

Guide to the Harry Elmore Hurd Papers, 1889-1958

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Harry Elmore Hurd Papers, 1889-1958

Repository:

New Hampshire Historical Society

30 Park Street

Concord, NH 03301

603-228-6688

<http://www.nhhistory.org/>

Collection Number:

2008.009

Author of Finding Aid:

Bridgett Bonar

Creator:

Hurd, Harry Elmore, 1889-1958

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

The Harry Elmore Hurd Papers document Hurd's life as an award-winning poet and pastor. The papers consist of typed drafts of poems, copies of publications and articles featuring Hurd, some professional and fan correspondence, and photographs of Hurd, his wife, Eleanor Hurd, and their house.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Harry Elmore Hurd Papers were purchased from Mori Books in 2008.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Bridgett Bonar in September 2018. The finding aid was written by Bridgett Bonar in September 2018. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:

For permission to reproduce or publish materials from this collection, please contact the New Hampshire Historical Society. Users are responsible for following all copyright and intellectual property laws.

Preferred Citation:

Item title, Harry Elmore Hurd Papers, 2008.009. New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH. Date accessed.

Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Harry Elmore Hurd was a poet and minister born in Goshen, New Hampshire, on May 23, 1889, the son of Ernest H. and Jennie L. (Pike) Hurd. He graduated from Boston University School of Theology in 1916 and Harvard University in 1922. He served as the chaplain of the 33rd U.S. Engineers in World War I, and then as a minister in Haverhill, Quincy, and Reading, MA. He married first Lillian P. Barnes on October 14, 1909 at Lynn, MA. She was born at Canterbury, NH, on November 30, 1887, the daughter of Arthur S. and Mary A. (Walker) Barnes. He married second Eleanor R. Magison on December 3, 1934 at Danville, NH. She was born at Sandown on September 25, 1889 to George A. and Nettie M. (George) Rowell. Eleanor had married first Frederick H. Magison on May 23, 1911 at Cambridge, MA.

Also a poet, Harry's most well-known collection of poetry was entitled *Yankee Boundaries*. The National Poetry Center awarded him a Gold Medal for his poem "Signs at the Crossroads" and the New England Poetry Club awarded him the Golden Rose Award in 1953. His wife, Eleanor,

died at Plaistow, NH, on September 13, 1948. Harry Elmore Hurd died on August 21, 1958 in Haverhill, MA.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Harry Elmore Hurd Papers are comprised of documents and photographs compiled over the pastor and poet's life and shortly after his death. The documents are separated into seven folders. The first contains his birth certificate and a flier from a church he was the pastor of. The second folder contains drafts and copies of publications (including two editions of *The New Hampshire Troubadour*, June 1949 and March 1950) of Harry Elmore Hurd's works. The third folder contains examples of his correspondence with fans and editors. The fourth folder contains articles about Harry Elmore Hurd. The fifth folder contains documentation of his estate sale. The sixth and seventh folders contain various photographs, for the most part of Harry Elmore Hurd. The typed drafts of poems comprise only a fraction of his body of work, and there is only one handwritten draft among them. There is virtually no record of his personal life in the collection.

Arrangement:

The Harry Elmore Hurd Papers are organized by type of document.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 1 Birth certificate and flier for the Center Congregational Church, 1889, undated
- Folder 2 Poetry, articles, and *New Hampshire Troubadour*, 1949-1950, undated
- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1949-1952
- Folder 4 Articles and obituaries, 1949-1958, undated
- Folder 5 Estate documents, 1958
- Folder 6 Photographs, undated
- Folder 7 Film negatives, undated

Published Material:

New Hampshire Troubadour

Subject Terms

People:

- Bond, Alice, 1892-1973
- Carrol, Patrick J.
- Hurd, Harry Elmore, 1889-1958
- Hurd, Eleanor
- Hoffman, Nancy
- Yanes, William P.

Subjects:

- Poetry

Locations:

- Goshen, NH
- Haverhill, MA

Plaistow, NH

Occupations:

Clergy

Poets, American

Related Materials

Library

Hurd, Harry Elmore. *Mountains & Molehills; Essays and Poems*. R.G. Badger, 1926. Call number: 811 H959

Hurd, Harry Elmore. *Yankee Boundaries*. New York: J. Day, 1949. Call number: 811 H959y