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Friends of Quabbin, Inc. Records

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The organization's mission is:

- To promote, through a variety of interpretive, educational, social, scientific, and entertainment programs public awareness, understanding, appreciation, and concern for the Quabbin Reservation and Watershed; a complex ecosystem which provides a valuable and irreplaceable resource for the entire state;
- To develop a regional sense of stewardship of the Quabbin Reservation by providing a forum for public expression and involvement in decisions that may affect the use and preservation of the natural and historical characteristics that make the area both unique and irreplaceable;
- To act as a support group for implementing those aspects of plans and policies for Quabbin consistent with the goals and purposes of Friends of Quabbin;
- To work in cooperation with other organizations both public and private which share mutual goals for the care, monitoring, protection and wise use of the Quabbin Reservation, a vital water supply resource rich in natural, historical, and recreational values supplying over two million people with drinking water.

Scope of collection

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Correspondence

ca. 1980s

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Oral history project: background information

ca. 1984-1996

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Oral histories

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Avery, Gladys Webster

undated

Enfield

Barbier, Ellis

undated

Barbour, Charles

1987 Aug 19

Greenwich; Greenwich Hillside School

Barbour, Charles

1987 Aug 19

Greenwich; Greenwich Hillside School

Barbour, Charles

undated

Greenwich; Greenwich Hillside School

Barbour, Charles

undated

Barnes, Lois

1993 Apr 12

Barnes, Lois

1993 Apr 6

Barnes, Lois Doubleday

1987 July 31

Prescott; Mother's work

Barnes, Lois Doubleday

1987 July 31

Prescott; Mother's work

Barnes, Lois Doubleday

1987 June 25

Prescott; Greenwich

Barnes, Lois Doubleday

1987 June 25

Prescott; Greenwich

Barnes, Lois Doubleday

1987 Aug 17

Prescott

Barnes, Lois Doubleday

1994 Mar 5

Barnes, Lois Doubleday

1994 Mar 5

Barnes, Lois Doubleday

1990 Mar 15

Games, pastimes. Religion, Henry Smith & The Spiritualist Church

Barrett, Warren

undated

Belchertown; North Prescott

Barrows, Ralph

1984 Mar 19

Quabbin Reminiscence

Barrows, Ralph

1984 Mar 23

Quabbin

Barth, Ralph

1986 Oct 9

Springfield; Visiting Uncle Clinton Powell's farm in Enfield

Betz, Anna Almquist

1988 June 19

Dana; Dana Homesite

Billings, A(Ima?)

undated

Greenwich Village; School, Miss Hudson

Bishop, Red

1994 Oct 7

Working on tunnel and dam

Bishop, Red

1994 Oct 7

Working on tunnel and dam

Bostock, Gordon

1986 May 19

1912 Enfield

Bostock, Gordon

1986 May 19

1912 Enfield; Farm at Gate 8

Bousquet, Don

1986 Oct 28

Enfield 1930-1934; Grandson of Bill Peaso (sp?)

Boyko, Stanley

1987 Mar 4

Enfield

Boyko, Stanley

1987 Mar 4

Enfield

Bresnahan, Shaun
1994 June 24
Britt, Gladys Cadrett
undated

Pelham; Bobbin Hollow

Brown, Elizabeth Rand
1996 Sept 6
Brown, Elizabeth Rand
1996 Sept 6

Enfield, Smith's Village

Brown, Joe
1987 Aug 4

Ossining, NY; Visiting grandparents in Dana

Brown, Joe
1987 Aug 4

Ossining, NY; Visiting grandparents in Dana

Campbell, Les
undated

Walter King joins at 24:40 about Soapstone

Campbell, Paul
1986 Oct 14

North Dana and Dana

Campbell, Paul
1986 Oct 14

North Dana and Dana

Carey, Evelyn Groves
undated

North Dana; Hager's store & Doubleday's store and other businesses, father worked in Box Shop, neighbors

Cargill, Doris Anderson
undated

Cargill, James
1986 July 30

Cargill, Jim
undated

Moved to Enfield 1931; Moving from Springfield

Cargill, Jim
undated

Moved to Enfield 1931; School, kids leaving, Mr. Chiconi (sp?), Miss Newman, May baskets

Carrington, Elmer
1991

Dana; 11 Hymns recorded by Faith Music Mission

Carrington, Elmer
1987

Dana; Elmer Carrington Sings Fanny Crosby Songs. Faith Music Missions.

