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Alice Blake Hawes Garside, who became a prominent educator in Boston known for working with students with reading and learning challenges, was born in 1909 in New Bedford, Mass., a descendant of a whaling family with deep roots there. She graduated from Vassar College in 1930, the year she married Kenneth Garside, with whom she had three daughters before they divorced in 1956. Beginning in the early 1950s, Alice Garside worked as a reading tutor at the Cambridge School in Weston and reading supervisor in the language clinic at Mass General, where she was trained in the Orton-Gillingham method under Dr. Edwin Cole, a pioneer in the field of learning disabilities. Having also earned a master's degree from Boston University, she trained teachers at the Carroll School from its founding in 1967, joining the school's staff in 1976 and staying until her retirement in 1990. She was honored as the first recipient of the Alice H. Garside Award from the Massachusetts Branch of the International Dyslexia Association in 1985 and the IDA's highest honor, the Samuel T. Orton Award, in 1987. In her retirement, she continued to consult on reading and made regular trips to the Bermuda Reading Clinic. Alice Garside passed away in 2007 at age 98.

The Alice H. Garside Papers cover Garside's professional life as a teacher as well as her personal life. There is documentation of her extensive travels, including the six-month round-the-world trip she took not long after her divorce, as well as correspondence, photographs and photo albums, journals, ephemera, and memorabilia. The collection also includes some family history and genealogical material.

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## Background on Alice H. Garside

Alice Blake Hawes was born on July 13, 1909, in the family homestead on Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford, Mass., the second child of Frederic Blake Hawes and Carrie Gifford Hawes. Her older brother by three years was Richard Gifford Hawes. Her grandfather, Jonathan Capen Hawes, had been master of the whaling ship *Milo*, aboard which her father had spent his early years, along with his family, for a five-year voyage that took them to the Sandwich Islands and the Arctic. Just before starting high school, young Alice took her first long trip in 1922 with her father, traveling out west to visit relatives and historic sites. After graduating from New Bedford High School, as valedictorian, in 1926. She went to Vassar College, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and majored in economics, graduating in 1930.

In August 1930, Alice married Kenneth Greenwood Garside. The two had met in New Bedford--his aunts lived next door to her family home--and became reacquainted while she was at Vassar and he, a graduate of Harvard and MIT, was working in Poughkeepsie. Their daughter Anne was born in 1932, with Elizabeth, called Jo, following in 1934, when the family was living in Kingston, N.Y. They returned to Massachusetts in 1937, settling in Duxbury, to manage the Duxbury Cranberry Company--a business acquired from Alice's family as a result of a mortgage default held by her father. Their third daughter, Caroline, was born in 1939.

Alice Garside was busy with her family, helped manage the company, and became active in her community. She was involved in the Republican Town Committee, the Duxbury Board of Health, the congregational church (where she spent a number of years as Sunday school superintendent), the PTA, the American Red Cross, and 4H. The couple built a house in the 1940s. In 1944, Alice attended the Vassar Summer Institute, bringing her two younger daughters with her. She stayed involved with the program for many years, and through it found close friendships and deepened self-confidence. Another formative experience was training in the Orton-Gillingham approach under Dr. Edwin Cole at the Massachusetts General Hospital Language Clinic and, in 1952, becoming certified as a reading teacher. She tutored students at the Cambridge School of Weston from 1952 to 1957.

Alice and Kenneth Garside divorced in 1956, after 26 years of marriage. Alice retained ownership of the lands of the Duxbury Cranberry Company and continued to live in the family house for several years, until it was sold. After a brief period of substitute teaching, she enrolled in Boston University's education program and earned her master's degree in 1958. That year she took a trip around the world, traveling by sea, air, and land. On her return home, she moved to Boston and worked at Mass General's language clinic training tutors, becoming the clinic's supervisor in 1959. She also traveled across New England training teachers in the Orton-Gillingham method of teaching reading. She continued to travel, sometimes with friends, sometimes with family. In 1976, she retired as director of Mass General's language clinic.

Although nominally retired, Alice Garside continued to be active in reading education. As a reading consultant for the The Reading Clinic, founded in 1968 in Bermuda, she made regular trips to the island to train teachers and tutors in teaching reading and working with people with dyslexia. She helped develop the Summer Training Program at the Carroll School, a school in Lincoln, Mass., for youth with reading disabilities, where she had offered training several years earlier. She served on the school's board of trustees from 1977 until 1996. In 1990, the Garside Institute for Teacher Training was established at the school. Named in her honor, it continues the work of providing comprehensive Orton-Gillingham training and certification. She was honored as the first recipient of the Alice H. Garside Award from the Massachusetts Branch of the International Dyslexia Association in 1985 and the IDA's highest honor, the Samuel T. Orton Award, in 1987.

At 80 years old, Alice Garside moved to a retirement community in Westwood, Mass., where some of her neighbors were former classmates from Vassar. She continued her work at the Carroll School and consulted for Lexia, a company that made phonics software for reading skill instruction for children. She adapted Aesop's fables for a small series of books for beginning readers that she published as *The Garside Readers*.

In the spring of 1994, Alice made an appointment with Mass General's Gerontology Research Unit for an evaluation related to memory problems. She ended up joining a memory and aging research study and was evaluated annually until her death. The study revealed her to have memory decline and, ultimately, dementia. She lived in a memory care unit in her final years and passed away on August 26, 2007, at the age of 98. A portrait of Alice Hawes Garside hangs at the Carroll School.

## Scope of collection

The Alice H. Garside Papers cover Garside's professional life in education, including materials from the many dyslexia organizations and projects she was involved in, as well as her personal and family life. There is documentation of her extensive travels, including the six-month round-the-world trip taken not long after her divorce, as well as correspondence, photographs and photo albums, journals, ephemera, and memorabilia. The collection also includes family history and genealogy materials highlighting her relation to Civil War-era whaler Jonathan Capen Hawes.

## Series descriptions

### [Series 1: Family history](#)

1853-2019

This series comprises family history and genealogy materials, reflecting family members' research into their New Bedford ancestors, mainly in the Hawes family and including Civil War-era whaler Jonathan Capen Hawes. Included are photocopies of correspondence and other documents and photographs. Also in this series are Frederic Hawes's letters to his daughter, Alice, from the 1920s and 1930s.

### [Series 2: Personal](#)

1914-2007

This series chiefly focuses on Alice Hawes Garside's personal life, documenting her relationships and interests, especially travel. Included are correspondence (letters and greeting cards from birthdays, holidays, and other occasions); photographs and photograph albums (some relating to her professional interests and accomplishments); travel journals, itineraries, and memorabilia; and materials related to the Mass General memory study she participated in. There is also biographical material: biographies created by her family, clippings, and obituaries and tributes after her death.

### [Series 3: Education and professional](#)

1918-2020

This series documents Alice Garside's education and work, especially her life's work in reading and dyslexia education and training and the recognition she was given for it. Included are materials from Vassar, the Carroll School, the Bermuda Reading Clinic, the Orton Dyslexia Society, and the International Dyslexia Association. There are also copies of *The Garside Readers*. There is a small amount of material about Dr. Laura Wylie, who influenced Garside's decision to attend Vassar. Photograph albums of work and professional events are part of series 2.

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