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Tarbell Family
Collection

2003.065

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Collection Information

Abstract : Photographs of Tarbell family members ca. 1880-ca. 1960, with letters and other documents relating to the Tarbells.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

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See Also: Lincoln Personages Collection, 2003.062; Lincoln Founding Families Collection, 2003.055.

Provenance : In part deposit of Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1976. The Grosvenor Tarbell ledger was donated by Conrad Todd to the Lincoln Town Archives in 2020.

MARC Access: Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Lincoln (Mass.) -- History.
Lincoln (Mass.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century.
Library buildings -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town)
Lincoln Public Library (Lincoln, Mass.)
World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal narratives, American.
Letters (Correspondence) -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat
Cabinet photographs. aat
Photographs -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat
Tarbell family.
Tarbell, George G.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Dr. Grosvenor Tarbell purchased a house in Lincoln in the late 1700s, and married Thankful Hoar in 1801. He was the town's physician until his death in 1822. His son, George Grosvenor Tarbell, was born in Lincoln in 1807, and was a Boston businessman. He remained a bachelor throughout his life. In 1883/1884 he financed the construction of the Lincoln Library, and donated it to the town. His nephew, Dr. George Grosvenor Tarbell, was one of the first Trustees. Other family members include Silas Tarbell and Charles Lee Tarbell. The 19th century Tarbell house in Lincoln is the finest example of Second Empire architectural style in Lincoln.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises photographs of various members of the Tarbell family from around 1880 to 1960, and includes photographs of the Tarbell house and surrounding area. Correspondence, the transcription of a World War 1 journal and other documents relating to the Tarbell family between 1860 and 1980 form a part of the collection.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence, etc., ca. 1860-1980. (15 items)

Series 2: Photographs, ca. 1880-1960.

Series 3: Ledgers, 1809. (1 item)

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Series 1, Correspondence, etc.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.065.1.1	Letter to Mrs. John W. Carmen from Lincoln Public Library, relating to Civil War books given by George Tarbell, with list : typescript, 6 p. / September 27, 1984.
1	1	2003.065.1.2	List of books and other items donated to Lincoln Public Library by Tarbell family : manuscript, photocopy / ca. 1970.
1	1	2003.065.1.3	Receipt from George G. Tarbell for deposit of J. Waldo Smith - John Fritz Medal : manuscript / July 19, 1943.
1	1	2003.065.1.4	Letter of donation of 1960 photograph of George G. Tarbell, donor of Civil War books : typescript / Tom Winship, Boston Globe, May 31, 1960.
1	2	2003.065.1.5	Letter to Lt. George G. Tarbell, Winchester, Mass., from "Miss Jennie" relating to WWI service in Europe : manuscript / August 20, 1917.
1	2	2003.065.1.6	Article relating to Tarbell Civil War collection donated to Lincoln Public Library : clipping, aqp / Boston Sunday Globe, May 29, 1960.
1	2	2003.065.1.7-.14	Autographs of better known Union generals : manuscript / ca. 1860s. (8 items)
1	3	2003.065.1.8	Journal of the World War, by George Grosvenor Tarbell, Sr., Lincoln, Massachusetts, transcribed by Dorothy Chase Tarbell Gavitt : typescript, 95 p. / 1919-1920.

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Series 2, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2003.065.2.1	Peggy and Nancy Carmen with calf : 6 x 8 in. / n.d. (ca. 1950s)
1	4	2003.065.2.2	George G. Tarbell, donor of Civil War Collection : 8 x 10 in. / Boston Globe, May 25, 1960.
1	4	2003.065.2.3	Tarbell family, seven members of three generations, identified on reverse : 5 x 8 in. albumen print on 6 x 9 in. mount / 1887.
1	4	2003.065.2.4	George Grosvenor Tarbell, 1886-1968 : 6 x 8 in. / ca. 1920s.
1	4	2003.065.2.5	Capt. George G. Tarbell, 1886-1968, in World War I uniform : 7 x 10 in. / 1919.
1	4	2003.065.2.6	Rep. George G. Tarbell of Lincoln : 6 x 8 in. / ca. 1934.
1	4	2003.065.2.7	George G. Tarbell and Eleanor F. Tarbell, Florida : 5 x 6 in. / ca. 1960s.
1	4	2003.065.2.8	George Grosvenor Tarbell, 1807-1889, donor of Library : 8 x 10 in. engraving / ca. 1880s.
1	4	2003.065.2.9	Lincoln Hill from Sandy Pond Road : 6 x 8 in. albumen print / 1887.
1	4	2003.065.2.10	Tarbell house on Bedford Road : 6 x 8 in. albumen print / ca. 1887.
1	4	2003.065.2.11	Bedford Road at top of Lincoln Hill : photocopy of 1887 print. (Original given to present owner of house in 1997.)

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| 1 | 4 | 2003.065.2.12 | Tarbell house back porch, with five family members identified on reverse : 6 x 8 in. albumen print on 7 x 9 in. mount / 1887. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.13 | Charles Francis Tarbell : cabinet photograph, albumen print / Caton, Manchester, N.H., ca. 1880. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.14 | George Grosvenor Tarbell, 1807-1889; Dr. George Grosvenor Tarbell, 1841-1900; George Grosvenor Tarbell, 1886-1968 " albumen print, 4 x 5 in. on 5 x 6 in. mount / ca. 1888. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.15 | Ida Adams Tarbell : cabinet photograph (cut), albumen print / ca. 1890. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.16 | Charles Francis Tarbell, 1853-1891 : cabinet photograph, albumen print / Notman, Boston, ca. 1890. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.17 | Martha Emaline Fiske Tarbell, wife of Charles Lee Tarbell, 1816-1903 : cabinet photograph, albumen print / Stokes, Boston, ca. 1880s. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.18 | Charles Lee Tarbell, 1812-1889 : cabinet photograph, albumen print / Wallace, Manchester, N.H., ca. 1880s. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.19-.20 | George Grosvenor Tarbell, 1807-1889 : cabinet photograph, albumen print / Notman, Boston, ca. 1880s.
(2 items) |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.21 | Dr. George Grosvenor Tarbell, 1841-1900 : cabinet photograph, albumen print / Norman, Boston, ca. 1890. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.22-.23 | Tarbell house, Bedford Road, Lincoln : snapshot, 4 x 6 in. / ca. 1922.
(2 items) |

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| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.24 | View of Lincoln from Tarbell house, showing school (L), store and post office, Sumner Smith house : snapshot, 4 x 6 in. / ca. 1922. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.25 | View from Tarbell house, DeCordova house in distance : snapshot, 4 x 6 in. / ca. 1922. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.26 | Stone Church, blizzard of 1921-1922 (?) : snapshot, 4 x 6 in. / ca. 1922. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.27 | View up Bedford Road from Stone Church, blizzard of 1921-1922 (?) : snapshot, 4 x 6 in. / ca. 1922. |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.28 | View northerly on Bedford Road at top of hill, blizzard : snapshot, 4 x 6 in. / ca. 1921 (?) |
| 1 | 5 | 2003.065.2.29 | Tennis court fencing, blizzard : snapshot, 4 x 6 in. / ca. 1921 (?) |

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Series 3, Ledgers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
BV		2003.065.3.1	Doctor Grosvenor Tarbell ledger, "2" on spine : not paginated / 1809.