

## Gleason Leonard Archer Personal Papers (MS 108), 1880-1996: A Finding Aid

### *Descriptive Summary*

**Repository:** Moakley Archive and Institute, Suffolk University, Boston MA

**Collection Number:** MS 108

**Creator:** Archer, Gleason Leonard, 1880-1966

**Title:** Gleason Leonard Archer Personal Papers (MS108), 1880-1996

**Date(s):** 1790-1999 (inclusive), 1899-1962 (bulk)

**Quantity:** 45 boxes, 20.46 cubic ft.

**Preferred Citation:** Gleason Leonard Archer Personal Papers (MS108), 1880-1996, Moakley Archive and Institute, Suffolk University, Boston, MA.

**Abstract:** The Gleason Leonard Archer Personal Papers document the personal and professional activities of Suffolk University's founder. In addition to being an educator, Archer was also a prolific writer and popular radio broadcaster. The types of materials in the collection include manuscripts and typescripts of his books, journals, articles, speeches, and radio addresses; correspondence; biographical information; genealogy records; photographs; and personal artifacts. The collection also includes family papers, documenting the personal and business activities of members of Archer's immediate and extended family through account books, contracts, correspondence and photographs.

### **Administrative Information**

**Access Restrictions:** Access to materials may be restricted based on their condition; consult the Archives for more information.

**Use Restrictions:** Use of materials may be restricted based on their condition or copyright status; consult the Archives for more information.

**Acquisition Information:** Gift of the Archer Family in two parts in the 1970s and 2007.

**Processed by:** Derrick Hart, 2008

**Related Collections:** Records pertaining to Archer's administration of the Suffolk School of Law and Suffolk University, including his tenures as dean and president, are located within the Suffolk University Records Collection: Office of the President Series (Archer, Gleason: SUA-007.002.001). See also an interview of Gleason L. Archer from 1965 in the Suffolk University Oral History Collection (SOH-007).

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Gleason Leonard Archer was born on October 29, 1880 in Great Pond, a remote outpost in northeastern Maine. Although his parents John Sewell Archer and Frances Williams Archer were descendants of the original Mayflower settlers, the Archer family was poor, depending on the lumber industry for subsistence. Following in the footsteps of his brothers, Archer set off to work in a nearby lumber camp at the age of thirteen, effectively putting his education on hold. In spite of this, Archer became a voracious

reader and writer in the spare time afforded him as the camp's cook. Eventually, with financial support from an uncle, Gleason was able to leave the lumber camp to attend Sabattus High School in Maine. He graduated in June of 1902 as class valedictorian and came to Boston in the fall of 1902 to attend Boston University.

In 1903, a fortuitous meeting on a stagecoach with Boston businessman George Frost set Gleason Archer on the path to providing educational opportunities for those lacking access to higher education. Archer, bound for Boston to receive medical treatment for a knee injury sustained at his job at a Cape Cod resort, struck up a conversation with George Frost, president of the George Frost Company. By the time the stagecoach reached the railway station, Frost had learned of Archer's desire to become a lawyer and his trouble financing a legal education. Their conversation resulted in Frost offering to cover his medical expenses and becoming Archer's educational benefactor. With Frost's support, Archer was able to finish his undergraduate studies and his law degree by June of 1906. Frost never sought repayment, but asked only that if Archer "ever had a chance to pass this favor along to other boys, do it for me."<sup>1</sup>

Archer's response to Frost's generosity was to start a law school for non-traditional law students, namely immigrants, minorities, laborers and other groups deemed ineligible for admission at the elite law schools of the day. The first class of "Archer's Evening Law School" was held on September 19, 1906, at his apartment at 6 Alpine Street in Roxbury, Massachusetts. 1906 was also the year that Archer married Elizabeth Glenn Snyder, the daughter of the Reverend Henry S. Snyder.

The law school grew rapidly and by June of 1907 had moved to Archer's downtown Boston law offices at 53 Tremont Street. By December 1908, his first student had passed the bar exam, enrollment had increased, and Archer had decided to give up his law practice to devote all of his energies to his recently renamed Suffolk School of Law. Throughout this period, Archer's family lived in the school building and grew to include Allan (1908), Marian (1910) and Gleason Leonard, Jr. (1916). Archer saw enrollment jump again when his school was granted the right to confer degrees by the Massachusetts legislature in 1914. The school expanded its mission during the 1930s to include undergraduate education with the formation of the College of Liberal Studies (1934) and the School of Business Administration (1937). In 1937 Archer became the president of the newly incorporated Suffolk University. Archer remained at Suffolk University until his retirement in 1948.

Archer wrote prolifically, and, by 1931, a majority of the courses at Suffolk Law School used textbooks he had written. Among his fourteen published law textbooks were *Law Office and Court Procedure* (1910), *Ethical Obligations of the Lawyer* (1910), and *The Law of Contracts* (1911). A complete bibliography of Archer's published and unpublished works, as well as his radio addresses, is available at the end of this finding aid. Archer became a popular radio broadcaster for NBC in the late 1920s and early 1930s; one of his most popular series was entitled *Laws that Safeguard Society*. He also wrote the first comprehensive history of the early days of radio, *History of Radio to 1926*

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<sup>1</sup> Robbins, David L. 1996. *A History of Suffolk University 1906-1996*. Boston: Suffolk University Press.

(1938), as well as *Big Business in Radio* (1939). Archer, an amateur historian, wrote many articles for various journals and was especially interested in colonial New England history and specifically his ancestry as a Mayflower descendant. He was also passionately interested in politics and considered himself to be a Progressive. Like other Progressives of the time, he was an outspoken critic of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, which he viewed warily as a dangerous mixture of socialistic and monopolistic programs and ideologies. By 1936, Archer had associated himself with the National Jeffersonian Democratic Party, an anti-Roosevelt splinter organization. Archer's book *On the Cuff* (1944) was a scathing attack on the New Deal and its programs.

In retirement Gleason Archer established a successful blueberry farm in Pembroke, Massachusetts. He also founded the Massachusetts Cultivated Blueberry Association and was appointed director of the Pembroke Historical Society. He remained an active writer throughout the 1950s. After the death of his wife Elizabeth in 1961, Archer married Pauline (Polly) Clark in 1963. Archer was diagnosed with cancer in 1965 and died on June 28, 1966.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Gleason Leonard Archer Personal Papers, spanning the period of 1790 until 1999, document the personal and professional activities of Suffolk University's founder. The forty-five boxes of materials are organized into six series: Series 1, Writings, 1899-1962, n.d.; Series 2, Radio materials, 1929-1940, n.d.; Series 3, Correspondence, 1818-1999, n.d.; Series 4, Personal, 1790-1979, n.d.; Series 5, Photographs, c. 1865-1998, n.d.; Series 6, Special Materials, c. 1900s-1939, n.d.

The collection provides insight into Archer's personal and professional life, including his role in providing access to higher education; legal education; the history of Suffolk University; the early history of radio; early New England colonial history; politics in the New Deal era; and biographical information about the Archer and Williams families. The bulk of the collection, however, covers the period from 1899 until 1962 and consists of Archer's writings and materials related to radio broadcasting. The materials include manuscript and typescript drafts of his books, journal articles, speeches, promotional pamphlets, unpublished materials, and many of his radio broadcasts. Other sections of the collection contain correspondence; journals; biographical materials; research files; family papers such as account books, contracts, personal files, and writings; photographs; scrapbooks; funeral notices and obituaries; and personal artifacts, including his Suffolk ring, desk and briefcase; and several audio recordings of his radio broadcasts.

The most significant topics and events documented by the collection include Archer's writings on early New England colonial history, law, radio, politics and the history of Suffolk University. The collection illuminates Archer's personal life through his journals and correspondence with friends, family and national figures, such as former President Calvin Coolidge and former mayor of Boston John B. Hynes.

## Abbreviations used in this document:

- GLA: Gleason Leonard Archer
- MSS: manuscript
- OS: Oversized box
- TMS: typed manuscript (a.k.a. typescript)
- TOC: table of contents
- MA: Massachusetts
- ME: Maine
- N.D.: date unknown

## Added Entries

- Archer, Elizabeth Glenn.
- Archer, Gleason Leonard, 1880-1966
- Archer, Gleason Leonard, 1916-
- Genealogy
- Great Pond (Me.)
- Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.
- Radio broadcasting History
- Radio History
- Suffolk University History
- Suffolk University. Law School History

## ARRANGEMENT

### ***Series 1: Writings, 1899-1962, n.d.***

- Sub-series 1.1: Published Works
- Sub-series 1.2: Unpublished Works
- Sub-series 1.3: Articles and Speeches
- Sub-series 1.4: Copies of Published Works, 1899-c. 1960, n.d.

### ***Series 2: Radio materials, 1929-1940, n.d.***

### ***Series 3: Correspondence, 1818-1999, n.d.***

- Sub-series 3.1: Gleason L. Archer correspondence
- Sub-series 3.2: Family correspondence

### ***Series 4: Personal, 1790-1979, n.d.***

- Sub-series 4.1: Journals
- Sub-series 4.2: Biographical Materials
- Sub-series 4.3: Research Materials
- Sub-series 4.4: Family Materials



***Series 5: Photographs, c. 1865-1998, n.d.***

***Series 6: Special Materials, c. 1900s-1939, n.d.***

## Series Description for Series 1: Writings, 1899-1962, n.d.

**Description:** The Writings series is divided into four sub-series: *Published Works*, *Unpublished Works*, *Articles and Speeches*, *Copies of Published Works*. The Published Works sub-series contains manuscripts and typescripts for books written by Archer, including his law textbooks, several books dealing with colonial New England history, the history of Suffolk Law School, the history of radio, and President Roosevelt's New Deal. Of particular note is Archer's *History of Radio to 1926*, historically important as the first comprehensive history of radio. This sub-series also contains scrapbooks relating to the early history of colonial New England and several poems by Archer published in various newspapers. The Unpublished Works sub-series contains a great deal of autobiographical material, unpublished historical writings relating to early American and New England history, children's stories written by Archer, miscellaneous poems, a prayer, and a draft chapter for a compilation book on television. The Articles and Speeches sub-series contains articles written for a variety of journals, magazines and newspapers, as well as letters to the editor; a short story; and speeches given on a wide range of subjects, though most deal with historical, legal or political topics.

