

GUIDE TO THE VIRGINIA MARSHALL MARTUS PAPERS



Collection Abstract: Correspondence, photographs, clippings and artifacts (ca. 1889-2006) relating to the history of Port Washington, New York, nautical history, the Marshall family, and the work of Virginia Marshall Martus.

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INTRODUCTION:

Virginia “Ginger” Marshall Martus was born and raised in Port Washington, New York. She is the daughter of Raymond E. Marshall and Edith (Townsend) Marshall. Her father, Raymond E. Marshall (1898-1978), with his father, Albert Raymond Marshall (1868-1948), was the founder and owner of A & R Marshall, Inc., a marine service and supply business in Port Washington.

Ms. Martus, a nautical historian who currently lives in New Jersey, has been active in preserving the history of Port Washington. She was an early member and a trustee of the Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society, a member of the Port Washington Public Library’s Nautical Advisory Committee, and the author of *Port Recalled* (1967; 1973). She also wrote a series of articles for the *Port Washington News* on interesting residents of Port Washington.

A lifetime member of the Port Washington Yacht Club, Ms. Martus writes frequently about boating events and topics, with an emphasis on antique and classic boats. Among her other nautical activities are an oral history project interviewing prominent yachting personalities, the founding of the Nautical Center at the Port Washington Public Library in 1986, and giving lectures on nautical subjects.

A & R MARSHALL, INC. - HISTORY

Albert R. Marshall came to America from England in 1888 and moved to Port Washington in about 1906. His first job in Port was working at the Manhasset Bay Shipyard owned by L.R. Connett. The shipyard, adjacent to the Port Washington Yacht Club, was destroyed by fire around 1914 prompting Albert Marshall to start his own business repairing car and boat engines. After operating at several locations in town, Albert and his son Raymond opened A & R Marshall Inc. at 403 Main Street in 1929. Sometime in the 1930s, another son, Montague Marshall, joined the firm which later expanded to include a new building at 405 Main Street. A & R Marshall was open until 1964 when the Marshall’s leased the shipyard service to McMichael Yacht Services.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Virginia Marshall Martus Papers consist of correspondence, photographs, articles, lectures, clippings and artifacts relating to the history of Port Washington, A & R Marshall, Inc., the Marshall family, nautical history and also the work of Virginia Marshall Martus. The collection has been donated over the course of several years by Ms. Martus, a former resident of Port Washington, and author of books and articles on the history of Port.

The Martus Papers include a wealth of information about Port Washington, particularly waterfront activities (e.g. star boats, iceboating, frostbiting) and Port residents who were

active sailors. The collection also includes information on the Marshall family and the A & R Marshall shipyard which operated in Port for over 30 years. The photographs in the collection form a unique and valuable resource for the study of Port Washington's changing landscape.

Brief List of Marshall Family Members Represented in the Collection:

Albert Raymond Marshall (1868-1948) married to Marie (know as Mary) Pechin (1869-1947). Albert and Mary had three children: Raymond Edward; Dorothy Elizabeth; Montague.

Raymond Edward Marshall (1898-1978) married Dorothy Kathleen Fenn (b. 1904). They had 2 daughters:

Virginia Dorothy (b. 1930) – married Joseph L. Martus, 1969. [Virginia Martus is the donor of this collection].

Claire Doris (b. 1933) – married Charles G. McLean, 1955.

Raymond and Dorothy divorced in 1934 and in 1941 he married Edith Cecilia Townshend with whom he had 5 children.

Dorothy Elizabeth Marshall (1899-1972) married to Frederick H. Walsh.

Montague Marshall (1903-1985) married to Edna Vermilyea (1907-1976). They had one son, Robert Charles Marshall (b. 1931)

ORGANIZATION:

The collection is arranged in five series:

SERIES I: Writings and Lectures

SERIES II: Oral Histories

SERIES III: Subject Files

SERIES IV: Personal Papers

SERIES V: Images (Photographs, Slides, Negatives)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:

SERIES I: Writings and Lectures, 1952-1993 (30 folders)

Writings and lectures are divided into two subseries: A-Z files and "Port's Remarkable Residents". The A-Z files include lectures and articles by Martus arranged alphabetically by title. Martus wrote and lectured on the history of Port Washington, the history of A & R Marshall, and various nautical topics.

