



Shaker Collection – container list

The Enfield Shaker Collection contains letters, articles, artifacts, and other material about the Shaker families living in the northeastern part of the town from 1792-1916. There is also some material on the state prison complex, which now stands on the former Shaker property.

Box 1

- Letter from Darryl Thompson concerning Elder Omar Pease of Enfield. 2015. Includes envelope.
- Copy of article: "Amateur Hour: Nathaniel H. Eggleston and Professional Forestry in post-Civil War America." (Concerns Shaker Pines?)
- Other materials concerning Eggleston
- Article from the Journal of Antiques & Collectables concerning Enfield Shaker village
- Article, Hartford Courant, "Prison Farm Buildings Destroyed by Fire" April 13, 1961
- Buildings at Norris G. Osborne Prison Farm at Enfield (former Shaker village), 1932. Historic inventory with photos and descriptions.
- Photos: "Shaker buildings and objects at prison," includes negatives. Undated, c.2000? [2020.18.3]
- "Copy of L.S.B.'s record of when the different houses were built in the society of Enfield, Conn." [1989.1.4]
- Printout: "Annual Shaker auction" 2014
- List of people buried in the Shaker cemetery [1989.1.3]
- "The Shaker Gallery" museum catalog from New Britain Museum of Art
- Rolled. "The American Shakers" reproduced from a copy in the Shaker Museum, Old Chatham, NY.
- Copy of archaeological survey for Lego distribution center, 1992
- Binder, "Copied from the Henry Rose collection of misc. Shaker information." Various Shaker materials.

Box 2

- Mrs. Conner's two linen bedsheets, handwoven, 1854-56. L.A.(?) Grant.

Box 3

- Pins for pin cushion, from Hancock, Mass. [82.25.19]
- Metal spike 6" possibly made by Shakers. "Mrs. Vera McCracken said her father told her that this spike was made by the Enfield Shakers." [80.28.1]
- Oval box [2006.1]
- Metal trustee house gate handle, cast iron from Church Family [2003.11.3]

- Trustee house gate latch, cast iron from Church Family [2003.11.2]
- Trustee house gate hook latch, cast iron from Church Family [2003.11.2]
- Wood awl [1985.10.5]
- Shaker button [1982.36.2] was a gift from Sister Jamie Wells to Loretta Pease. A card with the button had a Hancock, Mass. trademark.
- Wood bung peg from Church Family [2003.11.4]
- 3 wooden pegs

Box 4

All: [1985.44.3]

- Nylon mesh stocking patterns, six pair
- "Shaker-style" bonnets, black

Box 5

- Map of Mother Ann's journey [1989.1.2]
- Osborn Prison Farm fire photos, 1971 [2022.33.2]
- Article from the Journal of Antiques & Collectables, "Rise and Fall of the Enfield, CT, Shaker Village" 2022
- Detailed map of Enfield Shaker property, July 17, 1914, 6 copies [1989.1.5]
- Photocopies from unknown book, some information from "Pease and Niles Gazetteer"
- Bibliography for Shaker Customs and Music, prepared by Barbara E. Magill, 4 copies.
- NY Times article, photocopy, "The View From: Enfield Cherishing the Heritage of the Shakers." Feb. 7, 1988.
- Journal-Inquirer article: "Shakers and Prisoners Live in the Past" Oct. 23, 1991. [1996.16.3]
- Article: "Shaker family buildings in Enfield" [1996.16.4]
- Article: photographs of Shaker cemetery [1996.16.4]
- Folder: "South Family Correspondence."
 - Includes article from Journal-Inquirer: "At First Revealed, Shaker Found Prosperity" May 1, 1981
- Photocopies from "American Socialist" June 8, 1876, concerning Enfield Shakers
- Robert Ventura correspondence, 18 pages, "scroll saw" February 28, 2005
- Letter to Ed Thompson
- "Shaker Settlement Souvenirs Given to Atheneum" article, April 4, 1913
- Rolled map, graves at Shaker cemetery

Box 6

- Color postcard, North Family, mislabeled as Enfield, Mass.
- Color postcard, South Family tobacco and dairy barn
- Article: "Millennial laws of 1821," color photocopy from Shaker Quarterly
- Article: "Rules and orders of 1860," color photocopy from Shaker Quarterly
- Book from Church Family library, "Life of Christopher Columbus" by Arthur Helps, 1868 (on loan from Charles Cybulski)

