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Papers

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Collection Information

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### **Historical/Biographical Information**

George H. Sibley was born on August 17, 1844 in Worcester, MA to Stephen and Charlotte Sibley. The second oldest of four children, George Sibley had three sisters; Martha, Mary, and Clara Sibley. George Sibley worked as a business broker from 1893-1921 from his home on 492 Main Street in Auburn, MA. He handled the accounts of individuals and businesses in his area, as well local church collections and pew rental records. In 1872, while still living in Auburn, MA, George Sibley married Emma J. Gould. They had one child, Emma, born in 1875. He died August 10, 1922 at the age of 78.

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## Series Description

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Series 1, Photographs

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| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.1         | E. Addie Sibley, age 14 years, January 1889   |
| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.2         | Post Card, Boothbay Harbor, ME                |
| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.3         | Post Card, Boothbay Harbor, ME                |
| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.4         | Post Card, Boothbay Harbor, ME                |
| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.5         | Unidentified man with horse and buggy         |
| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.6         | Unidentified women outside house              |
| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.7         | Unidentified man posing holding cigarette     |
| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.8         | Beach location, water washing onto shore      |
| 1            | 1               | 1971.8.1.9         | Unidentified older man holding stick in field |
| 1            | 1               | 1972.8.1.10        | Unidentified man posing in field              |

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Series 2, Schoolwork

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Accession #</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 1            | 2               | 1972.8.2.1         | Grammar- identifying adjectives, nouns, verbs,<br>Pronouns and adverbs      |
| 1            | 2               | 1972.8.2.2         | September 25 History Assignment- general answers<br>to historical questions |
| 1            | 2               | 1972.8.2.3         | October 17 Arithmetic- questions with some<br>answers                       |
| 1            | 2               | 1972.8.2.4         | October 17 Geography- general answers to<br>geographical questions          |
| 1            | 2               | 1972.8.2.5         | Grammar- Definitions, sentence structure                                    |
| 1            | 2               | 1972.8.2.6         | Dec. 2, 1884 Arithmetic- general answers to<br>questions                    |
| 1            | 2               | 1972.8.2.7         | Oct. 22, 1884 Map of North America  |

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Series 3, Receipts

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| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.1         | July 11, 1903- Miss M. P. Sibley receipt to H. L. Ross, Dr. (Gowns) |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.2         | January 5, 1904- Miss M. P. Sibley to H. L. Ross, Dr. (Gowns)       |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.3         | December 15, 1904- Miss M. P. Sibley to H. L. Ross, Dr. (Gowns)     |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.4         | May 15, 1905- Miss M. P. Sibley to H. L. Ross, Dr. (Gowns)          |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.5         | January 29, 1906- Miss M. Sibley to H. L. Ross, Dr. (Gowns)         |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.6         | January 31, 1908- Miss M. P. Sibley to H. L. Ross, Dr. (Gowns)      |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.7         | October 24, 1908- Miss Sibley to H. L. Ross, Dr. (Gowns)            |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.8         | December 16, 1901- Miss M. P. Sibley to H. L. Ross, Dr. (Gowns)     |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.9         | Jan 1, 1917- Oct 1, 1917- Miss M. P. Sibley Telegram                |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.10        | July 1, 1916- Jan 1, 1917- Miss M. P. Sibley Telegram               |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.11        | Jan 1, 1916- July 1, 1916- M. P. Sibley Telegram                    |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.12        | Oct 1, 1913- Jan 1, 1914- Miss M. P. Sibley Telegram                |
| 1            | 3               | 1972.8.3.13        | Dec 23, 1903- M. P. Sibley Floral Receipt                           |



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| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.14 | June 1, 1905- Miss M. P. Sibley Floral Receipt                                       |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.15 | Dec 31, 1907- Miss M. P. Sibley Floral Receipt                                       |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.16 | January 1, 1908- Martha Sibley Receipt   |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.17 | Jan 1, 1905- Denholm&McKay Co.   |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.18 | Jan 1, 1906- M. P. Sibley Floral Receipt   |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.19 | Jan 1, 1909- M. P. Sibley Floral Receipt   |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.20 | Aug 15, 1907- Miss Sibley Florist Receipt  |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.21 | Jan 9, 1906- Receipt to The W. J Woods Company,<br>sold to Miss M. P. Sibley         |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.22 | Dec 1, 1903- Receipt to Denholm& McKay Co.<br>sold to Miss Martha Sibley             |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.23 | June 1, 1908- Receipt to Denholm&McKay Co.<br>sold to Miss M. P. Sibley              |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.24 | Jan 2, 1905- M. P. Sibley Floral Receipt   |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.25 | May 1, 1906- Denholm&McKay Co. sold to Miss<br>Martha Sibley, Auburn, MA             |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.26 | Adams Express Company, Received from Mrs.<br>Sibley                                  |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.27 | May 1, 1905- Denholm&McKay Co. sold to Miss<br>Martha Sibley, Auburn, MA             |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.28 | Nov 21, 1904- Receipt from W. L. Ricker  |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.29 | Feb 1, 1905- Barmard, Sumner and Putnam<br>Company Dry goods, Carpets and Upholstery |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.30 | July 25, 1918- Receipt to Burhaven Hotel, Dr.  |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.31 | Oct 29, 1903- Fred W. Wellington&Co Coal   |
| 1 | 3 | 1972.8.3.32 | Receipt paid to H. E. Tucker from Miss M. P.   |

