



Summer Scenes, Brooke Farm, Amherst, Massachusetts

1922-1923

1 vol. (0.1 linear feet)

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Collection overview

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Background on Brooke Farm

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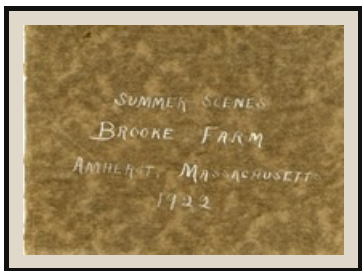
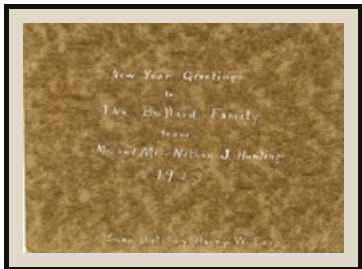
Making Hay

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A dedication inside the front wrap of the album reads: "New Year Greetings to The Bullard Family from Mr. and Mrs. Nathan J. Hunting, 1923. Snap shots by Harry W. Fay." The Nathan J. Hunting and his wife Beatrice (Fay), the Bullards, and Harry W. Fay were all residents of New Salem, Mass., and Nathan J. Hunting was a 1901 graduate of Massachusetts Agricultural College. Although the album is labeled "Brooke" Farm, and though it contains an image of the home of William P. Brooks, it seems probable that the farm depicted is the newly acquired Brooks Farm. The photographs appear to have been taken from a location on or near the Brooks Experimental Farm.

Inventory

Photo album wrapper	1922	5.25x3.75"
Contents:		
		
Dedication	1922	
Contents:		
		
The Cottage	1922	3.25x2.25" silver gelatin print

Contents:



The tug of war

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



Another picnic scene

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents: The homes of William Penn Brooks and Arthur N. Julian can be seen in the background.



The three-legged race -- the start

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



The three-legged race -- The finish

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



Jumping rope

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



More rope jumping

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



The picnic group

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



September 2, 1922

1922 Sept. 2

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



"Just us"

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



Haymaking at Brooke Farm, near Stockbridge Hall at M.A.C.

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents: The rear of Stockbridge Hall is visible in the background.



Residences of Dr. Wm. P. Brooks and Prof. Julian

1922

3.25x2.25"
silver gelatin
print

Contents:



Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

Gift of Jean F. Hankins, Otisfield, Mass. (2005-016).

Processing Information

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- Hay.
- Massachusetts Agricultural College--Photographs.
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Contributors

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