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Collection Information

Abstract : Genealogical and biographical material relating to the Farrar family, correspondence of Farrar family, other historical materials relating to the Farrar family in Lincoln, including records relating to the murder of Constable James Farrar in 1894 by William Barrett.

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Farrar family.

Farrar, James H., Constable, d. 1894.

Farrar, John, Professor, 1779-1853.

Farrar, Eliza Rotch, 1792-1870.

Farrar, Samuel, Deacon, 1737-1829.

Barrett, William.

Murderers. lsh

Murders -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.

Lincoln (Mass.) -- Family and personal papers -- 19th century.

Correspondence. aat

Genealogies. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Farrar family, of Norman descent, came to America in 1642 and settled in Lancaster as one of the founding families of the town. By 1692 the Farrars had moved into Concord in what would become Lincoln, building the first Farrar house in that year. Farrars were active in the Revolutionary War, with Samuel Farrar the chairman of the First Committee of Correspondence, a member of the first provincial Congress, and a participant in the battle at Concord. Farrars served in the military, were educators, and clergy throughout their history. James H. Farrar, a constable in Lincoln, was murdered by a burglar in 1894. The Farrar family has also been active in Lincoln town government throughout its history.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises genealogies of the Farrar family from 1494 to 1994, several genealogical materials relating to the Farrar family from early 20th century, letters of 19th and 20th centuries, biographical information on family members, particularly Prof. John Farrar and wife Eliza Rotch Farrar, and Deacon James Farrar; accounts of the murder of James H. Farrar in 1894, and various miscellaneous records relating to family members.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Genealogical Information. (7 items)

Series 2: Correspondence. (37 items)

Series 3: James Farrar Murder. (14 items)

Series 4: Farrar Family Members. (34 items)

Series 5: Farrar Family Papers. Contents of 'purple writing box'. (22 items)

Series 6: Miscellaneous. (12 items)

Farrar Family Collection
2003.009
Series 1, Genealogical Information

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1-3	2003.009.1.1a-c	"Birthplace of the Farrar family in America - Lincoln Massachusetts" : unnumbered, with 3 x 4 in. snapshots of Farrar homestead and environs / nd [after 1930] 3 copies
1	4-5	2003.009.1.2a-b	"Birthplace of the Farrar family in America - Lincoln Massachusetts" : unnumbered, no illustrations / nd [after 1930] 2 copies
1	6	2003.009.1.3	"Birthplace of the Farrar family in America - Lincoln Massachusetts" : unnumbered (10 l.), with 3 x 4 in. illustrations of Farrar homestead and environs, photocopy / nd [after 1930]. [Accessioned as 2000.2.3]
1	7	2003.009.1.4	"Five hundred years of the Farrar family, 1494-1994 / compiled and edited by Peter Steele Briggs, Valrico, Fla, July 4, 1997. 26 p. [Accessioned as 2000.4]
1	8	2003.009.1.5a-d	Genealogical chart of Farrar family through 14 generations : four bundles of printouts / Peter Steele Briggs, Valrico, Fla., 1997. 4 bundles.
1	9	2003.009.1.6	Record from Memoirs of the Farrar family, with extracts from Shattuck's History of Concord, Mass. / by a member of the Historical Genealogical Society, 1930. 19 p., annotated.
1	10	2003.009.1.7	Lists of births, deaths, marriages, ca. 1700s-1890s : manuscript copy in notebook, source unknown.

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Series 2, Correspondence

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	2003.009.2.1	Letter to Deacon Samuel Farrar, Lincoln, Mass., from children Jonathan and Rebecca French, Hampton, N.H., August 9 [1817?] (Encapsulated)
1	11	2003.009.2.2	Letter to Deacon Samuel Farrar, Lincoln, Mass., from children Jonathan and Rebekah French, with note added from James French, January 12, 1824 (?) [Accessioned as 1982.56.2]
1	11	2003.009.2.3	Letter to [Jonat]han French, (?) Canada, fragment. (Encapsulated) [Accessioned as 1982.56.4]
1	11	2003.009.2.4	Letter to Deacon and Mrs. James Farrar, Lincoln, from Jabez Collins, November 16, 1827. [Accessioned as 1982.56.5]
1	11	2003.009.2.5	Bill to Deacon James Farrar for shoes, October 1819, from Elisha Tolman. [Accessioned as 1982.56.6]
1	12	2003.009.2.6	Bill to Deacon James Farrar for medical care, May to October, 1823, from George Russell. [Accessioned as 1982.56.6]
1	12	2003.009.2.7	Bill to Captain James Farrar for salt and nails, April 14, 1819, from Aaron Carter. [Accessioned as 1982.56.6]
1	12	2003.009.2.8	Tax bill to George Farrar, Lincoln, for 1840 taxes, receipted by E. Wheeler, Collector, November 6, 1840. [Accessioned as 1982.56.6]
1	12	2003.009.2.9	Letter to Deacon Samuel Farrar, Lincoln, from son Samuel Farrar, Andover, March 10, 1813. [Accessioned as 1982.56.7]

