

**Collection ID:** WCT012

**Collection Name:** Weymouth Organization Records and Personal Papers

**Dates:** 1777-1985 (bulk 1818 -1912)

**Size:** 1 document box & 1 ledger, 0.60 li. ft.

**Name of Creator:** Various

**Biographical / historical note:** See scope and contents for information about individuals or entities.

**Scope and Contents:** This artificial collection brings together a small amount of organization records and personal papers. Each series is arranged in alphabetical order by name of organization or person/family.

They include:

**Series I. Organizations.** The following organizations are represented:

**Abigail Adams Historical Society**, 1947, 1985, n.d. The dedication of the site in 1947 and the sale of the Abigail Adams stamp in 1985 are the items with dates. There is a color snapshot of the house. c. 1960s, a brochure, and notecard without dates.

**Female Evangelical Society of Braintree and Weymouth**, 1818-1864. This bound volume contains the constitution and minutes, including financial accounts, of the organization. The Society's purpose was to aid in propagating the gospel by contributing to support missionaries or to assist indigent and pious youth in acquiring an education. Names and dues of members are provided. The organization appears to be affiliated with the church where Jonas Perkins was minister. One insert in the volume is a receipt from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society for \$30, dated 1867. The volume is missing its front cover.

**The Monday Club of Weymouth**, 1896 - 1899. Three booklets provide the charter, bylaws, members' list, officers, and programs. This women's organization, incorporated in 1896, had as its purpose the mutual improvement of its members in literature, art, and the leading topics of the day. It appears to have had about 100 members from all sections of Weymouth and a few from Braintree, Quincy and Brockton. It was affiliated with the State and General Federation of Women's Clubs.

**North Weymouth Improvement Association**, 1884-1912. This bound volume contains preamble, by-laws, and minutes. The Preamble provides a description of North Weymouth. The Association's purpose was to improve and ornament the streets and public grounds of North Weymouth by planting and cultivating trees, clearing and repairing sidewalks and doing such other acts as shall tend to improve the North Weymouth section of town. Both covers are detached and some pages loose.

**Weymouth Agricultural and Industrial Society**, 1905 Fair Program, 2 copies. This 48 page booklet contains a history of the organization with photographic images of the fair grounds and residences, many advertisements of local businesses, and images of the presidents of the organization since its founding in 1865, including an image of John S. Fogg who served as President 1865 -1873 and Josiah Reed who later served as President. It was previously cataloged as W.C. 974.47, a gift of Martin Casey in 1972. The second one has a pasted label with the number 120.

Note that the image of Reed is very similar to an unidentified image in Collection WCT010 Fogg Library Records and Collection: Series III. Fogg Family and Friends Photographs, Photo # 3 . The unidentified Photo # 4 image in that collection may be of John S. Fogg based upon a somewhat less obvious resemblance to the image in the booklet.

**Weymouth Anti-Slavery Society.** 1837-1840. Transcription of minute book. There is no information about transcriber, date of transcription, or source of the minute book.

The typescript is entitled *Concord Book Transcription*. The 19 page document appears to be copied from a minute book of the Weymouth Anti-Slavery Society with entries dating from 13 Nov 1837 to 8 April 1840. There were 27 male members at the time of its organization; a Weston and several Bates are listed but no Fifield. Dr. Appleton Howe was elected President; other officers were Eilias Richard, Ezra Vining, Atherton N. Hunt, Jacob Loud, Bela L. Pratt, and Minott Harrington. A South Weymouth Anti-slavery Society had been established earlier and served as the basis for this expanded organization.

**Weymouth School Committee.** 1843. This manuscript annual report is for the fiscal year ending March 13, 1843 and provides an account of the Committee's work, most likely prepared for Town Meeting. Joshua Emery Jr. was the chairman and it may be in his hand. The report was a gift of Mrs. Abbie J. Bicknell on May 6, 1914.

**Weymouth Young Men's Christian Association.** Ephemera rather than records, it includes a membership card belonging to Franklin N. Pratt, 1904. Pratt was a long-time trustee of the Tufts Library and benefactor. The East Weymouth Library is named after him. Other items, dating from 1903, are invitations to and programs of meetings, announcement of the opening of the Davis B. Clapp Memorial Building (2 copies), and a YMCA envelope addressed to Miss. C.A. Blanchard.

