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PREFACE
This document, the Finding Aid to the Hill & Barlow Records of the Longfellow House Trust and Longfellow Family, describes the legal files of the Hill & Barlow law firm relating to their work representing both the Longfellow House Trust and individual members of the Longfellow family.

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**INTRODUCTION**

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE AND PROVENANCE, 2014**

In 2014, William Truslow arranged the donation, through Longfellow descendants, of two record cartons of material he had preserved after the dissolution of the Hill & Barlow law firm in 2002. This material, comprising accession LONG-167, consists of the records of Hill & Barlow, the law firm that represented the Longfellow House Trust, which are related to the management of the house, the acquisition of the Longfellow House by the National Park Service, and settling estates of family members.

Archives Intern Amy McKinney began the description and rehousing of the records in the summer of 2017 under the supervision of Archives Specialist Chris Wirth. Archivist Kate Hanson Plass completed the arrangement and description of the records in October 2022.

The original order of the folders, as indicated by the case number filing system of the law firm, was restored. Materials have been rehoused in archival storage; however, original folder contents and order have not been changed. Metal fasteners have been removed, and sets of documents that were bound together with metal (i.e. stapled or paperclipped) have been placed together in paper folders to maintain their association. This occurred most often with documents that were likely enclosures to correspondence. Folders that extended beyond capacity were expanded into multiple folders but maintain the same name folder name labeled [__ of __].

**ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT**

- FGG  Francis G. Goodale (1883-1974)
- H&B  Hill & Barlow
- HWL  Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)
- HWLJD  Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Dana (1881-1950)
- LHT  Longfellow House Trust
- NPS  National Park Service
PART I: COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Catalog Number: LONG 36609
Collection Number: 2002
Accession Numbers: LONG-167
Quantity: 4.5 linear feet
Storage: 6 5” legal size archives boxes, 1 25x21x1.5” oversize box
Location: Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site, 105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138-3407, (617) 876-4491.

Description: The Hill & Barlow Records of the Longfellow House Trust and Longfellow Family consist of legal records and correspondence held by Hill & Barlow, the law firm that represented both the Longfellow House Trust and members of the Longfellow Family. Highlights include case files related to the acquisition of the Longfellow House by the National Park Service.

The records include wills, deeds, reports, financial accounts, maps, research notes, newspaper clippings, bills, memorandums, and correspondence related to the use and maintenance of the Longfellow House, title examination, garden restoration, transfer processes for the house to NPS and the HWL manuscripts to Harvard, and the passage of legislation to create the Longfellow National Historic Site. The correspondence is largely between Hill & Barlow lawyers, LHT Trustees, and Longfellow family members including Fairfield and Thomas Dana, Henry de Rham, Dorothy (Goodale) Dana, Anne Longfellow Thorp, and Priscilla (Thorp) Smith. A large set of correspondence between HWLD and FGG touches on events held at the house and needed maintenance, especially fire prevention. Case files document the settling of the estates of HWLD (1881-1950) and Anne L. Thorp (1894-1977), including bequests to the LHT and distribution of family property.

This material complements, and in some cases duplicates, materials on the transfer of the Longfellow House from the LHT to the National Park Service found in the Longfellow House Trust Records and the unprocessed LONG park records.
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These records consist of administrative records, correspondence, financial records, and other documents related to the Trust’s management of the Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House prior to the inclusion of the property as part of the National Park Service system in 1972.


This collection includes the papers of Anne Longfellow Thorp, whose estate was handled by the Trust.


HWLD was instrumental in preserving the Longfellow house. His papers include his personal correspondence, financial records, professional files, and collected ephemera.


This collection documents HWLD’s research into Washington Allston and his relationship with the Washington Allston Trust. Material relating to the disposition of Washington Allston Trust assets is also found in Hill & Barlow Records in the case file on the Henry W.L. Dana Estate (11,023-I).

Organization:
I. Longfellow House Trust (11,023)
II. Longfellow House Trust Transfer (5800-113)
III. Longfellow House Title Examination (5800-115)
IV. Longfellow House Trust Distribution (5800-118)
V. Anne L. Thorp Estate (9067-113)

Reference Terms:
Longfellow House Trust
Longfellow House (Cambridge, Mass.)
Dana, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1881-1950
Thorp, Anne Longfellow, 1894-1977
Moors, J. F. (John Farwell)
Pickman, Dudley Leavitt, Jr., 1885-1964
Parker, Edmund Morley, -1938
Longfellow family.
SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Longfellow House Trust (11,023), 1913-1964 (bulk 1940-1964)
Dates of Recordkeeping Activity: about 1938 to 1975

This series includes correspondence arranged by subject, wills and indentures of Longfellow family members, and legal documents including the appointments of successor trustees.

