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PREFACE

This document, the *Finding Aid for the Postcard Collection of the Longfellow Family*, describes souvenir postcards collected by members of the Longfellow family, primarily Alice Mary Longfellow (1850-1928) and H.W.L. Dana (1881-1950). A finding aid was issued in the fall of 1991. A draft finding aid was created in the summer of 2011, including an item-level listing. These finding aids are obsolete with the release of the current document. A draft item-level listing is available on request as a supplemental finding aid.

This document represents many hours of work recording details about the items herein described. The reader should expect a reasonable degree of human error and consequently rely on personal observation of the actual items.

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid describes the Longfellow Family Postcard Collection (c. 1870-1970). The collection is comprised of souvenir postcards.

The papers were accessioned into the Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site museum collection as part of accession LONG-1 when the Longfellow House Trust, which was formed in 1913, donated the Longfellow house and its contents to the National Park Service in 1973.

It is not clear when and by whom the postcards were organized in these series and when the dividing tabs were created, though evidently they were grouped in this manner by 1991. Some of the organization may have been imposed by NPS staff, as evidenced by a 1983 note regarding postcards of the house exterior.

The postcards were originally cataloged in the fall of 1991, at which time they were considered part of the Alice Mary Longfellow (1850-1928) Papers, 1855-1965 (bulk dates 1873-1928). At some time prior to January 1999, 169 postcards associated with Alice were removed from their original location and added to the Incoming Correspondence series of the Alice Mary Longfellow (1850-1928) Papers.

In 2011, Lauren Malcolm, LONG Museum Technician, and volunteer Jessica Schiowitz rehoused the postcards. Each postcard was placed in a polyethylene sleeve, and oversize panoramic postcards were separated and flattened. They also created an item-level listing, which was used to create the listing of correspondents in the Appendix to this finding aid.

PART 1:

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Longfellow Family Postcard Collection, c. 1870-1970

Accession number: LONG-1

Catalog number: Collection: LONG 16171.

Quantity: 3,378 linear feet, approximately 2,700 items

Storage: 6 archival short lid boxes

Location: Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site, 105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138-3407, (617) 876-4491.

Description: Postcards collected by Longfellow family members, primarily Alice Mary Longfellow and H.W.L. Dana, as both souvenirs and incoming correspondence. Some cards were used, bearing writing and/or postmarks. Several cards are made with real photographic prints. They feature a wide variety of subjects, including cities and artwork from Europe, Canada, Egypt, Japan, China, and the United States.

The postcards are filed into three categories: Geographic, Longfellow House, and Subjects. The cards are arranged alphabetically within each category.

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Cross-references: *Alice Mary Longfellow (1850-1928) Papers, 1855-1965 (bulk dates 1873-1928)* (LONG 16173)

169 postcards were removed from the Longfellow Family Postcard Collection and incorporated in Alice Longfellow's incoming correspondence prior to the processing of her papers in 1999.

Longfellow House Trust (1913-1974) Records, 1912-1973 (LONG 16174)
The Trust records include postcards of Longfellow House dating 1937-1941 and no date, organized in Series IV. "Craigie" House as a Museum, Sub-series 2. General Collected Materials.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Dana (1881-1950) Papers, 1774-1972 (bulk dates 1850-1950) (LONG 17314)

The bulk of Dana's correspondence is found in Series II. Correspondence, 1852-1957. Postcards collected for Dana's research on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's residences appear in Series VIII. Research. Real photo

postcards appear in Series XI. Photographs and Negatives Removed from the Collection.

Organization:

- I. Geographic
- II. Longfellow House
- III. Subjects

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Geographic

This series consists of postcards from around the world, filed by country and city depicted on the card. About 470 of these postcards were used for correspondence, largely to Harry Dana. They are arranged roughly alphabetically.

Series II. Longfellow House

This series consist of postcards depicting the Longfellow House in Cambridge, MA and its contents. They are separated into exterior and interior views; interior views are further divided by room and by subjects of artwork. The arrangement of some of these postcards dates into the National Park Service period.

Series III. Subjects

This series consists of postcards from around the world, arranged by the subject matter depicted on the card. The major subjects represented include:

- Fine Arts (Architecture, Painting)
- French Revolution
- Napoleon
- Politics and Monarchs
- Theatre
- Literature (further divisions by authors)

PART 2:

COLLECTION LISTING

Each entry in the collection listing indicates a tabbed index card divider. Names are underlined as they are on the tabs; corrections or notations are added in [square brackets]. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of postcards immediately following the divider.

