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ARTHUR S. BANKS (1926-2011)

Arthur S. Banks was a political scientist who was a professor at Binghamton University from 1968 to 1996. He published the Cross-National-Time-Series Data Archive and was editor of the *Political Handbook of the World*.

Professor Banks was the third generation of his family to live at Farandnear, which was purchased in 1902 by Charles E. Goodspeed, founder and owner of Goodspeed's Book Shop in Boston. Goodspeed had named the property "Farandnear" for its geographic proximity to his permanent residence in Wollaston, Massachusetts. In 1939, Goodspeed's original cottage burned down and he replaced it with a two-family house. Goodspeed's daughter lived here with her family, which included her son, Arthur S. Banks.

In 1995, Professor Banks donated a conservation restriction on Farandnear to The Trustees of Reservations. In 2000, he gave the property to The Trustees with a retained life estate.

Arthur Banks died on April 25, 2011.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MANUSCRIPTS

The Arthur S. Banks Manuscripts consist of materials collected by Professor Banks, possibly from Goodspeed's Book Shop. The collection is organized into Autographs, Correspondence, Medieval Manuscripts, Receipts, and Other Materials. The Autographs section contains envelopes addressed in the hand of famous individuals; autographs of famous golfers; and a handwriting exercise book that practices the signatures of historical figures. The Correspondence section contains an 1877 letter from "Ella" to her parents from the Mount Washington Summit House in New Hampshire, and a facsimile of a letter from Lord Byron denying authorship of "The Vampire." The Medieval Manuscripts section contains individual pages of Latin manuscripts, many of them illuminated; there is also one illustrated manuscript in Arabic. The Receipts section contains handwritten receipts from businesses in Boston from 1828 to 1878. The Other Materials section contains reproductions of newspapers (with a few originals) from 1684 to 1877; a Benedict Club menu; an 1858 photograph of the Boston State House; an invitation and program for the dedication of a statue commemorating Joseph Hooker; and two *Boston Globe* magazines regarding New England history.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
Autographs			
I	I	Agassiz, Louis (1807-1873). Envelope to Dr. Jacob Bigelow (1787-1879), Boston, Mass.	Apr 12
I	I	Bryant, William Cullen (1794-1878). Envelope to Mrs. Clara C. Thies (Clara Crowninshield Thies, 1811-1907), Cambridge, Massachusetts	Apr 7
		Emerson, Ralph Waldo (1803-1882)	
I	I	Envelope to “Case of E.G. Dudley, Esq. For Miss Rebecca Duncan, 20 Court Street, Boston	18[6?]2 May 16
I	I	Envelope to B.B. Wiley, Esq., Chicago, Illinois	1864 Nov 12
I	2	Golfers. Autographed cards and photographs	1938-1951
		Includes Patty Berg, Max Faulkner, Harry Deetman, Walter Hagen, Ben Hogan, Robert T. Jones, Jr. (2), Willie Mcfarlane, Gene Sarazen (2), Sam Snead, Byron Nelson.	
I	3	Kemble, Fanny (1809-1893). Envelope to Miss Theodora Sedgwick, care of Mrs. [Damen?], Basset, Southampton	1878 May 10
I	3	Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth (1807-1882). Envelope to Mr. Charles C. Perkins (Charles Callahan Perkins, 1823-1886), 2 Walnut St., Boston	Feb [6?]
I	3	Mitchell, D.G. Envelope to Mr. J.B. Taylor Hatfield, 58 West 17 th St., New York City	1885 Jan 5
I	3	Parkman, Francis (1823-1893). Envelope to Professor Charles E. Norton (Charles Eliot Norton, 1827-1908), Cambridge, Mass.	1890 [May 5?]
I	4	“Ye book of Autographs containing ye autographs of divers Kings, Peers and Fine Gentlemen in their Special Handwriting,” handwriting exercise book practicing signatures of historical figures	[188-?]