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| 1 | 12 | 2003.009.2.10 | Letter to Samuel T. French, North Hampton, N.H., from brother J. F. French, Schenectady, N.Y., November 5, 1828. (Poor condition) |
| 1 | 13 | 2003.009.2.11-.12 | Letter to Mrs. Amos R. Little from Edward R. Farrar, South Lincoln, Mass., August & December 1925. [Accessioned as 1982.51.1 & .2] (2 items) |
| 1 | 13 | 2003.009.2.13 | Letter to Mrs. Little from Mary Elizabeth Hyde, Amherst, Mass., March 21, 1924.
[Accessioned as 1982.51.3] |
| 1 | 13 | 2003.009.2.14-.15 | Letter to Mrs. Amos R. Little from Edward R. Farrar, South Lincoln, December 1927 & April 1828. [Accessioned as 1982.51.4 & .5] |
| 1 | 14 | 2003.009.2.16-.17 | Letter to Mrs. Amos R. Little from Edward R. Farrar, South Lincoln, July 20 & 23, 1931.
[Accessioned as 1982.51.6-.7] (2 items) |
| 1 | 14 | 2003.009.2.18 | Letter to Mrs. Amos R. Little, Marlborough, from Mrs. Charles S. Wheeler, Lincoln, July 28, 1931; with cover. [Accessioned as 1982.51.8] |
| 1 | 14 | 2003.009.2.19 | Letter to Mrs. Amos R. Little, Marlborough, from Elizabeth F. Howard, July 29, 1931; with cover. [Accessioned as 1982.51.9] |
| 1 | 14 | 2003.009.2.20 | Letter to Mrs. Little from Edith B. Farrar, South Lincoln, July 29, 1931.
[Accessioned as 1982.51.10] |
| 1 | 15 | 2003.009.2.21 | Postcard to Mrs. Amos R. Little, Marlborough, from Dora Farrar, Wolfeboro, N.H., postmarked July 31, 1931. [Accessioned as 1982.51.11] |
| 1 | 15 | 2003.009.2.22 | Letter to Mrs. Amos R. Little, Marlborough, from W. Sumner Appleton, SPNEA, July 31, 1931, with cover. |
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| 1 | 15 | 2003.009.2.23 | Note to Mrs. Amos R. Little from S. Farrar, ca. July |

1931. [Accessioned as 1982.51.13]
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| 1 | 15 | 2003.009.2.24 | Note relating to age of Edward Farrar from Samuel Farrar, South Lincoln. [Accessioned as 1982.15.13] |
| 1 | 15 | 2003.009.2.25 | Letter to Mrs. Little from Josephine Flint, August 1, 1931; with cover. [Accessioned as 1982.51.14] |
| 1 | 16 | 2003.009.2.26 | Letter to Mrs. Amos R. Little, Marlborough, from Mrs. H. W. Warren, Cohasset, August 6, 1931; with cover. [Accessioned as 1982.51.15] |
| 1 | 16 | 2003.009.2.27-.30 | Letter to Mrs. Amos R. Little from Edward R. Farrar, South Lincoln, August 1931, August 1932. [Accessioned as 1982.51.16-.19] (4 items) |
| 1 | 17 | 2003.009.2.31 | Letter to Miss Farrar from Harriette M. Forbes, Worcester, Mass., December 13, 1934. (2 p.) [Accessioned as 1982.57.21] |
| 1 | 17 | 2003.009.2.32 | Letter to Dr. Arthur Greenwood from Edward R. Farrar, South Lincoln, June 13, 1934. [Accessioned as 1982.51.20] |
| 1 | 17 | 2003.009.2.33 | Letter to Mrs. Farrar (Lincoln Public Library) from Sarah R. Bartlett, Librarian, Concord Free Library, May 7, 1946, relating to Lincoln materials found in Concord; with cover with two 1 ½ cent stamps Scott #805. |
| 1 | 17 | 2003.009.2.34 | Letter to Mrs. Farrar (Lincoln Public Library) from (indecipherable) relating to items enclosed with letter, October 17, 1949. |
| 1 | 17 | 2003.009.2.35 | Letter to Mrs. Farrar from Harry Russ, Cambridge, Mass., May 4, 1954. (2 p.) [Accessioned as 1982.57.6] |
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| 1 | 17 | 2003.009.2.36 | Postcard to Mrs. David Rogers, President, Lincoln |
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Historical Society, from Olive Floyd, South
Lincoln, May 1, 1962, relating to death of Dora
Farrar; with three cent postage stamp Scott #1035.
[Accessioned as 1982.57.2]

1 17 2003.009.2.37 Fragment, relating to wood lot west of Hunter land.