- Book: "Shakerism Unmasked" by William Hasket, 1821. Hardcover, self-published, wax stamp on binding
- Medicine and herb labels
- Census list, Church Family, 1792, 1850, 1880
- Photographs of buildings and people
- Two black & white postcards, Church Family
- 6" x 8" placard, Shaker community list
- Color postcards, most printed in Germany
- Group of black & white photos, 3" x 5", buildings and people
- Black and white postcards of Enfield Shakers labeled "very expensive post-cards."
- Photos, reprints, of Shaker buildings and people, 3" x 5".
- Photo and information, Sister Emma Strobridge
- Shaker cemetery photo, unclear whether Enfield CT or Enfield, New Hampshire
- Invoice and listing of furniture, William Henry Auctions, Inc.
- Photocopy of 1897 Connecticut Quarterly articles concerning Enfield Shakers
- North Family handwritten single page document
- Letter from Shaker Museum and Library response to request from Old Chatham to Somers, early Enfield manuscripts
- Shaker "notice to visitors."
- Photo, Elder George Wilcox
- CD, "Simple Gifts," Shaker chants and spirituals
- Purple folder, Shaker motto photocopy
- North Family photo showing meeting house, chicken coop
- North Family photo looking east
- Photo: Brother Daniel Arcott, North Family
- 1876 building and possible office building
- Photocopy of photo of Shakers
- Photos, misc. Shaker people, buildings, etc. [1989.1.10]
- North Family of Shakers v. Town of Ellington, tax dispute
- Calendar showing photos of Shakers, 1905
- Enfield Shakers headstones "old and new"
- "The City of Union: the Shakers of Enfield, Connecticut, 1792-1917" booklet by the Savings Bank of Manchester
- Photocopies of Gary Levielle articles
- Map of Mother Ann's journey
- Written anecdotes/excerpts? Photocopy
- Placards re: Enfield Shakers, museum
- Copy of photo of Shaker building
- Map: Shaker land
- Title page: "The Gardeners' Manual"
- Photo: "Not Enfield" [1989.1.7A]
- Photos, Shaker buildings, people, unlabeled
- Photocopy of photo of Shaker herb house

Box 7

- “The Shaker Order of Christmas”
- Envelope: “For Shaker cup and cards” Brainerd estate [1996.13.94]
- Folder: Correspondence concerning Shakers, mostly to or from members of the Brainerd family
- “Notes concerning Shakers”
- Folder: “Shaker Report & Materials” mostly concerning Shaker music
- Printout from eBay, Shaker sewing box
- Copies of articles concerning Shakers by Gary T. Leveille
- Folder: “Shakers-Enfield” notes and other materials from CT State Grange program about the Shakers, 1952
- Photocopy of Connecticut Quarterly article about the Shakers
- Photocopy: “Some sketches of the rise and progress of the United Society of Christian Believers (commonly called Shakers) in the town of Enfield, Conn., 1868,” letter
- Folder: “Shakers misc.” sheet music and misc. articles
- Newspaper clippings
- “Appendix D: Current rules governing how the Shakers live” book unknown, photocopy
- Photocopy: “The people called Shakers”
- Newspaper clippings and correspondence, Marian Neelans
- “The World of Shaker” newsletter, Spring 1977\
- Envelope: “Eldress Agnes Munsell, Shaker headstone” info about a headstone in EHS collection
- Program: “Enfield Historical Society Presents the Bi-Centennial Shaker Show,” at Hazardville Memorial School, 1974
- Copy of “L.S.B’s report” duplicate [1989.1.4]
- Folder: Written Histories
 - “Beauty in Simplicity” by Lucy Birdsell, March 15, 1948
 - “Remembering the Enfield Shakers” Leah Secundo, April 25, 1983
 - “Intimate Picture of Shaker Colony at Enfield Presented” paper by Dr. Loren H. Pease
 - Orlando Sentinel, “A Simple Life of Piety” September 21, 1997
- Folder: “Shakers—Enfield, CT” photocopies
 - Record of deaths of early elders
 - Heads of families
 - Copy of deeds, Shakers
 - Shaker inventions
 - Lists of families
 - News articles, photocopies
 - Article from “The Shaker Messenger” Summer 1989, “The Pease Family, Movers & Shakers of Enfield, Conn.”
 - Info from bible about Copley family
 - Photocopies of notes about Shakers
 - Photocopies, titles pages of various books

Box 8

- Color photo, woman with flowers
- Framed "Shakers Dancing" from J.W. Barbos "Shakers" 1836
- Framed, "Shaker houses, Enfield"

Box 9

- Negatives, Shaker saw mill, 1987
- News article clippings
- Blotter, "Shakers of Enfield, Conn." J. Francis Browne [2011.6.7]
- Photos: "2 stereo views Shaker women and South Family"
- Collection of articles and photos re: Shakers from 1930
- Letter to Mr. Johnson from Daniel Wilcox, 1841, referring to the Enfield Shaker community and schooling. [2013.2]
- Wills: Daniel Wood, Amaziah Clark, photocopies
- Appraisal: buildings, state of Connecticut, Enfield Prison Farm, July 1932
- Letter to Loretta Pease from Ricardo Belden, Hancock, MA, Shakers