

INVENTORY OF THE  
SOUTH BRISTOL FARMERS' CLUB RECORDS  
IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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Content: Minutes of meetings, membership and financial records  
of an agricultural society active in Bristol County, Mass.,  
1869-1982.

Volume: 10 inches.

Provenance: Gift of Mrs. William Gallop acting for the South  
Bristol Farmers' Club on 18 November 1982.

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## INTRODUCTION

Materials in this collection were donated to the Old Dartmouth Historical Society by Mrs. William Gallop acting for the South Bristol Farmers' Club on 18 November 1982.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

The South Bristol Farmers' Club was organized in 1882 by Franklyn Howland (1843-1907) and was incorporated by the state of Massachusetts in 1894. Its purpose as stated in the constitution was to be "the promotion of agriculture and horticulture by frequent meetings for the discussion of these subjects." As the club grew so did its purpose "to associate farmers together for the purpose of improvement in farming knowledge by means of discussions, lectures, and fairs and for social purposes and for the establishment and maintenance of a place for reading room and social meetings." The members would meet twice a month for a day with lecture sessions in the morning and afternoon with luncheons being served in the months of January - March and October - December. In the summer, outings were held at a member's farm where one could inspect crops, observe methods of cultivation, etc. Women were allowed to join the club as equals and, in 1887, they held the first Woman's Day where the program was arranged and executed by women. The club was very successful but, by 1950, only met in the summer for social gatherings. Numerous discussions concerned whether to disband the club due to lack of interest in the area. Each time, the members felt that there was suitable support for the group and it wasn't disbanded until 1982, on its one hundredth anniversary.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Materials in this collection reflect the activities of the South Bristol Farmers' Club from 1887-1982. These records include minutes of meetings of the board, 1893-1917; and of the club, 1894-1982, including by-laws, constitution, and articles of incorporation. Membership records, 1893-1974, are annotated with the dates of deaths of members. Financial records contain pass books for saving accounts, 1902-1951, and bills and receipts, 1942-1970. Other records consist of correspondence, 1940-1967; and scrapbook, historical sketch and miscellany, 1887-1981.

In addition, this collection contains records for the Dartmouth Farmers' Club, which was organized in 1869, "to increase interest and knowledge of agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, and kindred subjects of this town and vicinity." These records consist of minutes of meetings of the club, 1869-1891, and include constitution, by-laws, and lists of members.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE (cont.)

- Sub-group 1. South Bristol Farmers' Club Records, 1887-1982.  
Minutes; membership and financial records;  
correspondence; and scrapbook, historical sketch,  
and miscellany. 8 inches.
- Sub-group 2. Dartmouth Farmers' Club Records, 1869-1891.  
Minutes of meetings. 2 inches.

DESCRIPTION

Sub-group 1. South Bristol Farmers' Club Records, 1887-1982

Series A. Minutes, 1893-1982

- Volume 1. Minutes of meetings of Board of Directors, 1893-1917. Includes list of members who died between 1960-1972
- Folder 1. Items removed from Volume 1: List of members; printed by-laws and constitution; announcement of summer programs; and a poem, 1913, 1960-1973, n.d.
- Volume 2. Minutes of meetings of club, 1894-1913. Includes by-laws and articles of incorporation of club
- Folder 2. Items removed from Volume 2: Newspaper clippings; printed essay; and letter from Massachusetts Senate, 1888, 1899, 1907
- Volume 3. Minutes of meetings of club, 1950-1982
- Folder 3. Items removed from Volume 3: Letter from state commissioner of corporations; list of members attending clambake; and a list of members, 1906, 1963, 1974

Series B. Membership Records, 1893-1974

- Volume 1. List of members, 1893-1962. Includes annotations of dates of deaths and by-laws with ammendments
- Folder 1. Items removed from Volume 1: Printed programs and notes on memberships, 1903-1904, 1918-1919
- " 2. Lists of members, 1900-1948
- Volume 2. Receipt book for payments of dues, 1944-1974

Series C. Financial Records, 1902-1970

- Volume 1-2. Passbooks, 1902-1951
- Folder 1-3. Bills and receipts, 1942-1970

Series D. Correspondence, 1940-1967

- Folder 1. 1940, 1941, 1948, 1963, 1967

Series E. Scrapbooks, Historical Sketches, and Miscellany, 1887-1981

- Folder 1. Souvenir of Fourth Annual Exhibition, 1887
- Volume 1. Scrapbook of newspaper clippings regarding events of club, 1888-1933
- " 2. SOUVENIR HISTORY, SOUTH BRISTOL FARMERS' CLUB, 1898
- Folder 2. Item removed from Volume 2: List of Fairhaven men, 1895
- " 3. List of those to attend clambake, ca. 1965
- " 4. Clipping on republishing history of Acushnet, 1981

Sub-group 2. Dartmouth Farmers' Club Records, 1869-1891

Series A. Minutes, 1869-1891

- Volume 1. Minutes of meetings of club, 1869-1879. Includes constitution and by-laws
- " 2. Minutes of meeting of club, 1879-1891
- Folder 1. Items removed from Volume 2: Lists of members and notes on meetings, 1891

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 Agricultural fairs SEE Agricultural exhibitions  
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 Agricultural prices--Mass.--Bristol County  
 Agricultural productivity--Mass.--Bristol County  
 Agricultural products SEE Farm produce  
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 Women--Mass.--Bristol County--Societies and clubs  
 Women--Mass.--Dartmouth--Societies and clubs

SEPARATIONS LIST

Removed to printed collection:

Souvenir History, South Bristol Farmers' Club, 1898.