Carrington, Lois
1994 June 21

Dana

Chase, Fred
undated

Hardwick; Valley businesses

Cleverdon, Gertrude
1987 Nov 16

Townsend, MA; Moved to Belchertown in 1926, father school superintendent in B'town and Enfield, Mother Edna Doubleday from N. Dana

Cleverdon, Gertrude
1987 Nov 16

Townsend, MA; Spiritualism

Coit
1988 Nov 10

Greenwich

Coit, Everett
1988 Dec 2

Greenwich

Conn, John
1984 July 19

Enfield

Conuel, Tom
1990 June 16

Conuel, Tom
1990 June 16

Conuel, Tom
1990 June 16

Crawquel, Raymond [surname spelling?]
1987 Oct 17

Visit to homesites in Prescott Peninsula

Cross, Ken
1989 Mar 2

Working on reservoir project; Ken on caissons

Damon, Ken
1988 Jan 13
Dinifrio, Ralph
1987 Aug 20

Tewksbury, MA; Greenwich w/ Billings family at 3-1/2 years old

Doubleday, Earl
1984 Apr 16

Quabbin

Doubleday, Earl
1984 Apr 16

Quabbin

Doubleday, Edna
1987 June 11

Doubleday Village

Doubleday, Edna

undated
Doubleday, Edna Lyman
1987 June 11

Greenwich Plains; Meeting over croquet, married in Dana (took afternoon off)

Doubleday, Elwyn
undated

Prescott; Place names

Doubleday, Elwyn
1994 May 1

Prescott; The Environment

Doubleday, Fred
undated

Prescott

Doubleday, Fred
1994 Aug 1

Atkinson Hollow

Doubleday, Roger
1987 Oct 17

Prescott; Visit to homesites in Prescott Peninsula

Doubleday, Sigrid
1986 Aug 27

North Dana

Duckert, Audrey
1989 Sept 16
Duckert, Audrey
1989 Sept 16
Eaton, Adelaide Hickland
1987 July 9

Enfield

Emerson, Lois King
undated

Hill Climb

Emerson, Lois King
undated

Greenwich

Emerson, Lois King
undated

Emerson, Lois King
undated

Fielding, William
1988 Mar 12

Enfield

Fielding, William
1988 Aug 7

Follow-Up from Interview on 3/12/1988

Flye, Mildred
1987 May 1

Belchertown, moved to Packardville

Flye, N.
1987 May 1

Mr. Flye spent summers in New Salem, she lived on Salem Hill, lived in Puppyville after marriage in '32

Goodnow, Clarence
1987 Apr 16
Griffith, Rachel
1987 May 5

West Brookfield. Married Everett Thresher in 1948; he was born upstairs from Frank Hall's store in Greenwich; Visiting Thresher family homesteads.

Griswold, Edward
1987 Sept 9

Prescott; Grandparents would drive 30-40 dairy cows from Agawam to Prescott to pasture May-Oct. c. 1890

Griswold, Edward
1987 Sept 9

Boy causes Reverend Smith's car accident on Prescott Hill; schoolmates, State wards, teacher Marion Kelly; Home of the Friendless (Northampton based charity)

Groves, Ethel Chalifoux
undated

North Dana; Mother born in England, father in Canada, uncle came to Greenwich, sent for her parents who bought Lucien William's farm

Hanks, Chester (Chet)
1989 Nov 13

Hanks Homestead; Enfield

Hanks, Chester (Chet)
1989 Nov 13

Hanks Homestead; Enfield

Hanks, Chester
1988 Feb 21
Hanks, Gladys Webster
1988 June 6
Hanks, R.
1988 Feb 28
Hanks, R.
1988 Feb 28
Hanney, Stella Eaton
1994 Sept 23

Puppyville

Hassett, Helen
undated

Holyoke; Attended YWCA Camp at Greenwich Lake for 8-10 yrs.

