

Collection ID: WCT011

Collection Name: Tufts Library Records

Dates: 1700-1981, n.d. (bulk 1879 - 1981)

Size: 3 document boxes, 2 legal folders, 1.6 li. ft.

Name of Creator: Tufts Library, Weymouth Public Libraries

Biographical / historical note:

Tufts Library was founded in 1879 when the public library movement in the United States was of growing popularity. A bequest of money, buildings and land from siblings Quincy Tufts and Susannah Tufts, grandchildren of Dr. Cotton Tufts, for the establishment of a public library led a group of Weymouth men to raise additional funds. Tufts Library opened on the first floor of two buildings at the corner of Washington and Commercial Streets.

By 1890, the library had outgrown its storefront buildings. In 1891 a special town meeting voted to raise \$22,000.00 to build a new public library on the land donated by the Tufts family. The new three story brick building trimmed with red sandstone and facing Commercial Street opened on October 6, 1892. Two stories could be entered from Washington Street.

Early library operations were quite different from today's library. The library classification system had not yet been developed and browsing of open shelves not permitted. Instead, libraries published lists of their holdings, books, periodicals, and public documents; borrowers would look at the lists, and request what they wished. Patrons would sit in front of the delivery desk while the librarian searched for the requested materials.

The Reading Room of the new library building housed the weekly newspapers and children's magazines. Children were not allowed in the room without permission from the librarian. It was not until 1928 that the Library's first Children's Room opened. By the 1920s a modern system of classification had been developed and was adopted by the Library. Also during the 1920s, two branch libraries opened in North and East Weymouth.

The Tufts library building served the people of Weymouth until 1965 when a new Tufts Library was built on town property at the edge of Weston Park in Weymouth Landing.

Resources for above historical sketch: Weymouth Libraries website, *Library History* (accessed 2016 Apr 16); *Fiftieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1928*

Scope and Contents: There are four series: Library Annual Reports, 1879-1981; Lists of Books in the Library, 1879 - 1889; Other Records, 1894-1899, 1954-1970; and Donated Ephemera, 1700-1939, n.d. The series are each in chronological order.

Series I. Library Annual Reports 1879-1981, 32 folders. The Annual Reports usually provide the following information: names of staff and trustees, information about library hours, locations, and rules; a report of the trustees which outlines circulation, additions to the collection, gifts, Library activities and initiatives, building repairs and enhancements, new equipment. Statistical reports, financial reports and lists of additions to the collection, and periodicals follow. There are no photographic images in the reports until the 1951 report where Dr. Clarence P. Whittle's photograph appears *in memoriam*. He was President of the Board of Library Trustees from 1907 to 1951. It is in the same 1951 report the first report of the Librarian appears. The town seal appears on the covers of the reports, beginning with 1899.

The 1928 report, the fiftieth since the Library's founding, provides a brief history of the founding of the Library and describes a noteworthy event of that year, the opening of a Children's Room.

Two years, 1932 and 1937, are missing from this collection but are available in the Library as part of the bound volumes of Town Annual Reports. Note, too, that the titles of the Library reports vary. There is only a single copy for each year.

These reports have been cataloged recently and a slip with bar code placed loose in each report through 1949. From 1950 to the last one in 1981 a bar code is taped to the cover as well as call numbers 020 WEY and the date of the publication, and local history and reference logos.

Series II. Lists of Books in the Library, 1879-1883, 1885, 1889, 3 folders. Two copies of the original list prepared in 1879 and ten subsequent bulletins listing additions to the collection make up the bulk of this series. The two paperbound volumes not only contain the lists of books arranged by subject, but also advertisements for local businesses which may be of interest. The 1885 and 1889 bulletins are twelve and twenty-four page booklets without advertisements. Paper quality is poor and all should be handled with care.

Series III. Other Records, 1894-1899, 1954 -1970. There are two major items: 1) a lined notebook entitled "Bills 1895-1899 given to Treasurer Tufts Library" on one cover and "Tufts Library Purchases at Drug Store Baker's Hardware Store" ("Periodicals 1893" is crossed out) on the other cover; and 2) hard cover volume entitled "Guests" and containing dates, signatures, affiliation, residence. There is no explanation for what purpose the book was used. The bulk of the signatures are 1954 - 1959 with a few in the 1960s and one in 1970. Robert Frost's signature, and Ripton VT appears as an October 9, 1958 entry.

