



Charles G. Woodbury Family Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Woodbury, C. G. (Charles Goodrich), 1884-1971
Creator:	Woodbury, John D.
Creator:	Woodbury, Richard B. (Richard Benjamin), 1917-2009
Creator:	Woodbury family (Charles Woodbury, 1884-1971)
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Title:	Charles G. Woodbury family papers
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Material Specific Details:	Land List •SW ¼ of SW ¼ Section 22, Township 23, N R 2W Roscommon County/Higgins Twp •NE ¼ of NW ¼ Section 2, Township 26, N R 1W Crawford County/South Branch Twp •NW ¼ of NE ¼ & NW ¼ of SE ¼ Section 36, Township 27, N R 1W Crawford County/Lovells Twp •NW ¼ of SW ¼ Section 1 & E ½ of SE ¼ Section 2 & SW ¼ of NE ¼ & NE ¼ of SE ¼ Section 33, Township 27, N R 1W Crawford County/Lovells Twp •SE ¼ of NW ¼ & NW ¼ of SW ¼ & SE ¼ of SW ¼ & SW ¼ of SE ¼ Section 7, Township 23, N R 4W Roscommon County/Lake Twp •NW ¼ of SE ¼ & S ½ of SE ¼ Section 23, SW ¼ of SW ¼ Section 24 & SW ¼ of SW ¼ Section 25, Township 24, N R 5W Missaukee County/Norwich Twp •SE ¼ of NE ¼ Section 8, Township 23 N R 4W & NW ¼ of NW ¼ Section 30, Township 24 N R 4W Roscommon County/Lake Twp & Lyon Twp •SE ¼ of SW ¼ Section 16, Township 23 N R 3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp •SW ¼ of NE ¼ & NW ¼ of NW ¼ Section 20, NW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 21, SW ¼ of SE ¼ Section 22, Township 24 N R 5W Missaukee County/Norwich Twp •SE ¼ of SE ¼ Section 10, SW ¼ Section 11, Township 24 N R 2W Roscommon County/Roscommon Twp •SW ¼ of NE ¼ & SE ¼ of NW ¼ Section 16, Township 24 N R 4W Roscommon County/Lyon Twp •NE ¼ of NE ¼ Section 16, Township 24, N R 4W Roscommon County/Lyon Twp •SW ¼

of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, Township 24, N R 5W Missaukee County/
Norwich Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30,
Township 24, N R 5W Missaukee County/Norwich Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$
of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26, Township 24, N R 5W Missaukee County/
Norwich Twp •NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16, Township 23, N R
3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section
16, Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp
•E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16, Township 24, N R 1W Roscommon
County/Au Sable Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16, Township
24, N R 1W Roscommon County/Au Sable Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15, Township 24 N R
1W Roscommon County/Au Sable Twp •SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section
16, Township 24, N R 1W Roscommon County/Au Sable Twp
•NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$
of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 19, Township 23, N R 2E Ogemaw County/
Klacking Twp •NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 25, Township 24, N R
1W Roscommon County/Au Sable Twp •S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section
2, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon
County/Markey Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 23, N R 3W
Roscommon County/Markey Twp •NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2,
Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp •W
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 5,
Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/Backus Twp •W $\frac{1}{2}$
of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/
Backus Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Township 22, N R 2W
Roscommon County/Backus Twp •NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 20, Township 4, N R 5W Eaton County/
Roxand Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section
10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 19, Township 33, N R 2E Presque Isle
County/Allis Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 34, Township 37,
N R 5W Emmet County/ Center Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3,
Township 23, N R 6W Missaukee County/West Branch Twp •S
65 30/100 of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33, Township 7, N R 5W
Ionia County/Lyons Twp •Lot 67 of Englewood Park Addition
to the city of Lansing •Village lots 85 and 86 of a Newman's
addition to the village of Portland •Timber rights- Roscommon
County, Michigan •NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10, Township 3, N
R 2E Ingham County/Leroy Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 29,
Township 48, N R 26W Marquette County/Negawnee Twp •City
of Lansing, Lot 5 of Block 63 in Section 16 •Lots 546, 547, 548,
549 of Bartow's addition to Portland •NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2,
Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$
of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon County/
Markey Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 23, N R 3W
Roscommon County/Markey Twp •SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2,
Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp •NE $\frac{1}{4}$

