

Alfred L. Lincoln Scrapbook of Yachting Memorabilia, 1897-1908

Repository: Hingham Public Library

Creator: Alfred L. Lincoln

Quantity: 1 scrapbook

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Related Materials: The Lincoln Papers and the Bicentennial Collection also contain materials relating to the Lincoln family.

Provenance

This scrapbook was created by Alfred L. Lincoln while living in Hingham. It was donated to the library in 1978 by John P. Richardson.

Biographical Note

Alfred Loring Lincoln was born in Hingham on February 13, 1869 to George Lincoln and Mercy Hall. He married Edith Clapp and they had one child together, a son named Edwin Clapp Lincoln. Alfred owned a men's shoe company named Edwin Clapp & Son. He was also very active in the yachting community and was a large part of the founding and early years of the Hingham Yacht Club, which was officially established in 1905; Lincoln served as the club's first Vice Commodore. He died in Hingham on January 2, 1952.

Scope and Content Note

This collection is comprised of a scrapbook of yachting memorabilia compiled by Alfred L. Lincoln, which documents yachting activities in Hingham and the surrounding area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as the official establishment of the Hingham Yacht Club in 1905. The materials in the scrapbook include letters, photographs, newspaper and magazine clippings, broadsheets, manuscripts, and other various documents relating to local races and yachts.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series I. Yachting Memorabilia, 1897-1908

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This series is comprised of a scrapbook of yachting memorabilia compiled by Alfred L. Lincoln, one of the founding members of the Hingham Yacht Club. Materials include newspaper and magazine clippings, a large number of which are from the publication *Power Boat News*; Lincoln's correspondence with various members of the local yachting community; broadsheets for races and regattas in the surrounding area, including Boston, the South Shore, and Cape Cod; hand-drawn sketches of yachts; manuscripts, including copies of the original constitution and by-laws of the Hingham Yacht Club with handwritten notations by Lincoln; and other documents

relating to the establishment of the Hingham Yacht Club and the building of its fleet. The scrapbook also contains various photographs, including some albumen and blue-tone prints. Photographs are of yachts, including Lincoln's yachts the *Attila*, the *Usona*, the *Woodpile*, the *Unome*, and the *Unome II*; the Chequesset Inn & Cottages on Cape Cod; and a series of photographs taken by the crew of the *Unome*.

Loose materials have been removed from the scrapbook and placed in a folder, with their original location in the scrapbook noted with tabs. The folder also includes a letter from John P. Richardson to the Hingham Yacht Club offering to sell them the scrapbook, with a note at the bottom regarding his eventual decision to gift the scrapbook to the library, as well as a detailed list compiled by Richardson of every item in the scrapbook.