

## Emily Tucker Papers, 1889-1981

### Collection Summary

<b>Reference Code:</b>	MRQ, US.
<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Call Number:</b>	MSS 76
<b>Creator:</b>	Tucker, Emily, 1896-1981
<b>Title:</b>	Emily Tucker Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1889-1981
<b>Size:</b>	4 linear feet (6 boxes)
<b>Language(s):</b>	Collection materials are in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains letters, photographs, journals, school reports, and financial information about Emily Tucker of Winchester, Massachusetts. It also includes papers of her mother and photographs of her father.

### Biographical Sketches

**Emily Tucker** was born in Winchester, Massachusetts, on 21 July 1896 to John Prentice Tucker (1864-1921) and Annie H. Fitts (1862-1927). She was ill as a child and missed many days of school, with her diaries documenting cases of measles and mumps. She later attended the Winsor School in Boston. From 1957 to 1964, Emily worked full-time as a clerk and stenographer in the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Marine Fisheries in Boston. When her mother passed away in December 1927, Emily was appointed executor. She handled her mother's estate and took a trip to Europe in the summer of 1928.

Before May 1929, Emily's cousin, Priscilla Ordway (1889-1971) and her father, Herbert I. Ordway (1851-1931), petitioned the court for guardianship of Emily, alleging that Emily was "an insane person" and incapable of taking care of herself. On May 8, 1929, Priscilla was appointed guardian. Additionally, Emily's cousin, Ruth W. Pratt, had made a provision in her own will for the care of Emily, so Emily had some income from stock dividends in addition to her salary. In 1975, two new guardians, Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell (Elsie R.) Perry of Carlisle, Massachusetts, were appointed, Emily's cousin and his wife. Emily died on 10 April 1981 in Concord, Massachusetts, and is buried at Wildwood Cemetery in Winchester with her mother and sister.

**Annie H. Fitts Tucker** was born on 6 November 1862 in Haverhill, Massachusetts, to Daniel Fitts (1830-1902) and Sarah Swan Walker Appleton (1829-1903). She married John Prentice Tucker on 22 October 1890 in Boston. They had two daughters, Janet (1893-1893), who died in infancy,

and Emily (1896-1981). On 14 January 1916, Annie was granted a divorce from John and full custody of Emily. The reason was John Prentice Tucker's "confirmed habits of intoxication caused by the voluntary and excessive use of intoxicating liquor." Annie died in Brookline, Massachusetts, on 16 December 1927 at age 65, and is buried at Wildwood Cemetery in Winchester.

**John Prentice Tucker** was born on 17 July 1864 in Concord, New Hampshire, to Josiah Prentice Tucker (1833-1902) and Hannah Ralston (1832-1897). He died on 10 September 1921 and is buried in Hingham, Massachusetts.

## Arrangement

- Series 1. Emily Tucker, 1897-1981, undated
  - Subseries 1.1. Early Life, 1897-1928, undated
  - Subseries 1.2. Adult Life, 1928-1981, undated
  - Subseries 1.3. Photographs, 1897-1923, 1962-1972, undated
- Series 2. Annie H. Fitts Tucker, 1889-1930, undated
- Series 3. John P. Tucker, 1914, undated
- Series 4. Other Photographs, undated

## Scope and Content Note

The Emily Tucker Papers document her life and those of her immediate family. The collection has been organized into four series. Series one contains personal papers, financial records, and photographs pertaining to Emily Tucker, including diaries, school records, and artwork. Series two contains papers belonging to Emily's mother, Annie H. Tucker, including correspondence, wills, and photographs. Series three contains photographs belonging to John P. Tucker. Series four contains photographs of unidentified people and of a trip to a country that may be Egypt.

## Administrative Information

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| <b>Preferred Citation:</b>        | [Item Identification], Emily Tucker Papers, MSS 76, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts. |
| <b>Custodial History:</b>         | Material was acquired from creator.  |
| <b>Acquisition Information:</b>   | Unknown. The material was probably donated to the library by her guardian, Elsie R. Perry, after Emily's death in 1981.      |
| <b>Processing Information:</b>    | Processed by Tamara Gaydos, 2021. Updated by Liz Smith, 2024.  |
| <b>Access Rights:</b>             | Collection is open for research.   |
| <b>Phys. Access Restrictions:</b> | None.  |
| <b>Tech. Access Restrictions:</b> | None.  |

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<b>Related Collections:</b>	None.
<b>Separated Material:</b>	Dozens of nitrate negatives were removed to the freezer and are unavailable to the public.
<b>Conservation Notes:</b>	Photographs were sleeved to protect them. Paper clips and staples were removed.
<b>Subjects:</b>	1916 Sewing Circle Guardianship Ordway, Priscilla, 1889-1971 Perry, Elsie R., 1934- Tucker, Annie H. Fitts, 1862-1927 Tucker, Emily, 1896-1981 Tucker, John Prentice, 1862-1921 Winchester (Mass.)--History

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Emily Tucker, 1897-1981, undated

This series consists of three subseries: 1.1., Early Life, 1.2, Adult Life, and 1.3, Photographs.

