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Anna Barrows papers, 1861-1948

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Maine Women Writers Collection |
| Creator: | Barrows, Anna |
| Title: | Anna Barrows papers |
| ID: | 0018 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1861-1948 |
| Physical Description: | .5 linear feet |
| Language of the Material: | English |

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Biographical/Historical Note

Born in Fryeburg, Maine in 1861 to Georgiana Souther Barrows, Anna Barrows was educated at Fryeburg Academy, which was founded by her parents. Barrows began her teaching career in the public schools of Fryeburg and Conway, New Hampshire. After taking a course at the Boston Cooking School in 1886, she began teaching cooking and home economics, before these were standard courses in the public schools. Barrows taught in a number of schools in the Boston area, including Lasell Seminary in Auburndale. She became director of the summer school of domestic science in Chautauqua, New York, and taught for many years at Teachers College, Columbia University. Barrows' humorous and philosophical "demonstration lectures" were in high demand among women's clubs, church and community organizations. In the 1920s, Barrows became more widely known when she began lecturing on the radio. Barrows published a number of volumes on home economics (*Eggs: Facts and Fancies About Them*, 1890; *Principles of Cookery*, 1907; *The Farm Kitchen as Workshop*, 1914) and co-founded the *New England Kitchen Magazine*, the first professional home economics journal. She was a charter member of the American Home Economics Association and served on numerous other organizations and committees throughout her life, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the School Committee of the City of Boston, and New England Women's Press Association. Barrows died at the age of 86 in Fryeburg, Maine.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection includes several folders of Barrows' notes and drafts of lectures on the subject of demonstration lectures. Also included are some of Barrows' published articles and other ephemeral material on the topic of home economics education. There is correspondence between family members, a number of Barrows' vital records (birth certificate, will, etc.), and material relating to Barrows' interest in gardening, antiques, and rare books. The collection includes over 30 original photographs of Barrows from young adulthood until her later years, including several of her posing at the microphone for her WEAFF lectures. Reference can be found to her mother, Georgiana Souther Barrows, about whom the MWWC also holds material.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Related Materials

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Georgiana Souther, juvenile diary, 1844-, American Antiquarian Soc., Worcester, MA

Georgiana Souther Barrows papers, 1856-1890, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, ME

Barrows family papers, Special Collections, Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine

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Controlled Access Headings

- Home economics -- Study and teaching
- Gardening
- Antiques
- Rare books
- Fryeburg (Me.)
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Ephemera
- Birth certificates
- Wills
- Correspondence
- Pamphlets
- Clippings
- Barrows, Anna

- Barrows, Anna
- Barrows, George B. (George Bradley), 1822-1904
- American Home Economics Association

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Personal and academic notes, undated | Box 1 | Folder 001 |
| Poetry and quotes from books, undated | Box 1 | Folder 002 |
| Address book with notes to self, undated | Box 1 | Folder 003 |
| Notes and correspondence re: lectures, 1839, 1886-1927, undated | Box 1 | Folder 004 |
| Information about lectures and programs, undated | Box 1 | Folder 005 |
| Published articles, 1914, undated | Box 1 | Folder 006 |
| [Home economics and teaching], 1890?, 1916-1925, undated | Box 1 | Folder 007 |
| Home economics pamphlets, 1901 | Box 1 | Folder 008 |
| Clippings about lectures, 1917, 1931 | Box 1 | Folder 009 |
| Columbia University Registrar envelopes, undated | Box 1 | Folder 010 |
| Personal and family correspondence, 1861-1935 | Box 1 | Folder 011 |
| Letters to father, circa 1886 | Box 1 | Folder 012 |
| Letter to Pres. Butterfield, 1910 | Box 1 | Folder 012a |
| 2 letters to Mary Barrows from Lew, 1880, 1886 | Box 1 | Folder 013 |
| Vital records and insurance information, 1861, 1909-1944, undated | Box 1 | Folder 014 |
| Gardening articles, circa 1919, undated | Box 1 | Folder 015 |
| Gardening notes, 1912, undated | Box 1 | Folder 016 |
| Seed packets, 1921-1922, undated | Box 1 | Folder 017 |
| Seed packets?, undated | Box 1 | Folder 018 |
| Folded paper objects, undated | Box 1 | Folder 019 |
| Daughters of the American Revolution - documents, 1919 | Box OVS 2 | Folder 020 |
| Women's Literary Union Field Day program, remembrance card, 1895, undated | Box 1 | Folder 021 |
| Family book dealings, 1904, 1940-1947, undated | Box 1 | Folder 022 |
| Family book dealings, 1904-1937, undated | Box 1 | Folder 023 |
| Rare book catalogs, 1933, undated | Box 1 | Folder 024 |

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| Book lists, undated | Box 1 | Folder 025 |
| Antique dealings, 1935, undated | Box 1 | Folder 026 |
| Anna Barrows in memoriam, 1948 | Box 1 | Folder 027 |
| George Barrows clippings - death notice, 1904 | Box 1 | Folder 028 |
| Isaac Barrow D.D. (ancestor), undated | Box 1 | Folder 029 |
| "Taps for Leonard Wood" article, 1927 | Box 1 | Folder 030 |
| [Early photographs of ancestors?], undated | Box 1 | Folder 031 |
| Photographs - as a young woman, undated | Box 1 | Folder 032 |
| Portrait - A.B. as a young woman, undated | Box 1 | Folder 033 |
| Portraits - A.B. as a young woman, undated | Box 1 | Folder 034 |
| Portraits of A.B. at desk, undated | Box 1 | Folder 035 |
| Portraits - middle years, undated | Box 1 | Folder 036 |
| Portrait - middle years, undated | Box 1 | Folder 037 |
| Portrait - seated with book, undated | Box 1 | Folder 038 |
| Portraits - later years, undated | Box 1 | Folder 039 |
| Portraits for WEAFF lectures, 1927 | Box 1 | Folder 040 |
| Photographs of Barrows, later years, [1930s?] | Box 1 | Folder 041 |
| Snapshots, later years, undated | Box 1 | Folder 042 |
| Large portrait - Bachrach unfinished proof, undated | Box OVS 2 | Folder 043 |
| Clippings re: antiques and books, 192?-1940, undated | Box 1 | Folder 044 |
| Clippings re: antiques and books, 1925-1935, undated | Box 1 | Folder 045 |
| Programme of Lectures, undated | Box 1 | Folder 046 |
| Letter from F. Lewis to Jane Coolidge, [1904] | Box 1 | Folder 047 |
| Article "Fryeburg's aged men celebrate birthdays," Portland Daily Press, 1904 August 10 | Box 1 | Folder 048 |