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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Peabody, Frances W.
Title:	Frances Peabody papers
ID:	0276
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Language of the Material:	English .

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Frances Peabody papers, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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Biographical/Historical Note

Frances (Frannie) Peabody was born on April 18, 1903. In 1925 she graduated from Smith College. She married Millard S. Peabody and had four children: Charlotte, Barbara, Louise, and Sandy (Millard S. Jr.). Peabody founded Greater Portland Landmarks, and was also a member of The National Society of Colonial Dames, both of which involved her in championing historical places in Maine. With The National Society of Colonial Dames, she was an active supporter of their museum house, the Tate House. She co-authored *Tate House: Crown of the Maine Mast Trade* with William David Barry, and wrote other pieces on the history of the Tate House, as well as of Sweetser Children's Services, and the Stroudwater area of Portland.

Peabody was best known for her HIV/AIDS work, which she became passionate about following the death of her grandson, Peter Vom Lehn, in 1984. She joined an AIDS support group, and through the connections she made in the group, Peabody helped to establish the first AIDS hotline in Maine in 1985. In 1986 she established The AIDS Project (TAP), which

became Maine's largest AIDS service organization. On Valentine's Day, 1995, she opened the Peabody House, which is the first and only assisted living facility in Maine for people with advanced stages of HIV. Tireless in her efforts to educate people about the disease, Peabody visited schools, churches, and civic groups. For over 10 years she led a weekly support group at TAP and never missed a meeting. Peabody was also a supporter of gay rights, and testified before the Maine Legislature on the gay rights bill. Her work was featured in several national publications, including *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *McCall's*, and *People*. She was the recipient of many awards including the Human Rights Campaign Fund of Boston Special Award (1988), the Smith College Medal in 1992, and the 2000 National Leadership Award from the AIDS Action Committee. Peabody died on June 26, 2001 at age 98.

In 2002, TAP and the Peabody House merged into one organization to better serve the HIV/AIDS community. It was named the Frannie Peabody Center to honor Peabody's dedication to the cause.

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Collection Scope and Content

Series 1 consists of the files set up by Peabody as she worked her way through the process of writing and publishing *Tate House: Crown of the Maine Mast Trade*. The files document the steps necessary to see a project through, ie., multiple drafts, publicizing, printers, funding, and reviews by peers. Peabody's original file titles and order were retained as much as possible.

Series 2 contains multiple black and white images in publication layout telling the story of the merger between Sweetser Services and the Children's Home of Portland.

Series 3, Research Files of Historic Maine (including Portland) and People, contains newspaper clippings, photocopies, research papers, and uncredited notes that FWP collected for reference purposes on a variety of subjects.

Series 4, Organizations, consists of papers that relate to Peabody's work with many Maine organizations and some she did not work with; copies of lecture notes that accompanied her slide lectures [note: original slides and notes have been given to Greater Portland Landmarks]; her records of her involvement with her alma mater, Smith College, including reunion organization; materials from a scrapbook album (mostly photographs) that she gathered as a gift to the MWWC in honor of author Elizabeth Gilmore Holt (later added to by MWWC co-founder Dorothy Healy); and lastly, a biography of FWP by Kathy Mills and five computer disks of unknown content.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into five series: 1. Tate House Publication; 2. Sweetser Children's Services and Children's Home of Portland Publication; 3. Research Files of Historic Maine (including Portland) and People; 4. Organizations; 5. Appointment Books/Calendars from 1969 to 2001.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Related Materials

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Barry-Peabody Papers, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Collection, Jean Byers Sampson Center for Diversity in Maine, University of Southern Maine Libraries

Colonial Dames Papers, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine

Frances Peabody Collection, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine

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Controlled Access Headings

- AIDS activists -- Maine -- Portland
- Women civic leaders -- Maine -- Portland
- Women philanthropists -- Maine -- Portland
- Architecture -- Maine
- Historic buildings -- Maine
- Historic preservation
- Stroudwater (Portland, Me.)
- Portland (Me.)
- Manuscripts
- Promotional materials
- Clippings
- Ephemera
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Calendars
- Negatives
- Peabody, Frances W.
- Shettleworth, Earle G., Jr., 1948-
- Barry, William David
- Tate House (Portland, Me.)
- Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc.
- Children's Home of Portland (Portland, Me.)
- Sweetser (Organization)
- Frannie Peabody Center

Collection Inventory

Tate House: Crown of the Maine Mast Trade		
Title/Description	Instances	
Tate House Book Manuscript	Box 1	Folder 001
Copy of book in published form	Box 1	Folder 002
Tate House Outline	Box 1	Folder 003
Misc. Notes for Tate House Book	Box 1	Folder 004
Tate House Book Promos	Box 1	Folder 006
Book Reviews and Duplicates	Box 1	Folder 007
Book Reviews	Box 1	Folder 008
Criticisms of Book	Box 1	Folder 009
Letter Re: Tate House Book, 1982 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 010
Letter List for Tate House Book Fundraising	Box 1	Folder 013
Book Committee Project, 1982 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 014
Tate House Autograph Party Materials, 1982 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 015
Letter Sent to Membership w/ Brochure, 1982 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 016
Tate House Brochure Materials	Box 1	Folder 017
"Committees"	Box 1	Folder 018
Photo Album Tate House Event, 1982 September 19 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 019
Tate House Book Galleys	Box 1	Folder 020
Tate House Book Waldo Map	Box 1	Folder 021
Tate House Book Images	Box 1	Folder 022
Tate House Book Illus. Lists, Images	Box 1	Folder 023
Tate House Book Publishing Process	Box 1	Folder 024
Tate House Book Report of Book Committee	Box 1	Folder 025
Tate House Book, Bill Barry, 1981	Box 1	Folder 026

Language of the Material: English.

