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**Guide to
Naumkeag Staff Photograph Collection
[192-]-1969**

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This collection is open for research.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph Choate (1832-1917) was a prominent 19th century attorney and diplomat. He built the Naumkeag property as a summer home for his family and employed many residents in Stockbridge. Some of the employees included Ralph and Charles Barnes and Robert Creighton. Joseph Choate's daughter Mabel Choate (1870-1958) entrusted their summer home at Naumkeag to the Trustees. The property was bequeathed in its entirety to the Trustees of Reservations in 1958. For more information visit <http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/berkshires/naumkeag.html>

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

The collection consists of various photographs documenting the lives of the employees of the Choate Family's properties. Majority of photographs are of employees at Naumkeag with a few photographs of employees at Mission House. Many of the employees were connected with the properties for many decades. The collection is organized by the subject of the photographs which include: Early Naumkeag Staff, Farmhouse at Naumkeag, Staff Party, Barnes Wedding, Robert Creighton and Unidentified Staff.

Many of the photographs have annotations on the back, some of which are included in this finding aid.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
I	I	<p>Early Naumkeag Staff 5 photographs</p> <p>Man and child on sleigh, "Dexter the horse, Andrew Breed, Stanley Smith, 1920" transcribed on the back</p> <p>Man in a plaid jacket and cap, "Taken at the [Greathouse mass] place in Pittsfield you know Him and I room together at Choate's; Ralph Barnes"</p> <p>Man with a moustache in overalls holding a hat</p> <p>Two women standing in front of house</p> <p>One woman standing in front of house</p>	[192-?] – [193?]
I	2	<p>Farmhouse at Naumkeag</p> <p>15 photographs at 26 Church St house of Barnes family and company</p> <p>Transcription with names on back of photograph</p>	1952-1961
I	3	<p>Staff Party</p> <p>9 Photographs of staff party and gatherings near the Carriage House with Farm and Property staff, Charles Barnes caretaker at Mission House</p> <p>Transcription with names on back of photograph</p>	1956-1957
I	4	<p>Barnes Wedding</p> <p>9 Photographs of Charles and Lena Barnes' Wedding</p> <p>Transcription with names on back of photograph</p>	1951, June 10
I	5	<p>Mr. Creighton</p> <p>4 Photographs of Mr. Creighton, the superintendent at Naumkeag from 1930-60s</p>	[19-?]

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
		Unknown Staff	
I	6	3 Photographs of unknown staff, possible staff family members at Naumkeag	[19-?] -1969