Graffte (Amos and Octavia Moulton) Papers, 1890-1974

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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

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.

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.

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.
Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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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.

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)
- Graffte, Octavia Moulton, -1943
- Graffte family
- Jackman Lumber Company
- Stetson School (Dennistown, Me.)

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Date [inclusive]: 1891-1910

Ledger: family accounts, lumbering at Skinner, Maine, 1895-1909
Date [inclusive]: 1895-1909

Jackman Lumber Co. documents, 1916, 1923
Date [inclusive]: 1916, 1923

Bills for scaling logs, 1912-1926
Date [inclusive]: 1912-1926

Forrest H. Colby, Bingham, Maine: Log scale book, 1922-1923
Date [inclusive]: 1922-1923

Wage scale per month and day, early 1900s
Date [inclusive]: early 1900s

Time books, 1902, 1910
Date [inclusive]: 1902, 1910

Payment register, 1908: Kellogg Lumber Co., Long Pond, Maine [A.A. Graffte, foreman]
Date [inclusive]: 1908: Kellogg Lumber Co., Long Pond, Maine [A.A. Graffte, foreman]

Employment agency cards, Jackman, Maine, 1913-1914
Date [inclusive]: 1913-1914

Photographs: Amos Graffte's logging crew, Holeb, Maine, 1904, 1913-1914
Date [inclusive]: 1904, 1913-1914

Photograph: Amos Graffte's crew, Wood Stream lumbering operation, circa 1914
Date [inclusive]: circa 1914

Photographs: Amos Graffte's logging operation at Skinner, Maine, 1914 or 1915
Date [inclusive]: 1914 or 1915

Random notes about lumber camps in the 1904-1912 period by Marjorie Graffte Prout, 1974
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Sub-series 2: Papers of Octavia Moulton Graffte

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Penmanship notebook of Octavia Graffte, 1880s
Date [inclusive]: 1880s
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Teacher's certificates, etc., 1890-1919
Date [inclusive]: 1890-1919
Box 1 Folder 24

Receipts of teaching, receipts for other teachers, 1892, 1898-1903
Date [inclusive]: 1892, 1898-1903
Box 1 Folder 25

School registers, 1897, 1906, 1919
Date [inclusive]: 1897, 1906, 1919
Box 1 Folder 26

Dennistown Plantation school bills, 1896-1908
Date [inclusive]: 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
Date [inclusive]: 1890s
Box 1 Folder 28

In memory of Mrs. Octavia Graffte, teacher by Margo Holden, 1974
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