Tate House Book, C. Payson Gift	Box 1	Folder 027
Tate House Book Request to Colonial Dames	Box 1	Folder 028
Tate House Book Anthoensen Press	Box 1	Folder 029
Tate House Book Expenses	Box 1	Folder 030
Tate House Book Craftsmen Bookbinders Service	Box 1	Folder 031
Tate House Book Index, Ack., Intro, Empty	Box 1	Folder 032
Tate House Book Worksheet	Box 1	Folder 033
Tate House Book Index, etc.	Box 1	Folder 034
Tate House Book Intro by Earle Shettleworth	Box 1	Folder 035
Tate House Book Ack.	Box 1	Folder 036
Tate House Book Dexter Brewer	Box 1	Folder 037
Inserts, Scrapbook "Reviews of Tate House" (book)	Box 1	Folder 038
Scrapbook "Reviews of Tate House"	Box 1	Folder 039
Scrapbook - Reviews of Tate House Contents	Box 1	Folder 040

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Sweetser Children's Services and Children's Home of Portland Publication

Title/Description	Instances	
Book material--Print from "Portland Charities" by J. B. Hudson	Box 1	Folder 001
Book material--multiple prints, black and white and color	Box 1	Folder 002
Book material--multiple prints, black and white and color, labeled "Photo section II I	Box 1	Folder 003
Book material--copy of "Agreement and Plan of Merger Between Children's Home of Portland and Sweetser Children's Services" ..., 1992 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 004

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Research files of Historic Maine (including Portland) and People

Title/Description	Instances	
Historic places in Portland	Box 1	Folder 001
Historic Portland--The Brush'uns		

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Historic Portland--McLellan-Sweat House (lecture notes by Peabody?)	Box 1	Folder 003
Historic Portland--"The Burning of Portland" by Eliz. Ring	Box 1	Folder 004
Historic Portland--Capt. Elphin Stone	Box 1	Folder 005
Historic Portland--Harrison Brown House (Danforth St.)	Box 1	Folder 006
Historic Portland--"This Was Stroudwater" by Myrtle E. Lovejoy	Box 1	Folder 007
Historic Portland--General John Marshall Brown	Box 1	Folder 008
Historic Portland--Miss Martin's School For Girls	Box 1	Folder 009
Historic Portland--"Penelope Martin" by Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter	Box 1	Folder 010
Historic Portland--Victoria Mansion	Box 1	Folder 011
Historic Portland--Post Office	Box 1	Folder 012
Historic Portland--Walter Goodwin Davis, 1937 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 013
Historic Portland--Spurwink Church	Box 1	Folder 014
Historic Portland--State Street Church, Connick Memorial Windows	Box 1	Folder 014a
Historic Portland--Stroudwater	Box 1	Folder 015
Historic Portland--Stroudwater Village	Box 1	Folder 016
Historic Portland--Stroudwater, widening of Congress St.	Box 1	Folder 017
Historic Portland--Stroudwater/Westbrook Arterial	Box 1	Folder 018
Historic Portland--Brochures	Box 1	Folder 018a
Historic Maine--Blazo/Leavitt House, Parsonsfield	Box 1	Folder 019
Historic Maine--Phippsburg	Box 1	Folder 020
Historic Maine--Skowhegan	Box 1	Folder 021
Historic Maine--Mast Landing, Freeport	Box 1	Folder 022
Historic Maine--Capt. Harding House, Yarmouth	Box 1	Folder 023
Historic Maine--Pejepscot Museum House	Box 1	Folder 024
Historic Maine--Hamilton House, Berwick	Box 1	Folder 025
Historic Maine--Norlands	Box 1	Folder 027
Historic Maine--Capt. Thomas Westbrook, Rededication of Grave	Box 1	Folder 028

Historic Maine--Copy of NY Tribune newspaper related to King's Pines in Brunswick, 1932 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 029
Historic Maine--Clippings of house in Maine	Box 1	Folder 030
Historic Maine--Clipping file	Box 1	Folder 030a
Notable Individuals--Clippings re: Edgar Beem, Peggy Church, Francis O'Brien, Payson "Irises"	Box 1	Folder 031
Notable Individuals--William Barry	Box 1	Folder 032
Notable Individuals--Myrtle Lovejoy	Box 1	Folder 033

