



Guide to the Weeks Act Centennial Collection, 2009-2013

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Weeks Act Centennial Collection, 2009-2013

Repository:

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More, Rebecca Weeks Sherrill

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

The Weeks Act Centennial Collection, 2009-2013, is made up of different materials related to various centennial celebrations of the Weeks Act that occurred throughout New Hampshire. The materials were collected by Rebecca Weeks Sherrill More, Ph.D. Several of her papers and speeches for these centennial celebrations of the Weeks Act are included in this collection.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Weeks Act Centennial Collection was a gift of Rebecca Weeks Sherrill More, Ph.D., on January 30, 2015.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Mylynda Gill in April 2023. The finding aid was written by Mylynda Gill in April 2023. 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 majority of this collection is paper based however, there are also two DVDs in this collection, which require a DVD player to view.

Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:

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Collection Overview

Administrative Information:

In preparation for the centennial of the Weeks Act, a group of individuals came together in order to create awareness of the upcoming centennial. They helped to plan and hold events during the centennial year and created projects to ensure that the memory of the Weeks Act would live on.

The donor of this collection, who was also a member of the group, was Rebecca Weeks Sherrill More, Ph.D. Rebecca Weeks Sherrill More is the great-granddaughter of John Wingate Weeks, a Republican politician from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The Weeks Act of 1911 is named after him. The Weeks Act is a federal law that allows for federal funding to purchase land for conservation. It used \$9 million to purchase 6 million acres of land across the eastern United States, including the White Mountain National Forest, which was established in 1918.

Rebecca Weeks Sherrill More earned a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia and holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from Brown University. She directed the Harriet W. Sheridan

Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown's professional development center for faculty and graduate students, until her retirement in 2010. She also taught gender and social history at the Division of Liberal Arts, Rhode Island School of Design. She continues an active research agenda, teaches and lectures, and is actively involved with environmental issues in New Hampshire. Dr. More's publications include *The Rewards of Virtue: Gentility in Early Modern England* (1998), "The Settlement Maps of Early Lancaster New Hampshire: from Colonial Plantation to Republican Township" in *Beyond the Notches: Stories of Place in New Hampshire's North Country* (2011), along with many other articles on the history of New Hampshire. From 2010 to 2018, she researched cultural landscapes in Northern New Hampshire as a Section 106 consultant on the Northern Pass LLC Transmission Project. She serves as a trustee on a number of boards, including at the New Hampshire Historical Society. She continues active research on the social, economic, and cultural history of Early Modern England and New England.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Weeks Act Centennial Collection, 2009-2013, is made up of different materials related to the various centennial celebrations of the Weeks Act. Materials include promotional items for events that happened at Plymouth State University, newspaper clippings, and special issues of magazines about the Weeks Act. There is also correspondence from politicians including Jeanne Shaheen, Kelly Ayotte, Charles Bass, and Frank Guinta; their letters can be found in the "Society for the Protection of NH Forests" folder. There is also a letter from President Barack Obama. His letter can be found in the "Federal government acknowledgement" folder.

There are also several speeches and papers written by the donor Rebecca Weeks Sherrill More, Ph.D., which she presented from 2009 to 2011. These include such lectures as "The Weeks Act of 1911: The Impact of Collaboration & Compromise," "The Weeks Act of 1911: The Collaboration of Art & Politics," and "The Weeks Act of 1911: Leadership, Community & Collaboration." Also included are two DVDs produced upon the occasion.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of materials and/or subject matter.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 1 The Balancing Act: The Story and Legacy of the Weeks Act DVD, 2013
- Folder 2 Clippings, 2011 September 21-2011 October 17
- Folder 3 Comics by Marek Bennet, 2011
- Folder 4 Federal government acknowledgement, 2010 September-2011 October
- Folder 5 The People's Forest: The Story of the White Mountains National Forest, 2013
- Folder 6 Rebecca Weeks Sherrill More, Ph.D., papers and speeches, 2009 April 8-2011 September 17
- Folder 7 Society for the Protection of New Hampshire's Forests 110th Annual Meeting materials, 2011 September 17
- Folder 8 Special issue magazines about the Weeks Act, 2011
- Folder 9 Weeks Act Centennial and Plymouth State University, 2010-2012

Folder 10 Weeks Act Centennial Festival, 2011

Published Material:

Forest Notes, Vol. 17, Nos. 1 & 2, Summer 2011

Forest History Today, No. 267, Spring/Fall 2011

This list is not exhaustive.

Subject Terms

People:

Ayotte, Kelly, 1968-

Bass, Charles F., 1952-

Bennett, Marek

Guinta, Frank, 1970-

More, Rebecca Weeks Sherrill

Obama, Barack, 1961-

Shaheen, Jeanne, 1947-

Weeks, John W. (John Wingate), 1860-1926

Organizations:

Plymouth State University

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

Subjects:

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

Comic books, strips, etc.

Correspondence

Federal government

Forests and forestry

Speeches, addresses, etc.

United States. Weeks Act

Locations:

Plymouth, NH

White Mountains, NH and ME

Related Materials

Library

Adams, Sherman. *The Weeks Act: A 75th Anniversary Appraisal*. New York, NY: Newcomen Society of the United States, 1986. Call number: 634.925 A217w

Ogden, Gerald R. *Forestry for a Nation: The Making of a National Forest Policy Under the Weeks and Clarke-McNary Acts, 1900-1924*. Ann Arbor, MI: University Microfilms, 1981. Call number: 634.9 O34f

Smith, Joseph. *John W. Weeks*. [1916]. Call number: 920 W395

Washburn, Charles G. *The Life of John W. Weeks*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1928. Call number: 920 W3955wl