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Summary Information

Repository:	Westbrook College History Collection
Title:	Harrison S. Whitman Collection
ID:	207
Date [inclusive]:	1865-1932
Physical Description:	1 linear foot
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical / Historical

Reverend Harrison S. Whitman was born in 1844. After a career as a Unitarian minister, Rev. Whitman became the 19th President of Westbrook Seminary (later Westbrook College). He presided over the Westbrook Seminary from 1892 to 1899. Rev. Whitman lived in Mechanic Falls prior to becoming President of Westbrook Seminary and provided ministry services while living there. During his Presidency, and later as Treasurer in the 1920's, Rev. Whitman organized and assisted with a great deal of fundraising for the college. Following his time as President, Rev. Whitman purchased a plot of land in Limona, Florida, upon which he operated an orange grove. Harrison S. Whitman died in 1932 at age 88.

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Scope and Contents

The contents of this collection reflect Reverend Harrison S. Whitman's dedication to his faith, as well as to his friends and family, the Seminary, and his private ventures. The Letters, Writings, Photographs, and Memorabilia series includes a wide range of materials, including typed and handwritten correspondence, tax documentation from the state, handwritten notes in ledgers, and photographs. This series focuses on Rev. Whitman's private and professional life, including his time presiding over Westbrook Seminary and his relationships, both between friends and family. The Westbrook College series includes administrative and historical documents, financial records, fundraising documents, and writings by Rev. Whitman. The Orange Grove series includes documents pertaining to Rev. Whitman's ownership of an orange grove in

Limona, Florida including correspondence between Rev. Whitman and W. J. Lewis, who operated the orange grove for Rev. Whitman; and letters from others regarding the orange grove.

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Collection Inventory

Letters, Writings, Photographs, & Memorabilia, 1865-1932

Arrangement

This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains a variety of materials authored by Harrison S. Whitman, his family, and his friends, offering a glimpse into his life and work. These materials include a large number of letters, mostly from others to Rev. Whitman, but also letters to his wife, Susan Whitman. Many of these letters are from friends and family such as John L. Stevens, a long-time friend, and his nephew, Walter Whitman, who went on to operate the orange grove. Some letters to and from Walter Whitman contain information about the orange grove. There are also several photographs, most of which are of locations relevant to Rev. Whitman, including his home on Stevens Avenue in Portland, Maine, and of the orange grove in Limona, Florida. Some other materials include tax information, ledgers with personal writings, insurance documentation, and a sermon written by Rev. Whitman. The majority of the materials, both legal and personal correspondence, have clear dates.

Writings, Diaries , 1865; 1910; 1911	Box 1	Folder 1
Writings, Sermon, Undated; 1927; 1932	Box 1	Folder 2

Writings, Miscellaneous, Undated; 1890	Box 1	Folder 3
Memorabilia, miscellaneous, Undated	Box 1	Folder 4
Letters to H.S. Whitman, Undated	Box 1	Folder 5
Letters to H.S. Whitman, 1875-12-05-1886-04-08	Box 1	Folder 6
Letters to H.S. Whitman, 1886-04-17-1891-04-29	Box 1	Folder 7
Letters to H.S. Whitman, 1891-06-28-1894-10-21	Box 1	Folder 8
Letters to H.S. Whitman, 1895-06-10-1916-03-10	Box 1	Folder 9
Letters to H.S. Whitman, 1919-12-22-1929-09-23	Box 1	Folder 10
Letters to H.S. Whitman, 1929-12-01-1932-07-29	Box 1	Folder 11
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Letters from H.S. Whitman to Walter Whitman, Undated	Box 1	Folder 13
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Letters from H.S. Whitman to Walter Whitman, 1911-10-31-1918-12-16	Box 1	Folder 15
Letters from H.S. Whitman to Walter Whitman, 1919-01-23-1920-01-15	Box 1	Folder 16
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Westbrook College, 1878-1932

Arrangement

This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains fundraising documents, financial records, letters concerning other Presidents, and writings about Westbrook Seminary (later Westbrook College) by Reverend Harrison S. Whitman during his time at Westbrook Seminary. Reverend Whitman was Westbrook Seminary's 19th President from 1892 to 1899 and also served as Treasurer to Westbrook College during the 1920's. Reverend Whitman assisted with a great deal of fundraising as both President and Treasurer.

Manuscript Seminary History, Undated	Box 1	Folder 26
Westbrook Seminary Administrative Papers & Notes, 1878-1926	Box 1	Folder 27

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Class roster, 1878; undated Junior exhibition pamphlets, 1880, 1883 Letter about alumni, 1926 Baccalaureate Sunday Schedule pamphlet, 1922

Other Westbrook Seminary Presidents, 1879-1925	Box 1	Folder 28
Westbrook Seminary Fundraising, 1879-1925	Box 1	Folder 29
Westbrook Seminary Miscellaneous Administrative Papers, 1904-1932	Box 1	Folder 30

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Physical description of Westbrook College - 1881 Contract - 1883 Janitorial contract Various bills Janitorial expectations Records of payment Note card of expenditures

Westbrook College Treasurer Documents, 1904-1932	Box 1	Folder 31
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Orange Grove, 1891-1930**Arrangement**

This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series includes letters and documents that focus exclusively on Reverend Harrison S. Whitman's orange grove in Limona, Florida. Most of the letters are one-way correspondence from W. J. Lewis, who assisted Rev. Whitman in managing and operating the orange grove. Rev. Whitman did not live at the grove year-round, but did spend some time there throughout the year, mostly during the colder months. During Rev. Whitman's absences, W. J. Lewis took over management and sent letters to Rev. Whitman which included summaries of activities as well as important documents, such as stubs and financial reports showing how much produce had been sold. Rev. Whitman's nephew,

Walter Whitman, took over orange grove operations at some point in the 1910's, as evidenced by correspondence which can be found in the Letters, Writings, Photographs, and Memorabilia series.

Orange Grove Documents, 1912-1926	Box 1	Folder 32
Deeds to Florida Property, 1891-1930	Box 1	Folder 33
Orange Grove Documents - Account Sales - Florida Citrus Exchange, 1911-12-23-1913-04-02	Box 1	Folder 34
Letters and Account Sales Documents , 1912-02-26-1912-09-10	Box 1	Folder 35
Letters and Receipts from W. J. Lewis, 1912-10-14-1913-03-03	Box 1	Folder 36
Letters, Receipts, Account Sales, 1913-03-11-1913-06-30	Box 1	Folder 37
Letters from W.J. Lewis, 1913-07-29-1915-09-15	Box 1	Folder 38
Letters and Receipts from W.J. Lewis, 1915-10-01-1919-01-30	Box 1	Folder 39
Letters and Account Records , 1918-08-11-1925-11-02	Box 1	Folder 40
Letters from E.P. Blanton, 1927-11-09-1928-02-13	Box 1	Folder 41
Letters from J.W. Graves, 1917-1918	Box 1	Folder 42

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