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Although the name of the person who assembled the album is not known, it is possible that he or she was a member of the Walker family. Two of the postcards are addressed to Freeman Walker and the handwritten caption on one image makes reference to "Uncle Will" Walker's corn crib.



Grist mill, Greenwich Village, Mass.

Inventory

Schoolhouse and library, Greenwich Village, Mass.

ca.1908

Real photo

Schoolhouse and library, Greenwich Village, Mass.; published by Frank P. Hall

1921

Halftone

Use: letter to Freeman Walker, Hanover, Mass.

Back of grist mill and saw mill, school house

ca.1910

Real photo

Hill up back of village

ca.1910

Real photo

Greenwich village from hill by schoolhouse

ca.1910

Real photo

Schoolhouse Hill [in snow]

ca.1910

Real photo

Greenwich village from hill by schoolhouse

ca.1910

Real photo

Greenwich Village: Nevins house

ca.1910

Real photo

Greenwich Village: Nevins house

ca.1908

Real photo

Greenwich Village: W.P. Sloan store (later Walker's)

ca.1908

Real photo

Store of W. P. Sloan, Greenwich Village, Mass., Later Walker's

ca.1915

Greenwich Village, Mass.: Walker's store, Farmers' Hall, Will Walkers, Road to Greenwich

ca.1908

Real photo

Swift River, back of Farmers' Hall

ca.1910

Real photo

Box shop and saw mill

ca.1910

Real photo

Mill Pond back of mills

ca.1910

Real photo

Mill Pond and dam

ca.1910

Real photo

Mill Pond

ca.1910

Real photo

Mill Pond

ca.1910

Real photo

Mill Pond and ice house

ca.1910

Real photo

Bridge over Swift River: Box shop and grist mill, Greenwich Village, Mass.

ca.1908

Real photo

Grist mill, Greenwich Village, Mass.

ca.1908

Real photo

Swift River under bridge

ca.1910

Real photo

Swift River below dam and bridge, uncle Will's corn crib

ca.1910

Real photo

Bridge over Swift River

ca.1910

Real photo

George Walker's house

ca.1928

Real photo

George Walker's house

ca.1928

Real photo

Walter's turkeys

ca.1910

Real photo

Claussen house

ca.1910

Real photo

Burt Brooks house

ca.1910

Real photo

Myron Caswell's house

ca.1910

Real photo

Hardwick Road: Caswell's, Giffin's house

ca.1910

Real photo

Road to Hardwick: Frank Parkers, Lowell and Doris

ca.1910

Real photo

Hill back of Ed King's farm

ca.1908

Real photo

Crane?

ca.1908

Real photo

Reeds, Browns

ca.1910

Real photo

Will King's, Moores

ca.1910

Real photo

Jesse Vaughn's house

ca.1915

Real photo

Mrs. Mary Towne's house

ca.1910

Real photo

Possibly Carrie Towne (per census), wife of Edmund Towne

Moore's House (Barney)

ca.1915

Real photo

Webster Parker's house, Greenwich Village

ca.1915

Real photo

Webster M. Parker and Wife Daisy H., per census

Dr. Fuller's house

ca.1910

Real photo

Possibly George H, Fuller, listed as preacher at the Liberal Church in 1910 census

Near H. D. Johnson's

ca.1915

Real photo

Henry D. Johnston, poultry farmer

Lucy Parker's House, Spiritualist Church

ca.1910

Real photo

Spiritualist Church, Lucy Parker's House, Greenwich Village, Mass.

ca.1908

Real photo

Spiritualist Church

ca.1908

Real photo

Station Road

ca.1910

Real photo

Dana Road

ca.1928

Real photo

Dana Road

ca.1910

Real photo

Town work team: John James, Cap Miller, Allie Moore, Web Parker

ca.1910

Real photo

Webster M. Parker, per 1910 census

Old toll gate house, Greenwich Village, Mass.

ca.1908

Real photo

Blacksmith Shop

ca.1910

Real photo

Quabbin Inn, Greenwich, Mass.

ca.1920

Collotype

Quabbin Inn, Greenwich, Mass.

ca.1921

Collotype

Addressed to Freeman Walker, 1921

Post Office in winter, Greenwich Village, Mass.

ca.1915

Real photo

Greenwich Plains from Hardwick Hill

ca.1910

Real photo

Outskirts of Greenwich Plains from Mt. Liza, Mt. Pomeroy

ca.1910

Real photo

Greenwich, From Mt. Pomeroy

ca.1928

Real photo

Quabbin Lake, Greenwich: evening

ca.1915

Real photo

Quabbin Lake, Greenwich

ca.1910

Real photo

Back road to Quabbin Lake and War (in winter)

ca.1915

Real photo

Road to back of lake: Mt. Liza, Quabbin Lake

ca.1910

Real photo

Road to back of lake: Mt. Liza, Quabbin Lake

ca.1910

Real photo

Curtis Pond, Greenwich Village

ca.1910

Real photo

Ellery's Hotel, Greenwich Village, Swift River

ca.1910

Real photo

Ellery's Hotel, Greenwich Village, Mills

ca.1910

Real photo

Ruins of hotel, Greenwich Village

ca.1910

Real photo

Ruins of old hotel, Ellery's

ca.1910

Real photo
The Centre, Greenwich, Mass.: Congregational Church, Hotel, Dickinson's store
ca.1909
Lithograph
Addressed to Lillian S. F. Browne

The hotel, Greenwich, Mass.
ca.1908
Real photo
In Greenwich, Mass.
ca.1908
Real photo

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