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**Guide to  
Choate Family Collection, 1903-[192-]**

**NK.MS.Coll.3**

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Extent: 1 box, 1 folder in the General Oversized Box  
Linear feet: .25

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### **PROVENANCE**

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This collection is open for research.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Joseph Choate was a prominent 19<sup>th</sup> century attorney and diplomat. He served as the ambassador to the United Kingdom from 1902 to 1905. His daughter Mabel Choate entrusted their summer home at Naumkeag to the Trustees. The property was bequeathed in its entirety to the Trustees of Reservations in 1958. For more information visit <http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/berkshires/naumkeag.html>

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection consists of a letter from Joseph Choate to Nevada Stranahan who served as the Collector of the Port of New York from 1902 to 1907, a program from a dinner that was conducted in Joseph Choate's honor, as well as several post cards of Choate Inn located in Peacham Vermont. The collection is organized by the following series: Correspondence, Photographs, Postcards and Printed Material.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Correspondence</b>			
I	I	Choate, Joseph Hodges (1832-1917)  Original folder labeled "Acc #NK.2012.2"  Letter : American Embassy, London, to "Hon. Nevada N. Stranahan, Collector of the Port, New York"  Letter to Nevada H. Stranahan (1861-1928) regarding trip by Joseph H. Choate, Jr. (1876-1968) and Cora Lyman Oliver Choate (1876-1955). With envelope containing seal on back.	1903 Sep 4
<b>Photographs</b>			
I	2	Cabinet Card reprint of young Joseph H. Choate  Original folder labeled "Acc #NK.2005.2" Accession not in PastPerfect database	[19-?]
I	3	Photograph of young Mabel Choate  Acc #NK.2002.3	[19-?]
I	4	Card stock reprint, front view of house  Original folder labeled "Photo gift from Celia Kittredge 11-18-09" with inscriptions written on the back  Acc #NK.2003.2"	[19-?]
I	5	Photograph of house without landscaping Original folder labeled "NK.PH.1"	[19-?]
I	6	Photograph of Naumkeag Evergreen Garden  Written on the back "Italian Garden in the grounds of the Hon J.H.Choate-Stockbridge, Mass. Taken by Miss D. Isobel [Pius?]	

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<b>Postcards</b>			
I	7	Naumkeag house postcards Original folder labeled "Gift of Stan Piatczyc, 2004"	
		House postcard (2 views) labeled "Residence of Hon. Jos. H. Choate. Stockbridge, Mass.	[19-?]
		Hand colored postcard of Evergreen Garden labeled "Italian Garden of the late Hon. Jos. H. Choate. Stockbridge, Mass	[19-?]
		Black and White postcard of Evergreen Garden Labeled "The Floral Garden – Residence of Mr. Joseph Choate, Stockbridge, Mass.	[19-?]
I	8	Choate Inn (Peacham, VT)	
		Sign: "Choate Inn," photograph postcard	[192-?]
		Guest room interior (2 views), photograph postcards	[192-?]
		"The Mountains Round About Peacham" (2 views), photograph postcards	[192-?]
<b>Printed Material</b>			
GOB		Choate, Joseph Hodges (1832-1917). Program	1905 Jun 9
		"Dinner to the Honorable Joseph H. Choate Upon His Retirement as Ambassador to the Court of St. James Given by the Pilgrims of the United States"	
		Acc # NK.1992.1	
		Stored in General Oversized Box	