

Dillaway Family Collection  
Wellesley Historical Society

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**Title**

Dillaway Family Collection; 1863 – 1988

**Date**

1863 – 1988, & undated

**Extent**

.5 linear feet, 1 box

**Name of Creator**

Dillaway Family

**Biographical Note**

Charles H. Dillaway was born in Boston on March 14, 1825. He began his career in the ship chandlery trade with his own company, Norton & Dillaway in 1840. By 1857 he had shifted his career into the insurance industry, he would continue working until he retired two years prior to his death on March 24, 1911. Charles H. Dillaway purchased a house on Worcester St. in 1875; although the house was not given a street number, its location in Wellesley Hills is visible on plate 3 of the 1897 Atlas of the Town of Wellesley. Charles was married to Sarah E. Dillaway and at the time of his death he left behind five adult children, two daughters and three sons, Charles Henry, Edward J., Clara S. Winton, Laura G., and Willard. Charles H. Dillaway's lasting contribution to Wellesley is the Unitarian Society of Grantville, which he helped to found in 1873 (now known as the Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills).

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains materials related to the lives of the Dillaway family. Genealogical research and wedding and anniversary materials make up the bulk of the collection. Also included are Wellesley history materials such as a copy of the founding documents of the Unitarian Society of Grantville (pre-Wellesley incorporation, 1881).

**Index Terms**

Clippings  
Correspondence

Dillaway Family Collection  
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Creative Writing  
Dillaway, Charles H.  
Genealogy  
Massachusetts — Wellesley  
Poetry  
Real Estate  
Religion  
Unitarian Universalists Churches – Wellesley Hills, Mass.  
Wellesley (Mass.)  
Wellesley (Mass.) — Family and personal papers  
Wellesley (Mass.) — History  
Wellesley (Mass.) — Social life and customs

**System of Arrangement**

This collection is organized into four series arranged by subject:

- I. Dillaway Genealogy; undated
- II. Dillaway Weddings & Anniversaries; 1863, 1993, 1905, & 1988
- III. Dillaway Family Artwork & Creative Writing; 1925, 1949, & undated
- IV. Unitarian Society of Grantville History; 1873

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The papers are open for research purposes by appointment only. Please contact the Wellesley Historical Society for more information.

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Some of the materials are fragile.

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**Languages and Scripts of the Material**

English

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

1968.18 – 1999.31

**Related Materials**

Wellesley Historical Society: Photograph Collection: People, C – E  
Wellesley Historical Society: Unitarian Society of Wellesley Hills

**Accruals**

The Historical Society may add materials to the collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

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**Description**

Processing of this collection was made possible through a grant from the Wellesley Community Preservation Committee.

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**Bibliography**

"Atlas of the Town of Wellesley." Geo. W. Stadly & Co., Boston, 1897, plate 3.

"Dillaway-Rao". *Townsmen* (Wellesley, MA). November 10, 1988, 43.

"Nearly Eight-Seven When He Died". *Townsmen* (Wellesley, MA). March 31, 1911, 5.

Mortgage dated July 10, 1875. Wellesley Historical Society, Bunker Real Estate Files, file number 168

Probate document dated June 6, 1911. Wellesley Historical Society, Bunker Real Estate Files, file number 168.

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**Container List**

***I.* Dillaway Genealogy; undated**

This series contains materials related to the genealogy of the Dillaway Family.

**Box 1**

Folder 1: Genealogy; undated

**Archives Oversize Box 4**

Folder 17: "The Dillaway Ancestry"; undated

***II.* Dillaway Weddings & Anniversaries; 1863, 1893, 1905, & 1988**

This series contains materials regarding the celebration of weddings and wedding anniversaries of several members of the Dillaway family.

**Box 1**

Folder 2: 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Dillaway, 1863

Folder 3: 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Charles & Sarah Dillaway; 1905

Folder 4: Wedding Announcement of Dr. Marguerite S. Rao & Walden M. Dillaway; 1988

Folder 5: Wedding Invitation of Annie Julia Steele & Willard Fessenden Dillaway; 1893

***III.* Dillaway Family Artwork & Creative Writing; 1925, 1949, & undated**

This series contains artwork depicting the family of Willard Dillaway as well as poems written by Ann Dillaway.

**Box 1**

Folder 6: Artwork, "The Willard Dillaways"; undated

Folder 7: Poems by Ann Dillaway; 1925 & 1949

Folder 9: Silhouettes of Mr. & Mrs. Willard Dillaway; 1928

Folder 10: Miniature of Charles Henry Dillaway; 1844

***IV.* Unitarian Society of Grantville History; 1873**

This series contains a copy of the founding documents of the Unitarian Society of Grantville (pre-incorporation of the Town of Wellesley, MA in 1881).

**Box 1**

Folder 8: Unitarian Society of Grantville, Founding Document, Copy; 1873