Material relating to this file was found in one expanding files and separate folders. The case file was marked completed in 1975, with a retention note “Hold Ind years.” Folders that extended beyond capacity were expanded into multiple folders but maintain the same name folder name labeled [__ of __].

This series is organized into six file units indicated by letters following the case number:

- 11,023-A: Correspondence, etc. with H.W.L. Dana, 1940-1950
  This file consists of correspondence between Francis G. Goodale (FGG) and Henry W.L. Dana (HWLD) regarding the management of the Longfellow House as museum, maintenance and alterations to the Longfellow House, and the Longfellow House Trust finances. Topics include the introduction of admission fees in 1941, the building of a fireproof vault, and use of the house.

- 11,023-G: Manning Hawthorne, 1948-1963
  This file consists of correspondence relating to the ownership and sale by Manning Hawthorne (1906-1985) of books and manuscript material originating at the Longfellow House and the “Bridges Affair” relating to Hawthorne’s sale of manuscript material to Ronald Bridges. Correspondents include FGG of Hill & Barlow, Dorothy Goodale Dana, Thomas deValcourt, and William A. Jackson of the Houghton Library. See also correspondence on the “Bridges Affair” in Series II. Longfellow House Transfer (5800-113).

- 11,023-H: Deeds and Appointments of Successor Trustees, 1913-1964, undated
  This file consists of legal documents and correspondence about the appointments of trustees to the Longfellow House Trust. It includes the wills of Alice Longfellow, Ernest Longfellow, and HWLD, an indenture of Helen Ford Mumford Dana; instruments of appointment and correspondence among Trustees and Longfellow family members regarding the selections of Henry L. de Rham (1964), Parkman Howe (1953), and Francis G. Goodale (1938). Of particular note is correspondence between HWLD and FGG regarding FGG’s selection as a trustee following having represented HWLD as “counsel in a controversy with the trustees.”

- 11,023-I: Use of House, 1938-1963, undated
  This file consists of correspondence with Longfellow family, researchers, and organizations about use of the Longfellow House for events, public visitation, and board; newsclippings on special events, programs, and boarders; and financial accounts of the

1 A degree of disorder in the files is indicated by a note on the expanding file “See Junk on top of files.”
trustees for 1957 and 1962.

- **11,023-1**: Estate of Henry W.L. Dana, 1931-1956 (Dates of recordkeeping activity 1950-1957)
  
  FGG was the counsel for the probate and administration of the estate of HWLD, who died on 26 April 1950. This file includes HWLD’s will, accounts of the administrator, petition for distribution, correspondence with the State Street Trust Company, and correspondence with HWLD’s heirs. Additional correspondence relates to HWLD’s role as trustee of the Washington Allston Trust, the ownership of Allston’s manuscripts, the employment of Thomas de Valcourt, and the management of the Longfellow House as museum following HWLD’s death.

- **11,023-O**: Miscellaneous, 1940-1964
  
  This file includes correspondence about the Trusts safe deposit box, a request from Sears to reproduce furniture, and administrative matters. It also includes handwritten notes on management following the death of HWLD and some items that may relate to HWLD’s estate.

**Series II. Longfellow House Transfer (5800-113), 1914-1979**

*Dates of Recordkeeping Activity: to 1975*

Case file 5800-113 was opened for the client Longfellow House Trustees. The case file was marked closed in 1975 and 1981, with a retention note: “(Closed 1975 Put into) / Closed 1981 IND years.”

These records document the management of the Longfellow House Trust and the work of the Trustees and heirs to transfer the property to a permanent corporation as provided in the 1913 Indenture of Trust. This case file is largely composed of financial accounts of the Trustees, correspondence relating to the Cambridge Plant and Garden Club’s plan for the landscape, legal documents relating to the authority to transfer the property, records of the Congressional hearings on the establishment of Longfellow National Historical Site, and correspondence with the National Park Service and Longfellow heirs.

Material relating to this file was found in two expanding files – labeled “Miscellaneous” and “Transfer Correspondence 69-70-71-72” – and separate folders and loose papers. Material in the “Miscellaneous” file and material found unfolded was rehoused and assigned devised titles. It is arranged in roughly chronological order. Correspondence is arranged in roughly reverse chronological order within folders.

