

**Baldwin Historical Society, 1972-1983
Records, 1972-1983, (bulk 1974-76)**

Manuscript Collection, AS-10

2.29 linear feet (4 boxes)

Creator: Baldwin Historical Society

Arrangement: Arranged in three series: 1. Administrative Records (alphabetically), 2. Newspaper Articles (chronologically), 3. Images (events)

Administrative History: The Baldwin Historical Society was established in 1972. Originally named The Friends of the Baldwin Mansion Society, Inc., their name changed on May 10th, 1973 to The Baldwin Historical Society, Inc. Their mission was “to cultivate, collect, preserve, and publish data concerning the economic growth and history of Baldwin Mansion and related areas in Woburn and restoration of [the] same”. The Baldwin Mansion, the focus of the society, was once owned by Loammi Baldwin (1744-1807), a Woburn, Massachusetts resident and noted civil engineer who designed and supervised construction of the Middlesex Canal (construction dates: 1794-1803). The society was also known as the Baldwin Group and was a prominent historical group from 1972 to 1983. They had rotating leadership, membership and scholarships. Their meeting locations rotated as well, but their main location was at: 14 Cedar Street, East Woburn, Mass, 01801, the local residence of two of its founding members, Walter and Nancy Delaney. The first meeting of the society was held on April 17, 1974 on Phillips Street in Woburn, Mass. Their last recorded meeting was April 14, 1982. Some of the major events that they celebrated were the Bicentennial, Apple Festivals, and the relocation of the Baldwin Mansion. The Baldwin Historical Society fought to preserve the mansion and encouraged its relocation. They collected any historical papers they found from the town of Woburn, most of them being about the mansion.

Scope and Content Note: The collection from the Baldwin Historical Society consists of newspaper articles, photographs, slides, legal documents, journals and correspondence. With its main focus on the Baldwin Mansion, the Baldwin Historical Society set out to celebrate and preserve the Historic Landmark. The documents within the collection span from 1972 to 1983, with the bulk being from 1974-76. Series 1 contains the Administrative Records of the society organized in alphabetical order. They contain legal documents, correspondence, and newsletters among other office files. Series 2 contains reformatted images of all of the newspaper articles the society collected and saved between 1972 and 1983. Some of the topics discussed in the articles are: the Town of Woburn, the history of the people of Woburn, the events hosted and attended by the society and the Baldwin family and their Mansion. The articles were found throughout the entire collection in no particular order. For this reason, the newspapers are organized chronologically. Series 3 contains negatives, slides and photographs taken by members of the society. Some images include the events put on by the society and the Baldwin Mansion. The series also includes artwork and other images collected by the society.

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Acquisition: Transfer from Woburn City Hall by the Assistant to Mayor McLaughlin. Received and accessioned by T. Doyle on January 11, 2006. Transfer contained 2 boxes of records from the Baldwin Historical Society.

Custodial History: Collection was given to the former assistant to the Mayor, Tom Smith in the 1990s and was held at City Hall until 2006.

Repository:

Woburn Public Library
Dr. Thomas J. Glennon Archives
45 Pleasant Street
Woburn, MA 01801

Access: Access may be limited. Contact library for details.

Copyright: Please contact the Archivist about questions on the copyright status of this collection.

Related Materials: (Artifacts available in the Tom Smith Collection WOB-36)

Baldwin Mansion Pewter Spoons (20)
Baldwin Mansion Keychain (7)
Baldwin Apple Keychain (7)
Red Baldwin Apple Keychain (22)
Baldwin Apple Pendent Necklace (31)
Gold Baldwin Apple Necklace (21)

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Subjects:

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Correspondence
Financial statements
History—Societies, etc
Photographs—Albums
Printed ephemera
Scrapbooks

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Local Subjects:

Baldwin Historical Society
Baldwin, Loammi, 1744-1807
Baldwin Mansion

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Series 1: Administrative Records

Box Folder

- 1 Folder 1: Application for Recognition of Exemption, I.R.S/ Comm. of Mass, 1972
- 1 Folder 2: Baldwin Historical Society (Incoming) Correspondence File, 1973-1976
- 1 Folder 3: Baldwin Historical Society (Outgoing) Correspondence File, 1973-1976
- 1 Folder 4: Baldwin Historical Society President Work in Progress, including House Data from 1790
- 1 Folder 5: Baldwin Historical Society Stationary Logo Negative
- 1 Folder 6: Baldwin Mansion Artwork – Geo. Baldwin Sketch
- 1 Folder 7: Baldwin Notes / Lists
- 1 Folder 8: Biographical Reports
- 1 Folder 9: Charter/Insurance Policy, 1972-1973
- 1 Folder 10: Communication by William Cutter on Samuel Thompson’s Diaries, 1880
- 1 Folder 11: Financial Reports, March 31, 1975
- 1 Folder 12: Internal Revenue Services Determination Letters, 1974
- 1 Folder 13: Letters Requesting Items or Information on Library, 1973-1977 – Not part of accession in 2006. Originally from WPL Collection files
- 1 Folder 14: Map of Woburn, Mass., 1831
- 1 Folder 15: Newsletters, etc., 1974-1979
- 1 Folder 16: Open House, 1976
- 1 Folder 17: Proprietors’ Book of Record, 1739-1765
- 1 Folder 18: Recording Secretary Reports, 1973-1976
- 1 Folder 19: Registration Certificates, 1974-1979
- 1 Folder 20: Receipts, 1973-1978
- 1 Folder 21: Scholarships
- 1 Folder 22: Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank and Choate Hospital, 1987
- 2 Folder 23: Recordkeeping Notebooks, 1972-1975
- 2 Folder 24: Annual Financial Reports 1977-1980
- 2 Folder 25: Annual Financial Reports 1981-1983
- 2 Folder 26: Binder – No title, contains administration files
- 3 Folder 26: Binder – No title, contains meeting notes

Series 2: Newspaper Articles

Box Folder

- 3 Folder 1: Newspaper articles, chronological order, 1974-1982

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- 4 Album 1: (White) Baldwin Historical Society News, 1972-1977
- 4 Album 2: (Green) Baldwin Historical Society News Clippings, 1976-

Series 3: Images

Box Folder

- 3 Folder 1: Photographs and Negatives
 - Lot 1: 1975, Parade and Reenactment
 - Lot 2: June 1978, Baldwin Historical Society Cook-out
 - Lot 3: Large images, events unknown
 - Lot 4: Baldwin Mansion, Baldwin Apple, Member meetings, BHS images
 - Lot 5: Negatives
 - Envelope 1: Misc. Photographs
- 3 Folder 2: Postcards
- 4 Calendar, 8 pieces
- 4 Folder 3: Slides
 - Envelope – Slides (5) – BHS members with Blanket #1
 - Envelope – Slides (6) – BHS members with Blanket #2
 - Envelope – Slides (7) – Baldwin Mansion (exterior) #1
 - Envelope – Slides (8) – Baldwin Mansion (exterior) #2
 - Envelope – Slides (10) – Baldwin Mansion (exterior) #3
 - Envelope – Slides (8) – Baldwin Mansion (interior)
 - Envelope – Slides (5) – Landscape images
 - Envelope – Slides (4) – Misc. images
 - Envelope – Slides (7) – Parade 1975, #16-76
 - Envelope – Slides (8) – Parade 1975, #86-156