of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon County/
Markey Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 23, N R
3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp •SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section
2, Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp
•NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon
County/Markey Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 23, N
R 3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section
13, Township 23, N R 3W Roscommon County/Markey Twp
•Timber Rights to E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW
 $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 25, Township 25, N R 3W Crawford County/
Beaver Creek Twp •W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, Township 24, N R
1W Roscommon County/AuSable Twp •S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5,
Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/Backus Twp •Lot 2
of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4, Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/
Backus Twp •Lot 3 of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4, Township 22, N R 2W
Roscommon County/Backus Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5,
Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/Backus Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$
of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/
Backus Twp •SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 22, N R 2W
Roscommon County/Backus Twp •SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5,
Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/Backus Twp •SW $\frac{1}{4}$
of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/
Backus Twp •S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Township 22, N R 2W
Roscommon County/Backus Twp •Lot 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4,
Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/Backus Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$
of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/
Backus Twp •NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 22, N R 2W
Roscommon County/Backus Twp •NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5,
Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/Backus Twp •N $\frac{1}{2}$
of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 22, N R 2W Roscommon County/
Backus Twp •SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 5, N R 2W
Clinton County/Dewitt Twp •N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Township
5, N R 2W Clinton County/Dewitt Twp •Village Lots 50, 51,
52, 53, 54, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599 of
Bartow's 2nd addition to Portland •Land between Village Lots 48
and 600, known as the Ann Matthews land of Bartow's second
addition to Portland •Lot 76 of the Englewood Park Addition to
the City of Lansing •N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2, Block 100, City of Lansing •N
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2, Block 107, City of Lansing •NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section
13, Township 24, N R 2W Roscommon County/Roscommon
Twp.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

John Downer Woodbury was a partner in the Churchill and Woodbury general store in Portland, Michigan. He had a son, Chester Downer Woodbury.

Chester married May Goodrich and they had two children: John born circa 1881, and Charles Goodrich, born on April 30, 1884. Around 1887, the family moved from Portland, Michigan to Mississippi where Chester worked in the lumbering business. They lived there for three to four years and then moved to Lansing, Michigan. Chester started a store and also started the Capitol Savings and Loan Company with other businessmen. Around 1894, his son John died of diphtheria.

Chester and a few other businessmen founded the Roaring Brook Association. They bought land in Little Traverse Bay, Michigan and built a resort hotel. They sold lots to members to build summer cottages.

Charles Woodbury graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (M.A.C., now Michigan State University) in 1904. He worked on his father's farm in East Lansing for a year. He then returned to M.A.C. for graduate school for a year. In 1907, he accepted a position as assistant professor in horticulture at Purdue University. In 1908, he was an assistant professor in agriculture and, in 1909, he was associate horticulturist at the Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station in LaFayette, Indiana. He married Marion A. Benjamin in Lafayette on June 23, 1909. Their son, John Benjamin Woodbury, was born on May 30, 1911. He later died on October 26, 1914. Their daughter Barbara Ann was born October 20, 1913.

In 1912, Charles became a professor of horticulture and horticulturist at the Agriculture Experiment Station at Purdue. From 1913 to 1917, he was a professor of horticulture. From 1918 to 1920, he was the director of the Agriculture Experiment Station. In 1920, he took a job in Washington D.C. as the head of the Bureau of Raw Products Research of the National Cannery Association.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of the papers of the Woodbury family including, John D. Woodbury, Chester D. Woodbury and Charles G. Woodbury.

The Capitol Savings and Loan folder contains correspondence, financial information, and promotional information about the bank. The Central Michigan Business College folder contains the Articles of Association.

The Correspondence folders contain letters between the Chester Woodbury family and the Charles Woodbury family. The majority of the letters are from Chester to Charles, however, a few are written by Charles, his wife Marion, May Woodbury, and Chester's mother. The letters contain information about happenings in the families, fatherly advice from Chester to Charles, household events, information about Chester's professional life, and information about the start up of Evelyn Orchards. Evelyn Orchards was located on South Pine Lake in Northern Michigan. One letter has brochures and advertisements for the Detroit Gas and Power Company.

The Edna Woodbury Estate folders contain documents relating to the settling of her estate. The Evelyn Orchard Photos file contains pictures of the lodge, groves, and views of the surrounding area. Some of the photos have captions. The Hagadorn Estate Exemption from Military Certificate file contains a certificate exempting Johnson Hagadorn from military service because of a "substitute furnished." The Eudora Hagadorn Estate folders contain documents relating to the settling of her estate, for which Chester Woodbury served as administrator.

The Land Papers folder contains land indentures, discharge of mortgages, assignment of mortgages, taxes paid on land, an abstract of title, and warranty deeds. The documents are related to land in Ionia, Crawford, and Roscommon Counties. The folder contains references to land in the city of Lansing including City of Lansing Lot 5, Block 63, Section 16, Township 4, North of Range 2W; Lot 76 of Englewood Park addition to the City of Lansing; N ½ of Lot 2 in Block 107 of the City of Lansing.

The Land Records folder contains indentures, discharge of mortgages, a State of Michigan Land Patent, warranty deeds, a mortgage, an executer's deed, an assignment of mortgage, and a state tax land deed. The documents in this folder were bound together with a ribbon labeled "Foote's Candy Shop 12 Strand Arcade of Lansing, Michigan."