**Series III. Longfellow House Title Examination (5800-115), 1913-1974 (bulk 1970-1973)**

*Dates of Recordkeeping Activity: 1965-1974*

Case file 5800-115 was opened by Francis G. Goodale (FGG) on 25 February 1965 for the client Longfellow House Trustees. The responsible attorney was Dunbar Holmes (DH) in the Real

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2 It is unclear whether this case file number is 11,023-1 or 11,023-1. The character was consistently written differently on folders than the I on Use of House files, and it is a distinct file unit.
Estate Department.

The description in the New Case Report states: “Examination of title to Longfellow House for acquisition by the US Government.” This case file is largely composed of the Abstract of Title for 105 Brattle Street prepared by Benjamin Sargon and supporting correspondence and documentation.

This material was all found in one folder with one inserted manila envelope. It was separated into four folders, retaining its original order. These were given devised titles. Arranged in roughly reverse chronological order.

Dates of Recordkeeping Activity: 1974-1976

Case file 5800-118 was opened by Hill & Barlow on 26 February 1974 for the client Longfellow House Trustees. The responsible attorney was W. Hugh H. Morton (WHMM) in the Probate Department. The case file was marked completed in 1976, with a retention note “Hold 7 years.”

The description in the New Case Report states: “The balance remaining of the Longfellow House trust fund is to be distributed to the heirs of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow now that the House, its furnishings and a portion of the fund has been transferred to the National Park Service. We will be bringing a petition for distribution in the Middlesex Probate Court.”

This case file is largely composed of correspondence between the Trust’s lawyers and the Longfellow heirs confirming the distribution of the remaining fund. Also included is significant correspondence with heirs on their contribution to a pension payment for Michael Gaffney following the termination of the annuity paid by the Trust and correspondence between the Trust’s lawyer and Houghton Library at Harvard University about the transfer of ownership and literary rights to the manuscript material on deposit there. Annotated family tree charts and contact lists document the known heirs and their portions of the estate.

The material was found in one expanding file with labeled sub-folders of 1. Distribution Correspondence, 2. Michael Gaffney Pension, and 3. Misc. The “Miscellaneous” folder was rehoused into multiple folders with devised titles.

Series V. Anne L. Thorp Estate (9067-113), 1977-1992
Dates of Recordkeeping Activity: 1977-1986

Case file 9067-113 was opened by W. Hugh H. Morton (WHMM) on 4 March 1977 for the client Anne L. Thorp Estate, following her death on 26 February 1977. The responsible attorney was W. Hugh H. Morton (WHMM) in the Probate Department. The case file was marked completed in 1986, with a retention note “Hold Ind. Years.”

The description in the New Case Report states: “Settlement of moderate estate of which W. Hugh H. Morton and State Street Bank and Trust Company are the executors.” This series contains correspondence, financial statements, and legal documents regarding the probate of Anne Longfellow Thorp’s estate, distribution of her bequests, and her interment at Mount Auburn Cemetery.
The material was found in one expanding file with labeled sub-folders of 1. Correspondence, 3. Accounts, Estate Tax Returns, Probate Papers, and Miscellaneous. The “Miscellaneous” folder was rehoused into multiple folders with devised titles.
PART II: HISTORICAL NOTE

HILL & BARLOW LAW FIRM, 1899-2002
The law firm Hill & Barlow (H&B) was established as a partnership of Arthur Hill, Robert Homans, and Robert Barlow in 1899. As the firm grew, the name changed to reflect new partners: by 1963 it was known as Hill, Barlow & Homans; at one point Hill, Barlow, Goodale, and Wiswall; and by 1965 it was called Hill Barlow Goodale & Adams, with 11 partner lawyers. After a 1965 merger with Peabody Koufman & Brewer, the new firm took the name Hill & Barlow. The firm held a reputation for taking moral stands and representing many causes, including representing Sacco and Vanzetti’s appeals in the 1920s and the defense of individuals accused by the House Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950s. Four future Massachusetts governors (Peabody, Dukakis, Weld, and Patrick) were employed at the firm. Hill & Barlow closed abruptly in December 2002 when the partners voted to dissolve the firm.

H&B represented both the Longfellow House Trust and individual members of the Longfellow family. Henry W.L. Dana was apparently the first family member to consult the firm, enlisting Francis G. Goodale’s legal counsel against the Trustees, resisting a proposed transfer of the house to Radcliffe in the 1930s. H&B handled the estate of H.W.L. Dana after his death in 1950 and Anne Longfellow Thorp after her death in 1977. Three lawyers from the firm served in succession as Trustees for the Longfellow House Trust: Francis G. Goodale (1938-1969), Brooks Beck (1969), and Charles Y. Wadsworth (1969-1974). Goodale and Beck were the primary attorneys on the Trust account. They brought in their colleagues from other departments as needed for their expertise: Dunbar Holmes of the Real Estate department was the responsible attorney on the title examination case, and W. Hugh H. Morton of the Probate department was the responsible attorney for the final dissolution of the Trust in 1974-1976.

