



**Maine Historical Society**

**Coll. 2778**  
**Scribner family**  
**Collection**  
**1822 - 1986**

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**Size:** 2.25 linear feet, and two flat boxes and one flat file folder

**Dates:** 1822 - 1986 **Bulk Dates:** 1898, 1926

**Biographical Note:** The collection spans several generations of the Scribner family, beginning with Fred C. Scribner, Sr., a realtor and prominent member of Portland society in the late 19<sup>th</sup>, early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Fred Sr. was born to Cassius P. Scribner, a Vermont farmer, and Frances A. Scribner in Stowe, Vermont, on February 21, 1876. Cassius P. Scribner was the son of farmer Noah Scribner and his wife Thilinda.

The collection features photographs of Fred Sr.'s many activities with the Portland chapter of the Kiwanis Club, as well as papers and photographs belonging to his friend and fellow Kiwanis Club member, Eugene C. Smith. Fred Sr.'s series of the collection also features other members of the Scribner family, including his brother Dow, daughter Frances, and wife Emma Cheltra Scribner, along with her parents, Charlie and Amelia Cheltra.

The bulk of the collection, however, relates to Fred C. Scribner, Jr., particularly his Deering High School class of 1926. This portion of the collection features yearbooks, class portraits, and a photograph album featuring photographs from the class of '26 reunions from 1951 to 1981. Fred Jr.'s series of the collection also includes grammar school photographs of his son, Curtis Scribner, and photographs and materials pertaining to his wife Barbara's mother, Leona C. James, and grandmother, Edith Hamilton Curtis, whose husband was Oakley C. Curtis, who served as the fiftieth Governor of Maine from 1915 to 1917, and is represented in the collection by two 1915 copies of Governors Conference Proceedings books.

Fred C. Scribner, Jr., maintained a close friendship with his mentor and colleague, Robert Braun of Porteous, Mitchell, & Braun Co., therefore materials pertaining to Robert Braun and PM&B are also found within this series of the collection.

Fred C. Scribner, Jr., was a prominent politician and lawyer, serving as Under Secretary of the Treasury in the Eisenhower Administration, serving as member of the National Security Council from 1959 to 1961, and working as a top strategist in Nixon's campaign against Kennedy. He was a partner at the

Portland law firm Pierce, Atwood, Scribner, Allen, Smith & Lancaster, where he worked when not in the Capitol. He passed away in 1994 from a heart attack, though his legacy lives on through the Fred C. Scribner Fellowship offered to graduating seniors at his alma mater, Dartmouth College, who are bound for law school.

**Scope and Content:** The collection is comprised of photographs – the majority of which are cabinet cards and panorama photographs – and yearbooks. Other items in the collection include commencement invitations, books, and an assorted collection of papers, including the program from an event hosted for the famed aviator Charles Lindbergh.

Also included in the collection are several series that have unidentified connections to the Scribner collection, including two collections of cabinet card portraits and a collection of photographs of the Westbrook Seminary graduating class of 1898.

See also: Coll. 2714: Fred C. Scribner, Sr., collection

**Series Description:** The collection has been divided into the following four series and subsequent sub-series, for organizational purposes. The box number has been indicated next to each series or sub-series for clarification, as the series is not recorded in the box and volume and folder list.

- 1 Fred Scribner, Jr. (Boxes 1-5, 9, Flat File Folder)
  - 1.1 Primary and Grammar School Photographs (Box 1)
  - 1.2 Deering High School (Boxes 2, 3, 4, 9, Flat File Folder)
  - 1.3 Miscellaneous (Box 4)
  - 1.4 Barbara Scribner Family Materials (Box 5)
- 2 Scribner Family Ephemera (Boxes 5-6)
  - 2.1 Fred Scribner, Sr. (Box 5)
    - 2.1.1 Smith Family (Box 6)
  - 2.2 Frances Scribner (Box 5)
  - 2.3 Emma Cheltra Scribner (Box 5)
  - 2.4 Charlie and Amelia Cheltra (Box 5)
  - 2.5 Dow C. Scribner (Box 5)
  - 2.6 Curtis M. Scribner (Box 5)
- 3 Assorted Family Ephemera (Box 6, 8, 9, Flat File Folder)
  - 3.1 Books, Paper Ephemera

3.2 Photographs

4 Westbrook Seminary (Boxes 7-8)

4.1 Photographs

4.2 Commencement

**Container List:** The collection is housed in nine boxes, two of which are oversized, and one flat file folder for large panorama photographs.

**Provenance:** Gift of Curtis M. Scribner, son of Fred C. Scribner, Jr.

**Inventory:**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: Saunders Street School 1914 - 1915  
Folder 2: Heseltine School 1917 - 1922  
Folder 3: Longfellow School ca. 1920s

**Box 2**

Folder 1: Deering High School Class Portraits 1926  
Folder 2: Deering High School Class Portraits 1926  
Folder 3: Deering High School Class Portraits 1926  
Folder 4: Deering High School Class Portraits 1926  
Folder 5: Deering High School Class Portraits 1926  
Folder 6: Deering High School Class Portraits 1926  
Folder 7: Deering High School 1926 Reunion

**Box 3**

Volume 1: The Amethyst 1924  
Volume 2: The Amethyst 1925  
Volume 3: The Amethyst 1926  
Volume 4: The Amethyst 1926

**Box 4**

Volume 1: The Amethyst 1926  
Volume 2: The Amethyst 1926  
Volume 3: Deering High School Class of 1926 Reunion Notebook 1986

