

A. A. Dunklee (1863-1948)
Letters, 1894-1910
MSA 762

Introduction

This is a small collection of 18 letters sent to A.A. Dunklee of South Vernon, Vermont, between 1894 and 1910. The collection was given to the Vermont Historical Society by David Sichel in March 2016. Mr. Sichel had acquired the collection for its stamps. The collection is housed in one narrow flip top archival box and consumes .25 linear feet of shelf space.

Biographical Note

Dairy farmer and civic leader Adelbert Admiral Dunklee lived in South Vernon, Vermont, from his birth on April 19, 1863, to his death on October 12, 1948. He married Florence Brown on September 1, 1886. His Walnut Grove Dairy Farm was on Route 142 in Vernon. He served as town treasurer, school director, tax collector, Justice of the Peace, and, in 1915, State Senator from Windham County. He and his extended family were instrumental in building a new Vernon Advent Christian Church in 1909, and A.A. was chair of the building committee. A.A. was an agent for the Champion Mowing Machine company and the Brattleboro Jelly Mill. He appeared to receive mail in both South Vernon and West Northfield, Mass., and collected stamps.

Scope & Content

The collection consists of a folder of correspondence, both personal and business, and a folder of empty envelopes, presumably kept for their stamps. The 18 letters cover the period 1894 and concern church business, two pieces of town business (a teacher needing to be paid and a tax payer needing a receipt), and the details of running a farm, including land acquisition, the receipt of hogs, and the shipment of cream. The letters provide a glimpse into the life of their recipient, although A.A. Dunklee undoubtedly had more exchanges than are documented here.

Inventory

MSA 762:01 Letters, 1894-1910
 1894, church communication?
 1903, church speaker
 1903 recording title in Franklin County, Mass.
 1903, taking delivery of hogs
 1903, new mowing machine knife bar needed
 1908, church visitor forgot her toothbrush
 1903, negotiating the price of land in Northfield, Mass.
 1908, teacher wants to be paid
 1908, arranging for preacher at church
 1908, receipt needed for taxes on woodlot
 1909, will see that father's bill is paid soon

1909 (?), family letter, writer's health described
1910, church business
1910, someone looking for work for the winter
1910, solicitation for gift for old friend
1910, farm business
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1910, promise to send money to help church

02 Empty envelopes, 1908-1957, n.d.

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