Note: A selection of Archer's publications are available at the Suffolk Law Library while many others are only available at the University Archives; the books located in the Archives are non-circulating.

**Arrangement:** Items in the Works--Published sub-series (boxes 1-4), are arranged alphabetically by title, although scrapbooks are listed last. Works -- Unpublished sub-series (boxes 5-11) are arranged alphabetically. Articles and Speeches (boxes 11 and 12) are arranged chronologically. Copies of Published Works (boxes 13 and 14) are arranged alphabetically by title.

### Container list for Sub-series 1.1: Published Works, 1930-1959, n.d.

- B1/F1: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 1-44 (Chapters 1-3) (Folder 1 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition; photocopies of oversized pages present; originals in OS 1**
- B1/F2: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 42-90 (Unnumbered Chapter, Chapter 5) (Folder 2 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition; photocopies of oversized pages present; originals in OS 1**
- B1/F3: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 91-185 (Chapters 6-7) (Folder 3 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition; photocopies of oversized pages present; originals in OS 1**
- B1/F4: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 186-267 (Chapters 8-9) (Folder 4 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B1/F5: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 268-344 (Chapters 10-11) (Folder 5 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B1/F6: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 345-408 (Chapters 12-13) (Folder 6 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition; photocopies of oversized pages present; originals in OS 1**



- B1/F7: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 409-488 (Chapters 14-17) (Folder 7 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition; photocopies of oversized pages present; originals in OS 1**
- B1/F8: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 502-540 (Chapter 18) (Folder 8 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition; photocopies of oversized pages present; originals in OS 1**
- B1/F9: *Big Business and Radio*, mss, pp. 541-628 (Chapters 19-23) (Folder 9 of 9); n.d. **Note: Fragile condition; photocopies of oversized pages present; originals in OS 1**
- B1/F10: *Clock Song*, photocopied news clip of poem, pp. 1; n.d.; **Original found in "Miscellaneous Poems" folder, sub-series 1.2 #62**
- B1/F11: *Ears That Hear Not*, photocopied news clip of poem, pp. 1; n.d.
- B1/F12: "Announcing the *History of Radio to 1926*", promotional pamphlet for Gleason L. Archer book, pp. 8; n.d.
- B1/F13: *History of Radio to 1926* and *Big Business and Radio* related correspondence and reviews; tms, mss and news clips, pp. 40 (approx.) (Folder 1 of 2); 1938-1959
- B2/F14: *History of Radio to 1926* and *Big Business and Radio* related correspondence and reviews; tms, mss and news clips, pp. 100 (approx.) (Folder 2 of 2); 1938-1959
- B2/F15: *The Impossible Task*, photocopied materials, pp. 6; n.d.
- B2/F16: *Law Office and Court Procedure*, mss, pp. 75 (approx.) (Folder 1 of 2); n.d.
- B2/F17: *Law Office and Court Procedure*, mss, pp. 125 (approx.) (Folder 2 of 2); n.d.
- B2/F18: *Law Office and Court Procedure*, promotional materials, pp. 2; n.d.
- B2/F19: *On the Cuff*, tms, pp. 1-124 (printer's proof) (Folder 1 of 2); [1944]
- B2/F20: *On the Cuff*, tms, pp. 125-234 (printer's proof) (Folder 2 of 2); [1944]
- B2/F21: *Plymouth Pioneers* (a.k.a. *Pilgrim Pioneers*), tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 1-172; n.d.
- B3/F22: *Plymouth Pioneers*, photocopied news clips of Chapter XII from serialized version (includes unidentified news clips from series), pp. 4; n.d.
- B3/F23: *Robin Hood's Request of the King*, news clip of poem, pp. 1; n.d.
- B3/F24: *With Axe and Musket at Plymouth*, related news clip review; pp. 1; 1937
- B4/F25: *Plymouth Pioneers*, scrapbook with news clips, correspondence and a copy of a magazine version, pp. 18 (double-sided); 1955, **Note: Fair condition**
- B4/F26: *Mayflower Heroes*, scrapbook with news clips, correspondence, and reviews, pp. 22 (double-sided); 1930-1932. **Note: Fair condition**

**Container list for Sub-series 1.2: Unpublished Works, c. 1904-1962, n.d.**

- B3/F27: *America 1620-1932*, mss, pp. 1-199 plus TOC (Folder 1 of 3); 1950-1951
- B3/F28: *America 1620-1932*, mss, pp. 200-395 (Folder 2 of 3); 1950-1951

- B3/F29: America 1620-1932, mss, pp. 396-560 (Folder 3 of 3); 1950-1951
- B3/F30: America 1620-1932, tms, pp. 265-531; 1950-1951
- B5/F31: New England in America (part of America 1620-1932), tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 264; 1950-1951
- B5/F32: Background of Pembroke Town, tms, pp. 16; 6/19/1950; Possibly part of New England in America section
- B5/F33: Cohasset Poems, tms, pp. 3; 4/20/1959
- B5/F34: The First American Racketeer, tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 11; 3/15/1954
- B5/F35: Further Adventures of Jack the Giant Killer, first revisions, tms, pp. 85; 11/6/1951 **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0039](#)**
- B5/F36: Jim Williams, mss, pp. 155; 1953
- B5/F37: Jim Williams, tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 149; n.d.
- B6/F38: Joshua Followed the Gleam (Plantation 33), tms, pp. 302; n.d.
- B6/F39: Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 1-124 (Folder 1 of 5); 1947
- B6/F40: Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 125-237a (Folder 2 of 5); 1947
- B6/F41: Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 238-393 (Folder 3 of 5); 1947
- B6/F42: Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 394-517 (Folder 4 of 5); 1947
- B6/F43: Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 518-652 (Folder 5 of 5); 1947
- B7/F44: Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 1-95 (Folder 1 of 6); 1947
- B7/F45: Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 96-200 (Folder 2 of 6); 1947
- B7/F46: Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 201-313 (Folder 3 of 6); 1947
- B7/F47: Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 314-436 (Folder 4 of 6); 1947
- B7/F48: Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 437-549 (Folder 5 of 6); 1947
- B7/F49: Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 550-652 (Folder 6 of 6); 1947
- B7/F50: Lumber Camp Land, tms, pp. 1-4; 1/1959
- B7/F51: Lumber Camp Land, tms, pp. 1-386; n.d.
- B8/F52: Lumber Camp Land, tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 202-386; n.d.
- B8/F53: Lumber Camp Land, photocopies of tms, pp. 202-300 (Folder 1 of 2); n.d.
- B8/F54: Lumber Camp Land, photocopies of tms, pp. 301-386 (Folder 2 of 2); n.d.
- B8/F55: Lumber Camp Land, photocopy of tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 202-386; n.d.
- B8/F56: Lumberjack to Lawyer, mss and tms materials, pp. 1-129 (Folder 1 of 2); 1959



- B8/F57: Lumberjack to Lawyer, mss and tms materials, pp. 130-247 (Folder 2 of 2); 1959
- B9/F58: Lumberjack to Lawyer, photocopy of mss, pp. 1-101 (Folder 1 of 2); 1959
- B9/F59: Lumberjack to Lawyer, photocopy of mss, pp. 102-246 (Folder 2 of 2); 1959
- B9/F60: Lumberjack to Lawyer, tms, pp. 1-177; n.d.
- B9/F61: Marx Moves In, tms, pp. 264; 12/1954
- B9/F62: Miscellaneous poems, mss and tms, pp. 5; c. 1904-1959, n.d.; Original news clip of "Clock Song" published poem filed here
- B9/F63: More Than a Man, tms, pp. 1-502 plus TOC; n.d.
- B9/F64: The New England Colonies: 1628-1692, tms, pp. 1-174; 1953
- B10/F65: Plantation 33, mss, pp. 5; 9/27/1959
- B10/F66: Plantation 33, tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 1-30 (not inclusive); n.d.
- B10/F67: Plantation 33, tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 322; n.d.
- B10/F68: Prayer written by Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 1; n.d.
- B10/F69: Princess Magda's Embattled Trout Brook, mss and tms materials, pp. 1-127 (approx.); 1962
- B10/F70: Princess Magda's Embattled Trout Book, tms, pp. 1-127; 1962
- B10/F71: Rainbow Trail, mss, pp. 1-7; n.d.
- B10/F72: Rainbow Trail, tms, pp. 1-509; c. 1959
- B11/F73: Rainbow Trail, photocopy of tms, pp. 1-224 (Folder 1 of 3); c. 1959
- B11/F74: Rainbow Trail, photocopy of tms, pp. 225-365 (Folder 2 of 3); c. 1959
- B11/F75: Rainbow Trail, photocopy tms, pp. 366-508 (Folder 3 of 3); c. 1959
- B11/F76: Television (chapter within book on topic), tms and promotional pamphlets, pp. 1-4 (actual chapter pp.); 1939
- B11/F77: Thomas Mayhew, Pioneer and Potentate, mss and tms materials, pp. 46; n.d.
- B11/F78: The Tudor Dynasty, tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 1-227 plus TOC; 1961
- B11/F79: Uncle George Builds a "Chimbly", tms, pp. 17; 11/1958 **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0038](#)**
- B11/F80: Unidentified mss and tms pages, pp. 11; n.d.

