



Guide to the Richard S. Joslin Collection of the Mount Washington Cog Railway, 1840-2008

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Joslin, Richard S.

Language:

The majority of materials in this collection are in English, with a few items, primarily postcards, in German, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, and Japanese.

Extent:

5 boxes and 5 oversized folders ; 2.19 linear feet

Abstract:

This collection consists of materials compiled by Richard S. Joslin, a great-grandson of Sylvester Marsh, including family papers, photographs, newspapers, and other printed material related to the Marsh family, the Mount Washington Cog Railway, and the history of cog railways. Sylvester Marsh was a resident of Campton, NH, for nineteen years before he moved to Boston, MA, and then Ashtabula, OH, becoming a leader in the grain drying and meat packing industries. Upon his return to New Hampshire, Marsh devised a railway system that could take passengers up and down Mount Washington. Utilizing his own rack system, Marsh designed, patented, and engineered the new cog engine, building the first mountain climbing cog system in the world.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Richard S. Joslin Collection of the Mount Washington Cog Railway was a gift of Richard S. Joslin in December 2016. Joslin is a great-grandson of Sylvester Marsh and he compiled family records as well material from historical societies and museums to create the collection.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Aisilyn Guivens in November 2019 and finalized by Korrena Cowing in March 2021. The finding aid was written by Aisilyn Guivens in December 2019 and updated by Korrena Cowing in April 2021. 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 majority of materials in this collection are on paper and have no special technical requirements for use.

The videocassettes require a VHS player and television for use. Please contact the library to make an appointment to use these materials.

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Collection Overview

Biographical/Administrative Information:

Richard S. Joslin is a great-grandson of Sylvester Marsh and is an architect in Cambridge, MA. He was on the faculty of Smith College and wrote the book *Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railway*.

Sylvester Marsh was born on September 30, 1803 to John and Mehitable (Percival) Marsh in Campton, NH. He grew up on the family farm, attending school at the local one-room schoolhouse. Marsh moved to Boston at nineteen, working in the provision and meat trade, before heading to Ashtabula, OH, in 1828. From there he moved to Chicago in 1833, building a

packing plant. With the rise in grain exports, Marsh spent time working on a way to ship grain without it spoiling, patenting “Marsh’s Caloric Grain Dryers” in the process, one of six grain drying patents he would obtain during his lifetime.

He married Charlotte D. Bates of Monson, MA, on April 4, 1844. They had two children: John Franklin “Frank” (1845-1877) and Mary Elizabeth (1846-1923). Charlotte Bates died in 1850. Marsh married second Cornelia C. Hoyt on March 25, 1855. The daughter of Lumas T. and Lucy (Allis) Hoyt, she was born on June 27, 1826 in St. Albans, VT, and had moved with her family to Illinois. She graduated from Monticello in 1846 and went on to teach there. Sylvester and Cornelia had five children: Sylvester (1856-1877), George Hoyt (1859-1860), Cornelia (1861-1950), Jessie A. (1864-1924), and Harriette “Hattie” Hoyt (1870-1947).

Marsh moved several more times during his life, spending time in Jamaica Plains, MA, from 1855 to 1860; Chicago, IL, from 1860 to 1863; Brooklyn, NY, from 1863 to 1864; Littleton, NH, from 1864 to 1879; and Concord, NH, from 1879 to 1884.

In 1857, after nearly losing his life attempting to summit Mount Washington with Reverend Augustus Thompson, Marsh began working on a railroad design to scale the mountain. The Mount Washington Cog Railway was completed in 1869. See below for more information on the Mount Washington Cog Railway.

An envoy from Switzerland visited the railroad in 1867 and Marsh worked with them to construct a cog railway on Mt. Rigi. Marsh went on to build the Fabyan House near the base station in 1872.

Sylvester Marsh died of pneumonia on December 30, 1884 in Concord, NH, and is buried in Blossom Hill Cemetery. Cornelia died on December 16, 1920 in Winchester, MA.

