

LOUISE SHATTUCK RESEARCH COLLECTION
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Artist, sculptor, writer, and teacher Louise Shattuck (1919-2005), daughter of Frank and Sarah Bickford Shattuck, was born in Somerville, MA, and grew up in Medford. She and her parents spent most of their summers in Lake Pleasant, MA, a vacation community (founded in 1870) served by railroad in the town of Montague. Louise's maternal grandfather built some of the earliest structures at the lake, and his wife became one of the community's first mediums. Within a few years of being established, Lake Pleasant became home to the New England Spiritualist Camp-meeting Association. This had an added appeal to Louise and her mother, both of whom had spiritualist leanings. After her husband's death in 1948, Sarah Shattuck became a permanent resident of Lake Pleasant, where Louise could often be found.

Louise Shattuck occupied several studios in Boston, and taught art in local schools. As an author, she produced humorous works drawing on her experiences breeding and raising dogs. She also illustrated a children's book, *The Donkey and the Tree* (1999). Her last book, *Spirit and Spa* (2003), co-written with David James, was a loving portrait of Lake Pleasant. Her papers relate to her various activities, Lake Pleasant, and research for *Spirit and Spa*. Gift of Louise Shattuck, 2004, with additional gifts from David James and Peter R. Miller.

Container List:

Box 1 (mostly newspaper clippings)

- Fol. 1: Obituary
- Fol. 2: Art
- Fol. 3: Dogs; horses
- Fol. 4: Sarah Shattuck
- Fol. 5: Design of Greenfield Bicentennial medal
- Fol. 6: Lake Pleasant, improvements
- Fol. 7: Lake Pleasant, celebrations and events
- Fol. 8: Lake Pleasant, fires
- Fol. 9: Lake Pleasant, history
- Fol. 10: Independent Order of Scalpers
- Fol. 11: Lyden, MA; Dorrellites
- Fol. 12: Franklin Co. Publication Archive Index: printouts relating to Shattucks, Lake Pleasant, Henry Budington, etc.
- Fol. 13: Articles by Louise Shattuck (copy of *New England Homestead*, April 1968; photocopies from *Yankee Magazine*, Aug. 1968)
- Fol. 14: Typed transcription of Henry Budington's *History of the New England Spiritualist Campmeeting Association* (1907)
- Fol. 15: Lake Pleasant book proposals, correspondence, research
- Fol. 16: Poems

Box 2:

Transcriptions of Lake Pleasant interviews conducted by Louise Shattuck, 1973. One incomplete notebook; one complete (blue) notebook

DVDs: "A Lake Pleasant Slide Show" produced by David James, Dec. 2004; "The Spirit of Lake Pleasant" produced by Luanne LaRose, June 22, 2004

Oversize folders: [newspapers]

Folder 1:

Montague 200th Anniversary Edition (*Recorder-Gazette*) June 4, 1954
Greenfield *Recorder* section on Lake Pleasant, August 14, 1972- 2 copies
Franklin Weekly Magazine, May 28, 1995
Hampshire Life, Daily Hampshire Gazette, July 31-August 8, 1998
Greenfield Recorder, Franklin County bicentennial, June 6, 1976

Folder 2:

Wildwood Messenger, Lake Pleasant, Vol. II, No. 8, September 1, 1888
Banner of Life (Boston) Vol. 16, No. 827, August 14, 1926
Spiritual Alliance Weekly, Lake Pleasant, 1916 (8 issues)