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Helen Adair Hammond Adams Papers
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5 Box (25 linear inches)

Biographical sketch: Helen Adair Hammond was born in 1883 (to Walter C. Hammond and Eliza A. Chandler), was a life long resident of Kingston and was one of the town's most prominent civic and church leaders. She was a student of local histories and family genealogies. Her varied interests, keen eye and knowledge of antiques developed an outstanding personal collection of Americana. Helen Adams was particularly interested in antiques as many were handed down through her husband, Frederic Russell Adams, paternal family, who were descendants of Governor William Bradford and William Brewster of the Mayflower Company.

Until her death Helen Adams was president of the Bradford House Council and a member of the Jones River Village Club, Woman's Alliance, Kingston Branch, China Club of Boston, and the OES. She resided at #31 Summer Street with her husband until her death in 1962.

Upon her death the estate was auctioned off. It is believed that the existence of the trunk came from papers, correspondences, etc., which had been cleaned out of Helen Adams desk and/or secretary. Helen H. Adams trunk or chest is covered with wallpaper depicting the War of 1812. Inside, the newspaper lining the chest (dated 1812) is (of) the War of 1812. The portraits of Deacon George Russell and his wife, Sarah Lewis Thomas Russell, now hanging in the Kingston Public Library Local History Room, once hung in Helen Adams living room.

Scope and Content Note: Helen Adams varied and personal interests are reflected in the material she collected, hence this Collection contains a variety of items on a variety of topics. The Box and Folder List is based upon the arrangement of materials upon donation. Therefore the folder numbers are continuously sequential. A number of the envelopes were empty upon donation: these folders were therefore left empty and "*Missing from inventory*" has been entered in their place.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder
1	1 Invitations
	2 Thomas Russell Papers (correspondence from Washington D.C., 1860s)
	3 Willis, Reverend Zephaniah (census 1796, sermon, history of Plymouth county, history of first parish, genealogy, Russell's American Almanac 1781)
	4 <i>Graves on Patuxet Hill</i> by George C. Burgess
	5 Houses, in Kingston – information on
	6 Bradford House History by Sarah Bailey

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- 7 Land Grant from King to Richard Adams, Adams genealogy (18th or early 19th century documents)
- 8 Frigate Constitution (Brigantine Independence) drawings
- 9 Russell, Amelia Papers (correspondence 1813 – 1817)
- 10 Adams, Horatio (correspondence from Gardner, Maine 1845)
- 11 *Missing from inventory*
- 12 Old Burying Ground sites and epitaphs (by Sarah Y. Bailey)
- 13 Indenture (permission to build a dam on Trout Brook and erect a forge for the purpose of making anchors, 1794 – E. Faunce, yeoman, John Sever and John Faunce, gentlemen and Isaac Bosworth, blacksmith)
- 14 Unitarian Church History (information on pastors, construction, finances, etc...)
- 15 Holmes, Cornelius Murder (reward poster, 1868)
- 16 Russell, Catherine Drew *Reminiscences of Musical Life and Educational Advantages in Kingston in the Early Days*
- 17 *Missing from inventory*
- 18 Indians (Algonkians / Algonquians)
- 19 Dame School
- 20 Adams, Caleb (correspondence re: bequeathing of gold bowed glasses and Indian joint cane) 1839
- 2 **21 *Helen Adams notes on Hannah Adams trip to Bangor – located in MC-3 folder 36 as notes are in regards to Hannah's trip.***
- 22 Cook, Captain Benjamin (correspondences, inventory, genealogy, remembrances)
- 23 Land Grant to Cushman, Jeb (contains President Franklin Pierce signature) and small book on General Pierce's life
- 24 Aqueduct, Kingston
- 25 Plymouth Kingston and Oil Company stock (80 shares)
- 26 *Missing from inventory*
- 27 Chandler, Captain James (papers), 1806
- 28 Sever, Captain James Papers
- 29 Parris, Martin, schoolmaster (notes, reports, pamphlets and aqueduct shares)
- 30 Adams, George Papers (correspondence, IRS tax forms 1864 –1875)
- 31 Bradford Pottery
- 31A Adams, George, Hannah, Horatio papers
- 32 Adams, Horatio (investments incl. stock certificates from all over the United States)
- 33 Herculean (Kingston ship)
- 34 Adams, Frederic C. and Evelyn re: #31 Summer Street, will of F. C. Adams (notes from Hannah Adams diary re: Frederick and Evelyn and Abraham Pierce)
- 35 Brewster Family
 - i. Widow Mary Brewster, guardian for Judith Brewster (papers on estate)
 - ii. List of physicians
 - iii. E.E. Brewster
 - iv. Elder Brewster
 - v. Excerpts from H. Adams diary, news clippings, 1958