**Container list for Sub-series 1.3: Articles and Speeches, 1899-c. 1960, n.d.**

- B11/F81: "Destruction of the 'Maine'," photocopied news clip of article from the *Ellsworth American* (ME), pp. 1; 5/3/1899
- B11/F82: "The Labor Problem," a letter to the Editor of the *Ellsworth American* (ME), photocopy of news clips, pp. 1; 5/31/1899
- B11/F83: "The Forest," news clip of article from the *Ellsworth American* (ME), pp. 1; 8/1899

- B11/F84: "Strange Experience," news clip of personal article written for the *Ellsworth American* (ME), pp. 1; 12/20/1899
- B11/F85: "The Maine Law," photocopied news clip of speech script, pp. 1; 4/4/1900
- B11/F86: "Passing of a Century," news clip of article from unknown newspaper, pp. 1; 1/30/1901
- B11/F87: "George Washington," essay for Sabbatus High School (ME) exercises and published in an unknown newspaper, photocopy of news clip, pp. 1; 2/1901
- B11/F88: "The Corner-Stone of Success," news clip of Gleason L. Archer's valedictorian graduation speech and related graduation article news clip, pp. 2; 7/30/1902
- B12/F89: "A Legend of Early Brittany," newspaper article from unknown paper, pp. 1; c. 1903
- B12/F90: "Resubmission," a letter to the Editor of *The American* newspaper, news clips, pp. 2; 2/12/1906
- B12/F91: Leniency Due to Several Factors (from *Traveler* journal), photocopy of published article, pp. 1; 1925
- B12/F92: Facts and Implications of College Monopoly of Legal Education (ABA Meeting address), photocopy of transcript, pp. 22; 1929
- B12/F93: "The Jones Law and its Application in Massachusetts", tms, pp. 4 total (some pages missing); 1929
- B12/F94: "Remarks before Executive Committee of the American Bar Association at Miami, Florida", tms, pp. 6; 1929
- B12/F95: "Communist Experiments in America," mss, pp. 20; 1931
- B12/F96: "Shall We Reward or Punish Murderers?", tms of speech script, pp. 13; 2/4/1931
- B12/F97: Amazing Conduct of Bar Examiners, published form, pp. 15; 1932
- B12/F98: Control of Admission to Bar by Supreme Court or Legislature?, tms, pp. 4; 1932
- B12/F99: Commencement Address: "The Necessity of Courage", mss, pp. 6; 1932
- B12/F100: Law class outlines: Notes on the Canons of Legal Ethics, tms, pp. 1-21; 1934
- B12/F101: "Safeguarding the Leaders of Tomorrow," photocopied news clip of speech transcript from the *Ellsworth American* (ME), pp. 3; 6/26/1940
- B12/F102: "Early Days of the Library of Congress," mss and tms, pp. 14 (mss) and pp. 16 (tms); 1943
- B12/F103: "Our Present Duty...1944 Edition," photocopy and reprint of pamphlet, pp. 8; 1944
- B12/F104: How American Self-Government Originated (Rejected series of articles submitted to *Think* magazine), mss, tms, and correspondence, pp. 8 (tms), pp. 1 (mss); 1952
- B12/F105: "The Port of Boston" (from *Think* magazine), mss, tms and published drafts, pp. 5 (mss), pp. 5 each (2 tms drafts), pp. 3 (published); 1952

- B12/F106: "The Port of Boston" (from *Think* magazine), related correspondence, research materials and revision notes, pagination varies; 1952 (correspondence and revisions) 1949-1950 (some research materials); 1949-1952
- B12/F107: "Religious Life of the Pilgrims," photocopied news clip of article from a Hanover and Norwell (MA) *Advertiser* newspaper, pp. 3; 11/24/1955
- B12/F108: "Fifty Years of Suffolk University", tms (2 copies, 1 of which has annotations by Gleason L. Archer), pp. 12 (each); 1956
- B12/F109: "Fifty Years of Suffolk University", published in pamphlet form (2 copies), pp. 8 (each); 1956
- B12/F110: "How Suffolk University was Captured," pamphlet form (2 copies), pp. 16 (each); 4/30/1956
- B12/F111: "Blest Be the Blueberries," news clip of article from *The Silver Lake News*, pp. 1; 4/4/1957
- B12/F112: "Elder William Brewster," tms, pp. 12; 1958
- B12/F113: "Elder William Brewster," mss and tms, pp. 11 (mss) and pp. 12 (tms); 1958
- B12/F114: "Discoveries Made at Town Hall," photocopied news clip of article from unknown newspaper, pp. 1; c. 1959
- B12/F115: "The American Revolution," photocopied news clips of Chapters V and VI from serialization in unknown newspaper, pp. 4; c. 1960
- B12/F116: Ancient Liberties and Modern Laws, tms, pp. 17; n.d.
- B12/F117: "The Homesick Indian Bride" (short story), mss and tms pages, pp. 28 total (pp. 17 mss, pp. 11 tms); n.d.
- B12/F118: The Lincoln-Douglas Debates, tms, pp. 2; n.d.
- B12/F119: President Gleason L. Archer's Column: "Our Own Adventure with 'Planned Economy'" (Number 5), mss and tms pages, pp. 6 total; n.d.
- B12/F120: President Gleason L. Archer's Column: "Plymouth Colony and the Poor" (Number 6), tms and mss pages, pp. 6 total; n.d.
- B12/F121: President Gleason L. Archer's Column: "How the Pilgrims paid their 'National Debt'" (Number 7), tms and mss pages, pp. 6 total; n.d.
- B12/F122: "The Romantic Story of Suffolk University", tms, pp. 20; n.d.
- B12/F123: "The Water Snakes of Brimstone Corner", tms, pp. 7; n.d.
- B12/F124: "Webster's Reply to Hayne", mss, pp. 7; n.d.
- B12/F125: "What is wrong with the Section on Legal Education?", published form, pp. 24; n.d.

#### **Container list for Sub-series 1.4: Copies of Published Works, 1899-c. 1960, n.d.**

- B13/F126: *Ancestors and Descendants of Joshua Williams: A Mayflower Descendant and Pioneer* by Gleason L. Archer, LL.D. A great-great-grandson, 1927
- B13/F127: *Big Business and Radio*, 1939
- B13/F128: *Building a School*, 1919
- B13/F129: *Criminal Law*, 1923

- B13/F130: *Digest of Criminal Law Cases*, 1929
- B13/F131: *Digest of Criminal Law Cases*, 1930
- B13/F132: *Digest of Evidence*, 1930
- B13/F133: *The Education Octopus: A Fearless Portrayal of Men and Events in the Old Bay State, 1906-1915*, 1915
- B13/F134: *Equity and Trusts*, 1918
- B13/F135: *History of Law*, 1938
- B13/F136: *History of Radio to 1926*, 1938
- B13/F137: *The Impossible Task*, 1926
- B13/F138: *Introduction to the Study of Law in Suffolk University Law School*, 1924
- B13/F139: *Introduction to the Study of Law in Suffolk University Law School*, 1937
- B13/F140: *The Law of Agency*, 1915
- B13/F141: *The Law of Agency*, 1922
- B13/F142: *The Law of Agency*, 1926
- B13/F143: *The Law of Contracts*, 1920
- B13/F144: *The Law of Evidence*, 1930
- B13/F145: *Law Office and Court Procedure*, 1910
- B13/F146: *The Law of Private Corporations*, 1928
- B13/F147: *The Law of Real Property*, 1923
- B13/F148: *The Law of Real Property*, 1927
- B13/F149: *The Law of Torts*, 1920
- B13/F150: *The Law of Torts*, 1924
- B14/F151: *Laws that Safeguard Society*, 1931
- B14/F152: *Mayflower Heroes*, 1931
- B14/F153: *On the Cuff*, 1944
- B14/F154: *Principles of Equity and Trusts*, 1918
- B14/F155: *Principles of Equity and Trusts*, 1927
- B14/F156: *Robert, Duke of Kragcastle*, 1961
- B14/F157: *Wills and Probate*, 1925
- B14/F158: *With Axe and Musket at Plymouth*, 1936

## Series Description for Series 2: Radio Materials, 1929-1940, n.d.

**Description:** This series contains manuscripts of Archer's radio addresses, plus several scrapbooks containing fan mail and publicity related to the radio broadcasts. Archer's radio programs, many of which were serial programs, included: the long-running and popular radio series *Laws that Safeguard Society*, historically-themed programs such as the *Beginnings of Democracy in America*, the *New England Series*, and *Liberty Speaking*. See also: Archer's books on radio in Series 1.1.

**Arrangement:** The materials are arranged alphabetically by title of the broadcast or broadcast series (Boxes 1-3), with the exception of the generic radio scrapbooks which are listed last (boxes 4-7).