Heidel, Norman
1987 Sept 15

Enfield

Hill, Dorothy
1991 Apr 2

Enfield

Howard, Wayne
1987 Oct 1

Soapstone-area (Prescott)Charcoal Kilns

Howe
1990 June 13
Howe, M.
1990 June 10
Howe, Marty
1990 Oct 28

Dana, Soapstone Mt.

Howe, Marty
1990 Oct 28

Dana, Soapstone Mt.

Hunter, Austin
1988 May 3

Greenwich

Jamrog, Katherine
1987 Aug 6

West Warren; Spent summers at grandparents Billings farm in Greenwich, train ran through property; building of Maher's golf course near Curtis Lake; 4th of July greased pole, Motorcycle Hill Climb in Enfield; about grandfather; farm chores, State Boys - Ralph Donofrio stayed.

Jasnocha, Joe Jelski
1987 Sept 20

Enfield

Johnson, Ohnie
1989 Sept 28
Johnston, Robert P.
1986 Nov 25

Enfield

Johnston, Robert P.
1986 Nov 25

Enfield

Johnston, Roger
1984 May 31

Quabbin

Johnston, Roger
1984 May 31

Quabbin

Jones, Orrin
1992 June 13

Prescott Hollow and Enfield

Jones, Orrin
1992 Aug

Prescott Hollow

Keeler, Winifred Blackmer
1987 Aug 11

Hardwick; Father grew up in Dana, mother in Prescott. Blackmer genealogy

Kelleher, Lawrence
1989 July 7

Northampton/Turners Falls. Stayed with grandparents in Enfield; Grandparents Galvin ran Swift River Inn in Enfield, grandfather ran Dugmar Golf Course in Greenwich

Kendrew, Roy [surname spelling?]
1987 July 9

N. Dana Boy Scout Camp

Kennedy, Tom
undated

Holyoke; Spent summers in Pelham Hollow (Whipple Farm), sawmill

Keyes, Bob
1991 Oct

Pelham Hollow Trip

Keyes, Bob
1991 Oct

Pelham Hollow Trip

King, Asa
1989 Dec 12

Greenwich Village

King, Asa
1988 Mar 27

Greenwich Village; Father was jack-of-all-trades, 100-acre farm, farm animals, grew and sold produce in valley, peaches from Wilbraham

King, Asa
1988 Mar 27

Greenwich Village

King, Charles
1990 May 29

Greenwich

King, Chester
1991 Sept 27

Greenwich Village

King, Chester
1991 Sept 27

Greenwich Village

King, Chester
1991 Nov 15

Greenwich Village

King, Chester
1991 Nov 15

Greenwich Village

King, Chester
1991 Nov 14

Greenwich Village

King, Walter
undated

Ken counselor at girl's camp

King, Walter
1989 Aug

Greenwich Village; Motorcycle Hill Climb on Little Quabbin Mt. (Fulton Hill)

