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

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:
Ethel R. Foster Photograph Collection, 1881-1963, 1986

Repository:
New Hampshire Historical Society
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Concord, NH 03301
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Collection Number:
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Author of Finding Aid:
Teresa Gotal

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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**Preferred Citation:**

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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William Albert Foster, II
Robert Emerson Foster
Penelope Foster White
Gerald Hall Foster
Farm house by river
St. Andrew’s by the Sea, Rye, NH
Flower garden, 16 Auburn Street, Concord, NH
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Hopkinton, NH
Inside barn, Epping, NH
Antique toasters
Seashell
Boot jack
Sara Pearson Pike
Sara Foster Branch
Katherine Foster Woodman
Little Red School House, 5 Vernon Street, Concord, NH
Contoocook River, Hillsboro, NH
Suncook River, NH
Dam, Pittsfield, NH
Decanter
Japanese figurine and forsythia
Peonies and bottle
Reverend Bernard Nathaniel Lovgren, Rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Concord, NH, 1931-1945
Reverend Clinton Lincoln Morrill, Rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Concord, NH, 1948-1969
Elizabeth Reycroft Adams
Nancy Reycroft Denoncourt
Margaret Woodworth D’Arcy
Robin Graves Howe
Red Bard, East Concord, NH
Silo, Little Pond Road, Concord, NH
Birch and Kearsarge Mountain
Autumn Scene, Concord, NH area
Chrysanthemums and gourds
Tulips and snapdragons
Flowers in a brass kettle
Azaleas
Linda McSwiney Lynch
Sarah Emmons Warren
Minnie Proud, a loyal Salvation Army worker
Bill Thompson, town character
A Flemish gentleman
Merrimack River, below Concord, NH
Backyard, 4 Valley Street, Concord, NH
Old Cider Mill, East Concord, NH
Winter scene, copy of black and white Christmas card made from painting
Zinnias on stand
Four generations, June 1962
Acknowledgements

Concord Daily Monitor clipping, December 8, 1947
Concord Daily Monitor clipping, November 16, 1951
Concord Daily Monitor clipping, June 2, 1952
Concord Daily Monitor clipping, October 21, 1952
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