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Series 3, James Farrar Murder

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	18	2003.009.3.1	Copy of article page from <i>Birthplace of the Farrar family in America, Lincoln Massachusetts</i> , in May 1930 issue of periodical <i>The Farm Bureau in Massachusetts</i> . (2 copies)
1	18	2003.009.3.2 .2a	Copy of article <i>The Blueberry Hill murders</i> in August 6, 1953 issue of <i>The Concord Journal</i> . aqp (2 p.)
1	19	2003.009.3.3 .3a	Verse <i>Tall George and John to meet me ...</i> , source unknown, ca. 1835. [Accessioned as 1982.56.1] aqp
1	20	2003.009.3.4	<i>New England Police Stories</i> in April 29, 1936 <i>Boston Evening American</i> , relating to murder of James Farrar. (4 p.) [Accessioned as 2001.1.a] Printed as user copy from digitized image of original.
1	20	2003.009.3.5	William Barrett, murderer of James Farrar : digitized printout of cdv / 1894. [Accessioned as 2000.1.b]
1	20	2003.009.3.6	<i>Shocking crime: James Farrar of Lincoln killed ...</i> , in May 17, 1894 edition of <i>The Boston Journal</i> . (4 p.) [Accessioned as 2000.1.c] Printed as user copy from digitized image of original
1	20	2003.009.3.7	<i>The murder of James Farrar, a medico-Legal report</i> : 7 p., printout of digitized image / Julian A. Mead, Watertown, 1895. [Accessioned as 2000.1.d]
1	21	2003.009.3.8	<i>The double life of William Barrett</i> , in <i>The Boston Sunday Herald</i> , April 23, 1967 / by George E. Minot. (2 p.)

		.8a	aqp (2 p.) Series 3, continued
1	22	2003.009.3.9	<i>Shocking crime - James Farrar of Lincoln killed by a burglar ...</i> / S.l., s.n., May 17, 1894.
		.9a	aqp
1	23	2003.009.3.10	New England Police Stories <i>footprints in the dew</i> , in <i>Boston Evening American</i> , April 26, 1936. (2 copies)
		.10a	aqp
1	24	2003.009.3.11	William Barrett alias Bassett : cdv, collodion print / 1894; with envelope. Physical description of Barrett on reverse of print signed by Officer J. H. Whitney.
1	24	2003.009.3.12	<i>The murder of James Farrar, a medico-legal report</i> : 10 p., pamphlet / Julian A. Mead, M.D., 1895.
1	25	2003.009.3.13	Farrar murder articles in newspapers and other records : one 3 ½ in. diskette, file MRPAP1A.jpg / May 11, 2000; with printouts on 4 x 6 in. photographic paper (21 prints)
1	26	2003.009.3.14	Knowlton's closing argument for Commonwealth vs Barrett : manuscript transcription in notebook / ca. 1894.

Farrar Family Collection
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Series 4, Farrar Family Members

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	27	2003.009.4.1	"Professor Farrar", from <i>The Christian Examiner</i> , July 1853 : photocopy, 10 sheets. [Accessioned as 1982.54.1]
1	28	2003.009.4.2	"Professor Farrar", obituary in <i>The Christian Examiner</i> , vol. LV (Ser. 4, Vol. 20), July 1853 : photocopy, 8 sheets. [Accessioned as 1982.54.2]
1	29	2003.009.4.3	Excerpts from a speech given by Mr. Richardson on occasion of 150th anniversary of First Parish, September 1898, from <i>The First Church in Lincoln</i> . (2 copies) [Accessioned as 1982.54.8]
1	29	2003.009.4.4	Clipping of obituary of John Farrar, from DNB (American). photocopy
1	29	2003.009.4.5	Notes relating to Professor John Farrar.
1	29	2003.009.4.6-.7	Letter to Mrs. James DeNormandie, Lincoln, from Francis H. Gleason, December 2, 1970, relating to letter from Charles D. Childs, Stow, to Gleason in regard to oil painting of John Farrar. [Accessioned as 1982.54.4]
1	29	2003.009.4.8	John Farrar, by Thomas Boylston Adams, a speech given by Adams on occasion of dedication of Farrar room in Lincoln Public Library, nd. 11 p.
1	29	2003.009.4.9	Press release relating to dedication of Farrar Room. [Accessioned as 1982.54.3]
1	29	2003.009.4.10	Farrar, Prof. John : biographical sketch from Memorial History of Boston, vol. 4, p. 506. [Accessioned as 1982.54.6]