LONGFELLOW HOUSE TRUST, 1913-1976
The Trust was created in 1913 by the children of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to preserve in perpetuity the Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House for educational and inspirational purposes. In the history of the Trust, eight men served in the capacity of trustees. There were three trustees at any one time, drawn from the ranks of local law firms.

During the mid-1930s, the trustees debated about transferring the property to organizations such as Harvard University, the Cambridge Historical Society, Radcliffe College, and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. Strong family opposition to this move, led by H.W.L. Dana with the counsel of Francis G. Goodale of Hill & Barlow, forced the trustees to...
suspended their efforts. In 1938 Francis G. Goodale became one of the three Trustees; after his retirement he was succeeded by H. Brooks Beck and Charles Y. Wadsworth, also of Hill & Barlow.

Following H.W.L. Dana’s death in 1950, the Longfellow House Trust again began to search for an organization to preserve the Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House. The Trust contacted the National Park Service in 1952; however, the NPS had not yet acquired a site commemorating a writer. Ten years later the National Park Service conducted a field survey of the property to determine its eligibility for inclusion in the NPS system. The positive results of that survey and a 1969 legal decree confirming the National Park Service was a "corporation" as described by the original 1913 indenture allowed the initiation of negotiations between the Longfellow House Trust and the National Park Service. In 1969, Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (D-Mass.) introduced HR 16329 to grant the Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow property National Park Service status. The bill became law in 1972, and the Trust donated the property and funds to the National Park Service in 1973. Following the donation of the House, distribution of remaining funds among the heirs, and the transfer to Houghton Library of literary property, the Longfellow House Trust was dissolved in 1976.

Chronology of Trustees

1913 – Original three Trustees appointed: Edmund Morley Parker, John Farwell Moors, & Dudley Leavitt Pickman, Jr.

1938 – Francis G. Goodale of H&B succeeded Parker following his death

1953 – Dexter Parkman Howe succeeded Moors following his death

1964 – Henry Longfellow de Rham succeeded Pickman

1969 – H. Brooks Beck of H&B succeeded Goodale following his retirement; Charles Y. Wadsworth of H&B succeeded Beck following his death

1976 – In May, Charles Y. Wadsworth was the sole surviving trustee.

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9 HWLD to Allston Dana, 11 March 1936, in Series II. Correspondence, Subject Correspondence, in the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Dana (1881-1950) Papers, 1774-1972 (bulk dates 1850-1950) (LONG 17314), Longfellow House–Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site (Box 20, Folder 14).
PART III: COLLECTION LISTING

SERIES I. LONGFELLOW HOUSE TRUST (11,023), 1913-1964 (BULK 1940-1964)

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<sup>11</sup> It is unclear whether this case file number is 11,023-I or 11,023-1. The character was consistently written differently on folders than the I on Use of House files, and it is a distinct file unit. Eight oversize newprint items were separated to oversize storage, Box 7, Folder 1.

<sup>12</sup> Two numbers of Cambridge Chronicle-Sun 1952 July 31 and 1952 August 7 moved from Box 2, Folder 1. Three numbers of Cambridge Courier 1952 October-November moved from Box 2, Folder 2. Three numbers of Cambridge Courier 1950 May moved from Box 2, Folder 5.
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| Probate Court, 1968-1975 | 5 8 |

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13 This folder was found separate from the case file, and though it is marked “Personal,” it contains Goodale’s correspondence related to the transfer to the NPS.

14 Three numbers of *Cambridge Chronicle* 1974 December 12, 19, and 26 moved to Box 7, Folder 2. Family tree chart moved to Box 7, Folder 3.
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15 One copy of Thomas de Valcourt’s 1968 family tree chart with pencil annotations was moved from folder “Probate Court, 1968-1975” (Box 5, Folder 8). One copy of Thomas de Valcourt’s 1968 family tree chart was found in a manila envelope labeled “Longfellow House: “Family Tree.”” See also copies of this chart in the Longfellow House Trust, Series IV, “Craigie” House as a Museum, E. Researcher Materials.

16 Three numbers of *Cambridge Chronicle* 1977 May 12, 19, and 26 moved to Box 7, Folder 4.
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