

Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Record Unit 401
Election Results, Voter Lists and Papers
By Hilary Wall

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum

Call No.

Title: Election Results, Voter Lists and Papers

Creator: various

Quantity: 0.5 cubic feet

Abstract: Record Unit 401 is a compilation of election results, voter lists, and other miscellaneous papers that document the political affairs in the towns of Tisbury, Chilmark, and Edgartown. The documents in this collection range in date from 1792 to 1918

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information:

Processing Information: Hilary Wall

Access Restrictions: none

Use Restrictions: none

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Index Terms

- Elections
- Chilmark
- Edgartown
- Tisbury
- United States Representatives
- Voters Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association

Series and Subseries Arrangement

Series I: Tisbury Election Results, Voter Lists, and Papers, 1792-1918

Series II: Chilmark Election Results, Voter Lists, and Papers, 1806-1884

Series III: Edgartown Election Results, Voter Lists, and Papers, 1806-1841

Historical Note:

The collection of records in Record Unit 401 has been “artificially” created. There is no original order to these documents. Rather, it is assumed that the organization’s librarians, interns, and volunteers have brought these records together at some point. The institution’s own records do not shed any light on when and why the collection was originally formed. What is known is that the MVM was founded in 1922/ And, the organization began to collect documents in 1923. Thus the formation of this record unit can only be dated to sometime between 1923 and the present day. The processing of this collection in 2010 has largely kept this artificial collection together.

Scope and Content Note:

Record Unit 401 is a compilation of election results, voter lists, and other miscellaneous papers that document the political affairs in the towns of Tisbury, Chilmark, and Edgartown. The documents in this collection range in date from 1792 to 1918. Also in this collection is a series of Poll, State, and Board Tax Receipts for William W. Pease.

Series Descriptions:

Series I: Tisbury Election Results, Voter Lists, and Papers, 1792-1918

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Folder 1: Letter to the Selectmen of Tisbury, drafted by WM. I Bowditch, Lucy Stone, Mrs. C.P. Nickles and Mr. S.C. Hopkins, asking to insert in the Warrant for the next town meeting an article addressing a woman’s right to hold Town offices and vote in Town affairs, January 18, 1882; Letter to the Selectmen of Tisbury, Governor’s order for an election of a new district attorney after the resignation of Hosea M. Knowlton, September 28, 1894; Letter to Town Clerk of Tisbury from John Q. Adams, citing Chapter 508 of the Acts of 1895, to allow the town to buy new and perfect working ballot boxes with a description of the qualifying conditions for an ideal ballot box, undated; Record of results for the election of Isaiah L. Green of Barnstable as representative for the ninth United States Congress, November 11, 1806; Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senate, includes 27 votes for

John Hancock for governor, April 1792; "Qualified Men Voters in the Town of Tisbury, Mass." Suggested date of 1918, photocopy; Laminated copy and negative, "A List of Polls and of the Estates Real and Personal, of the several Proprietors and Inhabitation of the Town of Tisbury," 1784.

Series II: Chilmark Election Results, Voter Lists, and Papers, 1806-1884

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Folder 2: Votes for United States representative, November 3, 180; Letter to Mathew Mayhew from John P. Norton, March 24, 1827; Democratic ticket for 1884 election with list of elected officials, including Austin Smith of Chilmark for County Commissioner.

Series III: Edgartown Election Results, Voter Lists, and Papers

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Folder 3: Newspaper clipping, list of voters from Edgartown in 1813, from the *Vineyard Gazette*, January 1, 1931; Notebook with list of eligible voters, 1841; Election results for the 10th Congress of the United States, Edgartown November 11, 1806; List of eligible voters, February 26, 1823; List of Selectmen from 1693 to 1830 and list of Town Clerks, 1833 to 1867; Manuscripts with newspaper clippings including a discussion of the Presidential candidates for the Election of 1848; List of persons qualified to vote, October 25, 1870.

Series IV: William W. Pease's Collection of Poll, State and Board Tax Receipts and Bill of Sales

Subseries A: History of Martha's Vineyard

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Folder 4: Bill of sale from F.H. Jenkins, 1872; Receipt for clothing and other items, undated; Receipt (from 1841?), undecipherable date; State Tax Receipt, August 22, 1873; Record of State Tax, January 10, 1855; Poll Tax for November 28, 1870; Note of debt to town of Tisbury, August 17, 1857; Receipt, November 8, 1852; Poll Tax Receipt from November 15, 1869; Poll Tax Receipt, August 21, 1871; Receipt from August 21, 1850 and August 10, 1852.