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1	30	2003.009.4.11	Bust of John Farrar : 8 x 10 in. photographic print / Fogg Art Museum, Harvard College. Restriction on reproduction of photograph.
1	30	2003.009.4.12a-b	Eliza Rotch Farrar, 1792-1870, wife of Prof. John Farrar : 8 x 10 in. copy print of painting / Ruth Williams, 1993. (2 copies)
1	30	2003.009.4.13	Notes on Eliza Rotch Farrar print and photograph / Emily Althausen, 1994.
1	31	2003.009.4.14 .14a	Notes compiled from newspaper clipping relating to Mrs. John Farrar. (3 p.) aqp (3 p.)
1	31	2003.009.4.15 .15a	"A genteel lady of the Rotch Clan", a paper given before the Old Dartmouth Historical Society : clipping / New Bedford <i>Morning Mercury</i> , February 8, 1940. (2 copies) aqp
1	32	2003.009.4.16	Copy of part of a letter from Rev. Jonathan French, North Hampton, N.H. (husband of Rebecca Farrar) to Dea. Samuel Farrar, July 25, 1805.[Accessioned as 1982.54.7]
1	32	2003.009.4.17	James H. Farrar (murdered 1894) : 4 ½ x 5 ½ in. copy print / nd.
1	32	2003.009.4.18	Negative of 2003.009.4.17.
1	32	2003.009.4.19	Edith Biggs Farrar : 5 x 7 in. photographic print / nd.
1	32	2003.009.4.20-.22 .20a	Obituary of Herbert G. (Giles) Farrar, Lincoln, Mass. : three clippings from unidentified sources / September 1949 (?) (3 items) aqp (three clippings)

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| 1 | 32 | 2003.009.4.23 | Letter to Mrs. Harold Hall (Nell), South Ashfield, from her mother Mrs. Arthur Greenwood, Marlborough, May 6, 1967, relating to Farrar family; with cover with five one-cent stamps Scott #1209. |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.24 | Woman and child, on reverse "Miss Mary Farrar (Lincoln, Mass) I think" : 6 x 8 in. photographic print / nd. |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.25 | "My class in the 7th grade, March 4, 1924" : class photograph, 8 x 10 in. / 1924. Students' names on reverse. |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.26 | John F. Farrar, last surviving member of original Board of Trustees : 5 x 7 in. photographic print, mounted / March 12, 1904. |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.27 | Samuel Farrar : 5 x 7 in., gelatin silver print / ca. 1900. (From M. H. Riley) |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.28 | Unidentified Farrar young man : cabinet photograph, albumen print / McCormick, Boston, ca. 1880s. [Accessioned as 1982.53.4] |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.29 | Unidentified Farrar male : cabinet photograph, albumen print / Hardy, Boston, ca. 1880s. [Accessioned as 1982.53.3] |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.30 | James H. Farrar (murdered 1894) : cabinet photograph, collodion print / Loupret, Lowell, ca. 1890. |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.31 | Mary Farrar : snapshot, 3 x 4 in. / ca. 1910. |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.32 | Edward Farrar and Mary Farrar in automobile : snapshot, 3 x 4 in. / ca. 1910. |
| 1 | 33 | 2003.009.4.33 | Samuel Farrar (left) and unidentified man : snapshot, 2 ½ x 4 in. / ca. 1900. |

