MAYOR ROBERT L. FRENCH PAPERS

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Scope and Content of the Collection
This collection was donated by Robert L. French, who was the mayor of Gloucester from 1972 to 1973. It is comprised of his files relating to various events that were in process during his tenure. These include: development plans for Dogtown, Gloucester shopping survey, zoning ordinances, Greenbelt, and Addison Gilbert Hospital activities. The collection includes reports, books and pamphlets, organizational and financial information, and handwritten notes.
Series Description

I. Biographical material.
II. Development Plans, 1985-1996: development plans, manuals and pamphlets on a variety of subjects: Dogtown, Community Development.
VII. Joseph Solman: a biographical letter from Solman and photographs of his work.
VIII. Greenbelt 1968-2000: correspondence, fund raising, newspaper articles, maps, and newsletters with specific emphasis on Goose Cove, Stoney Cove, Susan Point, Jersey Barriers and Dogtown.
IX. Addison Gilbert Hospital: correspondence and reports on: fund raising, F.H. Lane painting, AGH centennial. Also newsletters and handbooks.
X. Artifacts
XI. Political Career: City Council, Mayor

Container List

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Series I: Biographical material
   Folder 1: Biographical material

Series II: Development plans, 1985-1996
   Folder 2: Final Report Dogtown Steering Committee, 1985
       Gloucester Community Development Plan, 1990
       Gloucester Industrial Profile, 1991
       We Love This Place, Cape Ann P.A.R. Report, 1996

Series III: Gloucester Shopping Survey, 1974-1975
   Folder 3: Form and compilation of statistical results, 1974
       Preliminary report, 2/13/1975
       Notes and slides, oral report in City Hall, 2/13/1975
       Ward 1, list of residents, n.d.
Series IV: Zoning, 1927-1993
   Folder 4: Zoning Ordinance, 11/30/1927
       Zoning Ordinance with revisions, 9/27/1950
       Changes established by Chapter 808 of Zoning Act, 1/2/1976
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Series V: Misc. Documents, 1893-1987
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Box #2
Series VI: Captain R. Barry Fisher, 1928-2001
   Folder 1: Obituary, program, publications and career outline.
       A Doryman’s Legacy, 1994
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       Development of the Northwest Pacific Whiting Fisheries, 1995
       A Doryman’s Day, 1996
       Critical comments, report on Eveline M. Goulart, 1997
       Mysterious Ways of the Lord, 1998
       Dedication of NOAA building to Capt. Barry Fisher, 2001
Series VII: Joseph Solman, 1990
   Folder 2: Letter from Solman re. his life story
       6 color and 2 b & w photographs of Solman’s work.
Series VIII: Greenbelt
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       Correspondence, fund raising
   Folder 4: Stoney Cove, 1977-1983
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       Contributions and publicity, 1978
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   Folder 5: Susan Point, 1982
Solicitation material, 1982
Contributions n.d.
Maps, n.d.

Folder 6: Jersey Barrier Case, 1983
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Copy of law suit court papers, 1983
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Folder 7: Dogtown, 1985
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Series VIII: Greenbelt
Folder 1: Fund raising & membership, 1975-1987
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Series IX: Addison Gilbert Hospital
Folder 4: Fund raising, 1969
Steele wing, memorial gifts.
Folder 5: Opposition to Acute Care Plan, 1977
Testimony on hearing, correspondence, newspapers articles.
Folder 6: Fitz H. Lane painting, 1979-1983
Documents on history of the painting, correspondence.

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Series IX: Addison Gilbert Hospital
Folder 1: Building Fund campaign, 1979-1981
Steering committee, John F. Rich Feasibility Study, campaign for the “Eighties Highlights,” Executive Committee campaign, campaign materials
and correspondence.
Folder 2: Fund raising, trustees, and advance gifts, 1980
   Solicitations and summary.
Folder 3: Market analysis, 1981
Folder 4: Development office, 1982-1990
   Report of giving.
Folder 5: William Warren Babson Fund, 1985
   Proposal, Babson Operating Suite, fund raising materials, list of
   assigned prospects, correspondence.
   Steering Committee review and report, auxiliary service proposal by-
   laws.

Box #5
Series IX: Addison Gilbert Hospital
Folder 1: Centennial, 1989
   Committee, activities, proposed displays, historical data, special
   supplement to AGH 100 Years of Service, GDT report.
Folder 2: Ride and Fall of the Babson Society, 1989-1992
   Correspondence, fund raising material.
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   Policy on Trustees and Corporators, 1977-1987
   Formation of Community Advisory Unit, 1977-1978
   Correspondence re. Finance Committee, 1978-1982
   Activities as President, 1981
   Presentation to Bond Rating Agencies, 1981
   Ad hoc committee review of Psychiatric Unit, 1983-1984
   Infection control, personal experience, 1987
Folder 4: Resignation and related matters, 1992-2000
   Correspondence
   2 copies of Update, MA Hospital Assoc., 1992
   Addison Gilbert Foundation by-laws, 1991
Folder 5: Corporation Handbook, 1977
   Black, loose leaf, 3 ring binder.
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Series IX: Addison Gilbert Hospital
   Folder 1: Annual Reports, 1972-1992
   (1973 & 1990 missing)
   Fund Raising Brochures, 1969-1987
   Newsletter, Spring 1973, Winter-Spring 1974
   Quarterly Reports, 1981-1984 (many missing)
   Update, 1985-1986 (many missing)
   GDT article Scharfenstein Resigns, 5/16/1989
   Misc. publications n.d.
   Annual Reports, community benefits report.
Series X: Artifacts
   1. Photograph of Bluenose, color, 8” x 10”, framed, signed Angus J. Walters,
      Master and J. E. Knickle, Mayor of Lunenber. Presented to Mayor Robert
      L. French, July 26, 1972
   2. Video tape: A Doryman’s Tale, Capt. R. Barry Fisher (in Video Collection)
   3. Booklet: Rockholm in Annisquam (in D30 FF9)

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Series II: Development Plans
   Folder 1: Dogtown Steering Committee acquisition proposals, 1988.
       Proposed City acquisition of Dogtown plots.
       Emminent Domain procedures (MA. General Law).
       Correspondence re: Clancy & von Rosenvinge plots.
       Maps of Dogtown with proposed acquisitions.
       Fund raising activities.
   Folder 2: Dogtown Management Program.
       Letters to Gloucester Times re: Dogtown.
       Letter to Robert L. French in response to his letter in the GDT.
       Proposals for protecting and managing Dogtown.
       Map of Dogtown.
Series V: Miscellaneous Documents.
   Folder 3: Universalist Church Restoration Program, 1985-86.
       Estimates of cost.
Planning stages.
   List of donors.
   History of the library.
   Statement of needs & costs.
   Strategy.
Folder 6: Senior Home Services Fund Raising, 1982-83.
   Correspondence.
   Campaign plans.
Folder 7: Annisquam Yacht Club, 1974.
   Survey of Membership re: activities, dining, dues, governing board.

Box #8
Series XI: Political Career.
Folder 1: Campaign for City Council, 1971.
   Campaign literature & speeches.
   Newspaper clippings of results.
   Top vote-getter. Elected mayor.
Folder 2: Mayor, 1971-72
   Speeches, photos, plans.
Folder 3: City Council, 1974-75.
   Speeches.
   Photos, newspaper clippings.
Folder 5: Gloucester Daily Times.
   My View Columns, 1980