Series I. Geographic**Box 1**

Antiguas [Antiguas Iglesias de San Pedro de Tarrassa] (1)

Angouleme (9)

Aueh (1)

Austria (40)

Salsburg [Salzburg] (17)

Vienna (13)

Belgium (3)

Bruges (4)

Bruxelles (1)

Canada

Montreal (1)

Quebec (1)

Victoria (1)

China

Nanking (1)

Peking (1)

Egypt (1)

Assuan (2)

Cairo (2)

Кюсендипско (0)

Trebizonde (1)

England (9)

Abbotsford (1)

Bath (1)

Bradford-on-Avon (2)

Bristol (1)

Cambridge (7)

Canterbury (18)

Carew (4)

Chester (9)

Coventry (1)

Fairford (19)

Gloucester (1)

Guildford (1)

London (37)

Midhurst (9)

Montacute (1)

Oxford (21)

Pembroke (2)

Port Victoria (1)

Quennington (2)

Rochester (2)

Salisbury (1)

Stratford-on-Avon (2)

Surry (1)

Wales (8)

Bangor (3)

Camarthen (2)

Carnavron [Caernarfon] (2)

Conway (1)

Warwick (5)

Worcester (1)

Worthington (3)

York (2)

France (29)

Aix Les Bains (2)

Amiens (57)
Andelys (3)
Angers (4)
Anvers (1)
Arles (7)
Arvillard (1)
Aurillac (1)
Auxerre (13)
Autun (18)
Auvergne (3)
Avallon (3)
Avignon (26)
Azay (2)
Barbizon (2)
Bayeaux (28)
Bayonne (1)
Beauce (1)
Beaune (1)
Beauvais (1)
En Berry (1)
Bilbury (1)
Blois (5)
Bordeaux (4)

Box 2

Bourges (99)
Brecon (1)
Bretagne (1)
Bretteville (1)
Brou (1)
Caen (3)
Cahors (2)
Campagne (1)

Carennac (1)
Carnac (1)
Caubebec-En-Caux (2)
Chalons-Sur-Marne (4)
Chambéry (2)
Chantilly (1)
Chartres (52)
Chastellux (1)
Chauvigny (2)
Chenonceaux (2)
Chinon (1)
Clemont-Ferrano (1)
Cluny (6)
Compeigne (1)
Concarneau (5)
Cordes (1)
Coucy (1)
Dauphine (13)
Dijon (1)
Dinan (7)
Dreux (4)
Duclair (1)
Falaise (6)
Gavarnie (1)
Gironde (1)
Gouezec (1)
Grand Chartreuse (1)
Grenoble (10)
Guimiliau (2)
Josselin (0)
I'le de Rhuys (2)
Langlais [Paris] (24)

Laon (13)
Larchant (3)
Laval (5)
Le Mans (18)
Lisieux (2)
Lockes [Loches] (1)
Lyon (10)
Maguelonne (1)
Marseille (1)
Meaux (2)
Meillant (6)
Moissac (4)
Mondeville (2)
Montreal (9)
Montreuil (1)
Mont St. Michel (6)
Moulins (1)
Nancy (1)
Neuilly-sur-Seine (4)
Nevers (9)
Nimes (2)
Noirmoutier (1)
Orleans (2)
Paris (77)¹
Paris (Le Sorbonne) (11)
Pau (1)
Pierrefonds (3)²
Playben (1)
Plougastel-Daoulas (1)

¹ Includes a book of postcards counted as a single item, titled "Architecture / Notre Dame de Paris / Les Portraits," with several postcards torn out.

² Book of postcards, titled "Souvenir de Pleyben"

Poitiers (20)
Pont Audemer (Eure) (1)
Pont Aven (1)
Portrieux St. Quay (1)
Puy (2)
Reims (66)³

Box 3

Rennes (1)
Rouen (28)
Sant Gilles (2)
Saint Lo (5)
St. Anne d'Auray (1)
St. Germain-en-Laye (1)
St. Germer (1)
St. Haon-le-Chatel (1)
St. Maurice (5)
St. Meriade (1)
Saintes (2)
Saulieu (7)
Senlis (3)
Sens (29)
Soissons (2)
Strasbourg (1)
Toulouse (1)
Troyes (10)
Urdos (1)
Usse (1)
Vaucluse (3)
Versailles (2)

³ Includes a book of 6 postcards counted as a single item, titled "Reims dans les Ruines," with one postcard loose. Previously mis-filed under Rouen.