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- vi. Correspondence Eliz Bates Brewster (sister to Mrs. Adams)
- vii. Correspondence from Hannah to brother and wife
- viii. Correspondence from Hannah to ? (in her handwriting)
- ix. Correspondence of Betsey Foster Drew 1779 - 1805
- 36 News clippings (obituaries, house histories, scandals, etc.)
- 37 Shivericks, (East Dennis, Cape Cod)
- 38 Fort Payne, Alabama
- 39 Washburn, Icabod re: bequest to Town
- 40 Adams, John (deed to son), 1811
- 3 41 *Missing from inventory*
- 42 Lawson, Thomas (seven masted)
- 43 Inventory of list of articles in JRVHS attic
- 44 Kingston Library Association (catalogue, constitution, misc.)
- 45 Fuller, Dan, hermit (newspaper clipping 1893, photographs)
- 46 Kingston Cotton Woolen Manufacturers, 1825 – 1829
- 47 Chauncy Hall School, Boston and Philip Exeter Academy of George W. Adams,
New Mother Church, 1894
- 48 Stony Brook School (key to photograph)
- 49 Trolleys, Kingston to Plymouth
- 50 Building of #87 Summer Street (from Hannah Adams diary)
- 51 Ranson, Emma Russell (photograph, calling each report card)
- 52 F. C. Adams Library Papers (correspondence, original contract with Chandler,
handwriting samples of prominent residents)
- 53 Webster, Daniel *Speech on the Greek Revolution*, 1824
- 54 Old Colony Railroad memorabilia
- 55 Notes on Kingston stores (inc. info re: Adams Block fire and photograph of Myrick's
Tin Shop)
- 56 Sturdevant murder (Robert Cook and Sturdevant genealogy)
- 57 House, raised or bought, Kingston High School demolition, Loring Coal shed and
house used for pharmacy
- 58 School notes (including specifications of original schools and a school report from
1843)
- 59 Shipbuilding on the North River
- 60 Russell, Catherine Drew (music)
- 61 Stoves
- 62 Damon family notes
- 63 Adams, Rufus (sale of corn, January 21, 1799 with English money values)
- 64 Pendergast, Edward and Maguire with oxen (correspondence)
- 65 Cemetery, Tombs
- 66 Adams, Lucy (love letter, October 1, 1787)
- 67 Holmes, Frank esq. (bill head from his company: Anchors, Ship knees and Light
Forging, Dealer in Farmers' Plaster, Grain, Corn and Meal, 1876)
- 68 Presidents (poems, services and count of votes)
- 69 Washburn, Bildad and Azel (notes from Hannah Adams diary), letter from Mother to
Hannah on her Wedding day
- 70 Russell, Mary Homer (versus written)
- 71 Pass to Park Theatre with note written from Amy Lesser

