

Guide to the George Perry Research Papers, 1940-1970

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

George Perry Research Papers, 1940-1970

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Creator:

Perry, George, 1902-1967

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

23 boxes ; 11.98 linear feet

Abstract:

George Wesley Perry was the City of Concord's official photographer. He maintained these index cards and then passed them along to George A. Stohrer, Jr., who continued to maintain the collection until he passed away. The cards contain information on the history of Concord, NH, with information on taverns, hotels, fires, street names, businesses, and individuals.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The George Perry Research Papers were a gift of Judith Roberge in memory of her father, George A. Stohrer, Jr. in 2013. The collection arrived at the New Hampshire Historical Society organized into boxes based on time period and subject, and original provenance was maintained as much as possible. The index cards are arranged chronologically or alphabetically, depending on the subject or original arrangement.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Korrena Cowing and Amelia Boccarelli in June 2015 and by Aislinn Kalob in 2016. The finding aid was written by Aislinn Kalob in October 2016. 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 on paper and have no special technical requirements for use.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

George W. Perry (1891-1971) was born on June 13, 1891 at Concord, NH, the son of Laforest C. and Lillian E. (Follansbee) Perry. He married Elmira "Myra" Elizabeth Putnam on February 21, 1918 in Concord, NH. Myra was born on July 22, 1893 in Concord, NH, to Frank S. Putnam and Nattie Hubbard. They lived in Penacook, NH.

George Perry was a photographer with Kimball Studio in Concord, ran a photograph studio on Pleasant Street in Concord, and was active in many civic organizations. This includes memberships to the Blazing Star Masonic Lodge; Trinity Royal Arch Chapter; Horace Chase Council, RSM; Mount Horeb Commandry, Knights Templar; the Alpha Lodge of Perfection; Ariel Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Acacia Chapter, Rose Croix; the New Hampshire Consistory; Bektash Temple Shrine; A Patrol; Epiphany Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; the

New Hampshire Society of Veteran Free Masons; the New Hampshire Historical Society; and the Contoocook Improvement Association.

Elmira Perry died on November 29, 1959 in Merrimack, NH. George W. Perry died September 19, 1971 in a Littleton hospital, and is buried in Blossom Hill Cemetery in Concord, NH.

George A. Stohrer, Jr. (1922-2012) was born on April 5, 1922 at Concord, the son of George A. and Agnes J. (Gustafson) Stohrer. He graduated from Concord High School in June 1939 and the University of New Hampshire in 1943. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. Following his military service, he worked for the New Hampshire State Highway Department as a civil engineer. Active in civic organizations, Stohrer also served as alderman in Concord.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The George Perry Research Papers, 1940-1970, contain around 25,000 index cards organized in 23 boxes. The scope of the collection encompasses information on Concord, NH, and surrounding areas, such as Hopkinton and Penacook. Information recorded spans from the mid-1700s through the 1960s, as this collection was maintained by George A. Stohrer, friend of Perry, after his death. Perry compiled information on people who lived in Concord, as well as notable people who visited the city. He cataloged information about buildings and their occupants by their name or street number. A number of subjects are also covered, such as fires, local businesses, police stations, military regiments, cemeteries, churches, schools, vital records, and more. The index cards serve as a card catalog of events, people, and places in Concord from its founding through 1970. Many of the cards contain references to other publications, notably *The Granite Monthly*.

Arrangement:

The George Perry Research Papers are organized both chronologically and alphabetically, depending on the contents of the box.

If the box contains names of people, places, subjects, or if is indicated, the box is organized alphabetically. If the box contains streets, it is organized chronologically in ascending address number. The contents were kept in original order, unless re-arrangement was needed to allow for research or if the contents arrived unorganized.

Contents List

- Box 1** Births, Marriages, Deaths before 1800, A—Z
Births, Marriages, Deaths after 1800, A—Ayers

- Box 2** Births, Marriages, Deaths after 1800 (cont.), B—McMillan

- Box 3** Births, Marriages, Deaths after 1800 (cont.), N—Z
Births, Marriages, Deaths from 1887, A—D

- Box 4** Births, Marriages, Deaths from 1887, E—Sargent

Box 5

Births, Marriages, Deaths from 1887, Sargent—Z
Streets by Name, A—30 Main Street

Abbott
Academy
Auburn
Beacon
Blake
Blanchard
Bradley
Bridge
Broadway
Cambridge
Capitol
Center
Chandler
Chapel
Church
Clinton
Concord
Court
Dale
Depot
Downing
Elm
Essex
Fayette
Ford's Avenue
Foster
Franklin
Freight
Fulton
Garden
Green
Grove
Hall
Hanover
Huchins
Jackson
Knight
Laurel
Liberty
Lyndon
Main Street Numbers, 1-30

Box 6

Streets by Name, 31 Main-198 Main

- Box 7** Streets by Name, 198 Main-149 North Main
- Box 8** Streets by Name, 151 North Main-31 South Main
- Box 9** Streets by Name, 31 South Main-Pleasant Street
 Maple
 Merrimack
 Mill
 Monroe
 Montgomery
 Odd Fellows Avenue
 Orchard
 Park
 Pearl
 Penacook
 Perley
 Pierce
 Pillsbury
 Pine
 Pitman
 Pleasant
- Box 10** Streets by Name, Pleasant Street Ext.—28 North State
 Pleasant Ext.
 Prince
 Railroad Square
 Ridge
 Rumford
 School
 South
 Spring North
 Spring South
 State Street
- Box 11** Streets by Name, 28 North State –West Street
 North State
 South State
 Tuhanto
 Thompson
 Thorndike
 Tremont
 Union
 Walker
 Wall
 Waverly
 Warren