Vezelay (97)

Vienne (30)

Vire (3)

Germany

Aachen (1)

Bamberg (1)

Berlin (47)

Dresden (2)

Freiburg (3)

Hamburg (4)

Heidelberg (1)

Koln (Cologne) (2)

Mosel (2)

Munchen (2)

Nurmberg (2)

Oberammergau (7)

Potsdam (2)

Rothenburg (1)

Spreewald (3)

Ulm (2)

Weimar (13)

Worms (1)

Greece

Athens (1)

Corfu (1)

Delphi⁴ (2)

Troy (10)

Holland

Middleburg (8)

⁴ One postcard is from Delhi, India, rather than Delphi, Greece.

Hungary

Budapest (2)

India⁵

Agra (3)

Alger (7)

Coimbatore (1)

Darjeeling (3)

Seringapastam (1)

Tadpatri (1)

Italy

Amalfi (4)

Arezzo (1)

Assisi (9)

Belluno (1)

Benevento (4)

Bergamo (1)

Bologna (2)

Brescia (1)

Brindisi (1)

Capri (1)

Ferrara (1)

Fiesole (2)

Firenze (49)

Frascati (2)

Genova (2)

Lago di Como (3)

Loreto (1)

Mantova (1)

Milano (5)

⁵ See also postcard from Delhi, historically misfiled under Delphi, Greece.

Modena (2)
Montecassino (3)
Napoli (5)
Orvieto (5)
Padova (3)
Palermo (1)
Parma (13)
Perugia (10)
Pesto (1)
Pisa (7)
Pistoia (15)
Pompei (1)
Ravello (2)

Box 4

Roma (15)
Sansepolcro (3)
Selinunte (1)
Siena (12)
Siracusa (4)
Sorrento (3)
Subiaco (6)
Taorima (1)
Todi (1)
Torino (3)
Toscanella (5)
Tremezzo (1)
Trento (1)
Venezia (17)⁶
Verona (5)

⁶ This includes two photo postcards featuring image of AML, AWL Jr., and Lucia Wadsworth Longfellow Barrett.

Vicenza (2)

Viterbo (5)

Japan

Kamakura (1)

Kamata (1)

Miyajima (2)

Nara (5)

Nikko (0)

Le Haye [Musee Royal Le Haye, Holland] (7)

Mexico (2)

Miscellaneous⁷ (57)

Russia

Moscow (2)

Scotland

St. Andrews (1)

Spain & Portugal

Alcobaca (1)

Andaluzas (2)

Avila (42)

Burgos (36)

Cadiz⁸ (6)

Coimbra (1)

Cordoba⁹ (11)

Escorial (2)

Granada¹⁰ (41)

Jeréz (6)

⁷ One panoramic postcard separated within box.

⁸ One panoramic postcard separated within box.

⁹ One panoramic postcard separated within box.

¹⁰ Two panoramic postcards separated within box.

Lisboa (1)
Madrid (33)
Mallorca (1)
San Juan (2)
San Sebastian (10)
Segovia (3)
Sevillana (43)
Toledo (42)

Switzerland (2)

Basel (1)
Bern (1)
Caux (8)
Geneva (6)
Glion (1)
Grindelwald (1)
Lausanne (5)
Lepine (1)
Loghes (1)
Luzern (1)
Meiringen (1)
Samaden (1)
Pradegg (Sierre) (3)
Stressa (1)
Zermatt (1)
Zurich (3)

Sweden (2)

Lund (2)

Box 5

U.S.A.

Arizona (2)

California¹¹ (8)
Colorado (2)
Connecticut (2)
Florida (3)
Idaho (1)
Illinois (1)
Louisiana (1)
Maine¹² (44)
Maryland (1)
Massachusetts¹³ (104)
Michigan (1)
New Hampshire (3)
New Jersey (1)
New Mexico (1)
New York (22)
Pennsylvania (2)
Rhode Island (1)
Vermont (3)
Washington, D.C.¹⁴ (59)

Series II. Longfellow House

Exterior Views (61)

Interior Views

Front Hall (22)
Study (22)
Library (4)
Dining Room (6)

¹¹ See also Massachusetts for misfiled postcard of Memorial Hall, Stanford University.

¹² One panoramic postcard separated to box 4, oversize folder.

¹³ Includes series of postcards of historic buildings in Cambridge published by the Cambridge Historical Society, from The Maynard Workshop, Waban, MA. Also includes one postcard of Memorial Hall, Stanford University, CA.

¹⁴ Includes one pencil drawing of a girl, signed D.B., and several index note cards with writing by HWL Dana.

