

Arrowhead Collection, 1870-2012 (ongoing)

1 box (0.4 cubic ft.)

Collection number: AM-272

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Abstract:

A collection of materials related to Arrowhead, the house in Pittsfield, MA, which was acquired by the Berkshire County Historical Society (BCHS) in 1975 for use as its headquarters and to operate as a museum. The collection relates to the history of the house and the work of the Society to restore it to the state when it was the home of Herman Melville (1850-1863).

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Scope and Contents of the Collection:

Materials include photographs, historical accounts of the house and its previous occupants, documents related to architectural surveys of the house, BCHS publications, news clippings, and ephemera.

Contents List:

Photographs of Arrowhead	box 1: folder 1
Photographs of Arrowhead (color transparencies)	box 1: folder 2
Early photographs	box 1: folder 3
HABS photographs (Library of Congress)	box 1: folder 4
Restoration of Arrowhead, 1975-1980	box 1: folder 5
Drawings of Arrowhead	box 1: folder 6
Arrowhead commemorative envelopes	box 1: folder 7
Books in Melville's study	box 1: folder 8
Recollections of J. Dwight Francis	box 1: folder 9
David Bush biography (partial)	box 1: folder 10
BCHS publications	box 1: folder 11
News clippings	box 1: folder 12
Miscellaneous	box 1: folder 13
Restoration, 1995-	box 1: folder 14
Munsell color samples for Arrowhead	box 1: folder 15
Photographs of collection items	box 1: folder 16
Publications including Arrowhead	box 1: folder 17
Artists' images of Arrowhead	box 1: folder 18

Object Categories:

- Biographies
- Blueprints
- Clippings
- Drawings
- Ephemera
- Pamphlets
- Photographs

- Newsletters
- Reports

Search Terms:

The following terms represent persons, organizations, and topics documented in this collection.

- Bush, David
- Melville family
- Melville, Allan
- Melville, Herman
- Morewood family
- Pittsfield, Mass.