



**West Falmouth Library Archives
Guide to the Eben P. Lufkin papers
pertaining to Bertha Boyce, 1963-1986**

**Manuscript Collection MC-04
1 box (6 folders)**

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Biographical Information

Bertha Hamblin Boyce (1867-1968) was a prominent West Falmouth resident who was well known for going to sea on a whaleship with her family in 1871. She recounted her experience in a booklet, "Bertha Goes Whaling," which was published in 1963 when she was 96 years old. Boyce was also instrumental in the early years of the Library and served as president of the West Falmouth Library Association from 1903 to 1950.

Scope and Content Note

The Eben P. Lufkin papers pertaining to Bertha Boyce date from 1963 to 1986 and include correspondence, newspaper clippings, a signed copy of "Bertha Goes Whaling," and a spiral-bound notebook containing a handwritten draft of "The Falmouth Story."

Administrative Information

Custodial History

According to correspondence from Lufkin, he was introduced to Bertha Boyce by George West. Lufkin visited Boyce multiple times, and she told him stories about West Falmouth and whaling. During one of these meetings, she gave him a handwritten draft of "The Falmouth Story," and he continued to collect correspondence and newspaper clippings about her.

Acquisitions Information

The papers were donated to the Library by Eben P. Lufkin on July 26, 1986 (acc. 2016-04).

Processing Information

Processed by Katy Sternberger on June 21, 2016. The papers were removed from their original enclosures and placed in acid-free folders. Newspaper clippings were separated out from the folder containing correspondence but were left in original order. Letters were organized into folders by sender and placed in chronological order.

Preferred Citation

Eben P. Lufkin papers, 1963-1986. MC-04, "Folder Name." West Falmouth Library Archives.

Access Restrictions

Open: materials are available for research.

Use

Copyright: Permission to publish material from the collection must be authorized by the Library Director.

Related Material

See also the biographical file on Bertha Boyce and MC-10 for Bertha Boyce's oral history interview. In addition, numerous articles about Bertha Boyce appear in the *Falmouth Enterprise*; issues of the newspaper have been digitized and are available online from the Falmouth Public Library.

Arrangement

Arranged in three series.

List of Series:

- [Correspondence](#)
 - [Newspaper Clippings](#)
 - [Publications](#)
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Index Terms

Boyce, Bertha Hamblin, 1867-1968
Lufkin, Eben P.
West Falmouth (Mass.)
Whaling

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1963-1986, 1 box (3 folders)

Scope and Content Note

Series contains correspondence from Lufkin when he donated his papers to the Library, correspondence from Boyce to Lufkin, and correspondence to Lufkin regarding the publication of "Bertha Goes Whaling."

Arrangement

Arranged in chronological order.

Box	Folder		
1	1	Correspondence from Eben P. Lufkin	1986
1	2	Correspondence from Bertha Boyce	1963, 1968
1	3	Correspondence regarding "Bertha Goes Whaling"	1963-1964

Newspaper Clippings, 1963-1968, 1 box (1 folder)

Scope and Content Note

Series contains newspaper clippings regarding Boyce.

Arrangement

Arranged in original order.

Box	Folder		
1	4	Newspaper clippings about Bertha Boyce	1963-1968, undated

Publications, 1963-1966, 1 box (2 folders)

Scope and Content Note

Series contains a signed, printed booklet, "Bertha Goes Whaling," as well as a spiral-bound notebook containing a handwritten draft of "The Falmouth Story" and a printed copy of the story.

Arrangement

Arranged in original order.

Box	Folder		
1	5	"Bertha Goes Whaling"	1963
1	6	"The Falmouth Story"	c. 1966