Parlor (6)
Portraits of HWL (14)
Three Daughters, T.B. Reed [Read] (7)
Chas. & Ernest Longfellow E. Johnson (1)
Blacksmith Shop by Vautin [Depictions of the Blacksmith Shop] (18)
Longfellow Memorial by Daniel Chester French (1)

Box 6

Series III. Subjects

18th Century France (0)

Fine Arts (1)

Architecture (1)

Painting (20)

French Revolution (23)

Napoleon (5)

Politics and Monarchs (17)

Theatre (28)

Miracle Plays (3)

Mystery Plays (6)

Literature (1)

Balzac (6)

Cervantes (7)

Chaucer (3)

Corneille (14)

Dante (7)

Defoe (15)

Diderot (9)

Goldsmith (1)

Hugo (16)

Johnson (2)

Milton (1)

Molière (27)

Montaigne 5)

Rabelais (3)

Racine (16)

Roland (14)

Rousseau (39)

Shakespeare (22)

Shelley (13)

Voltaire (14)

Wordsworth (20)

Miscellaneous (35)

APPENDIX:**LIST OF CORRESPONDENTS**

Incoming (To)

Clippinger, Katherine
Dana, Edith (Longfellow)
Dana, Edmund Trowbridge
Dana, Elizabeth Ellery
Dana, Frances Appleton
Dana, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Dana, Richard Henry III
Dana, Richard Henry IV
Longfellow, Alice Mary
Longfellow, Mary King
Mahon, M. CT
Stuagill, Vengil Leon
____, Marianne
____, Tom [Tom deValcourt?]

Outgoing (From)

Anderson, Carl O.
Anibourt, Eieul
Bastard, M.
Blake, Robert P.
Borgehoff, J.L.
Bourne, R. S.
Boutiour, P. [Boutroux, Pierre?]
Boutous, J.
Bowder, Charlie
Buda, Frank [?]
Burkhardy, Arthur
Caford, Jean
Candle, Mark
Carbone, Al
Cartwright, Carl and Marguerite
Chafee, Zechariah, Jr.
Collins, Stanley T.
Cools, W. W.
Cook, H. W. [M. ?]
Cru, Paul M.
Dana, Allston Fairfield

Dana, Delia Farley
Dana, Dorothy
Dana, Edith (Longfellow)
Dana, Elizabeth Ellery
Dana, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Dana, Jesse (Holliday)
Dana, Richard Henry III
Dana, Richard Henry IV
Dana, Thomas Appleton
Daniel, Margaret
D'Audrea, Martino A.
de Rham, Frances Appleton (Dana)
Dow, Sterling
Du Fais, Elizabeth and John
Dupiz, M.
Fairley, J. A.
Frost, Paul
Growg, T.T.
Havaus, R. D.
Hawthorne, Manning
Hellwig, J.
Hill, Catharine
Hoppin, E. M.
Hosuier, Gladys E. Holdeu
Hudson, Morley
Hunter, Neil
Jaques, F. W.
Kates, George
Kuisley, C.C.
Laiub, A.J.
Laullaud, R.
Lauriston
Lawrence, Mr.
Lebannier, M.
Le Vayer, Rene
Longfellow, Alice Mary
Longfellow, Harriet (Spelman)
Longfellow, Mary King
Lyman, Charlotte Dana
May, Sylvia

Melsa, Daniel
Mclulland, E. B.
Mercier, Audree
Nouilli, J.
Pelrud, Cove
Petrus, F.
Porter, Lucy Wallace
Robin, Eva
Rogon, Louis
Rouilland, Clarence Dana
Rouneley, S.
S., Charles N.
Schall, Frank
Schoell, K.
Sheffield, A.D.
Spero, Louise and Sterling
Strout, Paul Foster
T, Elisa
Tauaeulbau, Frank
Thorp, Anne Longfellow
Thorp, Erica
Van Eyck, Membling
Vaud
Verdevall, J.[Verdenal, Jean]
Vigier, H. / Vigui, H.
Weiss, M.

Wersser
Whitaker, Robert and Claire
White, David W.
Wild, Mary Rosamond (Dana)
Wild, Rosamond Dana
Wright, P.
Young, Karl

_____, Arthur
_____, Chandler
_____, Charles
_____, Edith
_____, Florence
_____, George
_____, Harold
_____, Helen [Dana, Helen (Ford)
Mumford?]
_____, John
_____, Norman
_____, Oscar
_____, Paul
_____, Phil
_____, Plue
_____, Ralph
_____, William