## Container list for Sub-Series 2: Radio Materials, 1929-1940, n.d.

- B1/F1: "Bar Exam of January 1932" (WBZ), tms, pp. 4; 3/20/1932
- B1/F2: "The Bay Company, an Insolvent Debtor" (Chapter 1 of multi-chapter radio address for WBZ), tms, pp. 1-13; 9/29/1933
- B1/F3: *Beginnings of Democracy in America* Series: "Dramatic Happenings in Virginia," tms, pp. 6; n.d.
- B1/F4: *Beginnings of Democracy in America* Series: "Why the Pilgrims Signed a Compact," tms, pp. 7; n.d.
- B1/F5: *Constitution Convention of 1787—In Action* Series: "Third Episode (untitled)," tms, pp. 11; n.d.
- B1/F6: *Dean Archer's Stories* Series (WJZ): "She Married the 'Hired Man'," tms, pp. 6; 11/12/1932
- B1/F7: "Equality of Opportunity" (WBZ), tms (2 copies), pp. 10 (each); 9/29/1929
- B1/F8: *History of Radio* Series: Broadcast No. 1 ("Franklin Flies a Kite"), tms, pp. 7; n.d.
- B1/F9: *History of Radio* Series: Broadcast No. 2 ("An Artist Invents the Telegraph"), tms, pp. 5; n.d.
- B1/F10: "Innocence on the Gallows", tms, pp. 9; 1932 **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0036](#)**
- B1/F11: *The Law and the Home* Series: First 7 broadcasts, 1 unnumbered broadcast and series index, tms, pagination varies; n.d. **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0035](#)**
- B1/F12: *Laws that Safeguard Society* Series (NBC): Broadcast No. 37-71, tms and mss materials, pagination varies; 1931
- B1/F13: *Laws that Safeguard Society* Series (NBC): Broadcast No. 72-124, tms and mss materials, pagination varies; 1931-1933
- B1/F14: *Laws that Safeguard Society* Series (NBC): Broadcast No. 99 ("Wife's Property to Pay Husband's Debts"), tms, pp. 6; 11/26/1932
- B2/F15: *Laws that Safeguard Society* Series (NBC): Scrapbook with news clips, correspondence and radio network schedules, pp. 20 (double-sided); 1932-1933. **Note: Fair condition**
- B3/F16: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode I ("Struggle for a Quorum"), tms (2 copies), pp. 23 (1st) and pp. 22 (2nd); n.d.
- B3/F17: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode II ("Amend the Old or Create Anew"), tms (3 copies plus miscellaneous pages), pp. 17 (1st) and pp. 22 (2nd) and pp. 12 (3rd); n.d.
- B3/F18: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode III ("First Great Debate"), tms (2 copies), pp. 18 (each); n.d.
- B3/F19: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode IV ("Congressmen to be Elected by the People"), tms (2 copies), pp. 15 (1st) and pp. 16 (2nd); n.d.
- B3/F20: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode V ("Length of Term of President"), tms, pp. 16; n.d.
- B3/F21: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode VI ("The People to elect the Executive"), tms, pp. 17; n.d.



- B3/F22: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode VII (“One President, Not Three”), mss and tms mixed, pp. 12; n.d.
- B3/F23: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode VIII (“Veto Power of President”), mss and tms mixed (2 copies), pp. 13 (1st) and pp. 21 (2nd); n.d.
- B3/F24: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode IX (“The Judicial Branch”), mss and tms materials (3 copies), pp. 15 (1st) and pp. 14 (2nd) and pp. 22 (3rd); n.d.
- B3/F25: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode X (“Legislature vs. People”), mss and tms materials (2 copies), pp. 16 (1st) and pp. 19 (2nd); n.d.
- B3/F26: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode XI (“How shall senators be chosen?”), mss and tms materials (2 copies), pp. 13 (1st) and pp. 20 (2nd); n.d.
- B3/F27: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode XII (“May Congress Veto State Laws?”), mss and tms materials (2 copies plus miscellaneous pages), pp. 13 (1st) and pp. 23 (2nd); n.d.
- B3/F28: *Liberty Speaking* Series: Episode XIII (“Convention Faces Disaster”), mss and tms materials (2 copies), pp. 11 (1st) and pp. 16 (2nd); n.d.
- B3/F29: "May One Kill an Escaping Burglar?", tms, pp. 9; 1932 **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0037](#)**
- B3/F30: *New England* Series (WNAC): Introduction (“The Boston Tercentenary: The Bradford History and the Winthrop Journal”), tms, pp. 6; 3/17/1930
- B3/F31: *New England* Series (WNAC): Broadcast No. 1 (“Myles Standish and the Redskins”), tms and mss materials, pp. 9 (including foreword); 4/11/1930
- B3/F32: *New England* Series (WNAC): Broadcast No. 2 (“Death Stalks the Pilgrim Fathers”), tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 7; 4/18/1930
- B3/F33: *New England* Series (WNAC): Broadcast No. 3 (“Haunted by Skulking Savages”), tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 8; 4/25/1930
- B3/F34: *New England* Series (WNAC): Broadcast No. 4 (“Massasoit Makes Peace”), tms with annotations by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 8; 5/2/1930
- B3/F35: “A Preacher Points the Way” (Chapter 2 of multi-chapter radio address for WBZ), tms, pp. 14-22; 1933
- B3/F36: Radio-related correspondence to Gleason L. Archer, tms and mss, pp. 4; 3/1931—6/1931
- B3/F37: “A Reluctant Decision” (Chapter 3 of multi-chapter radio address for WBZ), tms, pp. 23-32; 1933
- B3/F38: *Suffolk University Scholarships* Series: Broadcast No. 2-6, 9-12, 14-15 (aka *Suffolk University Broadcasts*. Part of series for WNAC and WBZ/WBZA), mss and tms, pagination varies; 7/1939—9/1939
- B3/F39: "Thrift and Individual Initiative" (Broadcast No. 2 in an untitled series for WBZ-WBZA), tms, pp. 7; 12/10/1939
- B3/F40: "Top of the Ladder" (Broadcast No. 7 in an untitled series for WBZ-WBZA) tms of transcript (3 copies), pp. 4 (each); 1/21/1940
- B3/F41: Untitled educational series (NBC): radio transcripts of Gleason L. Archer on historical subjects, photocopies from the *Boston Herald*, pp. 10 total; 5/1930—6/1930
- B3/F42: Untitled radio broadcast, tms, pp. 2-4 (rest is missing); n.d.
- B4/F43: Radio Scrapbook No.1, fan mail, pp. 50 (double-sided); 1931



- B4/F44: Radio Scrapbook No. 2, correspondence, news clips and broadcast information, pp. 52 (double-sided); 1931-1932
- B5/F45: Radio Scrapbook No. 3, fan mail, correspondence, pp. 49 (double-sided); 1931. **Note: Fair condition**
- B5/F46: Radio Scrapbook No. 4, fan mail, correspondence, pp. 25 (double-sided); 1930-1931. **Note: Fair condition**
- B6/F47: Radio Scrapbook No. 5, fan mail, correspondence, pp. 48 (double-sided); 1932. **Note: Poor condition**
- B7/F48: Radio Scrapbook No. 6, fan mail, correspondence, pp. 50 (double-sided); 1932. **Note: Poor condition**

### Series Description for Series 3: Correspondence, 1818-1999, n.d.

**Description:** The Correspondence series is divided into two sub-series: Gleason L. Archer correspondence and Family correspondence. The Gleason L. Archer correspondence sub-series contains Archer's personal correspondence and files related to a lawsuit with Suffolk University. It also contains noteworthy correspondence from former President Calvin Coolidge and former Mayor of Boston John B. Hynes. The Family correspondence sub-series consists of the personal correspondence between members of the Archer and Williams families, spanning numerous generations.

**Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically, with undated correspondence listed last.

### Container list for Sub-series 3.1: Gleason L. Archer Correspondence, 1890-1973, n.d.

- B1/F1: Correspondence from Gleason L. Archer and brother Hiram to father John S. Archer, mss, pp. 4; 1890-1891
- B1/F2: Correspondence from brother Maurice to Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 2; 5/1896
- B1/F3: Correspondence from brother Perley to Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 8; 1896-1902
- B1/F4: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and mother Frances Archer, mss, pp. 55 (Folder 1 of 2); 1896-1905, n.d.
- B1/F5: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and mother Frances Archer, mss, pp. 55 (Folder 2 of 2); 1896-1905, n.d.
- B1/F6: Correspondence to brother Hiram (found inside "Announcing History of Radio" pamphlets), mss, pp. 4; 1898
- B1/F7: Correspondence from the *Ellsworth American* (ME) to Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 2; 1899
- B1/F8: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and brother Hiram, mss, pp. 14; 1899
- B1/F9: Correspondence from Frances Archer to sons Gleason and Hiram, mss, pp. 1; c. 1899
- B1/F10: Correspondence addressed to both John and Frances Archer (parents of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 10; 1899-1903

- B1/F11: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and sister Maude, mss, pp. 13; 1899-1905
- B1/F12: Correspondence to brothers Perley and Clifford, mss, photocopy of mss, tms copy of mss, pp. 4; 4/5/1900
- B1/F13: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and his father John S. Archer, mss, pp. 23; 1900-1928
- B1/F14: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and brothers Harold and Leland, mss, pp. 4; c. 1900, 1931
- B1/F15: Letter of recommendation for Gleason L. Archer from Frank E. Sleeper, M.D., tms, pp. 1; 3/30/1901
- B1/F16: Correspondence from the Hancock County Publishing Company, mss, pp. 2; 5/6/1902
- B1/F17: Letters of recommendation for Gleason L. Archer from Sabbatus High School (ME) contacts Irving Foss and J.W. Maxwell, mss, pp. 2; 5/1902
- B1/F18: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and brother Claude (includes pencil sketches), mss, pp. 31; 1902-1909
- B1/F19: Correspondence from Irving Foss [former principal of Sabbatus High School (ME)] to Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 6; 2/15/1903, n.d.
- B1/F20: Correspondence from Cotocheset Hotel (Cape Cod, MA) staff regarding Gleason L. Archer's injury, mss, pp. 3; 8/5/1903
- B1/F21: Correspondence from George Frost to Gleason L. Archer, mss and tms, pp. 10; 1903-1904
- B1/F22: Correspondence and Poems from Gleason L. Archer to his wife Elizabeth, tms and mss, pp. 30; 1903-1929, n.d.
- B1/F23: Correspondence from sister Maude and father John S. Archer to Gleason L. Archer and brother Hiram, mss, pp. 4; 12/24/1905
- B1/F24: Correspondence from John S. Archer to sons Gleason and Hiram, mss, pp. 2; 2/11/1906
- B1/F25: Correspondence from Edward E. Blodgett (Carver and Blodgett law firm) regarding employment opportunity, mss, pp. 1; 4/14/1906
- B1/F26: Correspondence to Reverend Leonard S. Williams (uncle of Gleason L. Archer), postcard, pp. 2; 8/21/1906. **Note: Digitized Images Available: [ms-0019](#), [ms-0026](#)**
- B1/F27: Correspondence to Mrs. E.G. Snyder, postcard, pp. 2; 8/21/1906
- B1/F28: Correspondence from William Howard Taft to Gleason L. Archer, photocopies and envelope, pp. 3; 9/30/1913—10/1/1913
- B1/F29: Correspondence from Claude (uncle of Gleason L. Archer) and Mary Archer (aunt of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 3; 12/28/1926
- B1/F30: Correspondence from Reverend Leonard S. Williams (uncle of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 8; 1926
- B1/F31: Correspondence from Lettie Williams (aunt of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 6; 1926
- B1/F32: Correspondence from Susan Archer (sister-in-law of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 6; 1926, 1931

