

## ELIZABETH E. PERKINS COLLECTION

Collection #118

2012.136

### The Brick Sore Museum

**Physical Description:** This collection was compiled by Miss Elizabeth E. Perkins during her research into her genealogy. It includes correspondence; legal documents, such as marriage certificates; newspaper clippings, including obituaries; genealogies as compiled by Perkins and other researchers; and photographs.

The collection was brought to the Museum after Miss Perkins's death by the Personal Representative of her estate, Earle J. Patterson, with an Instrument of Distribution, dated November 2012, which explains that, as per Miss Perkins's probated will, the Brick Store Museum was the "entity entitled to distribution."

**NOTE:** Before the collection came to the Museum some of the papers and photos suffered water damage. No information was provided or has been discovered as to when or how that happened.

**Significance of the Collection:** The Perkins, Wentworth, and allied families have had a long history in the Kennebunks: Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. There is generational information in this collection about these families as well as of other families and individuals; thus, also of the history of the two towns in general; specifically of the Kennebunk Beach section of Kennebunk; and also of certain organizations in both towns, especially the Kennebunk Nursing Home where Miss Perkins spent her last years.

**Organizational Methodology:** The collection came to the Museum in some disarray as Miss Perkins had left it and as it no doubt had suffered from handling by others. An attempt has been made to group materials by the Perkins and Wentworth families, although there is overlapping throughout. For the most part correspondence was left as found; letters were left in their envelopes, no attempt was made to file Miss Perkins's personal mail chronologically, and photos of friends were left with letters and Christmas and birthday cards, etc. A large number of photographs will to be added to the Museum's photograph collection and listed as having come from this collection. A tape recording of an interview of Miss Perkins will be catalogued with other tapes owned by the Museum. A few small artifacts, such as a stationary box that might be useful in an exhibit, will be stored and catalogued suitably also. **Subject tracings are indicated in red in the listings of the contents of boxes and their folders.**

Joyce Butler  
June 29, 2015

**Elizabeth Perkins Collection****BOX 1  
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- Folder 1:** **Society of Mayflower Descendants** fliers and a letter concerning the **Wentworth family** line to **George Soule**, who came over on the Mayflower.
- Folder 2:** Deeds and newspaper clippings concerning the **Wentworth family** and the **Boston and Maine Railroad** and the **Kennebunk and Kennebunkport Railroad** at **Kennebunk Beach** and **Kennebunk Lower Village**.
- Folder 3:** **Freeman A. Wentworth** correspondence, 1908-1910, and other miscellaneous documents concerning him.
- Folder 4:** Notes (by Elizabeth Perkins ?) concerning the **Wentworth family**, the **Perkins family**, and related families.
- Folder 5:** Notes made by Joan Sullivan of the Brick Store Museum concerning a June 28, 1989 interview with Elizabeth Perkins concerning **Wentworth family** artifacts Perkins donated to the Museum.
- Folder 6:** Publications concerning **Wentworth family** members.
- Folder 7:** Typescript (draft ?) of the genealogy of **Warren Wentworth** and **Mabel B. Wentworth**, a copy of it as published, and correspondence.
- Folder 8:** Scrapbook clippings concerning the will/estate of **Arioch Wentworth**. Not dated.
- Folder 9:** **Wentworth family** wills and related documents with Elizabeth Perkins's notes attached.
- Folder 10:** Miscellaneous materials pertaining to the **Wentworth family**: legal documents, correspondence, photocopies of obituaries.
- Folder 11:** Miscellaneous materials pertaining to **Wentworth family** connections, including information on **Nathaniel Cousens** whose daughter married a Wentworth.
- Folder 12:** **Sprague family** genealogy (cousins to Elizabeth Perkins): correspondence, clippings, etc.
- Folder 13:** Documents concerning **Margaret E. Sprague Lord**, especially concerning her funeral.

**Folder 14:** Miscellaneous materials concerning a **Wentworth family** reunion, 1993. Included is the text of remarks made by Elizabeth Perkins and **Robert Wentworth**. NOTE: The tape of above remarks and photographs have been moved to more suitable storage.

**BOX 2**  
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- Folder 1:** Reprint of the subject index of Bradbury's *History of Kennebunk Port* with Elizabeth Perkins's notes about **Perkins family** genealogy attached.
- Folder 2:** Correspondence with **Gary Perkins** about the tentative ancestry of **Captain Thomas Perkins**.
- Folder 3:** Correspondence and charts by **Gary Perkins** concerning **Perkins family** genealogy.
- Folder 4:** Correspondence and documents from **Gary Perkins** concerning members of the **Perkins family**. Of particular interest is a document concerning a conflict in 1751-52 between **James Perkins** of Arundel and **Rowlandson Bond**.
- Folder 5:** Miscellaneous **Perkins family** genealogy. Various sources.
- Folder 6:** Elizabeth Perkins's notes on **Wakefield family** connection to **Perkins family**.
- Folder 7:** Programs, etc., concerning **South Congregational Church, Kennebunkport, 150<sup>th</sup> celebration** with Elizabeth Perkins's notes on lists of founders, including **James Perkins**. Also a copy of Joyce Butler's 1973 architectural history of the church.
- Folder 8:** Deeds for **Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk** burials of **Perkins family** members.
- Folder 9:** Marriage certificate of **Charles O. Perkins** and **Marion Wentworth**, birth certificate of their daughter **Elizabeth E. Perkins**, obituaries, and other miscellaneous.
- Folder 10:** Clippings about **Olive Perkins**.
- Folder 11:** Miscellaneous materials concerning **Elizabeth E. Perkins**: biographical, high school graduation, properties she owned, etc.

