

PALMER-LINCOLN FAMILY PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size.	1 linear ft.
Geographic locations.	Louisiana, Massachusetts.
Inclusive dates.	1865-1976.
Language.	English.
Summary.	The papers consist of family correspondence, personal papers, business papers, printed items and photographs pertaining to the Palmer-Lincoln family of Louisiana and Massachusetts. The papers reflect personal activities and business interests in the New Orleans paper industry and the Massachusetts cranberry trade.
Restrictions on access.	None.
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Stack locations.	33B:7

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Edward C. Palmer was born September 19, 1865 to Edward Palmer and Ellen (Helen) Gibbs Palmer of Wareham, Massachusetts. He had two younger sisters Maude E. (1871 - 1951) and Madge (b. 1874). As young man, Edward attended Harvard University. He married Alice Atkinson, and they had one daughter, Helen (b. ca. 1905), who married James Rufus Lincoln.

Upon his father's death in 1895, Edward C. Palmer took control of the family paper company, E. C. Palmer and Co. of New Orleans, La. At the time of his death on June 17, 1923, Edward had expanded the company to include two branch houses in Houston and Dallas, Texas.

Maude E. Palmer owned a Cranberry bog at Clear Pond Bog in Wareham, Mass. She was also a shareholder in the South Meadow Cranberry Co.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers largely consist of family correspondence between Palmer family members in the first decades of the 20th century. Letters discuss both personal and business news. Edward C. Palmer's involvement in the paper industry is documented through business papers and his letters to his mother. Business papers include a letter copybook (ca. 1890-1899), audit books (1914-1919) and a notice of appointment to the company's board. Papers of Maude E. Palmer reflect her business interests in the cranberry trade through correspondence, receipts and notebooks. Lincoln family papers include family correspondence, legal papers, cards and drawings. Photographs and negatives represent both families.

LIST OF SERIES

- Series I. Correspondence, 1868-1976, undated.**
- Series II. Business and Legal Papers, 1865-1951.**
- Series III. Printed and Graphic Items, 1905-1972.**
- Series IV. Manuscript Volumes, ca. 1890-1927, undated.**
- Series V. Photographic Materials, ca. 1890-1941.**

INDEX TERMS

Palmer, Edward C., 1865-1923.
Palmer, Helen M., d. ca. 1922.
Palmer, Maude E.
Lincoln, Helen Palmer.
Lincoln, James Rufus, 1891-
Lincoln, Thomas.
E. C. Palmer & Co., Ltd.
Paper industry--New Orleans (La.).
Cranberries--Massachusetts.
Soule House.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents with dates</u>
33B:7	1	1-4	Series I. Correspondence, 1868-1976, undated. Edward C. Palmer letters to Helen M. Palmer, 1898-1923, undated, discuss personal and business matters. He offers details about his separation and divorce from Alice Palmer, 1910-1911, and he comments on Maude Palmer's bout with typhoid fever, Nov. 1911.
		5	Edward C. Palmer letters to Maude E. Palmer, 1898-1920.
		6	Letters to Maude E. Palmer from the Palmer family members, 1878-1911, undated. Correspondents include Maude's grandmother, her father, her cousin, George Gibbs, aunt Sarah, and sister Madge.
		7	Maude E. Palmer general correspondence, 1878-1911, undated. A letter from Josephine Lincoln concerns the impending marriage of Helen Palmer and James Lincoln, undated.
		8	Helen Palmer Lincoln letters to Maude and Madge Palmer, 1922-1937. The majority of the letters date from Helen's years at Vassar College, N.Y., and her travel after graduation, 1928-1929.
		9	Palmer family correspondence, 1868-1902, undated. These include letters from E. Palmer, Sr. to his wife, Helen, and Helen M. Palmer's letters to her mother. A letter from Alice Stephenson, 1902, was written on the presumption that it was written to the wife of Edward Palmer.
		10	Letters of condolence and obituaries taken from paper industry trade journals on relate to the death of Edward C. Palmer, June 21-July 6, 1923.
		11	Helen Palmer Lincoln general correspondence, 1952-1976, undated, includes a poem to Helen from her father, Edward C. Palmer, undated.

- 12 Letters, 1955-1959, to Helen Palmer Lincoln and James Rufus Lincoln from Thomas Lincoln, a Tulane University student include a letter describing an Elvis Presley concert, April 14, 1956.
- 13 Helen Palmer Lincoln and James Rufus Lincoln general correspondence, 1952-1976.
- 14 Lincoln family correspondence, 1903-1915, contains letter to James Lincoln, Sr., about Lincoln family genealogy 1906-1907.

Series II. Business and Legal Papers, 1865-1951.

- 15-16 Audit books of the E. C. Palmer & Co., 1915-1919.
- 17-18 Maude E. Palmer papers consist of correspondence from her bank concerning Clear Pond Bog, the manager of South Meadow Cranberry Co., 1948-1951, and letters from her overseer. Also included is a bank deposit book, receipts documenting cranberries shipments and three notebooks on the operation of the bog.
- 19 **Palmer family papers, 1895-1921. These include receipts, a building proposal, a codicil to Helen M. Palmer's will and resolutions on the death of E. C. Palmer by E. C. Palmer & Co., Ltd., 1921.**
- 20 Lincoln family papers, 1841-1951. Materials include a Marshall's pass for Preston (?) Lincoln in Tennessee, 1865, appointments of attorneys and a notice for a stockholders meeting of the E. C. Palmer & Co., 1951.

Series III. Printed and Graphic Items, 1905-1972.

- 21 Helen Palmer Lincoln school and college material, 1922-1952. School and College publications are comprised of two issues of *The Pioneer*, a magazine of the Isadore Newman Training School, New Orleans, La., 1922-1923, a Vassar College commencement program, 1927, and a 25th Year Report for the Vassar College class of 1927, 1952. A diploma from the Hartridge School, New Jersey is also included, 1923.
- 22 Palmer family papers, 1902-33, undated. Material includes wedding invitations, two sheets of stamps for the

Wareham Historical Society and an announcement of election to the board of E. C. Palmer & Co., 1922.

- 23 Lincoln family printed items and drawings, 1905-1972. Among the printed items are notices of a "Lincoln Family Meeting" organized by the Old Colony Historical Society, 1906, a program for a riding school exhibition, and a Tulane University, New Orleans, commencement program, 1960. The Palmer children created the majority of the drawings, and they include Mother's Day cards. Ephemera includes Valentine Day and Christmas cards and Helen Palmer Lincoln's dance cards.

Series IV. Manuscript Volumes, ca. 1890-1927, undated

- 24-25 Manuscript volumes consist of the letter copybook of Edward Palmer for E .C. Palmer & Co., ca.1890-1894, a telephone book, undated, a notebook relating to furniture removal, and a Vassar College notebook containing production notes on the play *The Duenna*, 1927.

Series V. Photographic Materials, c. 1890-1941.

- 26-28 The thirty-four photographs and three negatives, which are mostly unidentified, include photographs of Edward C. Palmer, ca. 1890-1899, Helen Palmer Lincoln ca. 1910, and photographs of the Soule House in New Orleans, La. A plan of the Soul House property is also included.