#### Subseries 1.1: Early Life, 1897-1928, undated

This subseries contains a birth certificate, diaries, a report card, literary essays from The Winsor School, information about the 1916 Sewing Circle, art work, and a journal from a trip to London and Paris, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Diary/photograph album written by her mother, 1897-1902	1(OS)	Vol. 1
Diary/photograph album written by her mother, 1902-1906	2(OS)	Vol. 1
<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Diary/scrapbook, 1909-1916	3	1
The Winsor School literary essays, 1911	3	2
The Winsor School literary essays, 1912	3	3

Report card, The Winsor School, 1914-1915	3	4
1916 Sewing Circle, members, 1919-1920, 1965; calendar, 1974-1975	3	5
Birth certificate (certified copy), 1928	3	6
Journal and ephemera from trip to London and Paris, summer 1928	3	7
Artwork, undated	2(OS)	1

**Subseries 1.2: Adult Life, 1928-1981, undated**

This subseries contains wills, appointments of guardians, income tax returns, financial records, correspondence, diaries, letters to her guardian, notes about Emily, a death announcement, genealogy, and a postcard collection, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Will, 1928-1929, 1944, 1966; information regarding will, 1975, undated; estate, 1981	3	8
Appointment of guardian Priscilla Ordway, 1929	3	9
Income tax returns, 1929-1933	3	10
Account book under guardianship of Priscilla Ordway, 1929-1943	3	11
Accounts under guardianship of Priscilla Ordway, 1928-1959	3	12
Financial records, 1929-1959, 1980	3	13
Correspondence, 1938-1980, undated	4	1
Religious publications, 1939, undated	4	2
Diaries, 1967-1973	4	3
Guardianship papers for H. Russell and Elsie Perry and Ruth Pratt Trust, 1974-1981	4	4
Letters to Elsie Perry, 1975-1981	4	5
Notes about Emily kept by Elsie Perry [some in shorthand], 1975, undated	4	6
Death announcement, 1981	4	7
Information on jobs held by Emily, undated	4	8
Genealogy, undated	4	9
Postcard collection, undated	6	

**Subseries 1.3: Photographs, 1897-1923, 1962-1972, undated**

This subseries contains photographs of Emily, her family, and her guardian, and photographs taken by Emily in the late 1960s and early 1970s, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Photographs of Emily, 1897, 1901, 1918, 1923, undated	4	10
Photographs of Emily and her family, undated	4	11
Photographs of Priscilla Ordway, 1962-1963, undated	4	12
Photographs taken by Emily, 1966-1972	4	13

**Series 2: Annie H. Fitts Tucker, 1889-1930, undated**

This series consists contains a birth certificate, a divorce decree, financial records, correspondence, wills, estate papers, photographs of Annie, and a letter written by Annie before she was married, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Letter to Alice from Annie H. Fitts, 1889	4	14
Financial records, 1904-1928	4	15
Letters to Annie H. Tucker, 1915-1927	4	16
Will, estate inventory, 1915-1929; birth certificate, 1928	4	17
Stocks, 1915; canceled checks, 1924; accounts, 1926-1927; tax bills, 1926-1927	4	18
Divorce decree, 1916	5	1
Estate papers, 1927-1930, undated	5	2
Photographs of Annie, undated	5	3

**Series 3: John P. Tucker, 1914, undated**

This series contains photographs of John P. Tucker and photographs sent to him in 1914, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Photographs sent to John P. Tucker, 1914	5	4
Photographs, undated	5	5

**Series 4: Other Photographs, undated**

This series contains black and white photographs of unidentified people as well as photographs taken on a trip to what looks like Egypt, but could be somewhere else,

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Photographs (mostly portraits) of unidentified people, undated	5	6
Photographs (mostly portraits) of unidentified people, undated	2(OS)	2
Photographs of [Egypt], undated [circa 1890s]	5	7