Kennebunk, 1961.
- Folder 4: Operations manuals and brochures for various household appliances and equipment owned and used by George and Martina Butler at their new house on Fairfield Drive, Kennebunk.
- Folder 5: Miscellaneous receipted bills for household expenses on Fairfield Drive, such as insurance, electricity, heating oil, etc. 1960 – 1961
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous materials pertaining to the Webber Hospital, particularly the alterations made to it in 1950. George Butler was on the Building Committee.
- Folder 7: Tourism brochures for Biddeford/Saco, no date. Advertising materials for Biddeford/Saco businesses. Label from medicine bottle sold by E. C. Miller, Kennebunkport. Handwritten comments pertaining to the Rebekah Assembly of Maine, no date.
- Folder 8: Miscellaneous materials pertaining to the Saco/Biddeford Savings Institution, Saco, of which George Butler was president of the Board. C. 1949 – 1963
- Folder 9: Miscellaneous materials pertaining to the visit of the Mayor of Biddeford, England and his daughter to Biddeford, Maine, July 1928. George Butler on the welcoming committee.

This collection also includes photographs numbered 88.53.1-4 and 88.53.13.1-14

This collection also includes a framed drawing of the Butler house, Fairfield Drive, by Anneke Brook of Kennebunkport. Stored in "I" with art.

Also two copies of a Plan of the house lots (including Butler) at Arundel Estates, Fairfield Drive

A plan of alterations for the lobby of the Saco/Biddeford Savings Institution, Saco, no date.

Plans (3) for the addition and alterations to the Webber Hospital, Biddeford, 1950. Kendall Taylor and Co., Architects, Boston. Metal Case 2, Drawer 1, Folder 2

Additions:

- Boxes 2 & 3: Catalogues and brochures from 48 different home furnishings companies with which Atkinson's Furniture Company of Saco and Biddeford did business in the 1950s and 1960s. With price lists.

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