

***The Boston Globe* Cambridge Clippings Collection**

Cambridge Historical Commission
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Provenance: Donated by Richard Pennington, a former librarian for *The Boston Globe*, and Lisa Tuite, Head of Library, 2017

Collection ID: CHC023

Dates: ca. 1920s-2000s

Extent: Thirteen (13) B-Flute print boxes and one (1) legal document case; 4.95 cubic feet

Processing and finding aid by: Meta Partenheimer, January 2018

Access: Collection is available for research under the CHC rules of use

Collection Description:

Collection of newspaper clipping files from *The Boston Globe* clipping library. This set of clippings have been donated to the CHC as they are relevant to Cambridge.

Historical Background:

The Globe was clipped from around 1900 until it went electronic in 1977 - it was the first newspaper to store its content in a computer for retrieval. The content of the clipped, indexed, and filed newspaper clippings often depended on the preference of the librarian at the time. The donor, Mr. Pennington, also added that, "The city desk also had a decades-long policy of sending ephemera to the library to be added to the clipping files, and this included small photographs. Occasionally odd book chapters and magazine articles were added to the files."

Mr. Pennington helped with the recent and ongoing transition of *The Boston Globe* Library's collections to new institutions, as *The Globe* relocates from their Morrissey Boulevard location back to downtown Boston. Mr. Pennington was assistant librarian at *The Globe* when he left in 2007. A large majority of the Boston Globe clippings collection was transferred to Northeastern University. However, the Cambridge Historical Commission was fortunate enough to receive a great portion of this collection related to Cambridge for our research files.

Processing and Inventory Information:

The files were organized by subject or topic prior to donation. Each title has been transcribed into a spreadsheet, and ordered via separate tabs for each box.

All sleeves and envelopes begin with one of the following written designations for Cambridge:

Cambridge.
Cambridge, Mass
Cambridge, MA

In the interest of succinct titles, any above instances of “Cambridge” occurring at the beginning of an envelope title have been omitted from the recorded box inventories in the spreadsheet.

The envelopes were organized alphabetically, though *The Globe* did not always follow an entirely alphabetical system. The original ordering has been mostly retained with some alphabetical reorganization.

Photographs once included with the clippings have been removed and housed in separate envelopes. This listing appears in the final box of the collection.

Out slip positions and empty envelopes have been retained and noted.

Transcriptions include abbreviations and naming conventions as they appear on the card. Full capitalization of all words was often used in the creation of most cards, but the spreadsheet titles have been recorded using upper casing.

Envelope titles reflect cultural terminology from the time of their creation. Some titles and descriptions would now be considered offensive. Such terms do not reflect language deemed appropriate by the CHC or its employees. So as not to impose our own bias or view of these materials, all titles have been transcribed as they appear on the original cards.

Some original envelopes or sleeves are missing portions or the entirety of their title. In these cases, a section or title has been constructed from inferring the contents and transcribed to the best of our ability. Instances of constructed sections are enclosed in brackets.