Mount Washington Cog Railway

Located in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Mount Washington Cog Railway was an idea first conceived by Sylvester Marsh after he attempted to summit Mount Washington with Reverend Augustus Thompson during a trip to the White Mountains in 1857. After getting caught in a storm and nearly losing their lives, Marsh determined there must be an easier way to ascend the mountain. He obtained a charter for the railroad from the state in 1858, which one legislator declared, “a railroad to the moon.” Marsh submitted a patent for his cog railroad design titled “Improvements in Locomotive-engines for Ascending Inclined Planes,” in 1858. The patent was granted in 1861. After business took him back to the Midwest, he returned to New Hampshire, obtaining an extension to his charter in 1863. From 1863 to 1865, Marsh purchased The White Mountain House and 16,000 acres of land in Crawford Notch, which was to be the site of his railroad.

The Mount Washington Railway Company was founded by Sylvester Marsh in 1866 and construction began on the railroad. The first 660 feet of railroad was completed in 1866 and on August 29 of that year, investors were given a successful demonstration of the railway. Completed in 1869, this railway system became the first mountain-climbing cog system in the world, utilizing a new rack system consisting of a cog wheel and a rack with ladder-like rungs.

The Marsh Rack System, as it was later known, allows the teeth of the cog wheel to latch on to the rungs of the rack to allow safe ascent and descent. The design of this railway set a precedent for railway technology still used in the present day.

The Mount Washington Cog Railway was designated a National Historic Civil and Mechanical Engineering Landmark in 1976.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Richard S. Joslin Collection of the Mount Washington Cog Railway consists of original documents and photocopies of materials pertaining to Sylvester Marsh, the Marsh family, the Mount Washington Cog Railway, and the history of cog railways. These materials were collected by Richard S. Joslin, the great-grandson of Sylvester Marsh, and date from 1840 to 2008.

This diverse collection of materials includes family correspondence, Marsh genealogy, estate papers, wills, maps, broadsides, VHS tapes, ephemera, an extensive postcard collection of railroads around the world, photocopies of articles, photographs, and proofs of Richard S. Joslin's book, *Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railway*. Many of the photocopied items contain Joslin's notes in the margins. While this collection provides an overview of the family, Marsh's businesses, and the Mount Washington Cog Railway, it primarily shows Joslin's process and research in creating his book. This includes materials such as his research notes, lectures, and a number of contracts for image use from museums and institutions.

Sylvester Marsh is the most represented Marsh in this collection, but other family members for which papers or photographs are present include his wife, Cornelia Hoyt Marsh; her father, Lumas T. Hoyt; and Marsh's children, Frank, Mary, Sylvester Jr., Jessie, Harriette, and Cornelia. Sylvester Marsh's papers include both personal and professional records, including correspondence, newspaper clippings, and patented designs.

Photographs and prints of the Marsh family, relatives, and friends are included, as well as images of the Mount Washington Cog Railway, hotels, and Marsh's other business ventures, such as Marsh's Caloric Grain Dryer. For more information on the materials in each series, see the series scope and content notes below.

Arrangement:

The Richard S. Joslin Collection of the Mount Washington Cog Railway has been organized into the following series:

Series 1. Sylvester Marsh family papers, 1840-1924

Series 2. Richard Joslin papers, 1849-2008

Series 3. Photographs and prints, 1860-1993, undated

Contents List

Series 1. Sylvester Marsh family papers, 1840-1924

Extent: 14 folders

Scope and Content: Series one contains the papers of Sylvester Marsh and his family, including his wife, Cornelia Hoyt Marsh, and their children, Frank, Mary, Sylvester Jr., Jessie, Harriette,

and Cornelia. The materials in this series include correspondence, school papers, wills, guardianship papers, estate papers, biographical information, travel accounts, passports, obituaries, as well as ephemera such as calling cards. A lock of hair found with Sylvester Marsh Jr.'s photographs is also in this series. Some photocopies of correspondence are included and are noted in the folder list below. The materials in this series are organized alphabetically by person/subject, then chronologically.

