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Guide to

Moraine Farm Archive (1880-2007)

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RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

The majority of the collection is open for research, with one restricted series.

PROPERTY NOTE

Moraine Farm was named for the rocky moraine on the property. In 1880, Boston businessman John Charles Phillips (October 1838-1885) commissioned Frederick Law Olmsted to create a landscape design using approximately 275 acres of land that Phillips owned on the shores of Wenham Lake. Olmsted and the architectural firm Peabody & Stearns created a landscape with buildings that complemented the topography of the land. The majority of the work was completed by 1908. After Phillips's death, his wife Anna Tucker Phillips (15 January 1849-24 April 1925) and five children spent six months per year at Moraine Farm, and Phillips's sons John Charles Phillips, Jr. (5 November 1876-14 November 1938) and William (30 May 1878-23 February 1968) each purchased adjoining properties. William Phillips moved part of the original red farmhouse to his property. Parts of these additional purchases are now the J.C. Phillips Nature Preserve.

In 1928, George Lewis Batchelder, Jr., (b. 1897) a Harvard University Graduate of 1918 or 1919, and his wife, Katharine Tiffany Abbott Batchelder (5 September 1899-1977), purchased 141 acres of the farm. By 1947, the Batchelders had purchased the agricultural buildings and the fields. In 1977, Professor George L. Batchelder III (20 October 1930-22 October 1999), who founded Pollen Research Associates, and his wife Wilhelmina Alice “Mimi” Van Liere Batchelder inherited the farm, and in 1982 returned to the farm to live full time. They began to restore the Olmsted landscape and created a certified management plan to improve the soil, wildlife, and timber resources. In 1991, the Batchelder family entered into an agreement with The Trustees of Reservations and the Essex County Greenbelt Association to own the conservation and preservation restrictions placed on Moraine Farm. In 1999, Project Adventure purchased 70 acres of land from the Batchelders for organizational use. Beginning in 2011, The Waldorf School at Moraine Farm purchased a portion of Project Adventure’s property. Today, these organizations, with the addition of The Friends of the Olmsted Landscape at Moraine Farm, continue to maintain the property. For more information about Moraine Farm, visit <http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/north-shore/moraine-farm.html>.

Source

“History” Friends of the Olmsted Landscape at Moraine Farm. 2012.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS

The Moraine Farm Archive contains financial materials, including tax returns, invoices, and bills regarding the operation of the farm. The bulk of the material is from 1955 to 2002. There are also materials for a Management Plan, which was written in 2007. There are a large number of photographs, negatives, and slides that document the landscapes and buildings on the farm. The earliest photographs are from the 1880s (or earlier) to 1910 and are contained in a photo album created by the Phillips Family, the original owners of the farm. The bulk of the collection is from 1990 to 1999. The folders are labeled inconsistently due to the fact they were labeled at different times. The collection is organized into eight series: Correspondence, Literary Productions, Printed Material, Financial Material, Photographic Material, Media, Restricted Material, and Maps and Plans.

Series I, Correspondence, includes Correspondence from Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) to John C. Phillips, thank you notes, and correspondence to the Batchelders’ accountant.

Series II, Literary Productions, includes research material related to the property, some created by George Lewis Batchelder and Charles Eliot Beveridge.

Series III, Printed Material, includes newspaper clippings about Moraine Farm.

Series IV, Financial Material, includes Ledgers, Expense Books, and Bills.

Series V, Photographic Material, is organized into two subseries, Photographic Material and Boxed slides. The first subseries, photographic material, includes the Phillips photo album, photographs of the house and grounds, and photographs of events at Moraine Farm.

The second subseries, Boxed Slides, includes boxes of slides.

Series VI, Media, consists of Audiocassettes of sound effects.

Series VII, Restricted Material, consists of materials limited to the use of Trustees staff members or by permission of the Head Archivist.

Series VIII, Maps and Plans, includes plans for remodeling the buildings at Moraine Farm. A detailed Appendix of the maps and plans is available.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
Series I. Correspondence			
0.2' (1 box) Dates: 1881-2001			
Series I, Correspondence is arranged chronologically.			
CORRESPONDENCE			
1	1	Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) to John C. Phillips	1881 Sep 27
1	2	Typed and Photocopied Letters between Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) to John C. Phillips	1880-1881
1	3	Thank you notes and cards	1998
1	4	Notes to Accountant	2001

Series II. Literary Productions

0.4' (1 box)
Dates: 1984-1998, n.d.

Series II, Literary Productions is organized chronically.

