



## 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

Folder: Histories, letters, and publications concerning Shakers

- 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, "Rise and Fall of the Enfield, CT, Shaker Village" 2022
- Article, Hartford Courant, "Prison Farm Buildings Destroyed by Fire" April 13, 1961
- Printout: "Annual Shaker auction" 2014
- "Copy of L.S.B.'s record of when the different houses were built in the society of Enfield, Conn." [1989.1.4]
- "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. **To oversize**
- 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.
- Photocopy of handwritten notes "collected from many people, most of whom personally knew the Shakers."
- Map of Mother Ann's journey
- Photocopies of Gary Levielle articles: "Enfield Shaker Postcards," "The Pease Family: Movers and Shakers of Enfield"
- "The City of Union: the Shakers of Enfield, Connecticut, 1792-1917" booklet by the Savings Bank of Manchester
- Invoice and listing of furniture, William Henry Auctions, Inc.
- Lucy Birdsell, "Beauty in Utility" article about Shaker architecture
- Article: "Millennial laws of 1821," color photocopy from Shaker Quarterly
- Article: "Rules and orders of 1860," color photocopy from Shaker Quarterly
- Letter from Shaker Museum and Library response to request from Old Chatham to Somers, early Enfield manuscripts
- "Omar Pease, Shaker"

- “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
- 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
- Photocopy of 1897 Connecticut Quarterly articles concerning Enfield Shakers
- North Family handwritten single page document
- “The Shaker Order of Christmas”
- “Appendix D: Current rules governing how the Shakers live” book unknown, photocopy
- Photocopy: “The people called Shakers”
- “The World of Shaker” newsletter, Spring 1977

Not in folder:

- Binder: Copy of archaeological survey for Lego distribution center, 1992
- Binder: “Copied from the Henry Rose collection of misc. Shaker information.” Various Shaker materials.
- Buildings at Norris G. Osborne Prison Farm at Enfield (former Shaker village), 1932. Historic inventory with photos and descriptions.

**Box 2:**

Folder: Post cards

- Color postcard, North Family, mislabeled as Enfield, Mass.
- Color postcard, South Family tobacco and dairy barn
- Color postcards, most printed in Germany
- Black and white postcards of Enfield Shakers labeled “very expensive post-cards.”
- Two black & white postcards, Church Family

Folder: Photos

- Photo and information, Sister Emma Strobridge
- Photos: “Shaker buildings and objects at prison,” includes negatives. Undated, c.2000? [2020.18.3]
- Group of black & white photos, 3” x 5”, buildings and people
- Photos, reprints, of Shaker buildings and people, 3” x 5”.
- Shaker cemetery photo, unclear whether Enfield CT or Enfield, New Hampshire
- Photographs of buildings and people
- Photo, Elder George Wilcox
- 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]
- Copy of photo of Shaker building

- Photo: "Not Enfield" [1989.1.7A]
- Photos, Shaker buildings, people, unlabeled
- Photocopy of photo of Shaker herb house
- Photos: "2 stereo views Shaker women and South Family"
- Negatives, Shaker saw mill, 1987

## Folder: Osborn Prison Farm

- Osborn Prison Farm fire photos, 1971 [2022.33.2]
- Letter to Ed Thompson concerning Corrections employees taking Shaker items
- Newspaper article on Osborn Prison Farm fire

## Folder: "South Family Correspondence."

- Includes article from Journal-Inquirer: "At First Revealed, Shaker Found Prosperity" May 1, 1981

## Folder: misc.

- Robert Ventura correspondence, 18 pages, "scroll saw" February 28, 2005
- Census list, Church Family, 1792, 1850, 1880
- Shaker motto photocopy
- CD, "Simple Gifts," Shaker chants and spirituals
- North Family of Shakers v. Town of Ellington, tax dispute
- Ledger, appears to have been kept by Shakers, 1873-1883?
- Program: "Enfield Historical Society Presents the Bi-Centennial Shaker Show," at Hazardville Memorial School, 1974
- Wills: Daniel Wood, Amaziah Clark, photocopies
- Blotter, "Shakers of Enfield, Conn." J. Francis Browne [2011.6.7]

## Folder: Newspaper articles

- 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]
- Photocopies from "American Socialist" June 8, 1876, concerning Enfield Shakers
- "Shaker Settlement Souvenirs Given to Atheneum" article, April 4, 1913
- Typewritten copy of article from Springfield Daily News, Oct. 25, 1955: "Shaker Survivors carry on as Hancock 'Church Family'"

## Folder: Shaker cemetery

- List of people buried in the Shaker cemetery [1989.1.3]
- Enfield Shakers headstones "old and new," information from historical society?
- Envelope: "Eldress Agnes Munsell, Shaker headstone" info about a headstone in EHS collection

## Folder: Museum placards

- 6" x 8" placard, Shaker community list
- Placards re: Enfield Shakers, museum

Folder: "Shaker Report & Materials"

- Material gathered for presentations, compilers mostly unknown. Many of the materials concern Shaker music.

Folder: Shaker notes and research materials

- Handwritten notes and other research material, much of it gathered by Marian Neelans

### **Box 3**

Folder: Grange programs

- "Shakers-Enfield" notes and other materials from CT State Grange program about the Shakers, 1952

Folder: Auction items/furniture

- Printout from eBay, Shaker sewing box

Folder: Shaker notes and research materials

- Photocopies and notes

Folder: "Shaker report and materials"

- Record of deaths of early elders
- Heads of families
- Copy of deeds, Shakers
- Shaker inventions
- Lists of families
- News articles, photocopies
- Info from bible about Copley family
- Photocopies of notes about Shakers
- Photocopies, titles pages of various books

Folder: Correspondence to/from Shakers

- Correspondence concerning Shakers, mostly to or from members of the Brainerd family
- Letter to Mr. Johnson from Daniel Wilcox, 1841, referring to the Enfield Shaker community and schooling. [2013.2]
- Letter to Loretta Pease from Ricardo Belden, Hancock, MA, Shakers

Folder: Extra copies

Not in folder:

- 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

**Box 4 (museum material)**

All: [1985.44.3]

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

**Box 5 (museum material)**

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

**Box 6: Oversize**

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

**Box 7 (museum material)**

- 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 8: Shaker oversize 2**

- Map of Mother Ann's journey [1989.1.2]
- Rolled map, graves at Shaker cemetery