Washington
Water
West

- Box 12** Blocks (Alphabetical) A—Z
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 Blocks (Main Street by Street Address)
- Box 13** Blocks (North Main by Street Address)
 Blocks (Chronological), 1844-1870
 External Resources
- Box 14** Subjects, A—Courthouse
 Asylum
 Banks
 Concord Upper Bank
 Concord National
 Concord Savings and Trust
 First National
 Mechanicks
 Mechanicks National
 Merrimack County
 Minots
 National Savings
 National State Capitol
 New Savings Bank
 Union
 Bridges
 Borough Bridge over Contoocook River
 Concord Bridges History Of
 Federal Bridge East Concord
 Fisherville-Penacook Bridge
 Free Bridge Loudon
 Gas House Bridge Hall Street
 Hackett's Brook Bridge
 Horse Hill Bridge
 Iron Works Bridge
 Lower Bridge Water Street
 Pembroke Bridge
 Railroad Bridge Street
 Sewall's Falls Bridge
 Twin Bridges Penacook Boscawen
 Turkey River Bridge
 Waternumon Bridge
 Cemeteries
 Blossom Hill

Calvary
East Concord
Fort Burying Ground
Horse Hill
Millville
Old North
Old North Minots
Old North Quaker Lot
Penacook Woodlawn
Stickney
West Concord Maple Grove

Churches

Church Fires
Church History
Meeting Houses
Advent
Baker Memorial Methodist
Baptist First
Baptist Free-Will
Baptist Pleasant Street
Biblical Institute
Christian Science
East Congregational
Old North
First Congregational
First Methodist
Friends Meeting House
Immanuel Congregation
Methodist Theological Societies
South Congregational
Sacred Heart Catholic
St. John's Catholic
St. Peter's Catholic
St. Paul's Episcopal
St. Paul's Guild House
Swedish Lutheran
Universalist Society
Unitarian
West Concord Congregational

Civil War

Pictures Civil War
Concord Light Infantry
13th Regiment Reunion
Camp Locations
Sick and Wounded of NH
NH Regiments

Artillery Companies NH
Calvary Companies NH
Bands Civil War
Societies for Civil War
Concord Local Companies
Miscellaneous

Clocks
Clubs
Contoocook River
Court House

Box 15 Subjects, Fire Department—Railroad Stations
Fire Department
Freshets
History
Memorials
Newspapers
Police
Prison
New Hampshire
Parades
Parks
Long Pond or Penacook Lake
Playgrounds
Electric Railway
Horse Railway
Locomotives
Steam Railroads
Railroad Stations—Buildings

Box 16 Subjects, Railroad YMCA—Waterworks
Railroad YMCA
Schools
State House
State Library
Streets
Walker
Water Works, Etc.
Penacook Businesses, history
Businesses by Type, to 1864
Slides
People, Occupations, A-Brown

Box 17 People, Occupations, B-Morrill

Box 18 People, Occupations, Morrill-Whitcher

Box 19 People, Occupations, Whitcher-Z
Fires, 1797-1905
Hotels and Taverns, A-C

Box 20 Hotels and Taverns, C-Z
Columbian Hotel
Eagle Hotel
Elm House
Phenix Hotel
Old Houses, A-S

Box 21 Old Houses, T-Z
Halls
Phenix Hall
Miscellaneous A-H

Box 22 Miscellaneous I-Z
Picture descriptions
Crossed out cards (no order)

Box 23 Crossed out cards (no order)

Subject Terms

People:

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889
Douglas, Stephen A., 1813-1861
Eddy, Mary Baker, 1821-1910
Emerson, Ralph Waldo, 1803-1882
Garfield, James A., 1831-1881
Grant, Ulysses S., 1822-1885
Hayes, Rutherford B., 1822-1893
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
Monroe, James, 1758-1831
Perry, George, 1891-1971
Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869
Stark, John, 1728-1822
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852
Wilson, Henry, 1812-1875

Subjects:

Banks and banking
Business

Cemeteries
Church history
Cities and towns
Dwellings
Fires
Hotels
Occupations
Railroads
Registers of births, etc.
Streets
Taverns (Inns)
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
United States--History--French and Indian War, 1754-1763
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783

Locations:

Concord, NH
Contoocook, NH
Hopkinton, NH
Loudon, NH
Penacook, NH

Occupations:

Editors
Lawyers
Legislators
Photographers
Soldiers
Teachers

Related Materials

Archives

George W. Perry Scrapbooks, 1974.045
George Perry Negatives, 1974.049

Library

Perry, George W. *Concord Fire Department History, 1798-1928*. Call number: 352.3 C744fdh
Perry, George W. *Concord Taverns*. ca. 1960. Call number: 917.78b C744per
Perry, George W. *Concord's Water System, 1829-1957*. ca. 1960. Call number: 917.78b C744ws
Perry, George W. *Contoocook River Improvement Society, 1919-1946*. ca. 1960. Call number:
917.78b C763is
Perry, George W. *Penacook Lake [Concord, N.H.], from Perry Scrapbook, No. 16*. ca. 1960.
Call number: 917.78b C744per
Perry, George W. *West Garden, Concord, N.H.* 1957. Call number: 977.8b C744per