

**Barnstable Historical Society Archives**  
**Barnstable County Fair**  
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**Extent:** One box

**Historical Note:** The Barnstable Agricultural Society was established in 1843 and incorporated in 1844. The first exhibition and fair was held at the Court House in Barnstable in 1844. In 1854 an agricultural hall was built in the Cummaquid section of Barnstable where the fair was hosted until it closed in 1932. The fair was resurrected for the 1939 Tercentenary but would remain closed until 1954 when it reopened in Marstons Mills. In 1973 it moved to Falmouth and has remained in annual operation at that location ever since.

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection consists of documents, fliers, pictures, newspaper clippings and memorabilia concerning the Barnstable County Fair. Most of the material comes from the period when the Fair was located in the village of Barnstable.

**Creator:** Barnstable Agricultural Society

**Date:** 1857 - 1939

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| 1 | 1     | Contract to build Agricultural Hall, 1857 (photocopy)                    |
|   | 2     | Agricultural Hall Fire   |
|   | 3     | Tercentenary newspaper articles, 1939 (photocopy)                        |
|   | 4-8   | Agricultural Hall programs, flyers, bulletins                            |
| 1 | 9-10  | Admission and advertising cards, 1899 – 1919 w/gaps                      |
|   | 11    | Exhibition hall photographs, early 1900s                                 |
|   | 12    | The Provincetown fire engine   |
|   | 13    | Original newspaper clippings   |
|   | 14    | Premium list, 1916   |
|   | 15-16 | Transaction of the Barnstable County Agricultural Society, 1881,<br>1899 |
| 1 | 17-18 | Photographs and Postcards of the Barnstable County Fair, various dates   |

Fair memorabilia used for display in the museum. Items are stored separately.

Percival premium spoon, 1878

Percival premium spoon, 1884

Barnstable Fair shot glass, 1906

Superintendent's ribbon

Second Premium Ribbon, 1931

Third Premium ribbon, 1931

(2) Tercentenary coins

Membership certificate (Agricultural Society) for Joseph Cobb, 1860

Membership certificate (Agricultural Society) for David Mayo, 1859

The 100<sup>th</sup> Barnstable County Fair 1966 (booklet)

County Fair poster, 1912

Pet Show, 1939

Trotting Races, pamphlet 1939

Fair card, 1911

Director's Ribbon