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## Brooks Palmer Collection, 1856-1955

### Overview/Collection Description

- **Title:** Brooks Palmer Collection
- **Dates:** 1856-1955 [bulk 1946-1953]
- **Creator:** Brooks Palmer
- **Call Number:** MG 011
- **Language:** English
- **Extent:** 1 cubic foot in 1 box

### Conditions of Access

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### Administrative Information

- **Preferred Citation:** *Brooks Palmer Collection, 1865-1955*. Library & Research Center, National Watch & Clock Museum, NAWCC.
- **Processing Information:** This collection was processed and partially described before May 2016. During the summer of 2016, the collection was revisited and the archival description was expanded. It is unclear if the order of the collection present at the time

of the revision accurately reflected the original order. The order in which the collection was found in 2016 has been maintained as it is presented here.

- **Archivist and Date Processed.** Finding aid compiled by Kate Van Riper, Archivist at the Library and Research Center, National Watch and Clock Museum, Summer 2016

### Subjects & Related Materials

- Correspondence
- National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

### Biographical Sketch

- **Biographical History:** Brooks Palmer was the president of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors from 1951-1953. He authored *The Book of American Clocks* and *A Treasury of American Clocks*, two heavily quoted resources of information in the industry. He died on January 9, 1974 at the age of 73.

### Content & Structure

- **Scope & Content:** This collection primarily consists of Palmer’s correspondence regarding various subjects in the watch and clock industry; including two large folders of correspondence about an article of his, “Your Clock May Be an Antique”, published in March, 1946. Also in the collection are: photographs and drawings of a number of clocks and watches, documentation regarding National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) events, drafts of his articles, newspaper articles about industry subjects, his personal notes and items (travel brochures, articles from childhood, deposit slips, etc.)

### Container List

Box	Folder	
1	1	Avery, Amos, 1946-1953
	2	Avery, John, not dated
	3	Banjo Clocks, not dated
	4	Barnum, P.T., 1856
	5	Barr, Lockwood, 1946
	6	Barrett, Charles A., 1946

Box	Folder	
1	7	Birge & Fuller, not dated
	8	Birge & Mallory & Co., not dated
	9	Blaisdell, David, 1945-1948
	10	"Book of American Clocks," by Brooks Palmer, 1946-1948
	11	Booth, Nelson B., 1953
	12	Bowman, Ezra F., 1950
	13	Bowman, John J., 1947-1953
	14	Bradford Clockmaker, 1899-1950
	15	Brandt, Bernard W., 1948-1951
	16	Bart, Edwin B., 1947
	17	Candle Clocks, not dated
	18	Chandlee, B., not dated
	19	Chandlee, Edward, 1946
	20	Clock & Watchmakers, Lists, 1946
	21	Clockmakers of Newburyport, 1943-1950
	22	Coleman, J.E., 1952
	23	Clocks, misc., 1946
	24	Correspondence, A-H, 1946-1955
	25	Correspondence, I-Z, 1925-1953
	26	Cotley, not dated
	27	Cramer, Ernest A., 1946-1953
	28	Cranch, Richard, 1921
	29	Davies, H.J., 1948
	30	Davis, George B., 1949
	31	Davison, Raymond B., 1953
	32	Diehl, Jacob, 1946
	33	Eckhardt, George, 1949-1953
	34	Elgin National Watch Company, 1946-1947
	35	Fellows, Jerre, 1948
	36	Fleisher, H., 1953
	36a	Florestville Clock Manufactory, not dated
	37	Foster, George, 1948
	38	Franks, Robert, 1946-1953
	39	Fried, Henry, 1951
	40	Gibbs, James, 1946-1953
	41	Gilbert, William, not dated
	42	Graham, George, 1950
	43	Hagans, Orville, 1952-1953
	44	Hamilton Watch Co., 1950
	45	Haverhill Clockmakers, 1943-1950
	46	Hoadley, Silas, not dated

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1	47	Hoadley, Thomas, 1946
	48	Hoopes, Penrose, 1946-1953
	49	Horwood, Charles, 1948
	50	Hutchins Brothers, 1944
	51	Ingraham, Edward, 1948-1953
	52	Kentucky Clockmakers, 1948
	53	Kiddle, Frederick, 1951
	54	Lincoln, Abraham, not dated
	55	Litchfield Manufacturing Co., not dated
	56	Marsh, George & Co., not dated
	57	Merrimack Valley Clockmaking, 1944-1950
	58	Milham, Willis, 1947-1953
	59	Mitchell Clock Collection, 1946-1950
	60	Morrell, Reg., 1952-1953
	61	Mulliken Family, 1948-1950
	62	Music, Horological, not dated
	63	NAWCC (general), 1945-1955
	64	NAWCC, Chap. 1, Philadelphia
	65	NAWCC, Council, 1953-1954
	66	NAWCC, Membership Committee, 1946-1953
	67	NAWCC, Nat. Convention, 1949
	68	NAWCC, Nat. Convention, 1952
	69	NAWCC, Nat. Convention, 1952-1953
	70	NAWCC, Nominating Committee, 1946-1953
	71	New Hampshire Clockmakers, 1948
	72	Newburyport Clockmakers, 1950
	73	Newcomb, Richard C., 1948-1953
	74	Ogee Clocks, not dated
	75	Old Clock Museum, not dated
	76	Packard, Donald K., 1947-1953
	77	Partridge, Albert, 1949-1953
	78	Personal, 1900-1955
	79	Pillar & Scroll Clocks, 1948-1949
	80	Population Statistics, 1946-1949
	81	Prescott, Worrall D., 1953
	82	Regulation, 1948
	83	Rittenhouse, David, 1946
	84	Roberts, Gideon, not dated
	85	Roehrich, Jen Louis, 1953
	86	Ruth, John Lowry, 1950
	87	Selchow, Frederick, 1950-1951

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1	88	Schallenberger, L., 1948
	89	Sibley, Stephen, not dated
	90	Smith's & Brothers Clock, not dated
	91	Smithsonian Institution, 1947-1950
	92	Sollidays, 1946
	93	Spanglu, L.S., 1946-1949
	94	Spear, Dorthea, 1952
	95	Stallcup, L.D., 1946
	96	Sternfield, Joseph, not dated
	97	Stevens, J.P., not dated
	98	Stickler, A.M., 1953
	99	Strickler, Earl T., 1949-1953
	100	Talk on Clocks, 1951
	101	Terry-type Clocks, 1946
	102	Terry, Henry, not dated
	103	Thomas, Seth, not dated
	104	Titman, Carl, 1948
	105	Tower Oaks, 1946
	106	Treadway, Charles T., 1953
	107	Wadleigh, W., 1952
	108	Wagon Spring Clocks, not dated
	109	Walker, Ray A., 1947
	110	Watchmakers Assoc. of N.J., 1952
	111	Watson, Lumas, 1949
	112	Welch, E.N., 1949
	113	Woodhill, R.F., 1951