

**Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Record Unit 80
Tisbury School Collection 1850-1999**
By Anna Littlefield

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum

Call No.

Title: Tisbury Schools Collection 1850--1999

Creator: various

Quantity: 4.5 cubic feet

Abstract: The Tisbury School 1850-1999 Collection is contains Official School Records and Reports, including schools reports, schools bills and receipts and teachers' salary receipts. There is also student material and school memorabilia that includes students' papers and poems, programs for schools events, graduation memorabilia and school yearbooks. Susan Johnson's research paper on Art Education History is included as well.

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Index Terms

Tisbury School	Senior Class Records
Clifton Clough	Yearbooks
Martha Jane Tilton	Susan Johnson's "Exploring Art Education History"
Music/Glee Club Programs	

Series and Subseries Arrangement

Series I: Official Administrative Records and Reports

Series II: Student Material and School Memorabilia

Historical Note:

The very first schoolhouse was built in what is today West Tisbury in 1652. This schoolhouse was used for Christian education for the Wampanoag tribe. The first public schoolhouses in the village of Tisbury can be dated as early as 1737. The town built the public schools and arranged school districts in 1792 as a requirement of a Massachusetts law of 1747 that required public schools to be available to students of the town. There were two school houses in the north and south end of the village. In 1854, one schoolhouse was built on Center Street. This building was torn down sometime during the 1930s and the students moved to the new school building. The new school was built in 1929 on West William Street and an addition was added in 1938. This school is still being used today.

Scope and Content Note:

The Tisbury School 1850-1999 Collection has been artificially created. There is no original order to these documents. Librarians, interns and volunteers have worked to assemble this collection at some point. The MVM was created in 1922 and started collecting documents in 1923. The final assembly of this collection was done in June 2011. This collection of 4.5 cubic feet, contains official bills and receipts from Tisbury Schools, including teachers' salary receipts generally from 1850 to the 1897. There are also several official school records and reports about Tisbury school year and tuition and student records. The collection also contains student material and school memorabilia including students' work, yearbooks, programs for school events and graduation memorabilia. There is also Susan Johnson's research paper, "Exploring Art Education History: Identity of place in a New England island community."

See also: MV Museum photographic archives for images for further research on Tisbury Schools

Series Descriptions:

Series I: Official Administrative Records and Reports

Box 1 of 3

Folder 1: Tisbury School Correspondences to the Selectmen of Tisbury; dates from 1853-1895

Folder 2: Official School Reports and Records including School Reports (1840,1860,1868), Tuition and Student records, School Committee Directory and School Housing Needs Record of 1956

Folder 3: Tisbury Schools Bills and Receipts 1850s

Folder 4: Tisbury Schools Bills and Receipts 1860s

Folder 5: Tisbury Schools Bills and Receipts 1870s

Folder 6: Tisbury Schools Bills and Receipts 1880-1885
Folder 7: Tisbury Schools Bills and Receipts 1886-1889
Folder 8: Tisbury Schools Bills and Receipts 1890s
Folder 9: Tisbury Schools Bills and Receipts undated
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Folder 1: Tisbury Teacher Qualification 1835-1878
Folder 2: Tisbury Teachers Salary Receipts 1850s
Folder 3: Tisbury Teachers Salary Receipts 1860s
Folder 4: Tisbury Teachers Salary Receipts 1870s
Folder 5: Tisbury Teachers Salary Receipts 1880-1885
Folder 6: Tisbury Teachers Salary Receipts 1886-1889
Folder 7: Tisbury Teachers Salary Receipts 1890s
Folder 8: Tisbury Teachers Salary Receipts undated

Series II: Student Material and School Memorabilia

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Folder 1: Students' Work and Report Cards
Folder 2: School Events and Clubs
Folder 3: Yearbooks; "Bombs" and "The Climax"
Folder 4: Class Reunions; 1949's 50th Reunion
Folder 5: Tisbury School Graduations 1902-1954
Folder 6: "Exploring Art Education History: Identity of place in a New England island community" Research Paper by Susan Johnson
Folder 7: References of Tisbury Schools in Newspapers