Series IV. Donated Ephemera and Single item materials, 1700-1939, n.d. Materials are in chronological order.

Items that may be of informational and exhibit use include: two programs for performances of the *Messiah* in 1853 and 1861 at Town Hall; stereoscopic card picturing M.E. Church, East Weymouth, n.d; *East Weymouth Illustrated with Pen and Camera* by Charles W. Eddy,

Ware MA, 1885 containing photographs of various buildings; *Three Score Years and Ten: A Romance in the History of Footwear 1853-1923* Edwin Clapp & Son, Inc., East Weymouth, a booklet containing images; 1925 program booklet for the One Hundredth Anniversary of Orphans Hope Lodge A.F. & A.M. of East Weymouth which includes photographs of its two halls, and list of past masters and officers in 1825 and 1925; and a 1939 Chamber of Commerce Harvest Dinner menu which lists the local vendors whose products were featured.

Conditions governing access: Open for research. The Town Annual Reports contain the Library Annual Reports and should be used instead of these reports, some of which have detached covers and brittle pages. Making a surrogate digital copy of the 1879 - 1883 volume should be considered.

Language: English

Source: Tufts Library, individual donors

Subjects:

Public library trustees

Tufts Library, Weymouth, MA - Annual reports

Location: Tufts Library, Weymouth, MA

Related archival materials: The bound volumes of Town Annual Reports contain the Library Annual Reports up to the present. A separate print run of the Library's Annual Report evidently ended after 1981. See WC REF 352 and date

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Container List

Series I. Library Annual Reports

Box	Folder	Title	Date(s)
1	1	Reports of the Trustees of The Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass.	1880-1891
1	2	1) Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass for the Year ending Dec 31, 1888 2) Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass for the Year ending Dec 31, 1889 3) Twelfth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass for the Year Ending December 31, 1890	1888, 1889, 1890
1	3	1) Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass, 1891 2) Fourteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass for the Year ending December 31, 1892 3) Annual Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library of the Town of Weymouth	1891, 1892, 1893
1	4	1) Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library of the Town of Weymouth 1894 2) Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass 1895 3) 1896 Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass	1894, 1895, 1896
1	5	1) 1897 Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass 2) 1898 Trustees Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 3) Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library 1899	1897, 1898, 1899
1	6	1) Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library 2) Annual Report of the Tufts Library of the Town of Weymouth 1901 3) The Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1902	1900, 1901, 1902
1	7	1) Twenty-fifth Annual Report Trustees of Tufts Library Weymouth Massachusetts 1903 2) Twenty-sixth Annual Report Trustees of Tufts Library Weymouth Massachusetts 1904 3) Report of the Trustees of Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1905	1903, 1904, 1905
1	8	1) Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of	1906, 1907, 1908

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		the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1906 2) Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1907 3) Thirtieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1908	
1	9	1) Thirty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1909 2) Thirty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1910 3) Thirty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass.	1909, 1910, 1911
1	10	1) Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1912 2) Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1913 3) Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1914	1912, 1913, 1914
1	11	1) Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1915 2) Report of Tufts Library 1916 3) Report of Tufts Library 1917	1915, 1916, 1917
1	12	1) The Fortieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1918 (loose pages) 2) Forty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1919 (missing front cover) 3) Forty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1920	1918, 1919, 1920
1	13	1) The Forty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1921 2) Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1922 3) Annual Report of the Tufts Library of the Town of Weymouth 1923	1921, 1922, 1923
1	14	1) The Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1924 2) Annual Report of the Tufts Library of the Town of Weymouth 1925 3) The Forty-eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1926	1924, 1925, 1926
1	15	1) The Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1927 2) Fiftieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the	1927, 1928, 1929

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		Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1928 3) Fifty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1929	
1	16	1) Fifty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1930 2) Town of Weymouth Tufts Library Report 1931	1930, 1931
1	17	1) Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1933 2) Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1934 3) Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1935	1933, 1934, 1935
1	18	1) Fifty-eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1936 NOTE: 1937 missing as of 2015 2) Sixtieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1938	1936, 1938
1	19	1) Sixty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1939 2) Sixty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1940 [Note: printed with incorrect number] 3) Sixty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1941	1939, 1940, 1941
1	20	1) Sixty-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1942 2) Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1943 3) Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Mass. 1944	1942, 1943, 1944
2	1	1) Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library 1945 2) Sixty-eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1946 3) Sixty-ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1947	1945, 1946, 1947
2	2	1) Seventieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1948 2) Seventy-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1949 3) Seventy-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1950	1948, 1949, 1950
2	3	1) Seventy-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts. 1951	1951, 1952, 1953

