

Title:	New England and Canadian Trip, 1952		
Creator:	Unknown [Bruce [blank] of Inland Press Pressroom, Chicago, Illinois and his wife Joe?]		
Dates of Material:	1952	Reference Number:	RG 636
Scope and Content:	<p>This is a combined journal and photograph album of a trip that was taken through New England and Canada from September 8 to September 21, 1952. The journal consists of 10 original typewritten pages and eighty one 8 ½ x 9 cm. black and white photos. Also included are 24 coloured postcards, a 25 x 20 cm. black and white photograph and a chart of where the couple stopped and how much they spent.</p>		
Summary of Contents:	<p>1.1 Journal and Photographs</p> <p>The text and photographs are interspersed. For every red x within the text, there is a corresponding photograph. The photographs are numbered and they include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home of James A. Garfield, Mentor, Ohio 2. Niagara River 3. Niagara River from Canadian side 4. Power Generator above falls from Canadian side 5. Rough water above falls and power plant 6. Niagara River 7. Niagara Falls 8. Horseshoe Falls 9. Below the falls (Canada left, U.S.A. right) 10. Close-up of Horseshoe Falls from Canadian side 11-12. The whirlpool 13. Flower garden – School [of Horticulture] 14. Union Jack at Victoria Park [referred to here as Hydro-Electric Park] 15. Floral clock [referred to a musical clock, Hydro-Electric Park] 16. Brock statue, Queen Victoria Park [referred to here as Hydro-Electric Park] 17. Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York 18. Across Lake Otsego, Cooperstown, New York 19 Farmers' Museum, Cooperstown, New York 		

20. View from Fenimore House, Cooperstown, New York
21. James Fenimore Cooper House, Cooperstown, New York
- 22-23. Capitol Building, Hartford, Connecticut
24. Grave of Sgt. Benjamin Case in old cemetery, Providence Rhode Island
25. Nathan Hale, patriot spy – Homestead near Hartford, Connecticut
- 26-28. Capitol Building, Providence, Rhode Island
- 29-30. Waterfront, New Bedford, Connecticut
31. Plymouth Rock with ocean in the background
32. Plymouth Rock Massachusetts – reconstructed dwelling
33. Ocean view from Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts
34. Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts
35. Daniel Webster grave between Plymouth and Boston, Massachusetts
36. Daniel Webster Family lot [plot] between Plymouth and Boston, Massachusetts
37. Paul Revere home, Boston, Massachusetts
38. Paul Revere home, Massachusetts [photos 37 and 38 show “our bus”]
- 39-40. Old Ironsides (Constitution), Boston Naval Yards
41. Concord English statue – before crossing the bridge
42. Looking across the bridge, Concord – American statue in background
43. Minute Man Statue, Concord, Massachusetts
44. Entrance to Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts
45. Wayside Inn Chapel
46. Wayside Inn – old mill (100 years old & still in operation)
47. Harvard University Museum [lady in the picture referred to as Joe]
48. Longfellow’s home, Boston (Washington also lived here)
- 49-50. Nathaniel Hawthorne’s home (House of Seven Gables), Salem, Massachusetts
51. Nathaniel Hawthorne’s birthplace, Salem, Massachusetts [bumper of their car in photo referred to as “us”]
52. Newbury, Massachusetts – house built in 1725
53. New Hampshire coastline showing Atlantic Ocean
54. Rock bound coast of Maine
55. Maine’s Atlantic coastline
56. Entrance to the state capitol at Augusta, Maine
57. State capitol, Augusta, Maine
58. Atlantic Ocean – Maine coastline
59. Hills, river and road, Maine
60. Custom Station – crossing into Canada from Maine
- 61-62. Canadian scenery
63. Quebec, Canada
64. Chateau Frontenac, Quebec
65. Lower Quebec
66. Quebec Parliament Building

67. Italian ship at a port near Montreal
68. French ship near Montreal
69. Logs for the largest paper mill in the world, Three Rivers [Trois-Rivières], Canada
70. Montreal suburb
71. Hydro Electric Dam – Ottawa River
72. Canadian scenery
- Unnumbered. Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, Canada
73. Route 17 – King’s Highway
74. Webbwood, Ontario
75. Leaving Canada
76. Gate to cross on ferry from Sault Ste. Marie to Michigan
77. View of Sault Ste. Marie from ferry
78. View of U.S.A. from ferry
79. Lake Huron from ferry – St. Ignace, Michigan
80. From ferry – freighter and Mackinac Island

Interesting facts within the journal:

They crossed into Canada on the new Peace Bridge for a toll of 30 cents.

They were very surprised to find that the U.S. dollar was worth less than the Canadian one for the first time in U.S. history.

They saw spinning, weaving, blacksmithing and printing and other skills at the Farmers’ Museum. They also saw the Cardiff Giant [a hoax that was put over on the American people – a block of gypsum was carved into the likeness of a gigantic man. Stains and marks were added to make him appear to be old. The “giant” was buried and in 1869 it was dug up and declared to be a man. People paid money to see the giant. Archaeological scholars declared that the giant was a fake.]

They refused to stay at a hotel in Boston that cost \$20.00 a day, and up.

They took a 9 hour sightseeing bus trip in Boston.

Near their hotel was the Granary Burial Grounds where the victims of the Boston Massacre of 1770 are buried as well as Paul Revere, John Hancock and Samuel Adams.

They visited the homes of Lowell, Hawthorne, Emerson, Louisa May Alcott and many others.

They learned that the Longfellow poem “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere” was not entirely true. Longfellow had Paul “galloping into

Concord” when, in fact, Paul never arrived at Concord. Paul was captured but later released. Another man went on to Concord to give the alarm.

At The Old North Bridge in Boston, there is a monument for the British soldiers who died there. The inscription reads “They came three thousand miles and died, to keep the past upon its throne: Unheard, beyond the ocean tide, their English Mother made her moan. April 19, 1775”. The author of this travel log has paraphrased it to “They came 3000 miles to fight, and to die, on foreign soil.”

The Wayside Inn in Sudbury was written about by Longfellow in his “Tales of a Wayside Inn”. It is a place where Washington and Lafayette had stopped. Henry Ford purchased the inn and moved the little red schoolhouse of “Mary had a Little Lamb” to the location. He also built a beautiful, tall, white church on the grounds.

In Salem they saw Witch House [home of the witch trials], House of the Seven Gables, Hawthorne’s birthplace, Gallows Hill, Salem Common, Pioneers’ Village and the home of Lidia Pinkham [who concocted a women’s tonic in 1876 which was touted as quackery by health officials].

They were interested in the fact that in Quebec, mainly French was spoken. They found that there were many churches in Quebec, but telephones were scarce.

They had planned to stop in Ottawa but there were no vacancies.

They had a flat tire and drove through fog. They arrived at Sault Ste. Marie, Canada and ferried over to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

They spent the night with a friend in Cadillac, Michigan and then went into South Bend where they planned to spend the night with their son, Wallace. Wallace was away on a business trip and his wife, June was in Chicago. This being the case, they continued on their way home.

They spent \$288.01, drove 3,152 miles at an average of 16 miles per gallon and they had a “swell time”.

1.2 Postcards and chart of miles and expenses

One of the postcards is addressed to Inland Press Pressroom at 600 W. Van Buren Street in Chicago, Illinois. The message indicates that the writer will see back to work on Monday. It is signed “Bruce” and dated Sept. 17, 1952

Physical Description/Condition:	The pages of the journal are jagged on some of the edges and some of the edges have been hole punched. The photographs have remnants of tape on them, but are in good condition. Some of the postcards are taped together.		
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