Box 1

- Folder 1 Hoyt, Deacon Lumas T. in Memoriam, 1877
- Folder 2 Marsh family correspondence, 1852-1874
- Folder 3 Marsh family correspondence, 1875-1896
- Folder 4 Marsh family correspondence, photocopies, 1852-1875
- Folder 5 Marsh family passports, 1889
- Folder 6 Marsh family school papers, undated
- Folder 7 Marsh family wills, 1908-1924
- Folder 8 Marsh, Harriette European trip accounts and ephemera, 1896
- Folder 9 Marsh, Sylvester biographical information, 1885-1888
- Folder 10 Marsh, Sylvester correspondence, photocopies, 1869-1878
- Folder 11 Marsh, Sylvester ephemera, 1840-1863, undated
- Folder 12 Marsh, Sylvester will, 1885-1889
- Folder 13 Marsh, Sylvester estate papers, 1885-1914
- Folder 14 Marsh, Sylvester obituaries and funeral clippings, 1884
- Folder 15 Marsh, Sylvester, Jr. ephemera, undated

Series 2. Richard Joslin papers, 1849-2008

Extent: 96 folders and 7 VHS tapes

Scope and Content: Series two consists primarily of photocopies of documents created by Richard Joslin during his research for his book, *Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railway*. This includes the history of railroad locomotives, of the Mount Washington Cog Railway, of educational institutions, of the Marsh family, and of Sylvester Marsh's business, including patents of the Cog and information on his grain dryer. Another item of note includes a photocopy of Mark Twain's "A Tramp Abroad" (1880). Some original documents are also included in this series. These items consist of broadsides, lectures, Mount Washington Cog Railway ephemera, magazines, postcards of cog railways around the world, image purchase and reproduction agreements, and maps of the White Mountains and Monson, MA.

Seven VHS tapes are also included in this series and consist of information on the Mount Washington Cog Railway, Mount Washington, and the White Mountains. An itemized description of these tapes can be found in the folder list below. The materials in this series are organized alphabetically by subject, with postcards and VHS tapes in their own boxes.

- Folder 16 *Antiques and the Arts Weekly*, 1997 July 4
- Folder 17 Broadsides, 1852-1994
- Folder 18 *Burt's Among the Clouds*, 1877
- Folder 19 Ephemera, 1873-1876, 1991-2000, undated
- Folder 20 Image purchases and reproduction agreements, 1993-2003
- Folder 21 Maps, 1855-1999
- Folder 22 Marsh family, 1860-1994

- Folder 23 Marsh family education, 1863-2001
- Folder 24 Marsh, Sylvester, 1840-1998
- Folder 25 Marsh, Sylvester lecture, 3 May 2008

Box 2

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous papers, 1849-1994
- Folder 2 Mount Washington Cog Railway, 1861-2000
- Folder 3 Mount Washington Cog Railway ephemera, 1930-1999
- Folder 4 Postcard information: Cog Railways Around the World, 2006, undated
- Folder 5 Prints and photographs, photocopies, 1868-1965, undated
- Folder 6 Railroad locomotives history, 1872-2000, undated
- Folder 7 *Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railway* proofs, 2000
- Folder 8 *Trains* magazine, 2000-2001
- Folder 9 *A Tramp Abroad* by Mark Twain, photocopy, 1880
- Folder 10 VHS information, 2007, undated

Box 3

- Folder 1 Postcards: Africa, Delagoa Bay – Pretoria, undated
- Folder 2 Postcards: Australia, undated
- Folder 3 Postcards: Austria, 1895-1963, undated
- Folder 4 Postcards: Austria, Achensee Railway, 1981-1993, undated
- Folder 5 Postcards: Austria, Schafberg Railway, 1906-1995, undated
- Folder 6 Postcards: Austria, Schneeberg Railway, 1962, undated
- Folder 7 Postcards: Brazil, undated
- Folder 8 Postcards: Brazil, Corcovado Railway, 1909-1955, undated
- Folder 9 Postcards: Chile, undated
- Folder 10 Postcards: Chile, Chilian Transandino Railway, 1918, undated
- Folder 11 Postcards: China, undated
- Folder 12 Postcards: France, 1927, undated
- Folder 13 Postcards: France, Aix les Bains-Mont Revard, 1918, undated
- Folder 14 Postcards: France, Beausoleil La Turbie, undated
- Folder 15 Postcards: France, Chamonix-Montenvers, undated
- Folder 16 Postcards: France, Langres-Ville Railway, undated
- Folder 17 Postcards: France, Mont Salève Railway, 1906, undated
- Folder 18 Postcards: France, Superbagnères de Luchon, 1918, undated
- Folder 19 Postcards: Germany, 1898-1957, undated
- Folder 20 Postcards: Germany, Freiburg-Neustadt Hollenthal Railway, undated
- Folder 21 Postcards: Germany, Harz Railway, undated
- Folder 22 Postcards: Germany, St. Andreasberg Railway, undated
- Folder 23 Postcards: Germany, Schleusingen-Ilmenau, Thüringen Railway, undated
- Folder 24 Postcards: Germany, Stuttgart-Degerloch Railway, 1913-1987, undated
- Folder 25 Postcards: Germany, Wendelstein Railway, 1930-1975, undated
- Folder 26 Postcards: Germany, Zugspitz Railway, 1933-1936, undated
- Folder 27 Postcards: Greece, 1965, undated
- Folder 28 Postcards: High Tatra Mountains, 1900-1912
- Folder 29 Postcards: Hungary, Schwabenberg Railway, Budapest, undated

