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## Aldrich Family Papers

1907-1992

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Mark Bartlett Aldrich was employed for many years at the Montague Rod and Reel Co. in Montague City. His grandfather, Eugene Bartlett, was the founder of the firm, which made split-bamboo fishing rods. He also served as a selectman in Pelham, Massachusetts, for several terms in the 1930s and 1940s. He owned and operated Aldrich's New England store from 1948 until selling it in 1962. Aldrich then sold cars for Spenser Brothers Ford in Northfield until he and his wife Edith moved to Florida in 1964. Edith, for her part, taught English at Ashland High School and Pioneer Valley Regional High School in Northfield for many years.

The collection consists primarily of family records relating to the wedding, anniversaries, and funerals of Edith and Mark Aldrich. The Aldrich Family Papers are organized into three series: Wedding and Anniversaries, Funeral and Legal, and Personal.

## Background on Mark and Edith Aldrich

Mark Bartlett Aldrich was born in Pelham, Massachusetts, on March 4, 1907. For many years, Aldrich was employed by his grandfather, Eugene Bartlett at the Montague Rod and Reel Co. The company, located in the village of Montague City in Montague, Massachusetts, made split-bamboo fishing rods. He also served as a selectman in Pelham, Massachusetts, for several terms in the 1930s and 1940s. Mark moved to Northfield, Massachusetts, in 1948, where he owned and operated Aldrich's New England Store until 1962, when he sold the business. After that, he sold cars for Spenser Bros. Ford in Northfield until he and his wife moved to Stuart, Florida in 1964. Aldrich spent his last years living in West Hatfield, Massachusetts, and died on December 14, 1987.

Edith L. (Bertenshaw) Aldrich was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, on March 12, 1908, to Edward and Rosalie (Pensone) Bertenshaw. She grew up in Pelham and attended the Massachusetts Agricultural College, graduating in 1928. Edith taught English at Ashland High School in Ashland, Massachusetts, and married Mark in 1930. After moving to Northfield with her husband in 1948, she taught at Pioneer Valley Regional High School from 1959 to 1964, when the couple moved to Florida. The couple resided in Florida for eleven years, returning to Northampton and Hatfield, Massachusetts, in 1975, Edith L. Aldrich passed away in November of 1989.

## Scope of collection

The Aldrich Family Papers consist of numerous documents and memorabilia documenting the Aldrich's life and marriage. Included in the collection are wedding announcements, wedding books, anniversary memorabilia, legal documents, cemetery records, obituary information, and other miscellaneous items for both Mark and Edith Aldrich.

## Series descriptions

### Series 1. Weddings and Anniversaries

Included in the Weddings and Anniversaries series are wedding announcements, an engagement and wedding record book, and anniversary memorabilia from the couple's 25th and 50th anniversaries.

### Series 2. Funeral and Legal

The Funeral and Legal series contains cemetery records, funeral arrangements, legal documents, obituary information, and other items of that nature.

### Series 3. Personal

Found in the Personal series are a number of miscellaneous items saved by the family. Of note are a baby record book for Mark Aldrich and job recommendations for Edith Aldrich.

## Inventory

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### Series 1. Weddings and Anniversaries

1929-1980

Aldrich, Edith L.: The Fiancée's Book

1929 May

Box 3

Anniversary Remembrance Book

undated

Box 2

Our Golden Wedding Anniversary Book

1980 Jul

Box 3

News Clippings: Wedding Announcements

1929-1930

Box 1: 16

News Clippings: 25th Wedding Anniversary

1955 Jul

Box 1: 17

News Clippings: 50th Wedding Anniversary  
1980 Jul  
Box 1: 18  
Wedding Invitation  
1930  
Box 1: 20  
Wedding Souvenir  
1930 Jul  
Box 1: 21  
25th Anniversary Memorabilia  
1955 Jul  
Box 1: 22  
50th Anniversary: Massachusetts State Senate Official Citation  
1980 Jul  
Box 1: 23  
50th Anniversary: Needlepoint  
1980  
Box 1: 24  
Series 2. Funeral and Legal  
1936-1989  
Aldrich, Edith L.: Funeral Attendee List  
1989 Nov  
Box 1: 1  
Aldrich, Edith L.: Legal Documents  
1988 Feb-1989 Dec  
Box 1: 3  
Aldrich, Mark Bartlett: Last Will and Testament  
1988 Feb-1989 Dec  
Box 1: 7  
Bertenshaw, Charles G.: Legal Documents  
ca. 1971  
Box 1: 9  
Cemetery Records  
1960 Jun-1988 Feb  
Box 1: 10  
News Clippings: Obituaries -- Aldrich, Edith L.  
1989 Nov  
Box 1: 13  
News Clippings: Obituaries -- Aldrich, Mark Bartlett  
1987 Dec  
Box 1: 14  
News Clippings: Obituaries -- Pullar, Elizabeth A.  
1989 Nov  
Box 1: 15  
Social Security Cards  
1936 Dec-1972 Mar, undated  
Box 1: 19  
Series 3. Personal  
1907-1989  
Aldrich, Edith L.: Hidden Harbour Recreation Hall Ink Drawing  
1967  
Box 1: 2  
Aldrich, Edith L.: Letters of Recommendation  
1930 May-Jun  
Box 1: 4  
Aldrich, Mark Bartlett: The Biography of Our Baby Book  
1907  
Box 2  
Aldrich, Mark Bartlett: Certificate of Proficiency in Calculation

undated

Box 1: 5

Aldrich, Mark Bartlett: Eulogy and Funeral Notes

1987 Dec

Box 1: 6

Aldrich, T. Mark: Record Book

ca. 1989

Box 2

Ashland High School Graduation Memorabilia

1925-1930

Box 1: 8

Correspondence: Colebrook, New Hampshire, Bicentennial Executive Committee

1976 Jul

Box 1: 11

Correspondence: Pelham Historical Society -- Mark B. Aldrich Memorial Fund

ca. 1987

Box 1: 12

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## Administrative information

### Access

The collection is open for research.

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