**Folder 12:** Lists and notes by **Elizabeth E. Perkins** concerning possessions she owned/sold; mostly silver, some jewelry, stamps (she collected stamps).

**Folder 13:** Documents and clippings concerning the 1983 auction of the contents of the house on the **Sea Road, Kennebunk Beach** that was owned by **Elizabeth E. Perkins**.

**BOX 3**  
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**Folder 1:** Miscellaneous **Perkins family** correspondence, various dates.

**Folder 2:** Correspondence to Elizabeth E. Perkins, including letters from her mother and grandfather.

**Folder 3:** Letters to **Marion W. Perkins**, 1930s.

**Folder 4:** Letters from **Jay S. Perkins**, 1935-1945, to **Marion W. Perkins** and Elizabeth E. Perkins.

**Folder 5:** Miscellaneous items concerning **Oliver M. Wentworth**, including correspondence from him to **Marion W. Perkins**, ca. 1910.

**Folder 6:** **Elizabeth E. Perkins** items of a personal nature, such as her **World War II** ration books.

**Folder 7:** **Kennebunk Nursing Home** newsletters, February 1986 and Fall 1991.

**Folder 8:** Miscellaneous papers pertaining to the bankruptcy and sale of the **Kennebunk Nursing Home**, 1998-99.

**Folder 9:** Programs and newspaper clippings pertaining to local events (**Kennebunk** and **Kennebunkport**) attended by Elizabeth E. Perkins, 1986-1992.

**Folder 10:** Awards to **Elizabeth E. Perkins** from the **Kennebunk Nursing Home** for poetry and volunteer service, 1980s and 1990s.

**Folder 11:** Letters written by **Elizabeth E. Perkins** to others, 1990s+. (Drafts?)

**Folder 12:** Clippings etc. about health issues.

**Folder 13:** Published articles about **George H. W. Bush and family** of **Kennebunkport**.

**NOTEBOOK**  
**2012.136.004**

***A GENEALOGY OF THE OLD PERKINS FAMILY OF KENNEBUNKPORT***

With Ancestral and Descendant Charts

By  
**Gary E. Perkins**  
 1996

Typed on National Historical Society Guide to Genealogy forms. Includes a photo dated 1908 of Perkins family group with names written on the back.

**PAMPHLET BOX**  
**2012.136.005**

*Art and Antiques* magazine, November 1989 with article "Pilgrim's Progress." Note attached by Elizabeth Perkins says, "Furniture of immigrant **John Perkins**, Topsfield... [Mass.]" NOTE: The magazine is badly water damaged, but the article is readable.

**Kennebunk** Annual Town Report, 1988. Elizabeth Perkins notes on cover concerning photos inside that relate to her ancestors.

*Through the Years* by Henrietta Schmidt, 1975. Notes by Elizabeth Perkins with directions to family genealogy information.

**Diary, 1993-1994** of **Elizabeth E. Perkins, Kennebunk Nursing Home.**

**BOX A**

***History of Kennebunk Port*** by **Charles Bradbury, 1837 edition.** This was given to **Marion B. Wentworth** by **Clement Huff.** Laid throughout the pages are notes by Elizabeth E. Perkins concerning her genealogical connections to the text.

Notebook of **Olive Wentworth Knowles** with clippings pasted in.

Address book of **Marion Wentworth**, 1900.

Miscellaneous notebooks of **Elizabeth E. Perkins**. Personal information, such as financial, knitting, etc.

Place card set. Venice. A Christmas/New Years gift/greeting to Elizabeth E. Perkins from :Adelaide and Gertrude” ca. 1990-2000.

Photo album with 2 or 3 unidentified photos pasted in. Kennebunk Beach?

**Recipe book:** *Just A Few Kitchen Helper Recipes and Hints* by Fannie G. Brines, **1907**. Inscribed: “Warren with love from Jane.”

**Recipes.** Wells Double Indexed Diary, **1893**. Pages filled with hand written recipes.

Scrapbook. Newspaper clippings about people and events, advertisements, poetry. No name attached, no date. Elizabeth E. Perkins marked with slips of paper articles about family members, etc.: **Wentworth, Hubbard, Durrell**, etc.

## BOX B

Correspondence: Letters and cards sent to Elizabeth E. Perkins, many with photographs included. NOTE: The photographs have been left with the letters they came in. Letters have not been unfolded and removed from their envelopes. The letters, which date from ca. the 1990s have not been filed in the box chronologically.

**NOTE: A large collection of photos, vintage and contemporary are to be moved to the Museum’s photo collection. Some snapshots were water damaged and are curled; the plan is to scan them.**