



Guide to the Ethel R. Foster Photograph Collection, 1881-1963, 1986

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

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Repository:

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Collection Number:

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Author of Finding Aid:

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Creator:

Foster, Ethel R., 1881-1963

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 photograph album and 1 folder of loose photographs

Abstract:

Ethel R. Foster was a charter member of the New Hampshire Art Association and an accomplished painter. The collection consists of photographs of her paintings and an envelope of loose photographs.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Ethel R. Foster Photograph Collection was a gift of Lyle Blair Torrey in September 2013.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Teresa Gotal in October 2013. The finding aid was written by Teresa Gotal in October 2013. 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:

No special requirements exist for this collection.

Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:

Ethel R. Foster was born Ethel Rollins Robinson in Concord, NH on January 3, 1881. She had two brothers and four sisters. She was educated in the local school system, graduating from Concord High School in 1896 as class valedictorian. She attended the Arts Students League in New York City for four years. Foster then returned to teach art classes at St. Mary's school in Concord and married Concord attorney, William A. Foster, with whom she had three children.

Foster was a charter member in the New Hampshire Art Association. In 1963, she was presented a citation by the Association for expressing its appreciation for her long time interest and commitment to furthering the development of art in New Hampshire.

She completed landscape and still life paintings but had a special interest in portraiture. Her paintings were exhibited in many places including the New Hampshire State Library,

the Currier Gallery of Art (Manchester, NH), the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences, and the Women's Club of Concord. Foster continued with her painting up to the time of her death in 1863.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Ethel R. Foster Photograph Collection consists of an album of photographs of her paintings arranged by her son, Robert E. Foster. The collection also includes a brief biography, family photographs of Ethel with her grandchildren, loose photographs, and photocopies of newspaper clippings from 1947 to 1953 that appeared in the *New Hampshire Sunday News* and the *Concord Daily Monitor*.

Arrangement:

The collection retains the original arrangement.

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Photograph Album

Page	Subject
1	Title page
2	A brief biography
3	Mrs. Foster with her grandchildren, 1942
4	<i>New Hampshire Sunday News</i> clipping, October 19, 1947
5	Foster family crest
6	Edward Foster Everett
7	Helen Foster Everett
8	Jean Everett Coburn
9	Cynthia Everett White
10	Covered bridges: Hooksett, NH
11	Salt Box: Hooksett, NH
12	Law Tarleton, Pike, NH
13	Waterfalls, Contoocook River
14	Tugboats, Piscataqua River, Portsmouth, NH
15	Basket arrangement
16	Ivy
17	Mortar and pestle
18	Wynn Mack Rainbold, Jr.
19	Katherine Foster Haviland
20	Wynn Mack Rainbolt, III
21	Ellen Rainbolt Torrey
22	Faith Torrey
23	Faith Rainbolt
24	Summer House, 8 Ridge Road, Concord, NH
25	Covered bridge, West Hopkinton, NH
26	Kearsarge Mountain
27	Street in Bradford, NH
28	Japanese figurine and peonies

29	Apple blossoms
30	William Albert Foster, II
31	Robert Emerson Foster
32	Penelope Foster White
33	Gerald Hall Foster
34	Farm house by river
35	St. Andrew's by the Sea, Rye, NH
36	Flower garden, 16 Auburn Street, Concord, NH
37	St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Hopkinton, NH
38	Inside barn, Epping, NH
39	Antique toasters
40	Seashell
41	Boot jack
42	Sara Pearson Pike
43	Sara Foster Branch
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45	Little Red School House, 5 Vernon Street, Concord, NH
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51	Peonies and bottle
52	Revered Bernard Nathaniel Lovgren, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Concord, NH, 1931-1945
53	Reverend Clinton Lincoln Morrill, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Concord, NH, 1948-1969
54	Elizabeth Reycroft Adams
55	Nancy Reycroft Denoncourt
56	Margaret Woodworth D'Arcy
57	Robin Graves Howe
58	Red Bard, East Concord, NH
59	Silo, Little Pond Road, Concord, NH
60	Birch and Kearsarge Mountain
61	Autumn Scene, Concord, NH area
62	Chrysanthemums and gourds
63	Tulips and snapdragons
64	Flowers in a brass kettle
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67	Sarah Emmons Warren
68	Minnie Proud, a loyal Salvation Army worker
69	Bill Thompson, town character
70	A Flemish gentleman
71	Merrimack River, below Concord, NH
72	Backyard, 4 Valley Street, Concord, NH

- 73 Old Cider Mill, East Concord, NH
- 74 Winter scene, copy of black and white Christmas card made from painting
- 75 Zinnias on stand
- 76 Four generations, June 1962
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- 79 *Concord Daily Monitor* clipping, November 16, 1951
- 80 *Concord Daily Monitor* clipping, June 2, 1952
- 81 *Concord Daily Monitor* clipping, October 21, 1952
- 82 *New Hampshire Sunday News* clipping, November 8, 1953

Loose photographs:

- 2 portrait photographs of Wynn Mack Rainbolt, III (1 cut out of page 18)
- 2 portrait photographs of Wynn Mack Rainbolt, Jr. (1 cut out of page 20)
- 1 card print of winter scene (page 74)
- 1 cut out photograph of farm house by a river (page 34)
- 1 card print of Silo, Little Pond Road, Concord, NH (page 59)
- 1 card print of unidentified church with note written on the back

Subject Terms

People:

- Adams, Elizabeth Reycroft
- Branch, Sarah Foster
- Coburn, Jean Everett
- D'Arcy, Margaret Woodworth
- Denoncourt, Nancy Reycroft
- Everett, Edward Foster
- Everett, Helen Foster
- Foster, Ethel Rollins
- Foster, Gerald Hall
- Foster, Robert Emerson
- Foster, William Albert, II
- Haviland, Katherine Foster
- Howe, Robin Graves
- Lovgreen, Bernard Nathaniel, Rev.
- Lynch, Linda McSwiney
- Morrill, Clinton, Lincoln, Rev.
- Pike, Sara Pearson
- Proud, Minnie
- Rainbolt, Wynn Mack, III
- Rainbolt, Wynn Mack, Jr.
- Thompson, Bill
- Torrey, Ellen Rainbolt
- Warren, Sarah Emmons

White, Cynthia Everett
White, Penelope Foster
Woodman, Katherine Foster

Organizations:

New Hampshire Art Association

Subjects:

Photography

Locations:

Bradford, NH
Concord, NH
Contoocook River, NH
East Concord, NH
Epping, NH
Hooksett, NH
Kearsarge Mountain, NH

Occupations:

Photographers
Reverends