- B1/F33: Correspondence from Dana Archer Williams (aunt of Gleason L. Archer), mss and news clip of poem, pp. 5; 1927, 1940
- B1/F34: Correspondence from Maria L. Snyder to Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 6; 4/16/1928
- B1/F35: Correspondence from (and about) former President Calvin Coolidge to Gleason L. Archer, mss and tms materials, pp. 2; 1930, n.d.
- B1/F36: Unidentified Gleason L. Archer correspondence (envelopes only), pp. 2; 1931, 1935
- B1/F37: Correspondence from Susan Williams (aunt of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 3; 7/5/1934
- B1/F38: Correspondence from Marian Archer MacDonald and husband Paul (daughter and son-in-law of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 3; 12/25/1935, n.d.
- B1/F39: Lawsuit: correspondence from Gleason L. Archer to those involved in the case, tms and mss materials, pp. 32; 1938, 1946-1948
- B1/F40: Legal correspondence and contract involving Gleason L. Archer, tms and mss materials, pp. 5; 1941
- B1/F41: Correspondence from son Allan to Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 1; 1/3/1947
- B1/F42: Lawsuit: Plaintiff Attachment Bond given by Gleason L. Archer, court document with signatures, pp. 4; 10/23/1947
- B1/F43: Lawsuit: Evans Bill (S. 433) background file, pamphlets, tms and news clips, pp. 100 (approx.); 1947-1948
- B1/F44: Lawsuit: related news clips, pp. 8; 1947-1948
- B1/F45: Lawsuit: "Defendant's Answer", Suffolk vs. Archer file, mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 94 (Folder 1 of 2); 1947-1948
- B1/F46: Lawsuit: "Defendant's Answer", Suffolk vs. Archer file, mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 90 (Folder 2 of 2); 1947-1948
- B1/F47: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and *Time* magazine (includes magazine clips), tms, pp. 8; 1950
- B1/F48: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer and Gleason L. Archer, Jr., tms and mss, pp. 32; 1955-1966
- B1/F49: Correspondence from former mayor of Boston John B. Hynes to Gleason L. Archer, tms with signature, pp. 1; 1959
- B2/F50: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer/Polly Clark and Gleason L. Archer, Jr., tms and mss, pp. 125 (approx.) (Folder 1 of 2); 1959-1965, n.d.
- B2/F51: Correspondence between Gleason L. Archer/Polly Clark and Gleason L. Archer, Jr., tms and mss, pp. 100 (approx.) (Folder 2 of 2); 1959-1965, n.d.
- B2/F52: Correspondence from Gleason L. Archer to grandson Gleason L. Archer III, tms, pp. 5; 1960-1961
- B2/F53: Correspondence from Gleason L. Archer to his children regarding their mother Elizabeth's Estate, tms, pp. 10; 1961-1962
- B2/F54: Correspondence to unknown recipient regarding legal matter, mss, pp. 1; 1962
- B2/F55: Lawsuit: Correspondence from Gleason L. Archer to First Assistant Attorney General (MA) Edward T. Martin, tms, pp. 1; 1/27/1965

- B2/F56: Correspondence from former Senator Harry F. Byrd (D-VA) to Gleason L. Archer, tms, pp. 1; 1/8/1966

### **Container list for Sub-series 3.2: Family Correspondence, 1818-1999, n.d.**

- OS1/F57: Correspondence of Elizabeth Kenney, photocopied materials, pp. 4; 2/1818
- B2/F58: Correspondence of Simeon Williams (grandfather of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 10; 1850-1857
- B2/F59: Correspondence from John Spooner to an unidentified sister, mss, pp. 2; 5/1855
- B2/F60: Correspondence from Em Archer to her niece Lucy Archer, mss, pp. 5; 1861, 1884
- B2/F61: Correspondence of Marilla M. Williams (grandmother of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 54; c. 1870-1899, n.d.
- B2/F62: Correspondence from Reverend Leonard S. Williams to sister Frances Archer and brother-in-law John S. Archer, mss, pp. 29; 1874-1893
- B2/F63: Correspondence from Mary Spooner to granddaughter Frances Martha Williams (mother of Gleason L. Archer), mss, pp. 2; 8/9/1875
- OS1/F64: Correspondence of Mary Kenney, photocopied materials, pp. 4; 6/9/1885
- B2/F65: Correspondence from Lettie Williams (aunt of Gleason L. Archer) to sister Frances Archer, mss, pp. 8; 9/1886
- B2/F66: Correspondence from Reverend Leonard S. Williams to various family members, mss, pp. 18; 1886, 1892
- B2/F67: Miscellaneous correspondence of John S. Archer, mss, pp. 6; 1890-1894
- B2/F68: Correspondence from Frances Archer to mother Marilla M. Williams, mss, pp. 3; 4/16/1893—4/22/1893
- B2/F69: Correspondence from R.J. Sutherland to Frances Archer, mss, pp. 11; 4/20/1893—5/25/1893
- B2/F70: Correspondence from Frances Archer to brother Reverend Leonard S. Williams, mss, pp. 4; 4/20/1893—11/1/1899
- B2/F71: Correspondence between Frances Archer and husband John S. Archer, mss, pp. 47; 1889-1903
- B2/F72: Correspondence between Frances Archer and son Hiram, mss, pp. 7; 1899-1903
- B2/F73: Correspondence from Clifford Archer to brother Hiram, telegram, pp. 1; 12/5/1905
- B2/F74: Correspondence from Maude Archer to brother Hiram, mss, pp. 3; 2/11/1906
- B2/F75: Work-related correspondence of Gleason L. Archer, Jr., tms, pp. 11; 1939-1966
- B2/F76: Correspondence from Susan Williams to nephew Harold Archer, mss, pp. 4; 8/7/1940

- B2/F77: Correspondence from Wendell Willkie (Republican Presidential nominee, 1940) to Elizabeth Archer, tms with signature, pp. 1; 11/22/1940
- B2/F78: Correspondence between Marian Archer and Gleason L. Archer, Jr., mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 150 (approx.) (Folder 1 of 2); 1948-1998
- B2/F79: Correspondence between Marian Archer and Gleason L. Archer, Jr., mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 125 (approx.) (Folder 2 of 2); 1948-1998
- B2/F80: Correspondence from Gleason L. Archer, Jr., to friends, tms, pp. 11; 1951-1963
- B2/F81: Correspondence from Gleason L. Archer, Jr., to Elizabeth Archer, tms, pp. 33; 1957-1961
- B2/F82: Correspondence from Hiram Archer to sister-in-law Elizabeth Archer, mss, pp. 1; 12/4/1959
- B2/F83: Miscellaneous correspondence of Polly Clark, mss and photocopy of mss, pp. 3; 3/6/1960, n.d.
- B2/F84: Miscellaneous correspondence of Gleason L. Archer, Jr., mss, pp. 2; 9/18/1962
- B2/F85: Correspondence from Gleason L. Archer III to his parents, mss, pp. 3; 1962, 1981
- B2/F86: Correspondence from Aunt Justine to Glenn, mss, pp. 26; 1968-1975, n.d.
- B2/F87: Correspondence from Inez Williams Richardson to Jonathan Archer, mss, pp. 4; 1/3/1971
- B2/F88: Correspondence between various Archer family members and former University Archivist Dick Jones relating to his efforts to acquire Gleason L. Archer's personal papers, tms and photocopied materials, pp. 10; 1972-1973
- B2/F89: Correspondence between Allan Archer, Jr., and former University Archivist Dick Jones, mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 8; 1978, 1980, n.d.
- B2/F90: Miscellaneous Archer extended family correspondence to former University Archivist Dick Jones, mss, pp. 2; 8/11/1979
- B2/F91: Correspondence from Allan Archer to brother Gleason L. Archer, Jr., mss, pp. 4; 9/4/1981
- B2/F92: Correspondence to Marian Archer, mss card, pp. 2; 12/12/1981
- B2/F93: Correspondence to Gleason L. Archer, Jr., from various cousins, mss and tms, pp. 4; 1981, 1999
- B2/F94: Correspondence to Gleason L. Archer, Jr., from niece Faith Clark, mss and tms, pp. 3; 1996-1998
- B2/F95: Unidentified Archer family correspondence, mss, pp. 1; n.d.

### **Series Description for Series 4: Personal, 1790-1979, n.d.**

**Description:** The Personal series is divided into four sub-series: Journals, Biographical Materials, Research Materials, and Family Materials. The Journals sub-series contains the four personal journals written by Gleason L. Archer, including a journal documenting life at his family's camp, "Reverie." The Biographical Materials sub-series consists of biographical writings about Archer; records and ephemera related to Archer's childhood



in Maine and the history of the area; his books and class notebooks; records that document Archer's activities in retirement and death in 1966. The Research Materials sub-series contains Archer's files related to his family's genealogy, presumably used as source material for his written accounts of the family's history. The Family Materials sub-series includes files created by or about Archer's immediate and extended families. See also: Series 3: Family Correspondence.