King, Walter
1986 Aug 19

Greenwich Village; Greenwich churches

King, Walter
1990 Mar 22

Quabbin Park Cemetery

King, Walter
undated

Quabbin Park Cemetery

King, Walter
undated

Cider mills

King, Walter
undated

King, Walter
1988 Feb 14

Greenwich Village

King, Walter
1988 Feb 14

Greenwich Village

King, Walter
1988 Feb 14

Greenwich Village

King, Walter
1988 Feb 14

Greenwich Village

King, Walter
undated

Cemetery work

King, Walter
1987 May 19

6th Mass Turnpike-Hardwick, Dana, Greenwich

King, Walter
1987 May 19

6th Mass Turnpike-Hardwick, Dana, Greenwich

King, Walter
1990 May

Greenwich

King, Walter
1990 May

Greenwich

King, Walter

1990 July

Greenwich Village-Hillside School Area

King, Walter
undated

Monson Turnpike-Enfield to Greenwich

King, Walter
undated

Monson Turnpike-Enfield to Greenwich

King, Walter
undated

Turnpike from Rt 9 North

King, Walter
undated

Turnpike from Rt 9 North

King, Walter
1989 Nov 4

Monson Tpk from Rt 9 North to Greenwich

King, Walter
1989 Nov 4

Monson Tpk from Rt 9 North to Greenwich

King, Walter

Quabbin Reservoir

King, Walter

Quabbin Reservoir

King, Walter
1990 Apr 26

Reservoir Area

King, Walter
1990 Apr 26

Reservoir Area

King, Walter
1989 May 24

King, Walter
1989 May 24

King, Walter
1988 Oct 17

Reservoir Area

King, Walter
1990 Sept 15

King, Walter
1990 Mar 4

King, Walter
1990 Mar 4

Ledford, Rick

undated

Swift River Lullaby and The Quarterdeck songs

Lego, Raymond
1988 Aug 3

Swift River Lullaby and The Quarterdeck songs

Lucier, Winthrop
1987 Oct 6

Enfield

Manion, Charles
1986 Oct 28

Working on dam

Manix Family
1994 June 10

Prescott Hill. Manix Family

Marshall, Evelyn Taylor
1986 Sept 24

Prescott; Born in The Parsonage (bought by aunt prior to her marriage), brother is Edwin Taylor

McKenney, Iva
1987 Aug 3

Prescott

McKenney, Iva
1987 Aug 3

Prescott

Melick, Jim
1988 Sept 18

Prescott and Enfield

Miner, Harold
1987 June 22

Holyoke; Came to Enfield in 1933 to work in water testing lab for MDWSC

Mitchell, Clarence
1986 Oct 21

Packardville age 4-13

Mitchell, Clarence
1986 Nov 25

Packardville

Mitchell, Clarence
1986 Oct 21

Packardville age 4-13

O'Brien, Bill
1988 July 28

Trip to Dana and North Dana

O'Brien, Bill
1988 July 28

Trip to Dana and North Dana

O'Brien, Bill
undated

North Dana; Trip to Dana and North Dana

O'Brien, William
1986 Oct 14

North Dana

Osborne, Faith
undated

Dana

Osborne, Faith
undated

Dana

Peirce, Clifton
1987 Oct 13

Enfield

Ploof, Elizabeth
1984 Nov 14

Ploof, Elizabeth
1984 Nov 14

Potsaby, Sam [surname spelling?]
1987 July 9

Prof. Goodale, Indians, Mt. Tom fire, collecting and mounting plant specimens (now in Herbarium at UMass)
around Greenwich Village

Pratt, Ann
1986

Head Administrative Clerk for MDC from 11/5/1956

Raymond, Gordon
undated

New Britain, CT. Martindale Farm in Enfield; Martindale geneology

Read, Clif
1994 June 24

Reed, Irene Dickinson
1988 Sept 25

Trip to Enfield

Reed, Irene Dickinson
1988 Sept 25

Trip to Enfield

Reed, Kitty
1990 Sept 15

Planting of tree as Memorial

Russell, Elmer
undated

Enfield

Russell, Elmer
1988 Feb 29

Russell, Elmer
1988 Feb 29

Schmidt, Eleanor Griswold

1988 Feb 21
Schmidt, Eleanor Griswold
1988 Feb 21
Schmidt, Eleanor Griswold
1988 Feb 21
Schmidt, Eleanor Griswold
1988 Aug 17