**Series II. Personal Papers** relate to the Hunt family. Also included is a eighteenth century edition of the earliest reading primer published for the American colonies.

**Hunt, Mrs. Edmund Soper Memoirs**, typescript and partial typescript, n.d. Anne Marie Poole (1830-1913) married Edmund Soper Hunt (1827-1909) in 1853. Edmund Hunt's published reminiscences *Weymouth Ways and Weymouth People* provides an excellent view of nineteenth century Weymouth. Mrs. Hunt's memoirs offer a more familial account. She alludes to a diary but the Library does not own it.

**Hunt, Frederick Thayer** (1857-1916) was a son of Edmund Soper and Anne Maria Poole Hunt. Educated at Harvard and trained as a lawyer, he gave up his practice after a brief time, and joined his father and brother in a firm known as Edmund S Hunt and Sons, a manufacturer of fireworks. He married Betsey Bicknell French of East Weymouth in 1907. His "Diary of a Trip to England and the Continent, May - July 1909" is a typescript. A note on the manila folder indicated that it was received by the Library from Michael J. (Joe) Merten, most likely in the late twentieth century and possibly via Bessie Bicknell French Hunt.

A portrait of Frederick Thayer Hunt by his brother Edmund Aubrey Hunt, an Impressionist painter, hangs in Tufts Library.

Source of biographical info: *Proceedings of the New England Historic Genealogical Society at the Annual Meeting*, 1917. Available in Google Books.

***New England Primer Improved***. 1777. The *New England Primer Improved* was the first reading primer designed for the American colonies. First published in the 17th century, it remained in print into the 19th century. Printed by Edward Draper, sold by John Boyle, the *New England Primer Improved* is available online at the Internet Archive. Included with the book is an undated newspaper clipping entitled *More New England Primers* which has been photocopied. There is no indication to whom this book belonged. A scrap of paper indicates that George H. French (1826- ?) Essex St., donated this small book with wood covers. It seems more likely that a descendant did so.

**Conditions governing access:** Open to researchers.

**Language:** English

**Source:** Abbey J. Bicknell, Martin Casey, George H. French, Michael J. Merten and unknown donors.

**Subjects:**

Abigail Adams Historical Society

Anti-slavery

Church Organizations

Community Organizations

Hunt, Mrs. Edmund Soper (Anne Marie Poole Hunt) (1830-1913)

Hunt, Frederick Thayer (1857-1916)

Weymouth civic organizations

School district - Weymouth

**Location:** Tufts Library, Weymouth, MA

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Title / Description	Date(s)
<b>Organization Records</b>			
1	1	Abigail Adams Historical Society Dedication	1947
1	2	Abigail Adams Historical Society First day covers, pamphlets, photograph	1985, n.d.
1	3	Female Evangelical Society of Braintree and Weymouth	1818-1864
1	4	The Monday Club	1896-1899
	See note in Title	North Weymouth Improvement Association. <i>See legal-sized items Box WCT011 Tufts Library and WCT012 Org Records &amp; PP. Box 1, folder 5</i>	1884-1912
1	5	Weymouth Agricultural and Industrial Society [x2]	1905
1	6	Weymouth Anti-Slavery Society. Transcription only of minutes.	1837-1840
1	7	<i>Report of the Weymouth School Committee, March 13, 1843</i>	1843
1	8	Weymouth Young Men's Christian Association membership card (F.W. Pratt), programs, meetings	1903-1904
<b>Personal Papers</b>			
1	9	Extract from Journal and letters of Samuel Curwen. Esq. (extract dates from 1851). Letter from Curwen, Exeter, England to George Russell dated December 20, 1776	1851
1	10	Anna Marie Poole Hunt (Mrs. Edmund Soper Hunt) Memoirs, 88 page typescript	c. 1910
1	11	Anna Marie Poole Hunt (Mrs. Edmund Soper Hunt) Memoirs, 7 page typescript and recent index terms relating to longer typescript	c. 1910
1	12	Frederick Thayer Hunt <i>Diary of a Trip to England and the Continent May - July 1909</i> , 38 page typescript and librarian's not that received from Joe Merten. Hunt's and Bessie Bicknell French Hunt's birth and death dates given.	1909
1	13	<i>The New England Primer Improved</i> Boston: Edward Draper	1777