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## **Collection Information**

Abstract : Property of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and site of its headquarters, Drumlin Farm includes former farmland, woods and fields, and was willed to the Society in 1955 by Louise Ayer Gordon Hatheway. The collection traces land acquisition and use from the 18th through 20th centuries.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

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Hatheway, Louise Ayer Gordon, 1876-1955.  
Massachusetts Audubon Society. Drumlin Farm (Lincoln, Mass.)  
Audubon Societies -- Massachusetts.  
Birds -- Massachusetts -- Societies, etc.  
Bird refuges -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Nature centers -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Conservation of natural resources -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Wildlife conservation -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Nature conservation -- Societies, etc. -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Ornithology -- Societies, etc. -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Wildlife refuges -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Environmental education -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Photographs.  
Maps.  
Deeds.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Drumlin Farm in Lincoln, Massachusetts, is the headquarters of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and includes approximately 215 acres of former woods, fields, and farmland, which is today primarily wildlife habitat and an educational resource for the Society. Most of the land comprising Drumlin Farm was acquired after 1905 by Louise Ayer Gordon, later Louise Ayer Hatheway. Gordon Hall, constructed in 1913-1914, was the summer home of the Gordons. By the 1920s the 215 acre parcel, comprised of a number of former farms, orchards, etc. was complete.

Following the death of Donald Gordon in 1923, Louise Ayer Gordon subsequently married Conrad P. Hatheway of Lincoln.

Louise Ayer Gordon Hatheway died in 1955 at the age of 79. She willed Gordon Hall and the 215 acres of property to the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Gordon Hall is today the headquarters building of the Society.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises research notes on land ownership and land use of the 215 acres of properties that make up Drumlin Farm, from the 18th century through the 20th century, compiled by several authors. Included with the collection are copies of copies of deeds, wills, early maps, clippings, and photographs.

The collection is arranged by form and format.

## Series Descriptions

Series 1: Roth Research Papers. Notes on land acquisition and use, 18th through 20th centuries. (14 folders)

Series 2: Research Notes. Manuscript notes on property transfers. Author unidentified. (1 folder)

Series 3: Adams File. Typescripts of deeds, 1820s to 1900s, lists, maps of land. (1 folder)

Series 4: Eveleth & Brennan File. Typescripts of deeds, 1880s to 1920s, lists, maps of land. (1 folder)

Series 5: Jenkinson File. Probate records, inventories, research notes, maps, land ownership history. (6 folders)

Series 6: Jones File. Probate records, typescripts of deeds, land ownership records, research notes, inventories. (5 folders)

Series 7: Rooney File. Probate records, typescripts of deeds and wills, land ownership records, research notes, maps and plot plans, etc. (10 folders)

Series 8: Farnsworth File. Typescripts of deeds, notices to prevent easement, and research notes with sketch map. (3 folders)

Series 9: Little & Glass Notes. research notes, vita, article. (3 folders)

Series 10: Clippings. Article re Codman House, *Minute Man Supplement*, n.d. (1 folder)

Series 11: Miscellaneous Maps. Photocopies of 19th and early 20th century maps. (9 folders)

Series 12: Historic Houses Maps. Location of Lincoln houses 125 years old or older. (1 folder)

Series 13: File Cards. Research notes on file cards. (1 folder)

Series 14: Photographs. (1 folder)

Series 15: Miscellaneous. Letter. (1 folder)

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Series 1, Roth Research Papers

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| 1            | 1               | 2002.002.1.1.1-.2       | Cover sheet and maps showing properties and acreage acquired comprising Drumlin Farm.<br>(3 p.)  |
| 1            | 2               | 2002.002.1.3-.4         | Documentation of land use and map of 7 acre parcel purchased in 1905 from Adeline E. Adams.<br>(2 p.)  |
| 1            | 3               | 2002.002.1.5-.6         | Documentation of land use and map of 4 acre parcel purchased from J. E. Eveleth and J. F. Ross in 1907.<br>(2 p.)                            |
| 1            | 4               | 2002.002.1.7-.8         | Documentation of land use and map of two 2 acre parcels and one 7 acre parcel purchased from J. E. Eveleth and J. F. Ross in 1909.<br>(2 p.) |
| 1            | 5               | 2002.002.1.9-.10        | Documentation of land use and map of 15 acre parcel purchased from Mary A. Rooney, ca. 1908.<br>(2 p.)                                       |
| 1            | 6               | 2002.002.1.11-.12       | Documentation of land use and map of 29 ½ acre parcel purchased from Edwin S. Bent in 1911.<br>(3 p.)  |
| 1            | 7               | 2002.002.1.13-.14       | Documentation of land use and map of 45 acre parcel purchased from Emily K. Bush in 1911.<br>(2 p.)  |
| 1            | 8               | 2002.002.1.15-.16       | Documentation of land use and map of 8 acre parcel purchased from John A. Burgess and Carl A. Durgan in 1912.<br>(2 p.)                      |
| 1            | 9               | 2002.002.1.17-.18       | Documentation of land use and map of 24 acre parcel purchased from Julius E. Eveleth in 1915.<br>(2 p.)                                      |