LITERARY PRODUCTIONS			
1	5	Charles E. Beveridge Essays	1984
1	6	Charles E. Beveridge Research Notes	1984-1997
1	7	Management Plan Proposal	1987
1	8	Olmsted Brothers Notes and clippings	1993-1997
1	9	Historical Resources List	1994, n.d.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
LITERARY PRODUCTIONS			
1	10	Olmsted Notes and Correspondence Includes copies of earlier correspondence related to Property. Also includes information about holdings at the Olmsted National Historic Park	1995-2007, n.d.
1	11	Landscape Design Notes	1997, n.d.
1	12	Management Plan Research	1997
1	13	Management Plan Draft	1997-1998
1	14	Notes and Drafts of Management Plan	1997-2001
1	15	Research notes by George Lewis Batchelder	1997
1	16	Moraine Farm Tour Notes Includes related correspondence from the American Horticultural Society	1998
1	17	Plant Materials Draft	n.d.

Series III. Printed Material

0.2' (2 boxes)

Dates: 1977-2000

Series III, Printed Material, is organized chronologically.

PRINTED MATERIAL

1	18	<i>Frederick Law Olmsted: A register of his papers In the Library of Congress</i>	1977
2	1	Moraine Farm Newspaper Articles	1988, 1999
2	2	Moraine Farm Open House Announcement	1989 or 1990
2	3	National Association for Olmsted Parks Newsletter	2000

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
Series IV. Financial Documents			
0.4' (1 box)			
Dates: 1920-2002			
Series IV, Financial Documents, is organized chronologically.			
FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS			
2	4	Ledger	1920-1930
		Ledger Stored in Box 16	1929 Jan – 1934
		Expense Book Stored in Box 16 Material found in Pages foldered at front	1935 Jan–1940 Dec
		Expense Book Stored in Box 14 Material found in Pages foldered at front	1952 Nov–1958 Jun
2	5	Receipts and Invoices	1955-1995
		Ledger Stored in Box 15	1977 Sep-1988 Dec
		Expense Book Stored in Box 14	1958 Jul – 1963 Dec
		Personal Income Book Stored in Box 16 Material found in Pages foldered at front	1962-1976
		Expense Book Stored in Box 14 Material found in Pages foldered at front	1964 Jan–1970 Jul

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
FINANCIAL MATERIALS			
		Expense Book	1975 Sep–1977 Jan
Stored in Box 14			
2	6	Christmas Tree Sales Materials	1990-1998
2	7	Flower Garden Planning Notes	1992-1996
		Ledger Sheets	1989 Jan-1998 Nov
Stored in Box 15			
2	8	Paid Bills	1999
2	9	Ledger	1999
2	10	Paid Bills	2000
2	11	Ledger	2000
3	1	Ledger	2001
3	2	Paid Bills	2001
3	3	Ledger	2002
3	4	Receipts and Invoices	2002

Series V. Photographic Material

0.4' (1 box)

Dates: 1929-2012, n.d.

Series V, Photographic Material, is organized into two subseries, Photographic Material and Boxed slides. The titles of the materials are primarily taken from the photographic envelopes stored with the photographs. The boxed Slides are stored in Box 12.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL			
		Phillips photo album	n.d.
		Stored in Box 13	
3	5	Exterior & interior views	1929-[197-]
3	6	North Beverly Aerials	1929
3	7	Aerial Photograph	1929
3	8	Aerial (with crack)	1929
		With copy print	
4	1	Exterior & interior views	1930s-1970s
4	2	Aerial	1940
4	3	Moraine Farm – from Batchelder album	1950s-1960s
		Most are reproductions	
4	4	Landscape slides	1958-1991
4	5	Main house	1962 Spring
4	6	Flower garden slides	1962-1976
4	7	Interior views	1966
4	8	George L. Batchelder, Jr.'s garden behind old greenhouse	1969
4	9	George L. Batchelder, Jr.'s garden behind old greenhouse	1970
4	10	Tea house & garden	1972
4	11	Gardens	1976 Spr
4	12	Barn & grounds	1977 Feb