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		2) Seventy-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1952 3) Seventh-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1953	
2	4	1) Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1954 2) Seventy-seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1955 3) Seventy-eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1956	1954, 1955, 1956
2	5	1) Seventy-ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1957 2) Eightieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1958 3) Eighty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1959	1957, 1958, 1959
2	6	1) Eighty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1960 2) Eighty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1961 3) Eighty-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1962	1960, 1961, 1962
2	7	1) Eighty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1963 2) Eighty-sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1964 3) Eighty-seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1965	1963, 1964, 1965
2	8	1) Eighty-eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1966 2) Eighty-eight Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library Weymouth, Massachusetts 1967 [Note wrong number printed] 3) 1968 19th Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth [Note wrong number printed on cover]	1966, 1967, 1968
2	9	1) 1969 91st Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth 2) 1970 92nd Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth 3) 1971 93rd Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth	1969, 1970, 1971
2	10	1) 1972 94th Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth	1972, 1973, 1974

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		2) 1973 95th Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth 3) 1974 96th Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth	
2	11	1) 1975 97th Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth 2) 1976 98th Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth 3) 1977 99th Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth	1975, 1976, 1977
2	12	1) 1978 99th Annual Report Tufts Library Town of Weymouth [Note: Incorrect number printed on cover] 2) 100th Annual Report The Tufts Library Town of Weymouth Massachusetts 1979 [Note: no explanation for previous year's error and its perpetuation] 3) 101st Annual Report The Tufts Library Town of Weymouth Massachusetts 1980 4) Annual Report The Tufts Library Town of Weymouth Massachusetts 1981	1978, 1979, 1980, 1981

Series II. Lists of Books in Tufts Library

Box	Folder	Title	Date(s)
2	13	Tufts Library Original Finding List, with Bulletins Nos. 1 - 10 at NEDCC May 2016	1879-1883
2	14	Note: T.A. Boyle wholesale and retail Confectioner is top cover. Contains A Classified List of Books in the Tufts Library, Weymouth Mass, 1879, then Bulletins 1 -10 1880-1883 [poor condition] At NEDCC May 2016	1879-1883
2	15	Tufts Library Bulletin No. 16. Sept. 1, 1885 Tufts Library Bulletin No. 22. Jan. 1, 1889 [poor condition]	1885, 1889
2	16	Tufts Library Book Shelf, Vol. 1, No. 2 April 1929	1929

Series III. Other Records

Box	Folder	Title	Date(s)
2	17	Bills to Treasurer, Purchases Notebook; Receipt water bill	1894-1899, 1898
2	18	Guests book	1954-1970
Caroline Augusta Blanchard			

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3	1	Receipt signed by C.A. Blanchard 1 Aug 1887 for her services as Librarian for one month - \$33.33	1887
3	2	Autograph book (with notes, cards, letters, photographs)	1906
3	3	<i>An Untrained Librarian: Caroline Augusta Blanchard, 1850-1917</i> . Printed Booklet containing biographical sketch by her sister Alice Bates Blanchard	1930