**Arrangement:** The Journals sub-series (boxes 1, 2 and OS6), the Biographical Materials sub-series (boxes 2 and 3) and Family Materials sub-series (boxes 4, 5, OS1, OS2, OS4 and OS5) are arranged chronologically, with undated material last. The Research Materials sub-series is arranged alphabetically (boxes 3, 4, OS1 and OS5)

### Container list for Sub-series 4.1: Journals, 1917-1963

- B5/F1: Journal I, mss, pp. 294; 1917-1920. Note: 3" x 5" photograph removed from Journal I, now housed in Series 5, folder #26 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0188](#)**
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- B1/F2: Journal I, photocopy of mss, pp. 1-149 (Folder 1 of 2); 1917-1920 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0188](#)**
- B1/F3: Journal I, photocopy of mss, pp. 150-294 (Folder 2 of 2); 1917-1920 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0188](#)**
- B1/F4: Journal II, photocopy of mss, pp. 1-155 (Folder 1 of 3); 1920-1931 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0189](#)**
- B1/F5: Journal II, photocopy of mss, pp. 156-303 (Folder 2 of 3); 1920-1931 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0189](#)**
- B1/F6: Journal II, photocopy of mss, pp. 304-401 (Folder 3 of 3); 1920-1931 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0189](#)**
- B1/F7: Journal II, transcript, removed from binder, pp. 163 (including cover); 1920-1931 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0190](#)**
- B2/F8: "Dreams and Doings at the Reverie", journal with photos, mss, pp. 102 (some pages missing); 9/7/1925-11/10/1963. **Note: Fair condition**
- B2/F9: Journal III, photocopy of mss, pp. 1-105 (Folder 1 of 2); 1932-1934 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0191](#)**
- B2/F10: Journal III, photocopy of mss, pp. 102-236 (Folder 2 of 2); 1932-1934 **Note: Digitized File Available: [ms-0191](#)**

### Container list for Sub-series 4.2: Biographical Materials, 1868-1979, n.d.

- B2/F11: *Greene's Introduction to the Study of English Grammar*, Gleason L. Archer's book at lumber camp, winter of 1895, pp. 240; 1868. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B2/F12: *Common School Speller*, Gleason L. Archer's book at lumber camp, winter of 1895, pp. 160; 1874
- B2/F13: Gleason L. Archer early life account books, 4 total; 1893-1900. **Note: Fair condition**



- B2/F14: Early life report cards of Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 3; 1894
- B2/F15: Gleason L. Archer Miscellaneous file, mixed materials (includes clips about Gleason L. Archer and/or Suffolk), pp. 75 (approx.); 1897-1985, n.d.
- B2/F16: Report cards of Gleason L. Archer from Sabbatus High School (ME), mss, pp. 5; 1900-1902
- B2/F17: *The Maine High School Magazine* (Gleason L. Archer served as editor), journal, 4 issues (1 duplicate), pagination varies; 1900
- B2/F18: Geometry test completed by Gleason L. Archer at Sabbatus High School (ME), mss, pp. 3; 6/8/1900
- B2/F19: “Certificate of Promotion” from Sabbatus High School (ME), mss, pp. 1; 6/19/1900
- B2/F20: Gleason L. Archer’s account book at Sabbatus High School (ME); 1901.  
**Note: Fair condition**
- B2/F21: Boston University Catalogue and Circular Program, pp. 52; 1902-1904
- B2/F22: “My first newspaper picture”, on occasion of being elected President of the Freshman Class at Boston University, news clip of Gleason L. Archer headshot, pp. 1; 2/1903
- B2/F23: Boston University Law School notebook owned by Gleason L. Archer; 1904. **Note: Fair condition**
- B2/F24: Boston University Law School exam result slips of Gleason L. Archer, mss, pp. 13; 1905-1906
- B2/F25: Gleason L. Archer Business card and Law School Advertisement, pp. 4; 1906, n.d. **Note: Digitized Images Available: [ms-0033](#), [ms-0034](#), [ms-0031](#), [ms-0032](#)**
- B3/F26: Gleason L. Archer Park Street Club file, news clip and event program, pp. 2; 1906, 1965
- B3/F27: “Brief History of Great Pond”, news clip article by Mrs. H.A. Emery, pp. 1; 1/25/1915
- B3/F28: *American Magazine* article about Gleason L. Archer, pp. 2; 2/1926
- B3/F29: Biographical material about Gleason L. Archer by NBC, photocopy of tms, pp. 2; 1931
- B3/F30: Blueberry farm related materials, various profiles, bulletins, photocopied news clips, pp. 15; 1950s
- B3/F31: “Branching out with Blueberries”, magazine article about Gleason L. Archer from *Profitable Hobbies* magazine, reprint of article, 3 copies, pp. 4 (each); 1952
- B3/F32: Membership cards owned by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 5; 1954, 1965, n.d.
- B3/F33: “‘Grand-Daddies of Radio’ Twenty Years Ago”, reprints of newspaper article from the *Silver Lake News* (2 copies), pp. 1 (each); 11/1959
- B3/F34: Profile of Gleason L. Archer from the *Silver Lake News*, photocopy of news clip, pp. 1; 1/17/1963
- B3/F35: “Our Vacation in Jamaica”, tms travelogue by Gleason L. Archer, pp. 2; 4/1964
- B3/F36: Gleason L. Archer funeral notices and death-related news clips from various Massachusetts newspapers, pp. 4; 1966

- B3/F37: Gleason L. Archer obituary, news clip from the *Patriot-Ledger* (Quincy, MA), pp. 1; 6/29/1966
- B3/F38: Biography of Gleason L. Archer by Dick Jones, tms, pp. 10; 1977
- B3/F39: Biography of Gleason L. Archer by Dick Jones, photocopy of tms, pp. 10; 1977
- B3/F40: Biographical material about Gleason L. Archer from the *Biographical Dictionary of American Educators*, photocopy from book, pp. 2; 1978
- B3/F41: Biography of Gleason L. Archer by Dick Jones, photocopies of tms (4 copies), pp. 26 each (copy 1-3), pp. 25 (copy 4); 1979
- B3/F42: Biography of Gleason L. Archer by Gurdon Mead, tms, pp. 4; n.d.
- B3/F43: Biographical material about Gleason L. Archer for NBC, promotional pamphlet, pp. 4; n.d.
- B3/F44: Biography of Gleason L. Archer by David Robbins, photocopy of tms, pp. 33; n.d.
- B3/F45: Biographical material about Gleason L. Archer, no author given, photocopy, pp. 1; n.d.
- B3/F46: Gleason L. Archer's notes regarding the Eastern Maine and Great Pond Cooperative Associations, mss, pp. 2; n.d.
- B3/F47: Postcard of Norwell (MA) Bungalow, pp. 2; n.d.
- B3/F48: Postcard of Sabbatus High School (ME), pp. 2; n.d.

#### **Container list for Sub-series 4.3: Research Materials, 1790-1963, n.d.**

- B3/F49: Archer Family Genealogical file, mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 125 (approx.) (Folder 1 of 3); 1902-1962 (Includes correspondence)
- B3/F50: Archer Family Genealogical file, mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 110 (approx.) (Folder 2 of 3); 1902-1962 (Includes correspondence)
- B4/F51: Archer Family Genealogical file, mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 60 (approx.) (Folder 3 of 3); 1902-1962 (Includes correspondence)
- B4/F52: Bassett Family Genealogical file, tms, pp. 13; n.d.
- B4/F53: Bradley Family Genealogical file, mss and tms materials, pp. 7; n.d.  
**Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0049](#)**
- B4/F54: Caswell Family Genealogical file, mss and tms materials, pp. 12; 1934, 1936, n.d. (Includes correspondence)
- B4/F55: Clark Family Genealogical file, mss, pp. 5; n.d.
- OS1/F56: Colby's Atlas (map of Aurora and Great Pond, ME), mss, pp. 1; 1881.  
**Note: Fragile condition**
- OS5/F57: Colby's Atlas, magnified sections, laminated, photocopied materials, pp. 3; n.d.
- B3/F58: Gibbs, Ward, and Warren Families Genealogical file, mss and tms materials, pp. 8; n.d.
- B3/F59: Gleason L. Archer and the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants file, mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 17; 1926-1955, n.d.
- B3/F60: Gleason L. Archer Radio History research materials file, tms and printed advertisement, pp. 29; 1936-1937, n.d. (Includes correspondence)

- B3/F61: Great Pond (ME) census data and map, laminated photocopy, pp. 1; 1886
- B3/F62: Heads of Families: 1<sup>st</sup> Census of the United States (the state of Maine), pp. 105; 1790. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B4/F63: Johnson and Makepeace Families Genealogical file, mss, pp. 5; c. 1934
- B4/F64: Joshua Williams Genealogical file, mss, tms, and mixed materials, pp. 101; 1895-1939, n.d. (Includes correspondence)
- B4/F65: Kenney and Kimball Families Genealogical file, mss and tms materials, pp. 31; 1935-1939, n.d. Note: Includes correspondence
- B4/F66: Pratt Family Genealogical file, mss and tms materials, pp. 60; 1963, n.d. **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0048](#)**
- B4/F67: Rogers Family Genealogical file, mss and tms materials, pp. 37; 1929-1963, n.d. Note: Includes correspondence; See Also: Rogers Family publication filed in sub-series 4.4 #59)
- B4/F68: Ruggles, Spooner, and Swift Families Genealogical file, mss, pp. 4; n.d.
- B4/F69: Tupper Family Genealogical file, mss, tms, and photocopied materials, pp. 57; 1928-1954, n.d. Note: Includes correspondence
- B4/F70: Various Great Pond (ME) Families and Relatives Genealogical file, laminated photocopied materials, pp. 51; n.d.

