

## **Guide to the Harold Webster Cate Papers, 1873-1957, bulk 1930-1952**

### Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**

Harold Webster Cate Papers, 1873-1957, bulk 1930-1952

**Repository:**

New Hampshire Historical Society  
30 Park Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-228-6688  
<http://www.nhhistory.org/>

**Collection Number:**

2021.028

**Author of Finding Aid:**

Sandra L. Wheeler

**Creator:**

Cate, Harold Webster, 1884-1958

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

**Abstract:**

The Harold Webster Cate Papers contain of a few of his writings (text, poems, music), several letters, and photographs of Cate both alone and with his mother, Mary Cate. Also included are a handful of photographs of others, one of which is of composer Amy Cheney Beach.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

The Harold Webster Cate Papers were a gift of Schuyler Bogue on December 15, 2021.

### **Processing Information:**

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in September 2022. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in September 2022. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

### **Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

### **Location:**

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

### **Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:**

For permission to reproduce or publish materials from this collection, please contact the New Hampshire Historical Society. Users are responsible for following all copyright and intellectual property laws.

### **Preferred Citation:**

Item title, Harold Webster Cate Papers, 2021.028. New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH. Date accessed.

## Collection Overview

### **Biographical Information:**

Harold Webster Cate (1884-1958) was born to Edwin J. and Mary (Stratton) Cate at Lawrence, MA. In 1920 he was farming at Antrim, NH, and working as an insurance agent by 1930. An undated calling card in the collection indicates that he worked at some point for “Agricultural Service, Inc” in Concord, NH. He did not marry, and the 1950 census identified himself as a composer.

In the 1940s and early 1950s, he copyrighted and published a number of patriotic songs, mostly marches. The collection also contains a self-published 1930 pamphlet and several poems.

### **Collection Scope and Content Note:**

This small collection of the papers of Harold Webster Cate (1884-1958) consists primarily of documentation of his patriotic musical compositions written in the 1940s and early 1950s. There are many receipts for mailing material to the U.S. Copyright Office between 1944 and 1945, but

the collection contains only one copy of a piece with both words and music, as well as a few poems. Other details of his working and personal life are not present.

The photographs are of himself, his mother, and a few friends, notably an undated one of composer Amy Cheney Beach. Another item of note is a thank-you letter from Sherman Adams from the White House dated April 9, 1954.

**Arrangement:**

Items in the collection are arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Contents List

**Box 1**

- Folder 1 Correspondence, incoming, 1917, 1946-1955
- Folder 2 Correspondence, outgoing, 1940-1954, undated
- Folder 3 Receipts, 1944-1945
- Folder 4 Writings, 1930, 1938
  - TRUTH Do You Know Me?, 1930
  - The Old New Englander, 1938
- Folder 5 Writings, 1950-1952, undated
  - New Hampshire's Call – The Little Boy's Plea, undated
  - The Pool at Dawn, 1950
  - Cadets of America, 1952
- Folder 6 Miscellaneous, 1957, undated
  - Prescription, 1957
  - H.W. Cate calling card, undated
- Folder 7 Cate, Mary (Mrs. Edwin J.) correspondence, incoming, 1884
- Folder 8 Photographs, Harold and Mary Cate, 1941-1946, undated
- Folder 9 Photographs, various, 1873, undated
  - Beach, Amy Cheney, undated
  - Coburn, 'Papa' and Mable Chandler, undated
  - Harris, Robert Lincoln, 1873
  - Lathrope, Helen, undated
  - unidentified, undated
  - Parade in Manchester, NH, undated

Subject Terms

**People:**

- Adams, Sherman, 1899-1986
- Beach, Amy Cheney, 1867-1944
- Cate, Harold Webster, 1884-1957
- Cate, Mary
- Chandler, Mable
- Coburn, "Papa"
- Harris, Robert Lincoln

Lathrope, Helen

**Organizations:**

Library of Congress. Copyright Office  
United States. Post Office Department

**Subjects:**

Correspondence  
Music  
Photography  
Poetry  
Receipts (Acknowledgements)

**Locations:**

Antrim, NH  
Lawrence, MA  
Manchester, NH  
Washington, DC

**Occupations:**

Authors  
Composers

**Related Materials**

Library

Cate, Harold Webster. *[Collection of Printed Poems]*. Tilton, N.H.: circa 1930-1940. Call number: 811 C357