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Correspondence			
I	5	---, Ella. Letter : Mt. Washington Summit House, to “Dear father & mother” With botanical specimen.	1877 Jul 19
I	5	Facsimile of letter from Lord Byron (Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824) to Galignani, Mr. (Giovanni Antonio)(1757-1821), 1819 Apr 27, denying authorship of “The Vampire”	[18--]
Medieval Manuscripts			
I	6	Two pages of a manuscript in Latin on vellum with colored letters (17.3 x 12.4 cm) With typed label: “Original vellum leaf from a missal, use of Rome, finely illuminated and written in a semi-gothic hand, ca. 1470.”	[ca. 1470]
I	6	One page of a manuscript in Arabic with two illustrations, one of three men around a fire and the other of two goats (21.4 x 15 cm)	n.d.
I	6	Two pages of a manuscript in Latin on vellum with illuminated letters (7.9 x 5.8 cm)	n.d.
I	6	Two pages of a manuscript in Latin on vellum with colored letters (16 x 12 cm)	n.d.
I	6	Two pages of an illuminated manuscript in Latin on vellum (23 x 16.8 cm)	n.d.
I	6	Two pages of a printed book in Latin on paper with hand colored letters (26 x 18.3 cm)	n.d.
I	6	Two pages of a printed book in Latin on paper with hand colored letters (27 x 20.3 cm)	n.d.
I	6	One page of an illuminated manuscript in [Persian?] on paper (18 x 24 cm) Attached to Christmas card with printed note: “A leaf from a Koran manuscript from Persia.”	[18--]

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
		Medieval Manuscripts	
I	6	Unsigned typescript letter to Arthur S. Banks regarding Banks' medieval manuscripts	[198-?]
		Receipts	
I	7	Commercial Coffee House, corner of Milk and Battery-March Streets	1828 Sep 29
I	7	From Hogg, Brown & Taylor : 275 Washington & 8 & 10 Winter St., to Mr. Martris	1863 Nov 12
I	7	From David Tucker, Dr., to Invalid Solders' Home	1864 Jul 25
I	7	C.F. Hovey & Co. : 33 Summer Street, to Ladies Relief Association, Portland	1867 Apr 6
I	7	From Guild & Delano Manufacturing Jewellers : No. 2 Winter, to Mrs. J.C. Jones	1867 Jul 1
I	7	From Conley & Nickerson : 378 First Street, to Mr. J.[S.?] Martyn	1868 Apr 2
I	7	A. Williams & Co. : 283 Washington Street, to Warren Sawyer Esq.	1878 Mar 28
		Other Materials	
I	8	Newspapers (mostly reproductions)	1684-1877
		Stored also in: General Oversize Box, Bsd 1	
		Stored also in: General Oversize Box, Bsd 2	
		Stored also in: Oversize, Broadside Cabinet. Small Folder, Bsd 5	
		Stored also in: Oversize, Broadside Cabinet. Small Folder, Bsd 6	
I	9	Menu for "Revere House Complimentary Dinner to the Benedict Club"	1851 Feb 8

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		Other Materials	
		Photograph of “Old State House, 1858,” Boston	1858
		Stored in: General Oversize Box, Bsd 3	
I	9	Hooker, Joseph (1814-1879). Invitation and program for dedication of equestrian statue by Commonwealth of Massachusetts in commemoration of his services	1903 Jun 25
		“A Century of New England News Photos” by John Harris, <i>The Boston Globe</i>	1978 Sep 10
		Stored in: General Oversize Box, Bsd 4	
		“The Birth of Boston: Pilgrims, Puritans and Pioneers” by John Harris, <i>The Boston Globe</i>	1980 Mar 30
		Stored in: General Oversize Box, Bsd 4	
Oversize			
GENERAL OVERSIZE BOX			
Bsd	1	Newspapers (mostly reproductions)	1770-1836
Bsd	2	Newspapers (mostly reproductions)	1800 Jan 4
Bsd	3	Photograph of “Old State House, 1858,” Boston	1858
Bsd	4	“A Century of New England News Photos” by John Harris, <i>The Boston Globe</i>	1978 Sep 10
Bsd	4	“The Birth of Boston: Pilgrims, Puritans and Pioneers” by John Harris, <i>The Boston Globe</i>	1980 Mar 30
BROADSIDE CABINET. SMALL FOLDER			
Bsd	5	Newspapers (mostly reproductions)	1808-1865 Apr 15
Bsd	6	Newspapers (mostly reproductions)	1865 Apr 19-1877