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## Frank H. Stone Collection<sup>1</sup>

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Hardwick Historical Society  
47 Depot Street,  
PO Box 177  
Hardwick, Vt. 05843

*Collection Title:* Frank H. Stone Collection

*Collection Dates:* 1907-1944, Bulk, 1907-1918

*Collection Size:* half-box; .5 cubic feet

*Name of Creator:* Frank H. Stone

*Abstract:* Frank Stone started his career in Hardwick as a draftsman for the Woodbury Granite Company in 1901. He left the granite industry in 1927 and became a coal dealer. The collection reflects those business activities.

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*Biography:* Frank H. Stone was born in Leicester, Mass. September 7, 1871, the son of James H. and Frances (Wilson) Stone. He graduated from Worcester High School in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1893, and attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Stone worked as a draftsman in Somerville, Mass., in 1900, and moved to Hardwick, Vermont, in 1901, as a draftsman for the Woodbury Granite Company. He became head of the drafting department and an assistant to George H. Bickford, the General Manager, serving to estimate the size, shape, and number of stones for any planned building, as well as the cost of production. Sometime between 1910 and 1914, he became the Plant Manager; he served on the board of directors during the height of the company's prosperity.

Stone worked on the plans for, among others, the Pennsylvania State Capitol (c.1903), the Wisconsin State Capitol (c. 1906), the Cook County Court House and Chicago City Hall (c. 1908), and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company building in New York City (c. 1922). After retiring from the granite industry, he went into the coal business in Hardwick and Waterbury. He ran the Waterbury office and his wife ran the Hardwick office.

Stone married Anna Willey in October 1900. Shortly after, they settled in Hardwick and eventually moved to a house on Spring Street where they reared three daughters, including Dot Stone Emanuel. The Stones built a cottage on Caspian Lake in 1916/17, and it stayed in the family for more than 100 years. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason, a member of the

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<sup>1</sup> For technical details about this collection, see the last page of this document.

Caspian Lake Lodge No. 87, in Hardwick. In 1934, he and his wife bought a winter home in Vero Beach, Florida. Stone died November 20, 1946, in Charleston, S.C. after falling ill while traveling to Florida for the winter.

*Scope and Content:* The collection's contracts, working handbooks, and spattering of correspondence – some about projects he worked on between 1907 and 1918 – reflect his activity in the building granite industry. The ledger reflects his activity in the Hardwick branch of Stone's coal business between 1934 and 1942.

*System of arrangement:* The collection has two series representing Stones work in the granite industry and the coal business. Materials in each series are arranged chronologically

*Removed from the Collection:* Removed Robert Emanuel's gasoline rationing card c. 1944, to our vertical file labeled *World War II – Ration books* and a US Savings Bond issued to Rocata Camp Fire, 1918 to our vertical file labeled *Organizations— Rocata Campfire Girls*.

## CONTROLLED HEADINGS<sup>2</sup>

*People and families:* Stone, Frank H.\*; Emanuel, Robert S.\*; Eastman, Herbert E.\*

*Geographical names:* Hardwick, Vt.

*Corporate names:* Woodbury Granite Company\*, Granite Cutters' International Association of America, Automobile Club of Vermont, Granite Manufacturers Association, National Building Granite Quarries Association\*

*Occupations:* Drafters

*Genre:* Handbooks, Bookkeeping records, Contracts, Yearbooks, Letters, Price lists

*Topics:* Granite industry and trade – Vermont; Coal – prices

## **SERIES/BOX/FOLDER List**

Background information

### **Series I: Granite Documents**

GCIA Contracts, 1907-1916

Automobile Club of Vermont Year Book, 1908

Estimating Handbook, 1913-1917

Granite Cutters' International Association Agreement for New York, N.Y., 1913-1918

Notes on polishing times and costs, 1914

Estimating Handbook, 1914-1918

Brochure on Georgia Marble, c 1915

Woodbury Gray Granite, rough stock, price list, 1915, 1918

Granite Manufacturers Association Agreements, 1915-1920

National Building Granite Quarries Association Code of Practice, 1917

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<sup>2</sup> \* indicates this terms does not appear in Library of Congress or Getty controlled vocabularies.

Vermont Marble Company Price List, 1917  
Production and cost estimate to William Clifford, Gen. Manager, March 1918  
Correspondence about pricing, 1914-1918, 1925  
Letter of recommendation for Herbert E. Eastman, 1918  
Production and cost estimate to William Clifford, General Manager, March 1918

**Series II: Coal Documents**

Letter head for the coal company, c. 1935  
Coal business ledger, 1934-1942

## Technical Details

*Conditions governing access:* Open and available to the public.

*Details of physical access:* A volunteer will retrieve the parts you want to see

*Details of technical access:* No issues

*Conditions governing reproduction access and use:* Subject of copyright laws.

*Languages/scripts in the collection:* English

*Other finding aids:* None

*Custodial history:* In July and August, 2020, the HHS received two separate collections of materials created by or related to Frank H. Stone. In July, Allen Davis, of Greensboro, brought us handbooks and other granite-related documents and automobile-related materials which he had received from Becky Arnold, also of Greensboro. The Arnolds owned the camp on the shores of Caspian Lake near the Stone family camp. Becky got the items through the Emanuel family, grandchildren of Frank Stone. In August, Reed Cherington, who also had a personal relationship with the Emanuels, brought in the items from the coal business. All materials had been in the family of Frank Emanuel, son of Robert S. Emanuel and grandson of Frank H. Stone

*Immediate source of acquisition:* Allen Davis and Reed Cherington

*Processing Information:* Processed by Elizabeth H. Dow

*Appraisal/destruction/scheduling information:* Nothing scheduled

*Accruals:* Nothing scheduled

*Existence/location of originals:* Hardwick Historical Society

*Existence/location of copies:* None

*Related archival materials:* Woodbury Granite Company Records

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*Publication notes:* None

*Miscellaneous notes:* None