Folder 30 Postcards: India, Nilgiri Railway, undated

Folder 31 Postcards: Indonesia, undated

Folder 32 Postcards: Indonesia, Padang-Sawah Railway, 1975

Folder 33 Postcards: Italy, 1923-1984, undated

Folder 34 Postcards: Italy, Rittner Railway, Bozen, undated

Folder 35 Postcards: Italy, Trieste-Opicina, undated

Folder 36 Postcards: Italy, Vesuciana, 1925, undated

Folder 37 Postcards: Japan, Usui-Toge Railway, undated

Folder 38 Postcards: Madeira, undated

Folder 39 Postcards: Panama, Panama Canal Company, undated

Folder 40 Postcards: Portugal, Monte Railway, 1910-1933, undated

Folder 41 Postcards: Spain, Monistrol-Montserrat, 1950, undated

Folder 42 Postcards: Spain, Ribas-Nuria Railway, undated

Folder 43 Postcards: Sweden, undated

Folder 44 Postcards: Switzerland, 1904-1983, undated

Folder 45 Postcards: Switzerland, Arth-Rigi Railway, 1904-1910, undated

Folder 46 Postcards: Switzerland, Brienz-Rothorn Railway, undated

Folder 47 Postcards: Switzerland, Brig-Visp-Zermatt Railway, undated

Folder 48 Postcards: Switzerland, Brünig Railway, 1906, undated

Folder 49 Postcards: Switzerland, Brunnen-Morschach-Axenstein Railway, 1910, undated

Folder 50 Postcards: Switzerland, Gloim-Rochers de Naye, 1906-1924, undated

Folder 51 Postcards: Switzerland, Gornergrat Railway, 1908, undated

Folder 52 Postcards: Switzerland, Jungfrau Railway, 1905-1987, undated

Folder 53 Postcards: Switzerland, Martigny-Châtelard, 1910, undated

Folder 54 Postcards: Switzerland, Monte Generoso Railway, 1899, undated

Folder 55 Postcards: Switzerland, Montreux-Glion, undated

Folder 56 Postcards: Switzerland, Pilatus Railway, 1900-1951, undated

Folder 57 Postcards: Switzerland, Schynige-Platte Railway, 1909, undated

Folder 58 Postcards: Switzerland, Stansstad-Engleberg Railway, 1899-1912, undated

Folder 59 Postcards: Switzerland, Vitznau-Rigi Railway, 1912-1996, undated

Folder 60 Postcards: Switzerland, Wengernalp Railway, 1907-1911, undated

Folder 61 Postcards: unidentified railroads, undated

Folder 62 Postcards: United States, undated

Folder 63 Postcards: United States, Broadmoor Mountaineer, 1947, undated

Folder 64 Postcards: United States, Fabyan House, 1909, undated

Folder 65 Postcards: United States, Green Mountain (now Cadillac Mountain) Railway, undated

Folder 66 Postcards: United States, Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway, 1909, undated

Folder 67 Postcards: United States, Mount Pleasant House, undated

Folder 68 Postcards: United States, Mount Washington Hotel, 1913, undated

Folder 69 Postcards: United States, Mount Washington Railway, 1905-1936, undated

Folder 70 Postcards: United States, Twin Mountain House, 1935, undated

Folder 71 Postcards: United States, White Mountain House, undated

Folder 72 Postcards: United States, White Mountains, 1908-1996, undated

Folder 73 Postcards: Venezuela, 1909

Folder 74 Postcards: Vietnam, undated

- Folder 75 Postcards: Wales, undated
 Folder 76 Postcards: Wales, Snowdon Mountain Railroad, 1958, undated