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Series 4, Correspondences

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| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.1  | Letter from Geo. A. Putnam o Martha Sibley                    |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.2  | Sep. 1879: Letter from Geo. A. Putnam to Martha Sibley        |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.3  | Invitation from Geo. A. Putnam to Martha Sibley               |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.4  | Nov 4, 1889: Letter sent from Geo. A. Putnam to Martha Sibley |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.5  | Feb 11, 1877: Letter from Geo. A. Putnam to Martha Sibley     |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.6  | Jan 1884: Letter from Geo. Putnam to Martha Sibley            |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.7  | May 1906: Letter from Clara Sibley to mother                  |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.8  | April 1905: Letter from Clara Sibley to mother                |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.9  | July 1911: Letter from Clara Sibley to Aunt Martha and Emma   |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.10 | Aug 1885: Letter from Addie Sibley to Aunt                    |
| 1 | 4 | 1972.8.4.11 | Jan 1905: Letter from Clara Sibley to mother                  |

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Series 5, Bound Series

Subseries A: Personal Writings/Short Stories by George H. Sibley

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| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.1 (Original is 1972.8.23) | Nov 1865: George Sibley short story compilations  |
| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.2 (Original is 1972.8.24) | Winter 1867-68: George Sibley short story compilations, "An original paper."                  |
| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.3 (Original is 1972.8.25) | Nov 1868: George Sibley personal writings/diary, "Improvement and Entertainment of the Mind." |
| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.4 (Original is 1972.8.22) | George Sibley short stories   |

Subseries B: Cashbooks, Accounts, Valuation, Pew Rental Records

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| 1            | 5-BV            | 1972.8.5.5 (Original is 1972.8.18)   | January 1, 1883: George H. Sibley Pew Rent Book   |
| 1            | 5-BV            | 1972.8.5.6 (Original is 1972.8.14)   | 1869-1870: George H. Sibley Cash Accounts, Debit/Credit                                     |
| 1            | 5-BV            | 1972.8.5.7 (Original is 1972.8.5.15) | Jan 1870- Nov 1871: George H. Sibley Cash Book  |
| 1            | 5-BV            | 1972.8.5.8                           | Jan 1872- Dec 1876: George H. Sibley Day Book and Ledger/ Cash Accounts                     |
| 1            | 5-BV            | 1972.8.5.9 (Original is 1972.8.9)    | Worcester, MA 1872-1876: George H. Sibley Cash Book, Notes Receivable, Individuals Accounts |
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| 1            | 5-BV            | 1972.8.5.10 (Original is 1972.8.12)  | 1882-1902: George H. Sibley Farm Account Book- Materials, Food, Livestock Prices            |

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| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.11 (Original is 1972.8.11) | 1885-1910 George H. Sibley Oculist Account Book of Dr. Harroner, Dr. Berry, Dr. Lovell, Dr. Warren, and Dr. Green |
| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.12 (Original is 1972.8.10) | April 1, 1888: George H. Sibley's Valuation Book  |
| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.13 (Original is 1972.8.7)  | Jan 1893-1909: Interest Paid Book (regarding individuals and companies)   |
| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.14 (Original is 1972.8.8)  | George H. Sibley's Cash Account Book; Money Loaned and Money Paid   |
| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.15 (Original is 1972.8.13) | George Sibley's Account of New Barn (Account of paid labor and materials needed)                                  |
| 1 | 5-BV | 1972.8.5.16 (Original is 1972.8.16) | George Sibley Church Collection Book  |

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Series 6, Miscellaneous

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| 1            | 6               | 1972.8.6.1         | Jan 1887: Typed letter from Pastor Geo. A. Putnam to the community |

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| 1 | 6 | 1972.8.6.2 | Informational pamphlet on The Albee House in<br>Monhegan Island, ME |
| 1 | 6 | 1972.8.6.3 | Obituary of Mrs. C. R Sibley  |
| 1 | 6 | 1972.8.6.4 | Oct 1888: Mechanics Hall Grand Concert program                      |
| 1 | 6 | 1972.8.6.5 | Nov 1862: note  |
| 1 | 6 | 1972.8.6.6 | Jan 1887: M. P. Sibley original writing "Sometime"                  |
| 1 | 6 | 1972.8.6.7 | Personal writing, author unknown                                    |