

Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Record Unit 168
Baylies/Coffin Family Collection
by Barbara Murphy

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum

Call No.

Title: Baylies/Coffin Family Collection

Creator: various

Quantity: .5 cubic feet

Abstract: The Baylies/Coffin Family Collection is a compilation of reports, sermons, religious pamphlets, and correspondence relating to the Baylies/Coffin family.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: The Baylies/Coffin Family Collection was donated to the Museum by Joanne Coffin Clark in 1993.

Processing Information: Barbara Murphy

Access Restrictions: none

Use Restrictions: none

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Index Terms

- Society for the Propagating the Gospel
- Frederick Baylies
- Rev. James Davenport
- Temperance movement
- John P Chadwick

Series and Subseries Arrangement

Series I: Society for Propagating the Gospel (SPG) Among the Indians and Others

 Subseries A: Reports of the SPG

 Subseries B: Discourses Delivered Before the SPG

 Subseries C: Sermons Delivered to the SPG

Series II: Religious Pamphlets

Series III: Miscellaneous Publications

Series IV: Correspondence

Series V: Drawing

Historical Note:

Frederick Baylies (1774-1836) was the last missionary to the Martha's Vineyard Indians employed by the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America (SPG). He came to Martha's Vineyard from Taunton, MA in 1810 and preached until his death in 1836.

Besides serving as a missionary and preacher, Baylies designed three of Edgartown's early churches. He designed and built the Federated Church in 1828. In 1839, the Baptist Church was built. The prominent Methodist Church on Main Street was built in 1849. Each church was distinct in its design. Reverend Baylies also served as a selectman of Edgartown. His descendent, Joanne Coffin Clark, donated this material in 1993.

Scope and Content Note:

This record unit consists of pamphlets, sermons, and records pertaining to the Baylies and Coffin families on Martha's Vineyard. It is the materials relating to the Society for the Propagating the Gospel Among the Indians and Others that is of most interest. But, the collection also includes: a 1744 pamphlet of Rev. James Davenport; a 1794 report of the MA Historical Society; a book "The New England Economical Housekeeper with handwritten addenda, 1847; and a drawing of the ship Abraham Barker of New Bedford, 1850 on its voyage out to the Arctic Ocean.

Series Descriptions:

Series I: Select Committee of the Society for the Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America

Subseries A: Reports of the SPG

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Folder 1: 1816/1816.

Folder 2: 1818, two copies

Folder 3: 1819

Folder 4: 1824

Folder 5: 1831, two copies

Folder 6: 1832, two copies

Folder 7: 1833

Subseries B: Discourses Delivered to the SPG

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Folder 8: Charles Lowell, 1820

Folder 9: Joseph Tuckerman, 1821

Folder 10: Alden Bradford, two copies

Subseries C: Sermons Delivered to the SPG

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Folder 11: Elijah Parish, 1814

Folder 12: John Foster, 1817

Series II: Religious Publications

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Folder 13: The Reverend James Davenport's *Confession & Retractions*, 1744, pamphlet

Folder 14: *The Judgment of Whole Kingdoms & Nations*, Lord Somers 1774

Folder 15: Barnstable Conference of Evangelical Congregational Churches, 1846

Folder 16: Sixth Annual Report – American Board of Foreign Missionaries, 1815

Series III: Miscellaneous Publications

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Folder 17: Collections of MA Historical Society, August 1794

Folder 18: "A New Society for the Benefit of the Indians", 1822

Folder 19: Address to Nantucket Association for Promotion of Temperance, Stephen Mason, 1833

Folder 20: Address to Dukes County Association for Promotion of Temperance, Ira Warren, 1835

Folder 21: Book: "The New England Economical Housekeeper" with handwritten addenda, 1847

Folder 22: "Penhallow's Indian Wars", 1726 unbound facsimile copy, Boston, 1924

Series IV: Correspondence

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Folder 23: letter to Chloe M Coffin from Adourian Judson Leach, September 24, 1934 re early Vineyard and other missionaries to the Indians

Series V: Drawing

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Folder 24: Drawing of ship Abraham Barker of New Bedford, 1850, by John P Chadwick on voyage out to the Arctic Ocean for a cargo of whale oil.