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1	33	2003.009.4.34	Brief biographical sketch of Dea. Samuel Farrar, Jr., 1737-1829, source unknown.
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Farrar Family Collection
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Series 5, Farrar Family Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	34	2003.009.5.1	"Importance of distinguishing between true and false conversions" : pamphlet, 12 p. / American Tract Society, New York, nd (ca. 1800) [Accessioned as 1982.53.5]
1	34	2003.009.5.2	Etching on glass, E. R. Farrar.
1	34	2003.009.5.3a-c	Two postage stamps (Persian?), envelope and paper with (? Persian) writing. (3 items)
1	34	2003.009.5.4	Verse <i>Whose I am and whom I serve</i> / Whipple, Boston, nd (ca. 1800s)
1	35	2003.009.5.5	Notes relating to an estate, accounts and legal matters, 18th century. [Accessioned as 1982.53.7]
1	35	2003.009.5.6-.7	Calling cards: Fred E. Cousins, Edward R. Farrar (4), in envelope. [Accessioned as 1982.53.1]
1	35	2003.009.5.8	Religious verse, unidentified.
1	35	2003.009.5.9	Waiver of claim to Farrar chairs given as gift, unsigned. [Accessioned as 1982.53.18]
1	35	2003.009.5.10	Tissue paper, blank. [Accessioned as 1982.53.2]
1	35	2003.009.5.11	"The country boy" : manuscript poem. [Accessioned as 1982.53.17]
1	35	2003.009.5.12	Article relating to education of youth for the ministry, Middlesex Auxiliary Society, November 11, 1817, addressed to Deacons Samuel & James Farrar. [Accessioned as 1982.53.16]

1 35 2003.009.5.13 Manuscript paper about the Crusades, written by E. R. Farrar, nd. [Accessioned as 1982.53.14]

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1 35 2003.009.5.14 Manuscript paper about "the good old times", written by E. R. Farrar, nd. [Accessioned as 1982.53.12]

1 36 2003.009.5.15 Manuscript paper about flowers, written by E. R. Farrar, nd. [Accessioned as 1982.53.11]

1 36 2003.009.5.16 Manuscript paper about Egyptian superstitions, written by Edward Farrar, nd.

1 36 2003.009.5.17 Manuscript paper about William of Orange, written by E. R. Farrar, March 6, 1882. (7 p.) [Accessioned as 1982.57.6]

1 36 2003.009.5.18 Letter to Dea. Farrar from David Cady, Somers, [Conn.], May 12, 1823. (encapsulated)

1 36 2003.009.5.19 Receipt for legacy in will of Samuel Farrar, December 6, 1786, Will. Bo... (damaged) [Accessioned as 1982.53.13] (encapsulated)

1 36 2003.009.5.20 Receipt for legacy in will of Samuel Farrar, January 5, 1789, Lucy Farrar. (encapsulated) [Accessioned as 1982.53.8]

1 36 2003.009.5.21 Receipt for legacy in will of William Bond, April 18, 1787, Jonas Bond. (encapsulated) [Accessioned as 1982.53.9]

1 36 2003.009.5.22 Empty envelope inscribed "Will of George Farrar, 1749"

Farrar Family Collection
2003.009
Series 6, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	37	2003.009.6.1	Plan of land in southern part of Lincoln belonging to James Farrar, surveyed December 1874 by Wm. C. Grout. (photocopy)
2	37	2003.009.6.2	Map of Samuel Farrar property, southern part of Lincoln, Mass., nd. (photocopy)
2	38	2003.009.6.3	Map of Samuel Farrar property, souther part of Lincoln, Mass., nd : tracing on tissue, 15 x 18 in.; with envelope. [Accessioned as 1982.52.1]
2	39	2003.009.6.4	Commission to James Farrar as Captain of a Company of Cavalry, 3rd Regiment, 1st Brigade, 3rd Division of the Massachusetts Militia : photographic copy, 11 x 17 in. / Caleb Strong, Governor, March 14, 1803. [Accessioned as 1982.52.5]
2	39	2003.009.6.5	Photocopy of above, 8 ½ x 11 in.
2	40	2003.009.6.6	Manuscript notes relating to William Jones and Schiler Parker, nd. [Accessioned as 1982.57.5]
2	40	2003.009.6.7	Manuscript paper on Lincoln Navy Yard by student, nd. [Accessioned as 1982.57.4]
2	41	2003.009.6.8	Farrar Pond Centennial : paper on history of Farrar Pond / Harold T. McAleer, May 2000. 3 p.
2	42	2003.009.6.9	Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism : 12 p. / Flagg and Gould, printers, 1813; inscribed Samuel Farrar Catechism on cover.
2	43	2003.009.6.10	Manuscript copy of portions of <i>Memoirs of the Farrar Family</i> , in notebook written by Samuel Farrar, South Lincoln, 1932.

[Accessioned as 1982.58.6]

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| 2 | 44 | 2003.009.6.11 | Manuscript copies of various lists and writings in composition book, [Samuel Farrar, ca. 1930s]
[Accessioned as 1982.58.4] |
| 2 | 45 | 2003.009.6.12 | Manuscript copies of various writings in composition notebook, Samuel Farrar, South Lincoln, Mass., nd. (ca. 1930s)
[Accessioned as 1982.58.5] |