

GUIDE TO THE EDWIN A. & MARY HOPPER HOPKINS FAMILY PAPERS

Collection Abstract: Correspondence, account books, diaries, financial papers and legal documents relating to the Hopkins family of Glen Cove, New York, and the Hopper family of Philadelphia and New York.

Collection Title: THE EDWIN A. & MARY HOPPER HOPKINS FAMILY PAPERS

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INTRODUCTION:

The Edwin A. and Mary Hopper Hopkins Family Papers span several generations and branches of the Hopkins family. Most of the material in the collection concerns the family of Edwin Augustus Hopkins and Mary Hopper Hopkins (b. 1826), whose children included: Milton (b. 1863), Julia (b. 1868), Margaret, Edwin, Jr., and May (d. 1898).

The Edwin A. Hopkins family lived at “Aarberg”, a farm in Glen Cove, New York. The house, which was located on the east side of Cedar Swamp Road, was built by Silas Hopkins in the second half of the 18th century. It was demolished in 1965 to make room for St. Hyacinth’s elementary school, which still occupies the site.

Mary Hopper Hopkins was the daughter of Isaac T. Hopper (of Philadelphia) and his second wife, Hannah Attmore (daughter of Sarah and Thomas Attmore). The Hopper family of Philadelphia were prominent Quakers involved with the abolitionist movement. The collection includes two Civil War diaries kept by Abby Hopper Gibbons (half-sister of Mary Hopper Hopkins) and several items related to the Attmore family. A few items pertaining to other Hopkins relatives, including Silas Hopkins, Thomas Hopkins, William Hopkins and Edward Hopkins are also included.

Many of the letters in the collection were written to Milton Hopkins, who also wrote many letters to his sister, Julia. Milton Hopkins attended Columbia University Law School and was admitted to the Bar in New York in 1886. He was married to Sue West on October 24, 1903. Their children were Milton Jr., Vincent West (d. 1913), Mary and Julia. Mary Hopkins was married to Lawrence Rivers, Jr. in 1935. Julia was married to Francis Courtenay Washburne around 1940.

Born in Glen Cove, Milton Hopkins, Jr. (1906-1983), moved to Port Washington in 1917 and attended local schools. He graduated from Amherst College in 1930, received his M.A. and Ph.D. in biology from Harvard University, and was a professor of biology at the University of Oklahoma from 1936 to 1945. He was married to Elizabeth Robbins Hewlett of Port Washington, New York in 1944, and in 1945 they returned to Port Washington to live in the Hewlett homestead on Port Washington Boulevard, which was built in 1712. Ms. Hewlett, a member of one of the oldest families on Long Island, was a descendant of Louis Samuel Hewlett. The Hopkinses lived in the Hewlett house until 1980. Their work in many local organizations, where they were also generous benefactors, included a special interest in local history and historic preservation. Elizabeth Hewlett Hopkins donated this collection to the Port Washington Public Library Local History Center in 1984.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Hopkins family papers span two centuries (1735-1963) and include correspondence, diaries, legal documents, household inventories, account books, clippings, maps and financial papers pertaining to the Hopkins and Hopper families. The collection includes information on a wide range of topics including farm life on Long Island, Glen Cove (New York) history and the Civil War. The bulk dates of the collection are 1860-1905.

The correspondence of the Edwin A. and Mary Hopper Hopkins family (c.1869-1910) documents the life of the family and their farm. These letters include references to money matters, school, health, Glen Cove people, farm matters and family news. Edwin A. Hopkins also kept a farm diary from 1869-1893. The diaries give details of his farm schedules and work, animal births and deaths, weather, and some notes on family members. Some pages have illustrations in the margin. The legal and financial papers document their investments, loans, mortgages and tax payments over the course of fifty years (c. 1860-1910).

Hopkins family property on Long Island is documented by maps and indentures dating from the 1860's. Several inventories (c. 1914) of the family's belongings include everything from vases and dinnerware to the books in the library.