Box 4

- Folder 1 VHS: Into the White Mountains: The Romantic Invention of Scenic Tourism, 2000
 Folder 2 VHS: Mt. Washington: Among the Clouds, An Early History: 1852-1902, 1989
 Folder 3 VHS: Popular Resorts: Grand Hotels of the White Mountains, 1997
 Folder 4 VHS: Railway to the Moon: A Timeless Adventure, undated
 Folder 5 VHS: Windows to the Wild, undated
 Folder 6 VHS: Winston Pote Reel 1 and Reel 2, transferred to VHS 1997

Reel 1:

- A. "Flood 1936, Mt. Washington, Jackson"
- B. "Boston and Surroundings from the air" 1927
- C. "Peppersass" July 20, 1929 Cog Railway
- D. "Cog Railway" 1927
- E. "Boston from Custom House Tower" 1926
- F. "Early Snowfall summit-Mt. Washington" Oct. 1931
- 1. "Pinkham Notch-Pierce Arrow" car stuck in snow at auto road base, plowing snow
- 2. "Mt. Washington car-Oct. 1928" driving car to summit

Reel 2:

- 3. "Jackson, Pinkham Notch" Crawford Notch, hotel, steam train
- 4. Old man of the mts., peppersass, cog, auto road, summit cars, hiking Pinkham 1927-1929
- 5. Pinkham, Tuckerman, titles 1926
- 6. Winter hiking Mt. Washington, cows in spring valley
- 7. "Theatres, Night Scenes" Times Square, NYC, Roxy Theatre
 "Hangman's House with Victor McLaglen" Winter Garden
 "Greenwich Village Follies" dancing, vaudeville

- Folder 7 Winston Pote Reel 3 and Reel 4, transferred to VHS 1997

Reel 3:

- 8. "Mount Washington November Trip" cars stuck in snow in Jackson, Black Mt. Hike to summit
- 9. "Mt. Washington, NH, a Wintry Aspect Sept. 1926" Titled film, high winds, summit buildings-great shots
- 10. Flood aftermath 1927? 1936? Road washouts, landslides, bridges destroyed, rail line washouts, repair crews, emergency log bridge
- 11. "Mt. Washington Frost-Summit" drive up to summit in snow-summit views
- 12. "Huntington Ravine" rock climbing

Reel 4:

- 13. Black and White version of this 1926 lenticular Kodacolor film, "Clouds Mt. Washington" sunrise, sunset, Winston Pote and companion eating outside at summit wind and anemometer

14. Picking wildflowers, aerals of Mount Washington, Crawford House, fall foliage sunset at summit
15. "Summit of Mt. Washington-sunrises, Joe and Frost" carriage road 1926-29 summit buildings, interior Camden Cottage skiing, EX Observatory anemometers in snow
16. "Tuckerman Ravine" Western Olympic Ski Trials 1934-38
17. "Mt. Washington March 1927 Climbing #2" Camden Cottage
18. "Winter in the White Mountains" Titled, Skiing, sled dogs on Mt. Washington, lumbering with horse, oxen, snowshoeing, sledding

Series 3. Photographs and prints, 1860-1993, undated

Extent: 35 folders

Scope and Content: Series three consists of original photographs, prints, carte-de-visite, tintypes, encased photographs, negatives, and reproductions of the Marsh, Joslin, and Hoyt families, as well as of family friends, hotels, the Monticello Seminary, railroads, Marsh's Caloric Grain Dryer, and the Mount Washington Cog Railway. Photocopies are located in Series 2. The materials in this series are organized alphabetically by subject, with encased photographs and glass plate negatives in their own box at the end.

