

Barre History Collection

**Spaulding High School,
Collection, 1852-2006
BHC 154-161, 425F, 528F**

Volume: 4.5 linear feet
Inclusive dates: 1852-2006
Record types: Albums, manuscripts, blueprints, newsclippings, printed material, and photographs

History

In 1887 the voters of School District No. 8 decided to erect a school, the Spaulding Graded School, on the site of the former Barre Academy. Spaulding Graded School is named after Jacob Shedd Spaulding, principal and trustee of the Barre Academy. The cornerstone for the new school was laid in 1891 and the new school was finished in time for the fall term of 1892. Spaulding High School, though, was formed before the building was functional. The first class at Spaulding High School entered in 1890 and graduated in 1894. Previous to the completion of the building, classes appear to have taken place in the old Barre Academy building, which was not torn down until the new school was finished. The architect for the new school was Lambert Packard of St. Johnsbury and the builder was Ward & Douglass, contractors of Barre.

At the time of the 1887 vote the entire education system, known as the graded system, was introduced. The graded system, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, was a system in which the instructional program was divided into school years known as grades. The new principal of Spaulding Graded, O.D. Mathewson, along with a Prudential Committee shepherded through the new system, which was in place by 1890. At the end of each academic year, pupils move from one grade to the next higher in a group. The grades at the high school were known as Sub-Junior, Junior, Middle, and Senior. These courses of study were offered: English, Academic, and Classical. The English course included the study of mathematics, science, history and foreign languages, as well as English literature and rhetoric. The Academic course emphasized the study of Latin in place of English literature, while the Classical course included the study of both Latin and Greek. In 1902 a new course of study was introduced, the Commercial course, which was more vocationally oriented, and included such courses as typing and accounting.

In 1962 the citizens of Barre voted to construct a new high school, since the Spaulding Graded School was becoming overcrowded. The site chosen for the new school was the trotting park on Ayers Street. The new school was completed over the Christmas break and classes were begun in the new school in January 4, 1965.

Scope and Content

The Spaulding High School Collection spans the years 1888 to 2006. The collection is artificial in that the material did not come from one source but was assembled from donations

from various Spaulding graduates over a long span of years. The bulk of the collection falls between the years 1894-1920. The collection includes blueprints, reports, photographs, programs, albums, certificates and report cards, newsclippings, student papers, and printed material such as catalogs and school magazines, year books, and school newspapers.

The collection documents many school activities such as prize speaking, theater productions, literary publications, commencement activities and alumni gatherings. Of particular strength is the collection of graduation programs, dating to the first class of 1894. Another strength is the photograph collection, at least until 1920. The year book, *The Echo*, which dates from 1918, is another good resource. The collection does not contain much student material or much material after 1940. The blueprints date from around 1892 and show the original building.

A time capsule, buried in the cornerstone of Spaulding Graded School, was unearthed in 1933 and contains documents relating to both the Barre Academy and Spaulding Graded School. Of special interest are manuscripts of speeches given at the dedication of the school in 1892.

The collection is open for use without restrictions.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

Barre Academy Collection
The LinBrooks Collection
Suitor and Fussell Collection

Inventory

I. School Material

BHC 154:01	Annual reports, 1892-1894
:02	_____, 1990, 1992
:03	Building committee, 1891
:04	Centennial celebration, 1993
:05	Miscellaneous, 1992-2006
:06	Music, Spaulding March, 1918
:07	Newsclippings, 1898-1993
:08	Official documents, grades, 1891-1897
:09	_____, miscellaneous, 1915, 1952
:10	_____, statements of classification, 1893-1926
:11	Photograph identification cards for photograph montages, n.d.
:12	Photographs, class pictures, exterior, 1893-1910
:13	_____, class pictures, interior, 1894-1896
:14	_____, portraits, 1907-1908
:15	_____, _____, 1909, A-L
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:02	_____, _____. 1918-1921
:03	_____, _____, 1922-1923, 1929, 1960

- :04 _____, Miscellaneous, 1893-1941
- :05 _____, Photocopies, copy photos (held at the Aldrich Public Library)
- :06 _____, _____, Oversize photographs
- :07 _____, School personnel, 1909, 1964
- :08 _____, Spaulding Graded School, ca. 1894-1965, n.d.
- :09 _____, Spaulding High School, 1962-1965
- :10 _____, Sports, 1909-1944
- :11 _____, Theatre productions, 1945-1971
- BHC 527: 01 Photograph album, French class, 1980
- :12 Printed material, 1965-2006, n.d.
- :13 Programs, invitations & tickets, 1892-1896
- :14 _____, 1897-1899
- BHC 156:01 _____, graduation exercises, 1900- 1904
- :02 _____, _____, 1905-1909
- :03 _____, _____, 1910-1914
- :04 _____, _____, 1915-1919
- :05 _____, _____, 1920-1923
- :06 _____, _____, 1925-1929
- :07 _____, _____, 1930-1937
- :08 _____, _____, 1942-1948
- :09 _____, _____, 1950-1953
- :10 _____, _____, 1960-1965
- :11 _____, _____, 1971-1979
- :12 _____, _____, 1980-1989
- :13 _____, _____, 1991, 2006
- BHC 157:01 _____, music and theater, [1907]-1995
- :02 Student papers, 1982
- :03 Vocational Technical Center, 1970, n.d.