#### **Container list for Sub-series 4.4: Family Materials, c. 1810-1979, n.d.**

- B4/F71: Simeon Williams contract, mss, pp. 2; c. 1810
- B4/F72: John Archer pension application statement regarding Revolutionary War Service, tms copy, pp. 3; 4/15/1818
- OS5/F73: John Archer pension application statement regarding Revolutionary War service, photocopied materials, pp. 6; 4/15/1818
- OS2/F74: Account book (various families, including Archer); 1820s-1880s. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B4/F75: Jacob Whitney personal file, mixed materials, pp. 20; 1855-1875
- B4/F76: Jeremiah Sabans debt payment contract, mss, pp. 1; 11/1/1867
- OS1/F77: Jeremiah Sabans land transfer contract, mss, pp. 1; 11/1/1867
- B4/F78: John S. Archer mortgage deeds and contracts, mss and mixed materials, pp. 23; 1867-1931
- B4/F79: Checks written by John S. Archer, 7 total; 1872-1895
- B4/F80: John S. Archer tax and debt payment notes, mss, pp. 4; 1879-1880
- B4/F81: Williams Family Account book; 1880-1881. **Note: Fair condition**
- B4/F82: Marilla M. Williams personal file, mss and mixed materials, pp. 33; 1881-1893
- B4/F83: James Williams' funeral card and church pamphlets, pp. 3; 1893, 1901
- B4/F84: Checks written by Frances Archer, 3 total; 1895
- B4/F85: Scrapbook—"Poems of Love and Marriage," collected and annotated by Elizabeth Archer, includes news clips, mss and mixed materials, pp. 43; 3/1916. **Note: Fair condition**
- B4/F86: Polly Clark file, promotional pamphlet and other materials, pp. 15; 1924, n.d.

- OS4/F87: Account book (various families); 1927. **Note: Poor condition**
- B4/F88: Marian Archer MacDonald personal file, mixed materials, pp. 10; 1927-1941, n.d.
- OS4/F89: Account book (various families); 1931. **Note: Poor condition**
- B4/F90: Elizabeth Archer poetry file, mss, tms, and news clips, pp. 16; 1937-1959, n.d.
- B4/F91: Gleason L. Archer, Jr.—graduation from Suffolk University Law School file, news clips, pp. 5; 6/1939
- B4/F92: Dana Williams' obituary file (includes tribute poem by Gleason L. Archer), laminated news clip and tms, pp. 2; 3/22/1952, n.d.
- B4/F93: Gleason L. Archer, Jr., column "Please Explain," from *Decision* magazine, pp. 1; 7/1979
- B4/F94: Williams Family reunion file, photocopied materials, pp. 2; 1979
- B4/F95: Gleason L. Archer, Jr., personal file, tms and mixed materials, pp. 4; n.d.
- B4/F96: Ring Plays and Folk Songs of Williams Settlement, by: Mrs. D.A. Williams, tms (3 copies), pp. 7 (each); n.d.. Note: 1 copy annotated by Gleason L. Archer
- B4/F97: Spooner Family birth, death and marriage records, mss, pp. 8; n.d.
- B4/F98: Writings of Lucy Colson, mss, pp. 6; n.d.

### Series Description for Series 5: Photographs, c. 1865-1998, n.d.

**Description:** This series contains photographs and albums that document the personal life of Archer and family members. The photographs, ranging in date from 1865-1998, include portraits of Archer and his family, family events, family homes, and Archer's outdoor pursuits. A selection of photographs is available in digital format as noted.

**Arrangement:** The photographs (boxes 1-4, OS1, OS3 and OS5) and photo albums (box 5) are arranged alphabetically by last name or subject.

### Container list for Series 5: Photographs, c. 1865-1998, n.d.

- B1/F1: Archer, Adelaide—with unidentified friend at right; c. 1870; 1 color print, 1 photocopied print
- B1/F2: Archer, Allan—portraits; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B1/F3: Archer, Bernice—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B1/F4: Archer, Claude—with unidentified friend at right; 1/23/1910; 1 b&w print
- B1/F5: Archer, Clifford—formal portraits; c. 1900, n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B1/F6: Archer, Elizabeth—47<sup>th</sup> Engagement Anniversary; 5/20/1950; 1 b&w print. **Note: Digitized Image Available: [ms-0023](#)**
- B1/F7: Archer, Elizabeth—portraits; n.d.; 14 b&w prints
- B1/F8: Archer, Elizabeth—with (L-R) Marian Archer, Henry S. Snyder and Maria L. Snyder; c. 1930; 1 b&w print **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0040](#)**
- B1/F9: Archer, Elizabeth—with Thomas Boynton and Senator Walsh; n.d.; 2 b&w prints, 1 negative

- B1/F10: Archer, Elizabeth—with her sisters (Justine Connor, Marian Osgood) and mother (Maria Snyder); n.d.; 3 b&w prints **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0041](#)**
- B1/F11: Archer, Elizabeth—with Senator Walsh at Camp Reverie (ME); n.d.; 1 b&w print
- OS5/F12: Archer Family—formal portrait (L-R: Gleason L. Archer, Jr., Marian Archer, Allan Archer, Gleason L. Archer, Elizabeth Archer); 1925; 1 b&w print **Note: Digitized file available: [ms-0047](#)**
- B1/F13: Archer Family—group photographs (Folder 1 of 2); 1911-1960, n.d.; 17 b&w prints. **Note: Digitized Images Available: [ga-0002](#), [ga-0003](#), [ga-0012](#), [SU-0144](#)**
- B1/F14: Archer Family—group photographs (Folder 2 of 2); 1911-1960, n.d.; 22 b&w prints, 6 negatives
- B1/F15: Archer, Gleason L.—79<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration portrait; 10/29/1959; 2 b&w prints. **Note: Digitized Image Available: [ga-0005](#)**
- B1/F16: Archer, Gleason L.—with brother Claude; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B1/F17: Archer, Gleason L.—formal portrait with brother Hiram; 10/15/1899; 1 b&w print, 1 photocopied print
- B1/F18: Archer, Gleason L.—with brother Hiram; c. 1960s; 1 color print
- OS3/F19: Archer, Gleason L.—childhood portrait (tintype); n.d.; 1 tintype. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B1/F20: Archer, Gleason L.—childhood portrait with brothers Clifford (center) and Hiram (right); n.d.; 1 negative
- OS3/F21: Archer, Gleason L.—childhood portrait with brothers Clifford (center) and Hiram (right) (tintype); n.d.; 1 tintype. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B1/F22: Archer, Gleason L.—with the Granddaddies of Radio; n.d.; 1 b&w print. **Note: Digitized Image Available: [ga-0018](#)**
- B1/F23: Archer, Gleason L.—outdoor portraits; 1910s-1950s; 11 b&w prints. **Note: Digitized Image Available: [ga-0013](#)**
- B1/F24: Archer, Gleason L.—portrait of the new Chairman of the American Democratic National Committee; 4/18/1944; 1 b&w print
- B2/F25: Archer, Gleason L.—portraits; 1890s-1910s; 9 b&w prints, 1 photocopied print. **Note: Digitized Images Available: [ga-0001](#), [ga-0004](#)**
- B2/F26: Archer, Gleason L.—portraits; 1930s, n.d.; 6 b&w prints. **Note: Digitized Image Available: [ga-0017](#); Includes 3”x 5” photograph removed from Journal I**
- B2/F27: Archer, Gleason L.—radio-related portraits; 1930s; 4 b&w prints, 2 photocopied prints. **Note: Digitized Image Available: [ga-0006](#)**
- B2/F28: Archer, Gleason L.—with Thomas Boynton (left) and Senator Walsh (right); n.d.; 1 negative
- B2/F29: Archer, Gleason L.—with daughter Marian; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F30: Archer, Gleason L.—with second wife Polly Clark; c. 1958, n.d.; 2 b&w prints



- B2/F31: Archer, Gleason L. with wife Elizabeth and Gleason L. Archer, Jr.—group photograph at 20 Derne St. cornerstone laying ceremony; 8/4/1920; 1 b&w print. **Note: Digitized Image Available: ga-0009**
- B2/F32: Archer, Gleason L. with wife Elizabeth and brother Hiram—group photograph at unknown Suffolk event; n.d.; 1 b&w print. **Note: Digitized Image Available: ga-0010**
- B2/F33: Archer, Gleason L.—with Rudy Vallee, n.d.; 2 b&w prints, 1 photocopied print
- B2/F34: Archer, Gleason L.—with (L-R) Professor Dallas Lore Sharp and Gleason L. Archer, Jr.; c. 1928; 1 b&w print
- B2/F35: Archer, Gleason L.—with (L-R) Mr. and Mrs. F. Morse Wemple and Allan Archer; c. 1930; 1 b&w print
- B2/F36: Archer, Gleason L.—with the Tri-Town Rotary Club; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F37: Archer, Gleason L.—with (L-R) two unidentified workmen, Gleason L. Archer, Jr., and Catherine Carraher; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F38: Archer, Gleason L. Jr.—graduation portrait with Gleason L. Archer at left; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F39: Archer, Gleason L. Jr.—portraits; 1926-1981, n.d.; 4 b&w prints, 1 color print
- B2/F40: Archer, Gleason L. Jr.—with Hiram Archer at left; 7/2/1955; 1 color print
- B2/F41: Archer, Gleason L. Jr.—with Marian Archer; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F42: Archer, Gleason L. Jr.—with Suffolk President David J. Sargent (left) at "Archer's Evening Law School" event; n.d.; 1 color print
- B2/F43: Archer, Hiram—portrait; 1903; 1 b&w print
- B2/F44: Archer, John S.—portrait; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- OS3/F45: Archer, John S.—portrait (tintype); c. 1875; 1 tintype. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B2/F46: Archer, John S.—wedding portrait; 1875; 1 b&w print
- OS3/F47: Archer, John S.—wedding portrait (tintype); 1875; 1 tintype. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B2/F48: Archer, John S.—with (L-R) Claude Archer and two unidentified men; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F49: Archer, Lola—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F50: Archer, Marian—childhood portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F51: Archer, Marian—graduation portrait; 6/1937; 1 b&w print
- B2/F52: Archer, Marian—portraits; 1940, 1958, n.d.; 6 b&w prints
- B2/F53: Archer, Marian—wedding portrait (photocopy); n.d.; 1 photocopied print
- B2/F54: Archer, Maude—portrait; c. 1905; 1 b&w print
- B2/F55: Archer, Maude—with husband; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B2/F56: Boynton, Thomas—with Senator Walsh (right); n.d.; 1 negative
- B2/F57: Bradley, Charles L.—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print **Note: Digitized file available: ga-0030**