Prescott

Schmidt, Eleanor Griswold
1986 May 9

Hosmer School Visit

Schmidt, Eleanor Griswold
1986 May 9

Hosmer School Visit

Schmidt, Eleanor Griswold
1984 Nov 29

Prescott

Schmidt, Eleanor Griswold
1987 Aug 13

Greenwich Store

Schneeloch, Vera Gilpin
1987 Dec 9
Schoppee, Harriette Paine
1987 June 19

Enfield

Segur, Willard
1986 Oct 10

Enfield

Setkewich, Avis Flagg
undated

Dana

Simard, Robert (Bob)
1987 Apr

Bobbin Hollow

Smith, Beatrice
1986 Nov 13

Prescott

Snyder, Eva Lyman
1987 July 31

West Hardwick, school in Greenwich

Southworth, Hazel Chapin

Dana

Spurr, Jerome
1987 June 18
Spurr, Jerome
1987 June 18

Spurr, Jerome
1988 Mar 25

Construction of Quabbin Dams

Spurr, Jerome
1988 Mar 25

Construction of Quabbin Dams

St. Peters, Sydney
undated

St. Peters, Sydney
undated

St. Peters, Sydney
1988 Aug 17

Prescott

St. Peters, Sydney
1988 Oct 17

Prescott Trip

St. Peters, Sydney
1988 Oct 17

Prescott Trip

Stagg, H.
1988 Mar 11

Hillside School

Stuart, Donald
1989 June 26

Greenwich

Tandy, Norman "Pete"
1987 Oct 4

North Dana

Taylor, Bertha Lyman
1987 Mar 3

Enfield, Greenwich Plains, Doubleday Village in N. Dana

Taylor, Bertha Lyman
1989 June 1

Taylor, Bertha Lyman
undated

Taylor, Edward
undated

North Prescott; The Parsonage

Taylor, Sydney
1987 Feb 13

Northfield. C. 1929 rented house in Prescott

Terry, Gertrude Ward
undated

Enfield

Terry, Gertrude Ward
undated

Thayer, Alice Randall
undated

Belchertown (Bluemeadow Rd) taken for reservoir

Thayer, Alice Randall
undated

Belchertown (Bluemeadow Rd) taken for reservoir

Thayer, Fred
undated

Enfield

Thresher
1988 June 26
Thresher
1988 June 26
Thresher family
1988 Sept 10

Trip to Greenwich and Dana

Thresher family
1988 Sept 10

Trip to Greenwich and Dana

Thresher family
1988 Sept 10

Trip to Greenwich and Dana

Thresher, Harrison
1988 May 14

Trip to Prescott

Thresher, Harrison
1988 May 14

Trip to Prescott

Thresher, Harrison
1988 Nov 25
Thresher, Harrison
undated
Thresher, Harrison L., Jr.
undated

Wedding day

Thresher, Harrison L., Jr.
undated

Greenwich Village

Thresher, Lucille
undated

Enfield (Martindale Ave, called Webster Rd after takeover); Leaving valley

Thresher, Norman
1986 Oct 17

Greenwich

Thresher, Norman Lyman
undated

Greenwich Village (born over Post Office)

Thresher, Norman Lyman
1991 Nov 23

Prescott Peninsula

Trombi, Italo

undated

Trombi, Italo

undated

Vecchito, Phoebe Crane

undated

Spent time in Enfield (mother's hometown)

Walker, Louis

1987 June 9

Hardwick (5th generation in Walker Homestead, Greenwich Rd, west Hardwick)

Walker, Nina

1986 Apr 14

Enfield

Ward, Ruth

undated

Enfield (b. in Field House - oldest house in town); Worked in post office at 16, married Ned Howe who owned adjacent store

Waugh, Arthur

1988 Mar 28

Prescott

Webster, Mabel

1988 Jan 12

Smith's Village

Welch, Jane Terrill

1987 Nov 23

Summer Residents

White, Andrew Milton

undated

Dana

White, Andrew Milton

1987 July 14

Dana

White, Andrew Milton

1987 July 14

Dana

Wilder, Bob

1989 May 17

Enfield Farm

Wilder, Bob

1989 May 17

Enfield Farm

Wilder, Bob

1989 May 17

Enfield Farm

Wilder, Bob

1994 May 1

The Economy

Willard
1988 Nov 19

North Dana Trip

Willard
1988 Nov 19

North Dana Trip

Willard, Irene Albee
1991 June 1

North Dana

Willard, Irene Albee
1991 June 1

North Dana; North Dana Trip

Willard, Irene Albee
undated

Willard, Irene Albee
undated

Winsor, Edward
undated

Framingham, MA; Talks about father Frank Winsor

Wolfe, Robert (Bob)
undated

North Dana

Wolfe, Robert (Bob)
undated

North Dana

Young, Ruth
undated

Photographs
ca. 1980s-1990s

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Printed material and ephemera
various dates

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Quabbin Letters
various dates

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Slides (35 mm)
ca. 1980s-1990s

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