Box 2

- Folder 11 Fabyan House, undated
- Folder 12 Green Mountain House, undated
- Folder 13 Hoyt family, 1911-1913, undated
- Folder 14 Joslin family, 1993
- Folder 15 Littleton, NH, 1883
- Folder 16 Marsh & Co., Marsh's Caloric Grain Dryer, 1860-1866, undated
- Folder 17 Marsh, Cornelia, 1918, undated
- Folder 18 Marsh, Cornelia H., 1896, undated
- Folder 19 Marsh family house, undated
- Folder 20 Marsh, Harriette and F. Patterson Smith (husband), 1875-1929, undated
- Folder 21 Marsh, Jessie A., undated
- Folder 22 Marsh, John Franklin, undated
- Folder 23 Marsh, Mary, undated
- Folder 24 Marsh, Sylvester, undated
- Folder 25 Marsh, Sylvester, Jr., 1865, undated
- Folder 26 Monticello Seminary, Godfrey, IL, undated
- Folder 27 Mount Washington Cog Railway, 1866-1993, undated
- Folder 28 Mount Washington Cog Railway, people, undated
- Folder 29 Railroads, 1871-1935, undated
- Folder 30 Mrs. Tuthill, undated
- Folder 31 Tip-Top House, 1871
- Folder 32 Film negatives, 1870-1993, undated

Box 5

- Item 1 Frank Marsh encased photograph, undated
- Item 2 Frank and Mary Marsh encased photograph, undated
- Item 3 Frank and Mary Marsh Sylvester Marsh's 1st marriage daguerreotype, undated

- Item 4 Children of Sylvester Marsh 1st marriage encased photograph [Frank and Mary], undated
- Item 5 Grandmother Hannah Mary Smith her sister encased photograph, undated
- Item 6 Hannah Mary Hanson Smith – Aunt Amanda S, Aunt Sally ambrotype, undated
- Item 7 Sylvester Marsh Jr. daguerreotype, undated
- Item 8 Sylvester Marsh Jr. encased photograph, undated
- Item 9 Sylvester Marsh Jr. encased photograph, undated
- Item 10 Sylvester Marsh Jr., Cornelia H. Marsh encased photograph, undated
- Item 11 Sylvester Marsh Jr., Cornelia Marsh daguerreotype, undated
- Item 12 Sylvester Marsh Memorial Blossom Hill Cemetery, Concord, NH, glass plate negative, 1902
- Item 13 Unidentified cover, undated

Separated materials:

This donation included a number of books, which were transferred to the library. The following oversized materials have been moved into folders in Drawer 70. Material Separation Sheets have been placed in their corresponding series folder.

- Folder 1 Series 1
 - Securities list for Cornelia, Jessie, and Harriet Marsh, 1889 March 30
 - Cornelia H. Marsh passport, 1899 May 1
 - Jessie A. Marsh passport, 1899 May 1
- Folder 2 Series 2: Broadsides
 - Prairie Steers! Formerly Owned and Fed by Sylvester Marsh, of Chicago, Illinois (2 copies), 1852 February
 - Mount Washington Railway! Now Opened!! (3 copies), 1869 July 19
 - The Grand Resort Hotels of New Hampshire's White Mountains, 1994
 - In the View from Mount Holyoke, undated
 - The Mt. Washington Cog Railway Welcome to Railfan's Day at the Cog, undated
 - The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort Presents "The Life of Sylvester Marsh" Creator of the Cog Railway by Richard Joslin, undated
 - Premiere Book Signing by Dick Joslin, undated
- Folder 3 Series 2: Maps
 - Leavitt's Map with views of the White Mountains New Hampshire, 1882
 - Map of Beans Purchase & adjacent lands, 1882 April 15
 - New Hampshire Mt. Washington Sheet, 1896
 - Geologic Map and Structure Sections of the Mt. Washington Quadrangle, New Hampshire, 1965
 - Surface Features of the Presidential Range, 1970
 - Maps of 7. Carder-Mahoosuc (On reverse side) 1. Mt. Monadnock 2. Mt. Cardigan, 1983
 - Maps of 5. Franconia 8. Pilot (On reverse side), 1992
 - Map of the Mount Washington Range White Mountain National Forest, NH, 1992
 - Crawford Notch, New Hampshire, Close-up Map & Guide, 1994
 - Mount Washington, New Hampshire, Close-up Map & Guide, 1995