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- 72 Roads, Tires and Bridges
- 73 Orthodox Church
- 74 Adams, Lydia T. (mirrors collection)
- 75 Kingston Yacht Club by-laws and correspondences
- 76 Pilgrim society receipt of Brewster Christening Bowl, 1911
- 77
- 78 Storm at Minots Lighthouse, April 1851 (Rebuilt w/ article 1933)
- 79 Temperance, Kingston Society (notes and constitution, 1834)
- 80 Adams, California gold mining (lineage of Thomas Bradford and Lydia Cook)
- 81 Spiritual Rapping's – healing, mesmemerism, etc.
- 82 Adams, Samuel and Abigail, soldiers monument (dedication and news clippings, 1883)
- 83 Adams genealogy
- 84 Bradford House, contents and facts
- 85 Drew genealogy *Fast find, fast find, give it another sketch.*
- 86 Baptist Church (sermon of Rev. Merriman)
- 87 Washburn, Sylvania's to Hammond, Asa (deed of lot)
- 88 Brewster, Captain Martin (Ship Topaz), murdered by pirates
- 89 Pilgrims at Truro, Centenary pageant program, 1920
- 90 Alden Family (excavation of house and auction)
- 4 91 Hammond, Lester (engineering work East River, New York, 1902 –1940)
- 92 Hurricane Donna, 1960
- 93 Plans of land sold, with deeds
- 94 Hall, John and Chrissy (including photographs)
- 95 S.B.S. group photograph 1892/3
- 96 Alms House, Hobo Tramp barn
- 97 Hammond, W. C. and other Masters – Corner Stone Lodge photograph
- 98 Covell Family
- 99 *Girls and their fates* from Hannah Adams diary
- 100 Coar (Cadwell) House, #36 Summer Street
- 101 Adam, John House (story of)
- 102 Yellett, Captain Jeremiah of Baltimore Clipper (Gertude Hammond)
- 103 *Missing from inventory*
- 104 Keith Lewis H. and Keith, Henry K.
- 105 Standish Monument (beheaded by lightning)
- 106 Bailey, Fred (Harbor Pilot)
- 107 Plympton, Eben House
- 108 Wadsworth Longfellow House, Portland, Maine
- 109 Sampson, Deborah (Revolutionary War)
- 110 Adams, Ebenezer House, 1785 photograph of house
- 111 Holmes, Lucy (story of)
- 112 Washburn, John (record in Civil War)
- 113 Washburn, John invented screw auger and cut nails
- 114 Beal, David (woodenware)
- 115 Kingston Inn (Patuxet House) and other Inns
- 116 Ice Houses –1962, Racing on Silver Lake, 1877
- 117 Cobb, James well (point well)

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- 118 Sampson Family (lived in Bradford House)
- 119 Bradford House (ownership of)
- 120 *Ride n' Tie* by Mary Drew
- 121 Model of House, Old Place, South Street – Hammond genealogy
- 122 Boundary lot, Kingston and Duxbury
- 123 Cousin Benji, Kingston poet
- 124 Forge Pond area
- 125 Old names, where meanings come from
- 126 Adams, coat of arms (unique story of windmills)
- 127 Use of charcoal and peat in New England
- 128 Punch bowls made by Glacier – Adams owned
- 129 *Missing from inventory*
- 130 *Missing from inventory*
- 131 Kingston By-pass (Route 3) news clippings, 1954 –1955
- 132 *Missing from inventory*
- 133 Adams family, gifts from
- 134 *Missing from inventory*
- 135 Holmes, Honorable John
- 136 Chandler, Doctor Ira (b. 1774 – genealogy)
- 137 Washburn, Alex papers, 1861 (to purchase property in Kingston)
- 138 Adams, George (license to sell meat, 1862)
- 139 Hall, Cristiana, cemetery lot deed (#217) and monument receipt, 1859
- 140 Fire insurance policies, 1870; Jonathan Cole, 1833; George Adams, 1845, 1842, 1835; John Hall, 1872; Catherine Thomas, 1855, 1856, 1857.
- 141 *Missing from inventory*
- 142 Land in Iowa (investment)
- 143 Hotel billheads from around the world (mail received)
- 144 Russell, Thomas, pond
- 145 Railroad: tickets, passes, lecture, etc. Library card, 1872
- 146 Bearce Papers, 1748 (early deed ½ lot 117 Marshfield)
- 147 Post Office, 1960 –1961 news clippings (formerly in Helen Adams block)
- 148 Hyde, Dolly Bryant Bates
- 149 Marble fireplaces frames (once in Thomas House now in Tilton House)
- 150 “Seven Weddings I read before the Alliance”, 1960
- 151 Correspondence re: John Adams House, Joseph Adams House (Cadwells on Summer Street) and Charles Adams House. Includes genealogy of Russell Adams, 1680 to Millburn James, 1906
- 152 Bradford Apple Tree
- 153 Bridgewater Normal, Miss Prince (news clippings by Eugene Wright). Adams, Rufus (clockmaker), history of clock left to the Bradford House by Charlotte Cutts (age 90), 1961
- 154 Specifications of Town Hall (moving, raising and remodeling, 1877)
- 155 Kingston Co-Op Foundry (first annual report), 1877
- 156 Duxbury Yacht Club, 1901
- 157 *Missing from inventory*
- 158 Christian Science Mother Church and Miss Eddy (news clippings), 1895
- 159 Cranberry picking (early) news clipping by Eugene Wright, September 21, 1961