Series IV. Donated Ephemera and Single Item Materials

Box	Folder	Title	Date(s)
3	4	Indenture on vellum. P. Bowes March 1700 [England] donated by F.W. Day, New York, n.d. [folded]	1700
	See note in title.	1745 Mar 6 Thomas White Land Document. <i>See Legal sized items box 1 WCT011 Tufts Library and WCT012 Weymouth Organizations, folder 1.</i>	1745
3	5	1781 Aug 18 David Beal, Abraham Bates?, Josiah Warterman ? re Beal measurement of land Bates sold to Warterman	1781
3	6	1789 Jan 15 approval of James Humphrey as Schoolmaster signed by Simeon Williams and Jacob Norton. Note indicates given by R.W. Hull in 1930 Jun 4	1789
3	7	Daniel Sargent, Boston, to Elliot Loud, Weymouth seeking money or an order to pay another individual	1804
	See note in Title	Ebenezer Hunt, Town Treasurer, Selectmen's orders to. <i>See legal-sized items WCT011 and WCT012. Box 1, folder 2</i>	1817
3	8	Program for The Messiah as Oratorio to be performed in the Town Hall, Weymouth 13 Feb 1853; and Program First Season The Union Choral Society of Weymouth will present The Messiah at the Weymouth Town Hall 13 Jan 1861	1853, 1861
3	9	Order of Dances (dance card) at Tirrell's Hall, Weymouth 27 Mar 1862. Names include Hackett, Hunt, Clapp	1862
3	10	Churches: Union Church of Weymouth and Braintree printed verse relating to the church building, 1866; Greate Concerte 3 Jun 1874 at First Church Weymouth, Grand Concert at the Old North Church 8 Feb 1875, Old North Church Reunion program, 3 Nov 1877; stereoscopic card picturing M.E. Church, East Weymouth. G.W. Tirrell, 2nd., Photographer, n.d.	1866, 1874, 1875, 1877, n.d.
3	11	<i>East Weymouth Illustrated with Pen and Camera</i> by Charles W. Eddy, Ware MA, 1885. Photographic images	1885

Box	Folder	Title	Date(s)
		of churches, school, Masonic building, factories, Jackson Square, Broad Street	
3	12	Town of Weymouth By-Laws [x2]. One was cataloged pamphlet # 128, donated by Bradford Hawes in 1907	1897
	See note in Title.	Town of Weymouth Board of Health Regulations (pasted on paper). <i>See legal-sized items box 1, WCT011 Tufts Library Records and WCT012 Weymouth Organization Records & Personal Paper, Box 1, folder3</i>	1898
3	13	Town of Weymouth Board of Health Regulations [x5]	1906
	See note in Title	1907 reproduction of 1642 map showing Weymouth allotment of land to John Whitman (x2). <i>See legal-sized items box 1, WCT011 Tufts Library Records and WCT012 Weymouth Organization Records & Personal Paper, Box 1, folder 4</i>	1907
3	14	Lincoln Centennial Celebration, Feb 12, 1909 at Town Hall [x2]	1909
3	15	Letter Card containing images of Weymouth, England sent by J.H. Gullerson at Weymouth England Feb 1913	1913
3	16a	Weymouth <i>The Nugget</i> Yearbook. Donated by Clarence Whittle, 1936 and cataloged W.C. Per 051.	1914
3	16b	<i>The Year Book</i> Weymouth High School, 1915. Inscribed Jim Campbell. Note: Campbell not pictured in Class of 1915. Loose pages, tape on covers, water damage.	1915
3	17	Schools. North High School at Union Church Graduating Exercises, 1882; Franklin School, Graduation Program, 1898; Hunt School, photostat of graduation program cover, 1904; Weymouth High School Graduation Exercises, 1960	1882,1898, 1904, 1960
3	18	Prospectus of the Weymouth Hospital	1922
3	19	Photostat of typed letter signed by Thomas Hardy for the citizens of Weymouth, England "To the Citizens of Weymouth, Massachusetts". Hardy (1840-1928) the noted author and resident of Weymouth, England	c. 1922
3	20	Three Score Years and Ten: A Romance in the History of Footwear 1853-1923. Edwin Clapp & Son, Inc., East Weymouth, 1923. 63 page soft bound book. Donated by Pearl Nichols, Pembroke MA; cataloged w/ bar code 685.3 THR	1923
3	21	One Hundredth Anniversary of Orphans Hope Lodge A.F. & A.M. of East Weymouth. 7,8, & 9 June 1925 Program booklet. Includes photographs of its two halls, list of past masters and officers in 1825 and 1925.	1925
3	22	Weymouth Chamber of Commerce Harvest Dinner, Weymouth High School 31 Oct 1939 (features local	1939

Box	Folder	Title	Date(s)
		vendors, farms) [x2]	
3	23	Pencil sketch of donkey Canon Bill in lower right on tissue paper pasted to board	n.d.
3	24	Postcard with color embossed print of flowers and in silver glitter script "Greeting from E. Weymouth Mass." On reverse Post Card in different languages, the prominent ones Postkarte (German)- Carte postale (French). Unused. Pasted to upper right corner of front is a very small envelope that is unmarked, empty.	n.d.
3	25	1777 Petty Book with N. H. Antiq. Society bookplate - grocery account book from January 1777 to January 1778	1777-1778