"Port's Remarkable Residents" refers to a series of articles written by Martus on Port Washington personalities. The files include edited copy, newsprint, photographs, biographical material and some correspondence related to Martus's series for the *Port Washington News*. Files are arranged alphabetically by the name of the subject.

SERIES II: Oral Histories – Background Information for Nautical Interviews, ca. 1982-1989 (17 folders)

Biographical material, occasional correspondence, printed matter and photographs for nautical personalities interviewed by Martus in the 1980s

NOTE: Tapes and transcripts of these interviews are located in the Local History Center's Oral History Collection.

SERIES III: Subject Files, 1911-2007 (29 folders and artifacts in Box 9)

Subject files are arranged alphabetically. They mostly contain printed matter including brochures, programs, and clippings. Topics include local yacht clubs, Port Washington history, nautical exhibitions at the Port Washington Public Library, and Star Class boats. Material on the Star Class includes an audiotape, recorded by Walter S. "Duke" Dayton in 2003, discussing plans to commemorate the site on Shore Road (Port Washington) where the first Star boats were built by Ike Smith. Artifacts and books include Star boat hardware from Star Boat #14, owned by George Elder (ca. 1920s), pennants, navigation license for Eugene E. Carpenter (10/10/1917) and a log book for the International Star Class Pearl Jubilee (1911-1941).

SERIES IV: Personal Papers, 1924-1997 (8 folders and ephemera in box 9)

Personal papers include correspondence, historical material, and ephemera pertaining to A & R Marshall, Inc. and to Marshall family history. A 1981 history by Virginia Martus provides information on family members, genealogy, and the development of A & R Marshall, Inc.

SERIES V: Images (Photographs, Slides, Negatives), 1902-2006 (4 boxes)

The photographs are arranged by subject and include Marshall family photographs and also photographs collected by Virginia Martus in her research and writing projects. This is the largest series and it is a valuable resource in documenting many aspects of Port Washington's history. The images of the Port Washington waterfront (ca. 1902-2004) document the changes that took place over the course of a century. There are also numerous photographs of the Marshall's business and employees, Marshall family members, boats in the shipyard and in Manhasset Bay, hurricanes and storms, Main Street, and local landmarks.

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11		Port Washington History – “Cock’s Mill 1870”, Pen & Ink drawing by D. Fenn Marshall
12		Port Washington Public Library Maritime Exhibits: One Yard from Yesterday – Flier, 1994
13		Port Washington Public Library Maritime Exhibits – Correspondence, 1989-1993
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Oversized Photographs

Images of the Port Washington waterfront, boats including “Davy Jones”, & “Adair II”, A & R Marshall, and Marshall family members.

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Artifacts

Star Boat hardware from Star Boat #14:

2 large sheaves, 2 sheave pins,

1 single block, double-ended strap with 2 cotter pins

Three Pennants

Navigation License for Eugene E. Carpenter (10/10/1917)

Log Book: International Star Class Pearl Jubilee (1911-1941)

A & R Marshall, Inc.

A & R Marshall, Inc. pencils and rubber stamps (4)

Oversized Material --Map Case (Janet West’s office)

- 1) Nelson Map: “The Village of Port Washington, Long Island as it was in the year 1870. Showing all residences and the owners’ thereof. Compiled from old and musty records by Catherine Ross Nelson and E. Theodore Nelson.”
- 2) Mill Pond Historic Map. Ann Marie Colton & Don Ross, copyright 1980, Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society.
- 3) Hand drawn map by Ginger Martus showing Manhasset Bay area indicating local businesses and sites, 1985
- 4) Negative of US Coast Guard Map – Manhasset Bay, ca. 1979
- 5) Execution Light – digital color print, undated