Series 1, continued

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|---|----|-------------------|--|
| 1 | 10 | 2002.002.1.19-.21 | Typescript of deed, documentation of land use, and map of 52 acre parcel purchased from Joseph P. and Nellie C. Brennan in 1920.<br>(3 items, 5 p.)  |
| 1 | 11 | 2002.002.1.22-.23 | Typescript of deed and sketch map of land conveyed from Julius E. Eveleth to Louise A. Gordon, 40 acre parcel, November 23, 1915.<br>(2 items, 7 p.)   |
| 1 | 12 | 2002.002.1.24     | Typescript of deed to land conveyed from Cecelia A. Worthing, formerly Thyng, to the Cook Brothers, 77 acre parcel, June 27, 1890. (Land later owned by Brennan and sold to Louise A. Gordon.)<br>(2 p.) |
| 1 | 13 | 2002.002.1.25a-b  | Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, Lincoln, Mass. : map, 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1970s.<br>(2 copies)   |
| 1 | 14 | 2002.002.1.26-.27 | Sources used for research and miscellaneous information on early Lincoln history.<br>(2 items)   |

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Series 2, Research Notes

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1            | 15              | 2002.002.2.1            | Research notes on Drumlin Farm. Includes information on property owners from 1790 of the various parcels which comprise Drumlin Farm, chains of title, and miscellaneous information. Includes references to Registry of Deeds title books. Author unidentified, n.d.<br>(65 p.) |



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Series 3, Adams File

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1            | 16              | 2002.002.3.1            | Typescripts of deeds to land conveyed by Adeline Adams to Louise A. Gordon in 1905, showing previous owners from 1820s to 1905 and land ownership history of the Adams parcel.<br>(11 p.) |
| 1            | 17              | 2002.002.3.2            | List of grantors/grantees of land purchased by Louise A. Gordon from Adeline Adams in 1905, showing owners and land transfers from 1822.<br>(1 p.)  |
| 1            | 17              | 2002.002.3.3            | List of names from deed of Betsy Bemis to Amos Hagar, 1857, with family information about children of Amos and Maria B. Hagar taken from will of Amos Hagar.<br>(2 p.)                    |
| 1            | 18              | 2002.002.3.4a-b         | Sketch map of Adams parcel, 7+ acres, conveyed by Adeline Adams to Louise A. Gordon in 1905, with sketch map of Hagar tract.<br>(2 items)   |

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Series 4, Eveleth & Brennan File

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1            | 19              | 2002.002.4.1            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Amos Hagar to Cecilia A. Thyng, 70 acres, in October 1881 (later sold by Brennan to Gordon.)<br>(1 p.)                                 |
| 1            | 19              | 2002.002.4.2            | List of grantors/grantees of land purchased by Louise A. Gordon from Joseph P. and Nellie C. Brennan in 1920, showing previous owners and land transfers from 1881.<br>(1 p.) |
| 1            | 19              | 2002.002.4.3            | Sketch map of land conveyed by Hagar to Thyng, 1881, later conveyed by Brennan to Gordon.<br>(3 p.)   |

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Series 5, Jenkinson File

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| 1            | 20              | 2002.002.5.1            | Eli Jones estate, administrator's records, inventory lists, disposition of property.<br>(16 p.)                                 |
| 1            | 20              | 2002.002.5.2            | Sketch map of Eli Jones estate.<br>(3 p.)   |
| 1            | 21              | 2002.002.5.3a-i         | Research notes, sale of Jones estate land to Abraham Jenkinson, 1813.<br>(9 p.)   |
| 1            | 22              | 2002.002.5.4a-d         | Schedules of personal property, real property, etc., for Probate Court records.<br>(4 p.)                                       |
| 1            | 23              | 2002.002.5.5a-b         | Excerpts from will of Thomas Jenkinson, Lincoln, Mass., relating to disposition of land and other property.<br>(2 p.)           |
| 1            | 23              | 2002.002.5.6a-b         | Excerpts from deeds relating to Jenkinson land.<br>(2 p.)   |
| 1            | 24              | 2002.002.5.7            | List of grantors/grantees of land acquired by Thomas Jenkinson, Jr., 1870, sold by Julius E. Eveleth to Louise A. Gordon, 1915. |
| 1            | 25              | 2002.002.5.8a-d         | Probate Court forms relating to sale of estate and other property of deceased.<br>(4 p.)  |

