

Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Record Unit 202
Vineyard Organizations
By Barbara Murphy

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum

Call No.

Title: Vineyard Organizations

Creator: various

Quantity: .5 cubic feet

Abstract: The Vineyard Organizations collection is a compilation of miscellaneous marine, medical, and legal records, published pamphlets, newspaper and magazine articles, administrative records, narratives, correspondence, and research notes.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: The Vineyard Organizations Collection 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

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Index Terms

- Steamer
- Steamship
- Mystic Seaport
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital
- Marine Hospital
- Irene Landers
- Dr. Charles Banks
- Sociolinguistic patterns

Series Arrangement:

Series I: Marine/Steamship

Series II: Medical

Series III: Legal & Records
Series IV: Research/Notes
Series V: Checkbook Stubs

Historical Note:

The collection of records in Record Unit 2 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 collation together.

Scope and Content Note:

This record unit consists of miscellaneous marine and medical information including: 1880 letter referring to medical care for the paupers of Vineyard Haven, a letter from Dr. Charles Banks about the purchase of land for the Marine Hospital, a presentation of speech sounds of Martha’s Vineyard residents. This unit also contains an unrelated checkbook stub book, 1927-1928.

Series Description:

Series I: Marine/Steamship

Folder 1: Steamer Martha’s Vineyard 1903-1991, *Vineyard Gazette* Clippings
Folder 2: Movie Playbill: “Down to the Sea in Ships” 1922
Folder 3: Steamship history 1980’s-1990’s, *Vineyard Gazette* Clippings
Folder 4: Mystic Seaport *Log* Spring 1989

Series II: Medical

Folder 5: Martha’s Vineyard Hospital materials from inception through additions, annual report 1925
Folder 6: Marine Hospital 1882-1988, photocopies of Marine hospital history, photocopy and original letter from Dr. Banks re purchase of land for new hospital, 1887, report to Board of Health re Smallpox epidemic, 1828
Folder 7: Medical care letter, 1880
Folder 8: Irene Landers – 1st school nurse: 1957

Series III: Legal Records

Folder 9: Palatines: Copy MA House of Representatives 1732-1744;

Folder 10: Petitions – copies 1708, 1837

Series IV: Research/Notes

Folder 11: Speech: Sociolinguistic Patterns on Martha's Vineyard, 1963

Folder 12: Christmas on Martha's Vineyard, 1988

Folder 13: Notes by Arthur Railton, 1989

Series V: Checkbook Stubs

Folder 14: December 29, 1927-March 13, 1928