Also of interest are the materials pertaining to the Hopper family relatives, especially two Civil War diaries (1861-1862) kept by Abby Hopper Gibbons, who served as a nurse in Washington, D.C. and Point Lookout (Maryland). She describes conditions in the hospitals and the treatment of "contrabands", who were escaped slaves seeking refuge at the Union camp.

ORGANIZATION:

The collection is arranged into seven series:

SERIES I: Edwin A. and Mary Hopper Hopkins**Sub-series 1: Mary Hopper Hopkins****SERIES II: Edwin A. and Mary Hopper Hopkins Children****Sub-series 1: Julia Gibbons Hopkins (Mrs. Alton Wiles)****Sub-series 2: May Hopkins (Mrs. Albert Seaman)****Sub-series 3: Milton Hopkins****SERIES III: Hopper/Attmore Families****SERIES IV: Milton Hopkins, Jr., and Elizabeth Robbins Hewlett Hopkins****SERIES V: Other Hopkins Family Members****SERIES VI: Volumes and artifacts****SERIES VII: Oversize material****OTHER SUBJECTS:**

Attmore, Thomas and Sarah
Civil War

Glen Cove, New York
Hopper family

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:

Series I: Edwin A. and Mary Hopper Hopkins, 1853-1913 (27 folders)

The papers of Edwin A. and Mary Hopper Hopkins include mostly financial information. They include tax records, bank books and documents relating to their home in Glen Cove and also their property on Fifth Avenue in New York City. The series contains some correspondence, but most of their letters to their children are filed in Series II.

Sub-series 1: Mary Hopper Hopkins

Mary Hopper Hopkins' papers include correspondence re: the death of her sister (Maria Hopper) and the death of her daughter (May Hopkins Seaman). Also included are receipts, insurance policies and a poetry book inscribed to her daughter May.

Series II: Edwin A. and Mary Hopper Hopkins Children, c. 1865-1949 (28 folders)

This series is primarily made up of correspondence to Milton (7/15/1863-3/4/1913) and Julia G. Hopkins (Mrs. Alton Wiles). The letters are mainly from their parents and siblings. It also includes an invitation to May's wedding and a diary kept by Julia (1948-1949). The series is organized into three sub-series: Sub-series 1: Julia G. Hopkins (Mrs. Alton Wiles); Sub-series 2: May Hopkins (Mrs. Albert Seaman); Sub-series 3: Milton Hopkins.

Series III: Hopper/Attmore Families, 1808-1922 (10 folders)

This series includes letters, notebooks, documents and miscellaneous papers pertaining to Sarah and Thomas Attmore, Caleb Attmore, Hannah Attmore, Isaac T. Hopper and Julia Hopper.

Series IV: Milton Hopkins, Jr. and Elizabeth Robbins Hewlett Hopkins, 1870-1963 (8 folders)

This series includes clippings, miscellaneous papers and yearbooks from the Port Washington High School. It also includes the only photograph in the collection which is of Milton Hopkins Jr. with his mother (Sue West) and two siblings. Also included is the correspondence (1870-1894) of Elizabeth R. Hewlett.

Series V: Other Hopkins Family Members, 1811-1881 (3 folders)

Series contains an agreement between Silas Hopkins and William Hall, copy of a will of William Hopkins, and a printed genealogy of the Hopkins family from 1881.

Series VI: Volumes and artifacts, 1782 -1905 (9 volumes and 2 artifacts)

Among the volumes are the farm diaries of Edwin A. Hopkins and a farm/account book probably belonging to the Attmore family while they still lived in Ireland. A diary (1809) written on board the ship "General Eaton" mentions Attmore passengers and a yellow fever epidemic in Charleston, South Carolina. Two diaries written by Abby Hopper Gibbons (1861-1862) relate her experiences in Washington, D.C. and Point Lookout (Maryland) as a nurse during the Civil War.

Series VII: Oversize material, 1735-1914

Oversize materials include indentures relating to Hopkins family properties, a hand-drawn map of the Hopkins farm near Glen Cove, a list of possessions probably from "Aarberg" and a few other oversize documents.

