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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Graffte, Amos A., 1871-1945
Title:	Amos and Octavia Moulton Graffte Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0207
Date [inclusive]:	1890-1974
Date [bulk]:	1897-1926
Physical Description:	1 cubic foot (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection reflects the business and civic activities of both Amos A. and Octavia Moulton Graffte. The collection is enriched by notes of explanation added to most items by the Grafftes' daughter, Marjorie Graffte Prout, the donor of the collection.

Preferred Citation

Amos and Octavia Moulton Graffte Papers, SpC MS 0207, [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

The collection contains the personal papers and business records of Amos A. and Octavia Moulton Graffte, lifelong residents of Dennistown, Maine.

Amos Graffte was born in 1871 on the farm in Dennistown where he spent his entire life. In addition to farming, he was a successful lumberman, having logging crews in Skinner and Holeb, Maine, in the early 20th century. He was also associated with the Jackman Lumber Company and was foreman at the Kellogg Lumber Company in Long Pond, Maine. He was the town clerk of Dennistown for 52 years and town treasurer for 51 consecutive years. He was also superintendent of schools in Dennistown. Amos Graffte married Octavia Moulton in 1893 and they had two daughters. One daughter died as an infant; the

other daughter, Marjorie Graffte Prout, married Everett Prout and lived in Massachusetts. Amos Graffte died on October 30, 1945.

Octavia Moulton Graffte was born in Embden, Maine, and came to Dennistown in about 1889 to teach school. She continued to teach in Dennistown for many years and also held town offices there. She was the first woman assessor elected in Maine. She was also active in the Red Cross and in various Liberty Loan and other campaigns during and following World War I. Octavia Graffte died on August 21, 1943.

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Scope and Contents of the Records

The collection reflects the business and civic activities of both Amos A. and Octavia Moulton Graffte. It is arranged in one series with three sub-series: Papers of Amos A. Graffte, Papers of Octavia Moulton Graffte and Papers of the Graffte Family. The collection is enriched by notes of explanation added to most items by the Grafftes' daughter, Marjorie Graffte Prout, the donor of the collection.

The first sub-series, Papers of Amos A. Graffte, centers around his work as a lumberman in the early 20th century. It includes logging contracts, ledgers of financial information for both logging and a general store owned by the Graffte family in the 19th century, information about scaling logs, wage scales and time books. Of particular interest are the photographs showing logging crews at Graffte's camps in Holeb and Skinner, Maine.

The second sub-series, Papers of Octavia Moulton Graffte, is almost entirely concerned with her career as a teacher; it includes teacher's certificates, receipts for teaching, school registers, and an essay about the Dennistown School written by her in the early 1890s. Also included is a tribute to her written in 1974 by a former pupil.

The third sub-series, Papers of the Graffte family, contains items common to both Amos and Octavia Graffte or not clearly identified as belonging to one or the other. It reflects their civic activities in Dennistown, their involvement in local education, and their volunteer work in World War I.

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Conservation Note

The collection has been re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Photographs have been housed in polypropylene sleeves and remain with the relevant documents.

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Restrictions on Access

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Graffte papers came to the Special Collections Department, Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine as a gift from Marjorie Graffte Proud between 1973 and 1975.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Forests and forestry
- Logging -- Maine -- Holeb

- Logging -- Maine -- Skinner
- Dennistown (Me)
- Holeb (Me.)
- Skinner (Me.)
- Correspondence
- Receipts (Financial records)
- Clippings
- Photographs
- Financial records
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Grafte, Octavia Moulton, -1943
- Grafte family
- Jackman Lumber Company
- Stetson School (Dennistown, Me.)

Collection Inventory

Contents of Box

Papers of Amos A. Grafte

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence to Amos Grafte, re: U.S. Agricultural Conservation Program, 1939, 1941-1942 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1939, 1941-1942	Box 1	Folder 1
Correspondence re: death of Octavia Grafte, 1943 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1943	Box 1	Folder 2
Certificate of appointment as Fish and Game Warden, 1924 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1924	Box 1	Folder 3
Bill and receipts, 1897, 1909, 1916 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1897, 1909, 1916	Box 1	Folder 4
Insurance policy on hay, 1917-1918 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1917-1918	Box 1	Folder 5
Logging contracts, 1918-1919, 1922-1923 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1918-1919, 1922-1923	Box 1	Folder 6
Insurance policy, lumber camps and supplies, 1913 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1913	Box 1	Folder 7
Ledger : logging and general store [?], 1891-1910	Box 1	Folder 8

