

GUIDE TO THE GEORGE MELNIK PAPERS

George Melnik (1919-2006) spent most of his life in Deerfield where he served as a town selectman, member of the school committee, and took an active role in numerous clubs and associations. He was a noted grower of irises, and became an expert in local family history. For many years he served as town historian and frequently spoke on Deerfield's history, the area's agricultural history, and genealogy. Many individuals contacted him seeking information regarding their ancestors. In 1971 he was selected chairman of the Deerfield Tercentenary Committee, and presided over town-wide celebrations and events in 1973.

The Melnik Papers consist of genealogical research notes, Deerfield vital records (births, marriages, deaths), cemetery records, school records, notes on local history, correspondence and other materials relating to the 1973 Tercentenary, and general correspondence.

Papers donated by Carol Melnik McShane

CONTAINER LIST:

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Genealogy notes

- Fol. 1 - misc. families A: Abar, Abbazia, Abbey, Abbott, Abells, Abraham, Acker, Ackerly, Acus, Adair, Adams, Adamski, Adamitis, Addis, Adkins, Adolph, Aheaen, Ahl, Ainsworth, Alden, Alderfer, Aldrich, Alexander, Allis, Alsterberg, Alvino, Ambros, Amend, Ames, Amidon, Amri, Amsden, Amstein
- Fol. 2 – Abercronbie
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- Fol. 7 – Barnish/Clark
- Fol. 8 – Baronas-Baranowski
- Fol. 9 – Bell
- Fol. 10 – Bridges
- Fol. 11 – Cadigan (including Whalen, Meagher, Mettigan, Manix, Cledry, Hafey and Brennan)
- Fol. 12 – Childs, David W. (1809-1879)
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- Fol. 10 – Wysk, Peter A.

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- Fol. 1 – Correspondence, 1970-1995
- Fol. 2 – Deerfield Schools, Enrollment lists, 1901-1910
- Fol. 3 – Deerfield Schools, Enrollment lists, 1911-1927
- Fol. 4 – Deerfield Tercentenary (correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, drawings, committee information), 1967-1973
- Fol. 5 – Federal census enumerated by Geo. Sheldon, 1870; 1880
- Fol. 6 – Hilltop Farm, Deerfield (folded map)
- Fol. 7 – Memorial Hall renovations, 1968-1969
- Fol. 8 – Notes on transportation/infrastructure
- Fol. 9 – Nathan Frary, property transfers in S. Deerfield, 1794-1832
- Fol. 10 – Resident Physicians of Deerfield by Lawrence Dame, 1973
- Fol. 11 – Wapping schoolhouse

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- Fol. 1 – Deerfield births, 1898-1899; 1901
- Fol. 2- Deerfield births, 1898- 1940
- Fol. 3 – Deerfield marriages, 1891-1901
- Fol. 4 – Deerfield marriages, 1949-1951
- Fol. 5 – Deerfield deaths, 1883-1887
- Fol. 6 – Deerfield record of internments, 1861-1991
- Fol. 7 – Laurel Hill cemetery (copy of bylaws, notebook listing graves)
- Fol. 8 – West Deerfield Cemetery, Wisdom Way (folded map) 1932

Box 5

- Deerfield marriages, 1900-1916; 1917-1932; 1933-1941; 1941-1948; 1949; 1959-1969; 1970-1984 (7 notebooks)
- Copy of Register of voters, town of Deerfield, 1884-1892