BOX LIST:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Content</u>
1		Series I: Edwin A. & Mary Hopper Hopkins
	1	Bank Books, 1853;1871
	2	Correspondence – to children, 1871; 1876
	3	Correspondence–Sidney Hopkins & A. W. Seaman, 1865; 3/1887
	4	Correspondence-Sidney Hopkins & A. W. Seaman, 4/1887-9/1888
	5	Correspondence – Incoming –Miscellaneous, 1864-1892
	6	Glen Cove Property-Financial papers, ca. 1860-1871
	7	Glen Cove Property-Title abstracts, articles of agreement, ca. 1866-1867
	8-9	Glen Cove Property-Inventory of personal property, 1913 & undated
	10	Glen Cove Property-Hand painted maps (2) and copy
	11	Glen Cove Property- Clippings, 1895
	12	Gold Lode Mining Co., 1866
	13	Legal Documents, Bills-715-21 Fifth Ave, NYC, 1870-1881
	14	Legal Documents, Bills-715-21 Fifth Ave, NYC, 1882-1887
	15	Legal & Financial Documents – Misc., 1858-1876
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	1	Legal & Financial Documents – Misc., 1886-1910
	2	Miscellaneous Papers, undated
	3	Papers re: John M. Hopkins, ca. 1876-1887
	4	Papers re: Settlement with Fanny S. Watson, 1874
	5	Tax Records, 1869-1889
	6	Tax Records, 1890-1910
		Sub-series 1: Mary Hopper Hopkins
	7	Correspondence re: Legacy of Maria Hopper (sister), 1899; Will of Maria Hopper, 1896
	8	Correspondence- Albert Seaman, Hopkins family re: death of May Hopkins Seaman, 1899-1901
	9	Insurance Policies, 1880's-1890's
	10	National Butchers' and Drovers' Bank-Receipts, etc., 1892-1896
	11	Receipts (for interest payments), 1887-1896
	12	Poetry book, inscribed to her daughter May

Series II: Edwin A. and Mary Hopper Hopkins Children
Sub-series 1: Julia G. Hopkins (Mrs. Alton Wiles)

- 13 Correspondence, 1887; 1889
- 3**
- 1 Correspondence, 4/4/1892-4/11/1892
- 2 Correspondence, 7/12/1892-7/14/1892
- 3 Correspondence, 7/15/1892-11/21/1892
- 4 Correspondence, 1893
- 5 Correspondence, 1894-1896
- 6 Correspondence, 1898-1904; 1945
- 7 Correspondence, undated
- 8 Bank book, 1913
- 9 Diary, 1948-1949
- Sub-series 2: May Hopkins (Mrs. Albert Seaman)**
- 10 Wedding invitation, June 21 (no year)
- 11 Correspondence, ca. 1860's; 1903
- Sub-series 3: Milton Hopkins**
- 12 Correspondence, 1865; 1870-1871
- 13 Correspondence, 2/1872-4/1872
- 14 Correspondence, 5/1872-12/1872
- 15 Correspondence, 1873
- 4**
- 1 Correspondence, 1875-1876
- 2 Correspondence, 1877-1882
- 3 Correspondence, 1883
- 4 Correspondence, 1884
- 5 Correspondence, 1885
- 6 Correspondence, 1886
- 7 Correspondence, 1887-1888
- 8 Correspondence, 1889-1893; 1905
- 9-10 Correspondence, undated
- 11 Financial and legal papers, c.1886-1905
- 12 Memorabilia, ca. 1879-1884
- Series III: Hopper/Attmore Families**
- 13 Letter from Sarah Attmore to her husband, Thomas Attmore, 1776
- 14 Will of Anna Stubbs, Thomas Attmore, executor, 1786
- 15 Will of Caleb Attmore, Jr., 1779
- 5**
- 1 Hannah Attmore's Book of Tables, 1797
- 2 T. Attmore Notebook, 1797
- 3 Thomas Attmore – Document re: completion of his duties as
Treasurer of the Greenwich Island Meadow Co., 1798
- 4 Hannah Attmore Notebook, 1814
- 5 Julia Hopper – Correspondence, 1867-1870
- 6 Isaac T. Hopper – Eulogy by Dr. Morton, 1874

