

**Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum  
Record Unit 204**

**Miscellaneous Records of Massachusetts  
& Martha's Vineyard, 1777-1921**

By Barbara Murphy

**Descriptive Summary**

**Repository:** Martha's Vineyard Museum

**Call No.**

**Title:** Miscellaneous Records of Massachusetts & Martha's Vineyard, 1777-1921

**Creator:** various

**Quantity:** .5 cubic feet

**Abstract:** The Miscellaneous Records of Massachusetts & Martha's Vineyard, 1777-1921, is a compilation of militia records, temperance documents, New England primers, and newspaper and magazine articles

**Administrative Information**

**Acquisition Information:** The Miscellaneous Records of Massachusetts and Martha's Vineyard, 1777-1921 was acquired by the Martha's Vineyard Museum by many donors throughout the twentieth century.

**Processing Information:** Barbara Murphy

**Access Restrictions:** none

**Use Restrictions:** none

**Preferred citation for publication:** Martha's Vineyard Museum, Miscellaneous Records of Massachusetts & Martha's Vineyard, 1777-1921, Record Unit 204.

**Index Terms**

- Militia
- Laws of Massachusetts
- New England Primers
- Massachusetts Fish & Game

**Series Arrangement:**

Series I: Miscellaneous Records of Massachusetts & Martha's Vineyard

### **Historical Note:**

The collection of records in Record Unit 1 has been “artificially” created. There is no original order to these documents. Rather, it is assumed that the organization’s librarians, interns and volunteers have brought these records together at some point. The institution’s own records do not shed any light on when and why the collection was originally formed. What is known is that the MVM was founded in 1922. And, the organization began to collect documents in 1923. Thus, the formation of this record unit can only be dated to sometime between 1923 and the present day. The processing of this collection in 2006 has largely kept this artificial collection together.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

This record unit consists of information and records pertaining to miscellaneous records of MA & Martha’s Vineyard including: original New England primers, 1777, 1837, 1844; militia regulations of MA 1793; Tisbury militia enrollment, 1880; a MA constitution of 1780 with additions, 1826; temperance documents including a pledge, certificate of pledge, 1844, and a temperance catechism, 1881.

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Box 1 of 1

Folder 1: Original copy of Militia regulations of MA, 1793; Tisbury militia enrollment 1880, militia excerpt from Edgartown records 1655.

Folder 2: Whigs Congressional Convention, District 11, at West Falmouth, 1836

Folder 3: Booklet Ancestry “Objects of the Hereditary Societies & the Military & Naval Orders of the U.S.”, 1898

Folder 4: Laws of MA: MA constitution 1780 with additions 1826, general election laws 1876

Folder 5: Temperance documents: original pledge, certificate of pledge 1849, catechism 1881, testimony re seized liquor 1874 (possibly not MV)

Folder 6: Annual Report: Board of Free Public Library Commission, 1921

Folder 7: Empty envelopes with stamps: Edgartown, Vineyard Haven, 1857; Nantucket 1872

Folder 8: New England Primers: originals, 1777, 1837, 1844

Folder 9: Pope’s “Essay on Man”, 1844, with grammatical notes

Folder 10: CSA banknote proofs, Yanceyville, NC, \$50 & \$20

Folder 11: *Harper’s Monthly* magazine: “The American Burlesque”, 1898; “The Manners of the Past”, 1902

Folder 12: MA Committee on Fish & Game, Benjamin G. Collins, 1902 – includes laws and handwritten records