II. Alumni Association

- :04 Directories
- :05 Miscellaneous, 1913-1998
- :06 Newsclippings, 1962-1990
- :07 Photographs
- :08 Programs, Annual Banquet, 1897-1900, 1902-1903, 1908-1910, 1913-1916, 1919-1922
- :09 _____, _____, 1925-1927, 1935, 1937, 1940, 1943, 1953, 1960, 1978, 1980, 1993
- :10 _____, Reunions, Class of 1928 & 1936
- BHC 527:02 Scrapbook, Class of 1926
- :03 Photograph album, Class of 1934, 1985-1986
- :04 _____, _____, 1987-1990
- :05 _____, _____, 1991-1998

III. Publications

- :11 Kaleidoscope, Nos. 1-2
- :12 _____, Nos. 3, 5
- BHC 158:01 _____, Nos. 6, 8
- :02 The Other, 1978
- :03 Spaulding Sentinel, Vol.1, Nos.1, 3-6, 1918
- :04 _____, Vol. 2, Nos. 1-3, 1918-1919
- :05 _____, Vol. 2, Nos. 4-6, 1919
- :06 _____, Vol. 3, Nos. 2-3, 5-7, 1919-1920
- :07 _____, Vol. 4, Nos. 1-3, 1920-1921
- :08 _____, Vol. 4, Nos. 4-6, 8, 1921
- BHC 159:01 _____, Vol. 5, No. 6, 1922
- :02 _____, Vol. 7, Nos. 2, 4, 6, 1923-1924
- :03 _____, Vol.8, Nos. 1-2, 1924
- :04 _____, Vol. 10, Nos. 4-6, 1927
- :05 _____, Vol. 11, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 1927-1928
- :06 _____, Vol. 12, No. 4, 1929
- :07 _____, Vol. 13, No. 4, 1930
- :08 _____, Memorial Number, April 30, 1930
- :09 _____, Vol. 13, Nos. 1-2, 4-5, 1930-1931
- BHC 160:01 _____, Vol. 17, Nos. 2, 4-5, 1934-1935
- :02 _____, Vol. 19, Nos. 1, 4, 8, 1937-[1938]
- :03 _____, Vol. 21, Nos. 13-14, 16-18, 1938
- :04 _____, Vol. 22, Nos. 1, 4-10, 12-16, 18, 1938-1939
- :05 _____, Vol. 23, Nos. 2, 17, 1939-1940
- :06 _____, Vol. 24, No. 1, 1940
- :07 _____, Vol. 26, Nos. 8, 10, 17, 1943
- :08 _____, Vol. 30, No. 6, 1946
- :09 _____, Vol. 31, No. 8, 1948
- :10 _____, Vol. 33, No. 16, 1950
- :11 _____, Vol. 35, Nos. 7-8, 12, 14-16, 1951-1952
- :12 _____, Vol. 36, Nos. 1, 3, 6, 8-9, 1952-1953
- :13 _____, Vol. 46, Nos. 2-3, Special, 1962-1963
- :14 _____, Vol. 48, No. 4, 8, 1964-1965
- :15 _____, Vol. 49, No. 3, 1965
- :16 _____, Vol. 50, Nos. 5, 10, 1967
- :17 _____, Vol. 51, No. 10, Golden Jubilee Supplement, 1968
- :18 _____, Vol. 53, Nos. 1-2, 1969-1970
- :19 _____, Vol. 54, Nos. 1, 4, 1970-1971
- :20 _____, Vol. 59, No. 2, 1977
- :21 _____, Vol. [61], May 1980 (partial)
- :22 _____, Vol. 65, No. 5, 1984
- :23 _____, Vol. 68, Nos. 1-2, 1986
- :24 Tide Line, Feb./Mar., 1994
- :25 We The People, [1970]

IV. Albums and Books

- BHC 161:01 Aeneid Notebook, [1923]
:02 Harper's Second Reader, 1888
:03 Memory Book, 1915
:04 Photograph Album, 1905
:05 Teachers' Lesson Unit Series: Vergil's Aeneid, 1931

V. Time Capsule

- :06 Catalogs, Barre Academy, 1852-1882
:07 Correspondence, closing of Barre Academy, 1891, n.d.
:08 Documents, Barre Academy, 1852-1858, 1886
:09 Spaulding Graded School, 1892
:10 Transcripts of Documents re Barre Academy, 1891

VI. Oversize Material

- BHC 425F Oversize photographs
BHC 528F Blueprints, ca. 1892