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Series 6, Jones File

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Identification #</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
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| 1            | 26              | 2002.002.6.1a-i         | Will of William Jones, recorded in 1865, with notes.<br>(9 p.)  |
| 1            | 26              | 2002.002.6.2            | Excerpts from will of Mary P. Jones, filed November 27, 1894.<br>(1 p.)   |
| 1            | 27              | 2002.002.6.3a-b         | Inventory of personal and real property of estate of William Jones.<br>(2 p.)   |
| 1            | 28              | 2002.002.6.4a-g         | Typescript deeds and excerpts of deeds of land conveyed to Louise A. Gordon by John A. Burgess, Carl H. Durgan, et al., with additional deed excerpts relating to chain of title.<br>(7 p.) |
| 1            | 29              | 2002.002.6.5            | Jones lineage, 19th century.<br>(1 p.)  |
| 1            | 29              | 2002.002.6.6            | List of grantors/grantees of land conveyed to Louise A. Gordon by Carl H. Durgan, 1912, with land ownership records from 1860s.<br>(1 p.)   |
| 1            | 30              | 2002.002.6.7            | Research notes, manuscript.<br>(6 p.)   |

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Series 7, Rooney File

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| 1            | 31              | 2002.002.7.1            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Humphrey Farrar to Eli Jones, December 1, 1791.   |
| 1            | 31              | 2002.002.7.2            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Widow Eunice Bacon to Eli Jones, October 4, 1791.   |
| 1            | 31              | 2002.002.7.3            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by James Adams to Eli Jones, January 19, 1793.   |
| 1            | 31              | 2002.002.7.4            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Peter Ball to Eli Jones, January 12, 1786.  |
| 1            | 31              | 2002.002.7.5            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by William Parkes to Eli Jones, March 30, 1786.  |
| 1            | 31              | 2002.002.7.6            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by David Parkes to Eli Jones, March 30, 1786.  |
| 1            | 32              | 2002.002.7.7a-b         | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Nathan Tower to Daniel Tower, May 3, 1800; and by Leonard Parks to Daniel Tower, April 9, 1800.<br>(2 p.) |
| 1            | 33              | 2002.002.7.8            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Humphrey Farrar to Eli Jones, December 12, 1794.<br>(2 p.)  |
| 1            | 33              | 2002.002.7.9            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Abijah Brown to Eli Jones, January 25, 1802.  |
| 1            | 34              | 2002.002.7.10           | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Nathan Tower to Hosea Parkes, two parcels, 1906 and 1909.<br>(2 p.)                                       |

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| 1 | 34 | 2002.002.7.11    | Typescript of deed excerpt relating to land in Sharon, New Hampshire, conveyed by Nathan Tower to Ely Jones. [n.d.]                    |
| 1 | 35 | 2002.002.7.12    | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by estate of Edwin S. Bent to Louise A. Gordon, March 1911. (4 p.)                                 |
| 1 | 35 | 2002.002.7.13    | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Emily K. Bush to Louise A. Gordon, October 1911. (4 p.)   |
| 1 | 35 | 2002.002.7.14    | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Mary A. Rooney to Louise A. Gordon, [December 1910]. (7 p.)                                     |
| 1 | 36 | 2002.002.7.15    | Typescript of excerpts from will of Rebekah J. Bigelow and William H. Bigelow, dated February 3, 1865.                                 |
| 1 | 37 | 2002.002.7.16a-c | Sketch map of property conveyed by Rooney to Gordon. (3 p.)  |
| 1 | 38 | 2002.002.7.17    | List of grantors/grantees of land conveyed to Louise A. Gordon by Mary A. Rooney, 1910, with land ownership records from 1810s. (2 p.) |
| 1 | 38 | 2002.002.7.18    | List of grantors/grantees of land conveyed to Louise A. Gordon by Edwin S. Bent, 1911, with land ownership records from 1860s.         |
| 1 | 39 | 2002.002.7.19    | Research notes, manuscript. (4 p.)   |
| 1 | 40 | 2002.002.7.20    | Plan of Drumlin Farm, indicating the several parcels comprising the total land area. 48 x 54 in., folded.                              |

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Series 8, Farnsworth File

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| 1            | 41              | 2002.002.8.1            | Typescripts of deeds to land conveyed by Julius E. Eveleth et al. to Louise A. Gordon, 3 parcels, August 1909.<br>(2 p.) |
| 1            | 41              | 2002.002.8.2            | Typescript of deed to land conveyed by Julius E. Eveleth and J. Franklin Russ to Louise A. Gordon, January 1911.         |
| 1            | 42              | 2002.002.8.3            | Typescript of notice to prevent easement on land of Eveleth and Russ (later conveyed to Gordon), October 1909.<br>(2 p.) |
| 1            | 43              | 2002.002.8.4            | Sketch map of Farnsworth land on county road leading from Lee's Bridge to Waltham Plains.                                |

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Series 9, Little & Glass Notes

