

A Finding Aid to the *Martha's Vineyard Herald* Newspapers

Record Unit 433



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Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum
Gale Huntington Research Library
59 School Street
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Edgartown, MA 02539
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Call Number: RU 433

Creator:

Title: *Martha's Vineyard herald* newspapers

Dates: 1885-1922

Physical Description: 2 Oversize Boxes

Language(s): The materials are in English.

Abstract: The collection consists of 194 issues of the *Martha's Vineyard Herald* newspaper, dating from October 1885 to April 1922. The newspaper was based in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts and covered items of local and national interest. It also included religious sermons.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Use and Reproduction Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

Martha's Vineyard Museum, RU 433, *Martha's Vineyard Herald* Newspapers.

Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Related Materials

The Edgartown Free Public Library also holds some issues of the *Martha's Vineyard Herald* on microfilm. See also, RU 435, *Cottage City Star* Newspapers, for the predecessor to the *Martha's Vineyard Herald*.

Index Terms

Subjects - Topics

Newspapers--Massachusetts--Martha's Vineyard

Subjects - Places

Cottage City (Mass.)--Newspapers

Martha's Vineyard (Mass.)--Newspapers

Oak Bluffs (Mass.)--Newspapers

Form/Genre Terms

Newspapers

Biography/Historical Note

The *Martha's Vineyard Herald* was a weekly, (biweekly in July and August), newspaper published from 1885 to the early 20th century. In late 1885 Charles Strahan purchased the *Cottage City Star* newspaper from Howes Norris. He began publishing the *Martha's Vineyard Herald* with Associate Editor, Reverend C. P. Sheldon. In May of 1886 the printing and administrative offices of the paper were moved from the Star Office at 1 Commonwealth Square, Cottage City to the Herald Building on Circuit Avenue,

Cottage City (Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts). Strahan converted "the old Ginn Block" into the Herald's new offices, redesigning the building to have shops on the first floor and presses and offices on the second. The *Cottage City Star* was included on the masthead until September 1886. In addition to publishing the newspaper, the Herald presses also accepted other printing jobs such as, town reports, school committee reports and publications of the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society. In October 1887 Mark F. Cummings became the Associate Editor. The paper changed hands in 1900 when Elmer E. Landers and William E. Doane became editors and proprietors. They worked together until 1902, when Doane retired and Landers became sole Editor and publisher. The paper was discontinued around 1922.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection includes 194 issues of the *Martha's Vineyard Herald* from 1885 October 29 through 1922 April 13. The paper was published in Cottage City, Massachusetts, (renamed Oak Bluffs in January 1907). The Herald was a four page, local newspaper "especially devoted to the interests of Martha's Vineyard." Issues focused on local news and information, but also included some items of national and international note. The paper published several literary serials; and, sermons by the Reverend Thomas Talmage were carried until his passing in 1902. Talmage preached in New York City, Washington (D.C.) and England and his sermons were nationally syndicated, appearing in more than 3,000 periodicals.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Collection Contents

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1885 October 29 1885 November 05 1886 January 21 1886 January 28 1886 March 25 1886 May 06 1886 May 13
1	2	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1886 May 20 1886 July 07 1886 July 14 1886 July 17

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1	4	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1887 May 05 1887 May 12 1887 May 19 1887 June 02 1887 June 16 1887 July 13 1887 July 27
1	5	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1887 August 03 1887 August 06 1887 August 17 1887 August 20 1887 August 22
1	6	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1887 August 24 1887 August 31 1887 October 27 1887 November 17
1	7	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1888 January 26 1888 July 07 1888 July 11 1888 July 18 1888 July 28
1	8	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1889 March 28 1889 May 02 1889 May 16 1889 July 13 1889 July 17
1	9	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1889 September 19 1889 December 05 1889 December 19 1889 December 26 1890 January 30 1890 April 17
1	10	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1891 April 02 1891 June 11

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1	12	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1892 February 25
			1892 March 17
			1892 April 07
			1892 April 14
			1892 August 05
			1892 August 23
			1892 September 28
1	13	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1893 October 12
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			1893 November 02
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1	14	<i>Martha's Vineyard Herald</i>	1894 February 15
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