- 7 Miscellaneous Papers, 1808-1922
Series IV: Milton Hopkins, Jr. and Elizabeth Robbins Hewlett
- Hopkins**
- 8 Clippings, ca. 1942-1963
9 Photograph of Milton, his mother and two siblings, 1911
10 Miscellaneous Papers, 1931;1944
11 Yearbooks (Port Light– Port Washington H.S) – Milton Hopkins, 1925-1926
12 Yearbooks (Port Light–Port Washington H.S)- Julia Hopkins (sister of Milton), 1927;1930
13 Elizabeth R. Hewlett – Correspondence- Willets & Co., 1870-1877
14 Elizabeth R. Hewlett – Correspondence- Willets & Co., 1878-1894
15 Elizabeth R. Hewlett – Correspondence – general, 1879-1894
Series V: Other Hopkins Family Members
- 16 Silas Hopkins – Agreement with William Hall, ca. 1811
17 William Hopkins (of Oyster Bay) – Will (copy), 1841
18 *Genealogy of One Line of the Hopkins Family*, 1881 (82 pp.)
- 6 Series VI: Volumes and artifacts**
- Volume 1 Farm/account Book, ca. 1782 (Attmore family?) (ca. 22 pp.)
Volume 2 Diary, 1809 (on board the ship “General Eaton”) (5 pp. and front cover are written; pamphlet inserted: “Precepts to be Read on Visitation Days in Deptford Free Schools)
Volume 3 Abby Hopper Gibbons Diary, 11/24/1861-12/30/1862 (ca. 151 pp. written, & 3 loose sheets)
Volume 4 Abby Hopper Gibbons Diary, 12/19/1861-4/27/1862 (ca. 42 pages used-some written on one side only)
Volume 5 Susanna Hopper Poetry Book, 1833 (ca. 54 pp.)
Volume 6 Mary Hopper School Account Book, 1854-1858 (ca. 39 pp. used)
Volume 7 Mary Hopper Hopkins School Account Book, 1888-1905 (168 numbered pages – not all used)
Volume 8 Edwin A. Hopkins Farm Diary, 1869-1872 (ca. 170 pp.)
Volume 9 Edwin A. Hopkins Farm Diary, 1872-1893 (ca. 200 pp. – not all used)
- Artifacts: Hand-painted photographic portrait of Edward Hopper (son of Isaac T. Hopper)
Attmore “specs” (metal eyeglass frames without lenses)
- Map Case Series VII: Oversize material**
- Deed- From William Mudge to William Hopkins, 1804
Household Inventory (“Aarberg”), 1914 and undated
Indenture – Thomas Hopkins, 1735
Indenture – William Hopkins/Joseph Coles, 1827
Indentures (4) – Edwin A. & Mary Hopper Hopkins, 1860-1887
Indentures (2) – Silas Hopkins, 1867; 1871

Letters Testamentary to Edwin A. Hopkins, 1833
Life Insurance Policy - Milton Hopkins, 1886
Map of Hopkins Farm – Isaac Coles, surveyor, 1867 (hand drawn)

**Partial List of Individuals Represented in the Edwin A. & Mary Hopper Hopkins
Family Papers**

Attmore, Caleb
Attmore, Sarah & Thomas
Attmore, Hannah (married to Isaac T. Hopper)
Gibbons, Abby Hopper (1801-1893)
Hewlett, Elizabeth R.
Hopkins, Edwin Augustus
Hopkins, Julia G. (b.1863) (married to Alton Wiles)
Hopkins, Mary Hopper (b. 1862)
Hopkins, May (d. 1898) (married to Albert W. Seaman)
Hopkins, Milton (1863-1913) (married to Sue West)
Hopkins, Milton, Jr. (1906-1983) (married to Elizabeth Robbins Hewlett)
Hopkins, Sidney
Hopkins, Silas
Hopkins, Thomas
Hopkins, William
Hopper, Edward
Hopper, Julia
Hopper, Susanna
Stubbs, Anna