- B2/F58: Bradley, Florence—portrait; n.d.; 2 b&w prints **Note: Digitized file available: ga-0031**
- B2/F59: Bradley, Maria L.—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print **Note: Digitized file available: ga-0032**
- B2/F60: Clark, Faith—with Carrola Bryant and “Heidi”; 1/1960; 1 b&w print
- B2/F61: Clark Family—wedding and group photographs; 1998; 3 color prints
- B2/F62: Claude Archer’s farm in Bradford (ME); 1926; 1 b&w print
- B2/F63: Colson, Harriet Williams Archer—portrait; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B2/F64: Coolidge, Calvin—laying the cornerstone at Suffolk Law School Building (20 Derne Street) ceremony; 8/4/1920; 1 b&w print
- B2/F65: Dana Archer Williams—“Dana Williams’ Place”; n.d.; 3 negatives
- OS1/F66: Dana Williams’ shed; 1970; 1 b&w print
- B2/F67: Downey (CA) Presbyterian Church; 10/11/1953; 1 b&w print
- B2/F68: Elizabeth Archer’s headstone; 1961; 1 b&w print
- OS1/F69: Ellsworth (ME) downtown; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B3/F70: Emery, James—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B3/F71: Garland, Ella Archer—portrait; c. 1890; 1 b&w print
- B3/F72: Gifford, Ella Archer—portraits; c. 1880, n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B3/F73: Gleason L. Archer’s camp “Reverie” cabin; c. 1928, n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B3/F74: Gleason L. Archer’s country home on Stetson Road in Norwell (MA); 1926, n.d.; 3 b&w prints
- B3/F75: Gleason L. Archer—“desk used in my school-days”; 1926; 1 b&w print, 1 negative
- B3/F76: Gleason L. Archer’s fishing boat “The Queen Bess”; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B3/F77: Gleason L. Archer’s house and blueberry farm in Pembroke (MA); 1940s-1960s; 9 negatives, 2 b&w prints
- B3/F78: Gleason L. Archer—“house where Gleason L. Archer Sr. born”; 7/1926; 1 b&w print
- B3/F79: Gleason L. Archer—“school house”; 1895; 1 b&w print
- B3/F80: Gleason L. Archer’s trout pond in Norwell (MA); c. 1930; 1 b&w print
- B3/F81: Gleason L. Archer, Jr.—“the house where I was born” and surrounding area; 1926; 5 b&w prints
- B3/F82: Great Meadows (ME) lumber camp; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B3/F83: Great Pond (ME) cemetery; n.d.; 1 negative
- B3/F84: Great Pond (ME) Dam; n.d.; 1 b&w print. **Note: Digitized Image Available: ga-0008**
- OS1/F85: Great Pond (ME) school—church benches in school room; 1970; 1 b&w print
- B3/F86: H. Rossiter Snyder’s nature photography; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B3/F87: Haynes (A.B.) Lumbering crew—group photograph; 1892; 1 b&w print
- OS1/F88: Inez Richardson’s blueberry field; 1970; 2 b&w prints
- OS1/F89: Inez Richardson’s preserves; 1970; 1 b&w print
- B3/F90: Jackson, Myra Williams—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print

- B3/F91: John Archer's (b. 1752-d. 1830) headstone in Great Pond (ME) cemetery; n.d.; 4 b&w prints, 1 negative
- B3/F92: John Archer, Jr.'s (b. 1783-d. 1861) headstone; n.d.; 3 b&w prints, 1 negative
- B3/F93: John S. Archer's home purchased in 1895; 1926; 2 b&w prints
- OS5/F94: John S. Archer's shed near his home (photograph taken by Howard Archer and mounted on board); 1970; 1 b&w print
- B3/F95: Lucy W. Archer's headstone; n.d.; 1 b&w print, 1 negative
- B3/F96: MacDonald, Bruce—portraits; n.d.; 1 b&w print, 1 color print
- B3/F97: MacDonald, Joyce—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B3/F98: Miscellaneous—class photograph; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B3/F99: Miscellaneous—Great Pond (ME) relatives group photograph; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B3/F100: Miscellaneous—group photograph; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B3/F101: Osgood, Marian S.—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print **Note: Digitized file available: ga-0033**
- B3/F102: Sabbatus (ME) High School; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B3/F103: Samuel C. Archer's headstone; n.d.; 1 b&w print; 1 negative
- B3/F104: Snyder, H. Rossiter—portraits; 1908, n.d.; 3 b&w prints
- B3/F105: Snyder, Maria—with husband Harry Snyder; n.d.; 2 b&w prints **Note: Digitized file available: ga-0034**
- B3/F106: Unidentified (Folder 1 of 3); n.d.; 11 b&w prints, 2 color prints
- B4/F107: Unidentified (Folder 2 of 3); n.d.; 13 b&w prints, 1 color print
- B4/F108: Unidentified (Folder 3 of 3); n.d.; 48 negatives
- B4/F109: Williams, Asa Kenneth—portrait; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B4/F110: Williams, Bernice—with her sister Ruth; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B4/F111: Williams, Dana Archer—portraits; 1880, n.d.; 4 b&w prints
- B4/F112: Williams, Ezra N.—portrait; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B4/F113: Williams Family—group photographs; n.d.; 2 b&w prints
- B4/F114: Williams, Frances M.—childhood portrait with brother Leonard; c. 1865; 3 b&w prints
- B4/F115: Williams, Frances M.—portraits; c. 1901, n.d.; 3 b&w prints, 1 photocopied print
- OS3/F116: Williams, Frances M.—wedding portrait (tintype); 1875; 1 tintype. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B4/F117: Williams, Fred—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B4/F118: Williams, Leonard S.—with Gleason L. Archer at right; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B4/F119: Williams, Leonard S.—portrait with wife Susie; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B4/F120: Williams, Lettie B.—portraits; 1886; 2 b&w prints
- B4/F121: Williams, Marilla Spooner—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- OS3/F122: Williams, Mary Ann—portrait (tintype); n.d.; 1 tintype. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B4/F123: Williams, Simeon—portrait; n.d.; 1 b&w print

- B4/F124: Williams, Simeon—with Marilla Spooner Williams; n.d.; 1 b&w print
- B5/F125: Album 1—Archer Family group and individual portraits, pp. 42; 1920-1923, n.d.; 86 b&w prints. **Note: Fair condition**
- B5/F126: Album 2—Great Pond (ME) buildings and places, pp. 28; n.d.; 28 b&w prints. **Note: Fair condition**
- B5/F127: Album 3—Suffolk Law School Building (20 Derne Street) construction and annex projects, miscellaneous topics, pp. 68; 1917-1937, n.d.; 133 b&w prints. **Note: Fair condition**

## Series Description for Series 6: Special Materials, c. 1900s-1939, n.d.

**Description:** The Special Materials series contains Archer’s personal artifacts, including a briefcase, his Suffolk Law ring, his desk, a film of a fishing trip, the original “Archer’s Evening Law School” sign, and recordings of Archer’s radio broadcasts.

**Arrangement:** Materials are arranged chronologically, undated materials at the end.

### Container list for Series 6: Special Materials, c. 1900s-1939, n.d.

- RM 515/F1: Gleason L. Archer's desk; used at his Suffolk School of Law in his apartment in Roxbury, MA; c. 1900s. **Note: Fragile condition**
- B1/F2: "Archer’s Evening Law School" sign, glass; c. 1906. **Note: Fragile condition; Digitized Image Available: ga-0015**
- B2/F3: Gleason L. Archer's Suffolk Law ring (gold); ring was prototype design for school rings that followed; 1909. **Note: Digitized Image Available: ga-0016**
- B3/F4: “Society of Mayflower Descendents,” radio broadcast, record 1, broadcast on WAAB; 11/28/1935. **Note: Digitized audiorecording available; consult archivist for assistance; 1 access copy.**
- B3/F5: “Society of Mayflower Descendents,” radio broadcast, record 2, broadcast on WAAB; 11/28/1935. **Note: Digitized audiorecording available; consult archivist for assistance; 1 access copy.**
- B3/F6: “Society of Mayflower Descendents,” radio broadcast, record 3, broadcast on WAAB; 11/28/1935. **Note: Digitized audiorecording available; consult archivist for assistance; 1 access copy.**
- B4/F7: “Society of Mayflower Descendents,” radio broadcast, (remastered copy of records 1-3), broadcast on WAAB; 11/28/1935. **Note: Digitized audiorecording and transcript available; consult archivist for assistance; 1 access copy.**
- B5/F8: Gleason L. Archer’s Fishing trip film reel; 16 mm film; 100 feet (30.48 m); 5.40 min/sec in length; Cine-Kodak Panchromatic Safety Film brand; 6/1938.
- B3/F9: “National Defense,” radio broadcast, record 1, broadcast on WBZ, 2/17/1939. **Note: Digitized audiorecording available; consult archivist for assistance; 1 access copy.**

- B3/F10: “National Defense,” radio broadcast, record 2, broadcast on WBZ; 2/17/1939. **Note: Digitized audiorecording available; consult archivist for assistance; 1 access copy.**
- B4/F11: “National Defense,” radio broadcast, (remastered copy of records 1 and 2), broadcast on WBZ; 2/17/1939. **Note: Digitized audiorecording available; consult archivist for assistance; 1 access copy.**
- B6/F12: Gleason L. Archer’s briefcase with his initials on front outside cover, brown leather with zipper; n.d.
- B7/F13: Needle for record player; n.d. **Note: Fragile condition**

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3. March 17, 1930. Monday, 4:45-5:00 PM: Inaugural Boston Tercentenary broadcast, WNAC; also later Tercentenary broadcasts (WEEL, WBZ-WBZA, WLOE, WLEX).
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5. Beginning January, 1931, Tuesdays, 7:45 PM: "Colonial History" (first Plymouth Plantation, then Massachusetts Bay Colony), WBZ-WBZA; moved to Sundays, 3:00-3:15 PM in February, 1931. Still broadcasting this series (Sundays, 4:15-4:30 PM) in April, 1934.
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