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL			
4	13	House at Moraine Farm at Grandmother Katharine Abbott Batchelder's (b.1899) death	1977 Jan
4	14	Main house	1977-1978
4	15	Fall	1981
Slides			
4	16	Trail in snow	1982
4	17	Winter – North Loop Trail; farm fields	1983
4	18	Early Spring - South Loop	1983
4	19	Grounds	1983 May
5	1	Philips Photo album copy prints	1984
5	2	Reproduction of 1890's photo of Main House	1984
5	3	Barn: Geese in Field; ice on Wenham lake	1985
5	4	Grounds	1986 Mar
5	5	Red Barn roof; perennial garden	1986 Oct
5	6	Old furnace; new furnace installed	1986
5	7	Azalea, lilac, dogwood	1987
5	8	Flower garden	1987
5	9	Garden; Red cottage	1987
5	10	Grounds	1987
5	11	Perennial garden; May planting; soil/humus move & mix; Tea House interior / roof; repair of pillars	1987

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL			
5	12	Hedgerow clearing; Red Cottage & barn	1988 Fall
5	13	Moraine Farm	1988
5	14	Lambing	1989
5	15	Grounds	[198-]
5	16	Sheep in new Ewe Hall	1990 Apr
5	16	Repair of gazebo floor	1990
5	17	Barn	1990
5	18	Tea house	1990
5	19	House	[ca. 1990]
5	20	Conservation Restriction signing; slides of map of Conservation Restriction	1991
5	21	Outdoor scenes	1991
5	22	Laurel & rhodies	1992 Spring
6	1	Flower garden	1992 Jul 10-15
6	2	“From Amory Haight 1992”	1992
Black and White Photographs			
6	3	Garden / East side	1992
6	4	Haying; squash fields; cemetery	1992
6	5	Road; gardens; barn	1992-1993 Winter
6	6	Moraine Farm and Biltmore	1993 Spring
“Bob Burley 8x10 color”			

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL			
6	7	Flower garden	1993 Jun
6	8	Archaeology; cellar holes	1993 Summer
6	9	Archaeology; fall foliage; Windward Cottage	1993 Summer/Fall
6	10	Leaves	1993 Oct 19
6	11	Road pruning	1993 Jul
6	11	Well drilling	1993 Nov
6	11	Christmas party	1993 Dec
6	11	Planting front circle	1993
6	12	Olmsted edge; rhodie to prune; barn door header	1993
6	13	Barn interior views	1993
Bob Burley Black and White			
6	14	House interior views (negatives)	1993
7	1	SW garden from gazebo; Mt. Laurel; some rhodies	1993-1994
7	2	“Moraine Farm by Charles Beveridge. Rare Simultaneous Bloom of Mt. Laurel and Rhododendron Looking East from S. Lawn”	1994 May
7	3	Flower garden	1994 Spr
7	4	Rhodies and Mt. Laurel blooming together; landscape Archaeology at S. end of Olmsted field	1994 Jun
7	5	Flower garden	1994 Jul
7	6	Tag Day	1994 Nov
7	7	Fall colors	1994 Fall

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL			
7	8	Architectural drawings by Peabody & Stearns. Slides, From Boston Public Library	1994
7	9	Architectural drawings by Peabody & Stearns. Negatives, Transparencies From Boston Public Library	1994
7	10-11	Architectural drawings by Peabody & Stearns. Prints (2 folders)	1994
7	12	Birthday	1994
7	12	White/Red pine cut; loading hauler	1995
7	13	Logging	1995 Feb
8	1	Charlie Baer plowing Olmsted field	1995 May
8	2	Farm work	1995
		Negatives and Contact Sheet	
8	3	Gate House; fields	1995
8	4	White pine tree cutting	1995
		Negatives and Contact Sheet	
8	5	White pine cut	1995
		Negatives and Contact Sheet	
8	6	Moraine Farm interiors	[ca. 1995]
8	7	Clearing below wall	1996 Aug 6
8	8	Bean harvest; Nature Preserve maint.; N. door sill – barn	1996 Oct
		Negatives and Contact Sheet	
8	9	Fall foliage from terrace across Wenham Lake	1996

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL			
8	10	Charles Beveridge talk & tour at main house & south lawn	1996-1997
8	11	Lila Wallace / Reader's Digest tour	1997 May 2
8	12	Gardens & south lawn	1997
8	13	Flower garden	1997 Jun
8	14	Fields North of Red Barn	1997 Jul-Aug
8	15	Flower Garden	1997 Aug
8	16	Fall	1997 Dec
8	17	Fall foliage / drainpipe - NP	1997
8	18	Fall foliage	1997
8	19	Main house; south porch; putting in pavers	1997
8	20	Wenham Lake sunrise	1997
8	21	Gardens & south lawn	1998 Spring
9	1	Flower garden	1998 Jun
9	2	Aerials	1998
Les Vants Aerial Photos			
9	3	Briscoe School field trip	1998
Negatives and Contact sheet			
9	4	Logging operation	1998
9	5	Red barn	1998
9	6-8	Landscape & activities. Slides	1998