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Organizations

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Organizations--Newcomen Society Paper, 1982 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 001
Organizations--Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums	Box 2	Folder 002
Organizations--Westbrook College/Portland Kaleidoscope	Box 2	Folder 003
Organizations--Maine Historic Preservation Commission	Box 2	Folder 004
Organizations--Greater Portland Landmarks	Box 2	Folder 005
Organizations--Maine Historical Society	Box 2	Folder 006
Organizations--Maine Historical Society, photos and negatives	Box 2	Folder 007
Organizations--Maine Historical Society Planned Giving Committee	Box 2	Folder 008
Organizations--SPNEA Council, 1988-1991 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 009
Organizations--Portland Public Library, 1992 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 010
Organizations--Victoria Mansion (Portland, Me.) Restoration Committee	Box 2	Folder 011
Organizations--Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1990s <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 012
Organizations--Victoria Society of Maine	Box 2	Folder 013
Organizations--Maine Council for Historic Preservation	Box 2	Folder 014

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Organizations--Conference for Historic Preservation Land Conservation Easement, 1982 June 6 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 014a
Lecture Notes--Samuel F. Manning, Camden	Box 2	Folder 015
Lecture Notes--Philanthropy (Durham, NH), 1990 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 016
Lecture Notes--Col. Westbrook letters to his son-in-law	Box 2	Folder 017
Lecture Notes--Undated notebook pages	Box 2	Folder 018
Lecture Notes--Undated, unknown subject	Box 2	Folder 019
Lecture Notes--Slide presentation: Woodman Family	Box 2	Folder 020
Lecture Notes--Slide presentation: Wall Street Decorative Wall Painting	Box 2	Folder 021
Lecture Notes--Slide presentation: Victorian Architecture Portland	Box 2	Folder 022
Lecture Notes--Miscellaneous	Box 2	Folder 023
Smith College Papers--55th Reunion	Box 2	Folder 025
Smith College Papers--FWP correspondence with her parents, 1923, 1924, 1950 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 026
Smith College Papers--Reunions, commencements	Box 2	Folder 027
Smith College Papers--Letter from Mary Ellen Chase, 1956 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 028
Smith College Papers--Undated speech, 1956 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 029
Smith College Papers--Smith College Club of Western Maine clippings	Box 2	Folder 030
Smith College Papers--Class of 1925	Box 2	Folder 031
Smith College Papers--History of Smith College [by FWP?]	Box 2	Folder 032
Smith College Papers--Smith College Book Award, 1983, 1984 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 033
Smith College Papers--Frannie Copeland Memorial, 1980 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 034
Smith College Papers--Photographs, later years of individuals from early classes, 1923-1925, undated	Box 2	Folder 035

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Smith College Papers--50th Reunion with accompanying letter	Box 2	Folder 036
Smith College Papers--50th Reunion with 1925 class memorabilia, 1925, 1975 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 037
FWP Biography by Kathy Mills	Box 2	Folder 038
FWP Computer disks (5)	Box 2	Folder 039
General U.S. history ephemera	Box 2	Folder 040
Greater Portland Landmarks Frances Peabody Collection Inventory, 2008 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 041
Interview w/ Marion M. White, 1990 September 5 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 042
Article "On Route 66 with Fran Peabody, 94" Portland Monthly Magazine, 1997 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 043
Finding Aid for Frances Peabody Collection located at USM, provenance and location of collection, 2003 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 044
Scrapbook for MWWC in honor of Elizabeth Gilmore Holt -- bookplate, undated	Box 2	Folder 045
Scrapbook for MWWC in honor of Elizabeth Gilmore Holt -- photos of MWWC, undated	Box 2	Folder 046
Scrapbook for MWWC in honor of Elizabeth Gilmore Holt -- photos of MWWC, undated, 1990 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 047
Scrapbook for MWWC in honor of E. G. Holt -- photos correspondence, Grace Dow party, 1987 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 048
Scrapbook for MWWC in honor of E. G. Holt -- invitation to Maine Women's Hall of Fame ceremony, 1993 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 049
Scrapbook for MWWC in honor of E. G. Holt -- list of donors/invitees?, undated	Box 2	Folder 050
Frances Peabody resume & oral history data sheet, 1990	Box 2	Folder 051

Language of the Material: English.

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Appointment Books/Calendars, 1969-2001

Language of the Material: English.

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Appt. Book/Calendar, 1971 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 003
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1972 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 004
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1973 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 005
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1974 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 006
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1975 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 007
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1976 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 008
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1977 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 009
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1978 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 010
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1979 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 011
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1980 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 012
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1981 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 2	Folder 013
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1982	Box 2	Folder 014

<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1983 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 015
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1984 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 016
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1985 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 017
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1986 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 018
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1987 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 019
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1988 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 020
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1989 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 021
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1990 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 022
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Appt. Book/Calendar, 1992 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 024
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1993 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 025
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1994 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 026
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1995 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 027
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1996 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 028
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1997 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 029
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1998 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 030
Appt. Book/Calendar, 1999	Box 3	Folder 031

Language of the Material: English.

Appt. Book/Calendar, 2000

Box 3

Folder 032

Language of the Material: English.

Appt. Book/Calendar--photo insert, 2000

Box 3

Folder 033

Language of the Material: English.

Appt. Book/Calendar, 2001

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Language of the Material: English.

Appt. Book/Calendar insert, undated

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