Folder 1: Fred Scribner, Jr., Photographs and Bank Books ca. 1912-1948

**Box 5**

Folder 1: Photographs and Gasoline Ration Cards – Fred Scribner, Sr. ca. 1940s-1950s  
Folder 2: Kiwanis Club – Fred Scribner, Sr. 1936-1943  
Folder 3: Frances A. Scribner 1914-1935  
Folder 4: Charlie and Amelia Cheltra 1822-1938  
Folder 5: Emma Cheltra Scribner 1920-1948  
Folder 6: Dow C. Scribner 1910  
Folder 7: Edith Hamilton Curtis ca. 1880s-1927  
Folder 8: Leona C. James ca. 1940s

Folder 9: Curtis M. Scribner 1942-1943

**Box 6**

Volume 1: Governors' Conference Proceedings 1915

Volume 2: Governors' Conference Proceedings 1915

Folder 1: Assorted Family Photographs

Folder 2: Eugene C. Smith – Portland High School 1895

Folder 3: Eugene C. Smith – Portland Athletic Club 1918-1925

Folder 4: Augustine D. Smith 1828-1901

Folder 5: Robert Braun – Porteous, Mitchell, & Braun Co. 1928-1930

Folder 6: "Historic, Beautiful Old Portland and Maine" Booklet

Folder 7: Building Code and Zone Ordinance of City of Portland, Maine 1926

Folder 8: Souvenir Program and Score Card Third Annual Indoor Meet 1926

Folder 9: Deering High School Commencement Paraphernalia 1898, 1906

Folder 10: Ye Longfellow Gallery Cabinet Cards

Folder 11: Assorted Cabinet Cards

Folder 12: Miscellaneous Ephemera 1862-1934

**Box 7**

Folder 1: Westbrook Seminary Portraits 1898

Folder 2: Westbrook Seminary Portraits 1898

Folder 3: Westbrook Seminary Portraits 1898

Folder 4: Westbrook Seminary Photographs 1898

Folder 5: Westbrook Seminary Commencement 1898

**Box 8 (Flat box)** (located in corner shelving unit of garden level storage)

- Photograph album with wooden lid
- Envelope with five loose cabinet card photographs from the photograph album:
  1. Full-length portrait of child in christening gown
  2. Knee-length portrait of unidentified young man
  3. Knee-length portrait of unidentified young woman
  4. Bust portrait of young man – handwritten inscription on reverse “ ‘The triumph of hope over experience’ Walter Munay January 1900”
  5. Bust portrait of unidentified man
- Five rolled panorama photographs:
  1. Automobile convention ca. early 1900s
  2. “June 24 – 1919 Knights Templar” (written on front)
  3. “St. Omer Commandery Knights Templar of Waterville ME, and Portland Commandery at Peak’s Island House ME, June 24, 1919” (written on front) taken in front of the Coronado Union Hotel

4. "Kiwanis Club guests of Lyman B. Chipman June 6, 1926" (written on front) with noted on Smith & Rumery paper that reads "Kiwanis Members & Ladies Guests of Lyman B. Chipman June 6, 1926"
  5. "Aug 13 – 1919 Kiwanis Field Day" (written on reverse) and "Kiwanis Club Field Day at Eagles Nest, Pine Point, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 1919" (written on front)
- Three oversized photographs with cardboard mounts:
    1. Party guests seated at round tables in banquet hall – "P M & B Store Family Banquet Eastland Hotel Ballroom, March 24, 1928" (written on front)
    2. Group portrait of students with science equipment ca. 1800s
    3. Group portrait of Westbrook Seminary students class of 1898 – names handwritten on reverse)

**Box 9 (Flat box)** (located in corner shelving unit of garden level storage)

Volume 1: Appropriations 1911-1912

Volume 2: United War Work Campaign November 11 to 18 – 1918 Report of Mens [sic] Committee on Industries

Volume 3: Photograph Album for Deering High School Class of 1926 Reunions 1951-1981

Folder 1: Taken from B9V1 Appropriations 1911-1912

Folder 2: 1961 Reunion Photograph (See B9V3)

- One rolled panoramic photograph: "Maine-Florida Association, Annual Meeting, Hotel Worster, Hallowell, Maine July 15 – 1931" (written on front)

**File Folder** (located in O.S. in numbered collections in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor compact storage)

Eight panoramic photographs:

- Group portrait "Lincoln Jr. High School Class of 1951" (written on front)
- Group portrait "Cumberland Bar Association, Outing Aug 15, 1934 Chebeague Island" (written on front). Note: Fred C. Scribner, Jr., pictured in the fifth row, eleventh from the left
- Group portrait "Waynflete School 1954" (written on front)
- Group portrait "Nathan Clifford School Class of 1949" (written on front), with names listed on reverse. Note: Curtis Scribner pictured in the second row, second from left
- Group portrait "Deering High School Class of 1926 – Nov 3 1922" (written on front). Note: Fred C. Scribner, Jr., pictured seated in the front row, far right.
- Group portrait "Waynflete Latin School Portland, ME May 1926" (written on front)
- Group portrait "St. Petersburg Horseshoe Club Largest in World Feb. 23 1922" (written on front)
- Group portrait "Phil's Outing July 22, 1944 'Cricket Hill'" (written on front). Note: Fred C. Scribner, Sr., pictured in the first row, eighth from left, and Fred C. Scribner, Jr., pictured in the second row, fourth from right.