<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1891-1910		
Ledger : family accounts, lumbering at Skinner, Maine, 1895-1909 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1895-1909	Box 1	Folder 9
Jackman Lumber Co. documents, 1916, 1923 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1916, 1923	Box 1	Folder 10
Bills for scaling logs, 1912-1926 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1912-1926	Box 1	Folder 11
Forrest H. Colby, Bingham, Maine: Log scale book, 1922-1923 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1922-1923	Box 1	Folder 12
Wage scale per month and day, early 1900s <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : early 1900s	Box 1	Folder 13
Time books, 1902, 1910 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1902, 1910	Box 1	Folder 14
Payment register, 1908: Kellogg Lumber Co., Long Pond, Maine [A.A. Grafte, foreman] <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1908: Kellogg Lumber Co., Long Pond, Maine [A.A. Grafte, foreman]	Box 1	Folder 15
Employment agency cards, Jackman, Maine, 1913-1914 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1913-1914	Box 1	Folder 16
Photographs: Amos Grafte's logging crew, Holeb, Maine, 1904, 1913-1914 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1904, 1913-1914	Box 1	Folder 17
Photograph: Amos Grafte's crew, Wood Stream lumbering operation, circa 1914 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : circa 1914	Box 1	Folder 18
Photographs: Amos Grafte's logging operation at Skinner, Maine, 1914 or 1915 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1914 or 1915	Box 1	Folder 19
Random notes about lumber camps in the 1904-1912 period by Marjorie Grafte Prout, 1974 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974	Box 1	Folder 20

Sub-series 2: Papers of Octavia Moulton Grafte

Title/Description	Instances	
Letters from Octavia Grafte to daughter Marjorie, 1910-1911 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1910-1911	Box 1	Folder 21
Correspondence to Octavia Grafte, 1918, 1919, 1934	Box 1	Folder 22

<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1918, 1919, 1934		
Penmanship notebook of Octavia Graffte, 1880s <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1880s	Box 1	Folder 23
Teacher's certificates, etc., 1890-1919 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1890-1919	Box 1	Folder 24
Receipts of teaching, receipts for other teachers, 1892, 1898-1903 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1892, 1898-1903	Box 1	Folder 25
School registers, 1897, 1906, 1919 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1897, 1906, 1919	Box 1	Folder 26
Dennistown Plantation school bills, 1896-1908 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1896-1908	Box 1	Folder 27
Story by Octavia Moulton re: activities at Dennistown School, transcription by Marjorie Graffte Prout; two photographs of Hilton family, 1890s <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1890s	Box 1	Folder 28
In memory of Mrs. Octavia Graffte, teacher by Margo Holden, 1974 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974	Box 1	Folder 29

Sub-series 3: Papers of the Graffte family

Title/Description	Instances	
Graffte family photographs	Box 1	Folder 30
Obituaries of Octavia and Amos Graffte, 1943, 1945 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1943, 1945	Box 1	Folder 31
Correspondence to Marjorie Graffte Prout death of Amos Graffte, 1946 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1946	Box 1	Folder 32
Map: U.S.G.S. topographical quadrangle: Attean quadrangle, with Graffte family information, 1951 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 1	Folder 33
Treasurer book of W.W. Stetson School Improvement League of Dennistown Plantation, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1902	Box 1	Folder 34
School Improvement League of Maine membership certificates, 1902-1903	Box 1	Folder 35

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1902-1903		
Illustration of W.W. Stetson, state superintendent of schools, circa 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> circa 1903	Box 1	Folder 36
Account book: State and county tax, Dennistown Plt., 1906 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1906	Box 1	Folder 37
Liberty Loan documents, 1918-1919 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1918-1919	Box 1	Folder 38
Badgers: Delegate, Assessors Convention, Maine Woman's Liberty Loan Committee of New England, 1921 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1921	Box 1	Folder 39
Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1904, 1918, 1927 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1904, 1918, 1927	Box 1	Folder 40
Newspapers re: public laws of Maine passed by the Legislature, 1891, 1895, 1897, 1899 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1891, 1895, 1897, 1899	Box 1	Folder 41
Photograph: Pupils in Mill School, Moose River, Maine, 1920s [?] <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1920s [?]	Box 1	Folder 42
Stetson common school diploma, Dennistown, Maine	Box 1	Folder 43
Postcard, from Everett Prout [shows U. Of Maine College of Law, Bangor, Maine], 1915 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1915	Box 1	Folder 44

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