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| 1            | 44              | 2002.002.9.1            | Vita, Elizabeth A. Little, Lincoln, Massachusetts / 1990.<br>(9 p.)                                    |
| 1            | 45              | 2002.002.9.2            | Typescript and manuscript notes relating to land of Thomas Pellet and John Heald, 1660-1762.<br>(2 p.) |
| 1            | 46              | 2002.002.9.3            | <i>Lincoln -- 1650-1750</i> / Glass, ca. 1975, with map.<br>(5 p.)                                     |



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Series 10, Clippings

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| 1            | 47              | 2002.002.10.1           | "... Lincoln's Codman House", <i>Minute Man Supplement</i> , n.d. / Dick Solito.<br>(2 p.) |

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Series 11, Miscellaneous Maps

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| 1            | 48              | 2002.002.11.1           | Plan of the Town of Lincoln ... / Hales, Boston, Mass., 1830. Photocopy.<br>(2 sheets)  |
| 1            | 49              | 2002.002.11.2           | Lincoln, Massachusetts / Beers, 1875. Photocopy.  |
| 1            | 50              | 2002.002.11.3           | Lincoln, Mass. Zoning Districts / Lincoln Planning Board, 1959.   |
| 1            | 51              | 2002.002.11.4           | Plan of land in Lincoln, Mass., conveyed by Bent Heirs to Louise A. Gordon / March 1911.<br>(Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 192, Plan 38.)                      |
| 1            | 51              | 2002.002.11.5           | Plan of Land in Lincoln, Mass., conveyed to Louise A. Gordon by Carl H. Durgan and John A. Burgess / April 1912. (Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 202, Plan 15.) |
| 1            | 52              | 2002.002.11.6           | Framingham Sheet (topographic map) / U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C., 1886.<br>(6 p.) Photocopy.  |
| 1            | 53              | 2002.002.11.7           | Lincoln, Massachusetts / Walker, 1889. Photocopy.   |
| 1            | 53              | 2002.002.11.8           | South Lincoln / Walker, 1889. Photocopy.  |
| 1            | 54              | 2002.002.11.9           | Plan of Codman Road, Lincoln / Middlesex County Commissioners, 1923. (Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 319, Plan 12.)   |
| 1            | 55              | 2002.002.11.10          | Plan of Land in Lincoln, Mass., owned by Louise A. Hatheway, formerly Louise A. Gordon / W. J. O'Hearn, C.E., February 1921.  |
| 1            | 56              | 2002.002.11.11          | Plan of the Brennan Farm, Lincoln, Mass. / Chas. A. Pearson, Surveyor, Dec. 1919.   |

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Series 12, Historical Houses Maps

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| 1            | 57              | 2002.002.12.1           | Location of Lincoln houses 125 years old or older / Elizabeth A. Little, June 1974. Mimeographs. (4 copies) |
| 1            | 57              | 2002.002.12.2           | List of photographs of historical houses typescript-manuscript / n.d.                                       |

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Series 13, File Cards

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Identification #</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1            | 58              | 2002.002.13.1           | File cards with research notes : 3 x 5 in. / author unknown, n.d.<br>(44 cards) |

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Series 14, Photographs

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| 1            | 59              | 2002.002.14.1           | Eveleth Barn, on site of Drumlin Farm gift shop : 8 x 10 in. copy print / Conrad Hatheway, 1936.                         |
| 1            | 59              | 2002.002.14.2           | Angelo D. Renzio, gardener at Drumlin Farm : 8 x 10 in. copy print / Conrad Hatheway, 1936.                              |
| 1            | 59              | 2002.002.14.3           | Drumlin Farm terrier and barn : 8 x 10 in. copy print / Conrad Hatheway, 1934.   |
| 1            | 59              | 2002.002.14.4           | Eveleth icehouse, on pond behind gift shop : 8 x 10 in. copy print / Conrad Hatheway, 1936.                              |
| 1            | 59              | 2002.002.14.5           | Drumlin Farm cows : 8 x 10 in. copy print / Conrad Hatheway, 1936.   |
| 1            | 59              | 2002.002.14.6           | Drumlin Farm peacock : 8 x 10 in. copy print / Conrad Hatheway, 1936.  |
| 1            | 59              | 2002.002.14.7           | "New barn" at Drumlin Farm : 3 x 5 in. copy print / Conrad Hatheway, ca. 1930s.  |
| 1            | 59              | 2002.002.14.8           | Drumlin Farm house, Codman Road/South Great Road fork : silver gelatin print, 4 x 6 ½ in. on 8 x 10 in. mat / ca. 1920s. |

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Series 15, Miscellaneous

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Identification #</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1            | 60              | 2002.002.15.1           | Letter from Lincoln Town Clerk William H. Davis to John Todd, relating to town offices held by C. Lee Todd, 1903-1944 / December 16, 1946. |