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- 160 Brockton School Directory 1908 – 1909, Huntington School
- 5 161 Miscellaneous notes
- 162 Adams, Captain William, 1808
- 163 Bearce Family Receipts and genealogy
- 164 St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company passes
- 165 Washburn Fund
- 166 Myrick Family
- 167 Bridgewater – Marshfield Agricultural Society, 1865
- 168 *Missing from inventory*
- 169 Drew, Major Seth / Chipman, Ben House, Town Center (present location of Post Office)
- 170 Last “Liberator”, William Lloyd Garrison, ed., December 27, 1865
- 171 Plymouth Cordage Company Rope Walk, business card
- 172 Russell, Mrs. Thomas correspondence to sister, Charlotte, 1870s
- 173 McKinley, William and Butler, Ben signatures
- 174 Expositions and Program: *The Keystone States Bi-Centennial Landing of William Penn, Philadelphia, October 24, 1827*
- 175 Peckhams, Mary H. will (including inventory of personal items and gifts to the Library)
- 176 Peckham, Reverend Joseph (married Mary Homer Russell) genealogy, 1961
- 177 News clippings re: first Christmas cards, 1961; re: doll hospital, 1961: scrapbook of newspaper clippings (obits, marriage announcements)
- 178 Christmas Greeting from Mr. And Mrs. Alex Holmes with picture of the front of the house (torn down), Homes, estate, Thomas Hill
- 179 Lafayette Salt Boat, Sandwich Glass
- 180 Pilgrim Society Membership and notes
- 181 *Pine Pitch*, Eugene Wright
- 182 *Bradford Moves In*, Eugene Wright (info re: Roy Brown House)
- 183 *Missing from inventory*
- 184 Newspapers, 1899: Celebration of Admiral Dewey
- 185 Holmes, Alex – Adams, Mary Russell wedding (news clippings)
- 186 Blacksmith Shops in Kingston
- 187 *Missing from inventory*
- 188 Calling cards and envelopes
- 189 Pest Houses
- 190 Russell’s Racing Boats (Miladi I, Miladi II, 1901 – 1935), news clippings
- 191 Advertising (on money), 1863
- 192 Business cards
- 193 Sandy Nook
- 194 Beal House, groundbreaking, 1962
- 195 Cushman, Asa (correspondence from Brazil while in the service)
- 196 New England Music Festival Guests: Silver Lake High School, 1962
- 197 Auction Notices: Thomas Russell, 1867; Patuxet House; Herring Run, Wareham, Woodland, Monk’s Hill
- 198 *Missing from inventory*
- 201 Adams, Lydia T. diaries of her trip to Europe, 1891; Correspondence to Horatio

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- Adams (ten week Cook Tour with eight women) (items have been removed to MC-2)
- 202 Kingston High School graduation programs 1889 –1947 (nonconsecutive)
 - 203 Dr. H. N. Jones bills
 - 204 The Landing in 1760, 1954
 - 205 Bridgewater Normal, Prof. William D. Jackson
 - 206 Howard Johnson chain relocation
 - 207 *Missing from inventory*
 - 208 Burgess, George papers re; Willett House
 - 209 Newspapers: *Harpers Bazaar*, 1887; *Boston Sunday Globe*, 1899; *Christian Science Monitor*, 1933
 - 210 Misc. (Holmes inventory, letter, Plymouth Mason lodge book 1920, sale work)
 - 211 Eveline Holmes Adams Genealogy
 - 212 Adams notes on Cornelius A. Bartlett diary
 - 213 Genealogy (these notes may not have been included in the trunk list – but are in Helen Adam’s handwriting and therefore have been added to the Collection)
 - Bartlett, Benjamin, Mary, Richard (pre 1650)
 - Ryder (Rider), Benjamin, Samuel (pre 1650)
 - Peterson, Thomas, 1786
 - Phillips, Thomas m. Rebecca Blaney, 1702
 - Simmons, John (pre 1650)
 - Weston, Edmund
 - Bradford, Thomas
 - Chandler, Joseph, Edmund, 1672
 - Wadsworth, Deacon John, 1688
 - Bradford, William (and information on ownership of Bradford House)
 - “From Rudolph notes” (names and sources)
 - Russell – Drew genealogy, 1920
 - Hall, John
 - Fish
 - Stetson
 - Swift notes
 - Ellis notes
 - Bowmans ancestral charts
 - 214 Information on auction of Adams estate in 1962 including auction book and newspaper articles (this information was not part of the “trunk collection” but is included in this collection due to its direct relevance to the collection as a whole)
 - 215 Notes on the Thomas family, including notes from *Memorial of Marshfield*, by Miss Marcia Thomas and a copy of a letter written by Major General John Thomas to his wife

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