

**John Robert  
Parmenter Papers,  
1905-1978**

**1984:01.1-43**



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Collection: #1984:01.1-43

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### **Collection Overview**

Extent: 1.5 linear feet

Creator: John Robert Parmenter

Dates: 1905-1978

Language: English

Reference Code: 1984:01.1-43

Abstract: A collection of diaries and ledgers that document the daily life of John Robert Parmenter in New England and Ft. Myers, Florida from his youth into his retired years.

### **Information for Users**

Repository: Goodnow Public Library, Sudbury, MA 01776

Acquisitions History: Donated by John Robert Parmenter in 1984

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### **Subject Headings**

The following terms from the Library of Congress Subject Headings suggest topics, persons geography, etc. interspersed through the entire collection.

- Parmenter, John Robert
- Diaries
- Ledgers
- Personal narratives

- Sudbury--Massachusetts
- Framingham—Massachusetts
- Ft. Myers -- Florida

### **Related Collections**

*Goodnow Library's Local History Vertical Files Collection: Biography – Local Citizens – Parmenter Family*

- Documentation of the descendants and migration of Parmenter/Parmentier from England and France, respectively

### **Biographical Note**

### **Scope and Content**

John Robert Parmenter was consistent in his writing, having completed daily entries for the majority of his diaries. As he aged through the years, his entries became more detailed, including more thoughts and emotions about his daily life and activities. He was also strict in his accounting, keeping formal accounting books throughout his lifetime which tracked his working hours, expenses and bills owed and paid.

### **Arrangement**

Series I Diaries 1905-1978

Series II Ledgers 1911-1965

### **Collection Contents**

#### **Series I Diaries 1905-1978**

Extent: 1 carton

Scope note: The bulk of this series consists of notes about the weather and activities in the day to day life of John Robert Parmenter. His short entries included notes about his activities, people he saw or spoke with or animals he passed in the garden. The diary from 1905-1910 has detailed hand drawings of places in his life, and the small pocket diary from 1918 includes photos.

Arrangement: Items are arranged chronologically, in individual preservation covers

**Item Date**

**Carton**

1905-1910	1
1918	1
1920	1
1934-1935	1
1936	1
1937	1
1938	1
1939	1
1940	1
1941	1
1942	1
1943	1
1944-1948	1
1949	1
1950	1
1951-1955	1
1956-1960	1
1961-1965	1
1966-1967	1
1968-1969	1
1970-1971	1
1972-1973	1
1974-1975	1
1976	1
1977	1
1978	1

**Series II Ledgers 1911-1965**

Extent: 2 boxes

Scope note: The bulk of this series includes the time books, accounting records, expenses and bills of John Robert Parmenter covered year by year. The second ledger from 1927-1928 and the ledger from 1929 are specifically accounting records from wood sawing, and the ledger from 1931-1934 are accounting records from garden equipment with sales logs. The large ledger covers dates between 1946-1965 which includes vacation notes, activities, expenses, etc. along with newspaper clippings from the 60s and 70s in scrapbook style.

Arrangement: Items are arranged chronologically, in individual folders

<b><u>Item Date</u></b>	<b><u>Box : Folder</u></b>
1911-1916/1919-1923/1927	1 : 1
1924	1 : 2
1927-1928	1 : 3
1927-1928	1 : 4
1929	1 : 5
1931	1 : 6
1931-1934	1 : 7
1935	1 : 8
1936	1 : 9
1937-1938	2 : 1
1939	2 : 2
1940	2 : 3
1942	2 : 4
1943	2 : 5
1945-1946	2 : 6
1956	2 : 7
1946-1965	2 : 8