- Folder 4 Series 2: Papers
 Antiques and the Arts Weekly, 1997 July 4
 Sylvester Marsh and the Mount Washington Railway, 1998 May
 A lot of goings-on at the Cog Railway, 2000 October 26
 Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railway cover, 2000
 Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railway proof, 2000
 Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railway proof with notes, 2000
 Rack Loco (2 copies), undated
- Folder 5 Series 3
 Old Peppersass, 1866 August
 Bird's Eye View of Littleton Grafton County, N.H., Looking East, 1883
 Mount Washington and Cog-wheel Railroad, White Mountains, 1893
 Green Mountain House Located on the summit of Green Mountain, Bar
 Harbor, - Maine, undated
 An Uphill Locomotive, undated

Subject Terms

People:

Aiken, Walter, 1831-1893
 Hoyt family
 Hoyt, Lumas T., 1784-1877
 Joslin family
 Joslin, Richard S.
 Marsh family
 Marsh, Cornelia H., 1826-1920
 Marsh, Cornelia, 1861-1950
 Marsh, Harriet H., 1870-1947
 Marsh, Jessie A., 1864-1924
 Marsh, John Franklin, 1845-1877
 Marsh, Mary, 1846-1905
 Marsh, Sylvester, 1803-1884
 Marsh, Sylvester, Jr., 1856-1877
 Riggenbach, Niklaus, 1817-1899
 Stoddard, Harriet N.
 Twain, Mark, 1835-1910

Organizations:

Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway
 Fabyan House
 Green Mountain Cog Railway
 Green Mountain House
 Monson Academy
 Monticello College
 Mount Pleasant House (Bretton Woods, N.H.)
 Mount Washington Cog Railway
 Mount Washington Hotel & Resort

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Tip-Top House
Twin Mountain House
White Mountain House

Subjects:

Advertising
Business
Correspondence
Education
Engineering
Estate
Families
Genealogy
Grain--Drying
Hotels
Lectures and lecturing
Maps
Mountains
Obituaries
Passports
Patents
Portrait photography
Postcards
Rack-railroads
Railroad engineering
Railroad trains
Railroads
Tourism
Travel
Wills

Locations:

Africa
Australia
Austria
Boston, MA
Brazil
Bretton Woods, NH
Cambridge, MA
Campton, NH
Chicago, IL
Chile
China
Colorado
Concord, NH
France
Germany

Godfrey, IL
Greece
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Italy
Japan
Littleton, NH
Monson, MA
Mount Washington, NH
New York, NY
Panama
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Venezuela
Vietnam
Wales
Waverly, OH
White Mountains, NH
Winchester, MA

Occupations:

Authors
Engineers
Inventors

Related Materials

The New Hampshire Historical Society's archives, library, and museum have numerous materials relating to Mount Washington, the Mount Washington Cog Railway, Sylvester Marsh, and the Marsh family. A small selection of items is listed below. See the online catalog for more information.

Archives

Exercises of Restoration "Old Peppersass" Original Locomotive of the Mount Washington Cog Railway, 2019.501.003
Mount Washington Cog Railway: Climbing to the Clouds, 2016.049
Mt. Washington Cog Railway brochure, S 1999.23
Mt. Washington Cog Railway ticket, 2018.505
The World's Highest Whistlestop: The Saga of Sylvester Marsh as he struggled to build Mt. Washington's Cog Railway, 2015.079.003

Library

Joslin, Richard S. *Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railroad*. [2000]. Call number: 385.2 M928sm

Joslin, Richard S. *Sylvester Marsh and the Cog Railway; Part One, Invention*. Gorham, N.H.: Mount Washington Observatory, 1998. Call number: 551.5 Mwob

Mount Washington Cog Railway Co. *Mount Washington Cog Railway*. Mount Washington, N.H.: The Mount Washington Cog Railway Co., 1972. Call number: 385.2 M928cr

Wood, Richard G. "Sylvester Marsh's Railroad." *Appalachia* 16, no. 8 (Dec. 1950). Call number: 796.05 A646 V.16

Museum

Engraving, Mount Washington, 2016.055.07

Engraving, Into Cloudland by Cars, 2016.055.06

Engraving, The Mount Washington Railway, 2016.055.05

Stereoscope, 2016.055.02

Engraving, Marsh's Plan for Ascending the White Mountains by Steam, 2016.055.09

Model, Product, 2016.055.03

Marsh's Automatic Grain Dryer, 2016.055.08

Box, Money, 2016.055.01

Relic, Hair, 2016.055.04