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PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL			
9	9	Landscape; inserting historic barn windows; painting the barn; Gate House: gray to glory painting	1998 1998
9	10	Ag. barn site grading	1999 Apr
10	1	Perennial garden; ag. barn construction	1999 Jun
10	2	Construction of agriculture barn	1999 Jul
10	3	New barn construction	1999 Aug
10	4	New barn grading & foundation	1999
10	5	Barn	[199-]
		Mounted Labeled Photos of Gazebo Restoration	1987
		Stored in Broadside Cabinet 2. Drawer L Bsd 1	
		Mounted Labeled Photos of Azaleas and Lilies	1987 May
		Stored in Broadside Cabinet 2. Drawer L Bsd 1	
BOXED SLIDES			
		George L. Batchelder, Jr's Garden Walled garden, Greenhouse Garden	1960 – 1970
		Stored in Box 12	
		Chimneys Reconstructed	1981
		Stored in Box 12	

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
BOXED SLIDES			
		Valentine’s Day at Cottage Lake Shore & Trail Maintenance	1984, 1985
		Stored in Box 12	
		Fall 1986 Moraine Farm	1986
		Stored in Box 12	
		Moraine Farm Laurels (Spring) Rhododendrons	1988
		Stored in Box 12	
		Spring – Planting N. corner Main entrance Burning	1988
		Stored in Box 12	
		Moraine Farm Rhododendrons & Garden Tour June 1988	1988
		Stored in Box 12	
		Dogwood Understory	1988
		Stored in Box 12	
		Moraine Farm 1990 or 1991 Landscape & Olmsted 1990 Group Tour May	1990
		Stored in Box 12	
		Dogwood Garden	1990 Spr
		Stored in Box 12	
		Paula Chando for Moraine Farm	1990
		Stored in Box 12	

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
		BOXED SLIDES	
		South Lawn	
		Stored in Box 12	
		M.F. Fields TSI (Timber Stand Improvement)	1990 Apr 2
		Stored in Box 12	
		Moraine Farm	1990-1991
		Stored in Box 12	
		Moraine Farm 1991 – Garden Benefit Barn sale – Beverly Historical Society	1991
		Stored in Box 12	
		1993 M.F. – Early Spring May, June	1993
		Stored in Box 12	
		M.F. – Haying, Field Improvement, Rainbow	1993
		Stored in Box 12	
		M.F. in Fog – Oak in Olmsted field Summer '93	1993
		Stored in Box 12	
		M.F.-1999 Flower Garden Terrace	1999
		Stored in Box 12	

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
Series VI. Media			
0.2' (1 box) Dates: 1998			
Series VIII, Media, consists of audiocassettes containing sound effects.			
MEDIA			
10	6	Audiocassettes: train whistles; horses' hooves	1998 May

Series VII. Restricted Material

0.2' (1 box)
Dates: 1977-2007

Series VIII, Restricted Material, is limited to the use of Trustees staff members or by permission of the head archivist. Please see Restricted Material Appendix.

Series VIII. Maps and Plans

6.4' (1 box)
Dates: 1959-2001, n.d.

Series VIII, Maps and Plans, includes Septic repair plans and property plans. A detailed Appendix of the materials is available.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
OVERSIZED BOXES			
12		Boxed Slides	n.d.
13		Phillips photo album	n.d.
14		Expense Book	1964 Jan–1970 Jul
		Material found in Pages foldered at front	
14		Expense Book	1975 Sep–1977 Jan
14		Expense Book	1952 Nov–1958 Jun
		Material found in Pages foldered at front	
14		Expense Book	1952 Nov–1958 Jun
		Material found in Pages foldered at front	
14		Expense Book	1958 Jul – 1963 Dec
15		Ledger	1977 Sep-1988 Dec
15		Ledger Sheets	1989 Jan-1998 Nov
16		Ledger	1929 Jan – 1934
16		Expense Book	1935 Jan–1940 Dec
		Material found in Pages foldered at front	
16		Personal Income Book	1962-1976
		Material found in Pages foldered at front	

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OVERSIZE FOLDERS			
BSD	1	Mounted Labeled Photos of Gazebo Restoration	1987
BSD	1	Mounted Labeled Photos of Azaleas and Lilies	1987 May
BSD	2-9	Maps and Plans	