The Lindberg Baby Kidnapping Notice folder contains a public notice of the reward for the capture of the kidnapers of Charles Lindbergh's son.

The M.A.C. Record folder contains a *M.A.C. Record* that contains an article on Charles Woodbury.

The Miscellaneous folder contains a "Hamill's Beautiful Inland Route" brochure telling about steamer service between Petoskey, Topinabee, and Mackinac Island, and a "Road Map of

Southern Michigan." Also included, is a March 7, 1921 issue of *The Washington Date-Line* newspaper.

The Northern Michigan Lands folder contains correspondence about selling land and taxes, a state tax land deed, a quit claim deed. The documents relate to land in Negaunee, Roscommon, Marquette County, Presque Isle.

The Photographs file contains various photos of family homes, some of the photos have captions. The Reminiscences folder contains some of Charles's memories of his childhood and teenage years. The account has numbers in the margins that correspond with the pictures in the Reminiscences-Photographs folder. The Reminiscences-Fun of a River Trip folder contains a description about taking a fishing and camping trip. The account contains photos and captions. Some photos were falling away from the paper. They were assigned by the archivist in brackets number that corresponds with the place the photo was on the page and put into a Reminiscences-Fun of a River Trip-Photographs folder. A photocopy of the page shows their original location on the page. The Reminiscences-The Fun of a River Trip Photographs and Captions folder contains "legends for prints" that Chester used in his account. Also included are some copies of photos that were used in the full account. The Roaring Brook Resort folder contains articles of incorporation, correspondence, and a land contract.

The Oversized folder contains two plat maps of Roaring Brook Resort, and a "Summer Resort Section" map showing railroad lines, it has been hand labeled with the location of Evelyn Orchard and various fishing spots. Charles G. Woodbury's diplomas from Michigan Agricultural College are also included in the collection.

The Material Specific Details note contains a list of section and township numbers and county and township names for the lands referred to in the land folders.

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Arrangement

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Custodial History

Gift of Richard B. Woodbury 1998-10-5 and 2000-4-18; unknown

Processing Information

The Woodbury family papers (00184) and the Charles G. Woodbury papers (UA 10.3.138) were merged into one record group Charles G. Woodbury family papers (UA 10.3.138). M. Badgley Malone, January 2020.

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- Lansing (Mich.)
- Lansing (Mich.) -- History

- Michigan
- Michigan -- Religion
- Deeds
- Diplomas
- Letters (correspondence)
- Maps
- Photographs
- Hagadorn, Eudora R. (1847-1925)
- Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974
- Woodbury, C. G. (Charles Goodrich), 1884-1971
- Woodbury, Chester Downer (1857-1936)
- Woodbury, Edna O.
- Woodbury, John D.
- Capitol Savings and Loan Association (Lansing, Mich.)
- Detroit City Gas Company
- East Jordan Fruit and Land Co., Inc (East Lansing, Mich.)
- Eveline Fruit and Land Company
- Michigan Agricultural College
- Michigan State University. Class of 1904
- Roaring Brook Association (Emmet Co., Mich.)
- Woodbury, Richard B. (Richard Benjamin), 1917-2009

Collection Inventory

Papers

Scope and Contents note

Title/Description	Instances	
Capitol Savings and Loan	box 6244	folder 1
Central Michigan Business College Articles of Association, 1905-1906	box 6244	folder 2
Correspondence		
1909-1910	box 6244	folder 3
1911	box 6244	folder 4
February-May 1912	box 6244	folder 5
June-November 1912	box 6244	folder 6
East Jordan Fruit and Land Co, Inc. brochures, circa 1910	box 6244	folder 7
Edna Woodbury Estate Exhibit A	box 6244	folder 8
Edna Woodbury Estate Exhibit A	box 6244	folder 9

Evelyn Orchard photos, circa 1910	box 6244	folder 10
Hagadorn Family		
Eudora Hagadorn estate, 1871- May 1925	box 6244	folder 11
Eudora Hagadorn estate, June 1925-1927, Undated	box 6245	folder 1
Exemption from Military Certificate, 1863	box 6245	folder 2
Land papers, 1878-1938, Undated	box 6245	folder 3
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Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping Notice, 1932	box 6245	folder 5
<i>M.A.C. Record</i> , June 5, 1917	box 6245	folder 6
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Reminiscences		
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The Fun of a River Trip, 1976, Undated	box 6245	folder 12
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The Fun of a River Trip. Photographs and Captions.	box 6245	folder 14
Roaring Brook Resort, 1902-1930, Undated	box 6245	folder 15

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Title/Description	Instances
Charles G. Woodbury's Diplomas, 1904, 1906	box 6394
Map showing Evelyn Orchard, 1903	box 6394
Roaring Brook Resort Plat maps (2), 1902	box 6394

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