

Lyman Family Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator - Author	Lyman, Frederick C., Jr., 1925-2011
Creator - Author	Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979
Creator - Author	Lyman, Norton C., 1927-1996
Title	Lyman Family Collection
Date	1933-1960
Extent	1.5 Linear feet
Language	English

Biographical Note

A wealthy Minneapolis family that made a fortune through grain trading, the Lymans lived on Kenwood Hill in Minneapolis before moving to Minnetonka. All three male Lymans served in World War II and sent letters home.

Frederick C. Lyman, Sr. (1891-1979): A midcentury Minneapolis grain trader and Yale graduate, Lyman was the president of the firm McCaull-Lyman Company. He was a veteran of three wars: the 1916 Mexican Expedition; World War I; and World War II. In the last war, he worked for the Harbor Defences of the Columbia, a division responsible for protecting the Pacific Northwest from attack. Immediately after VE day, he worked to reestablish food storage systems in Belgium and Germany.

Upon his retirement in 1959, his company changed its name to the McCaull Grain Company. An avid yachter, he was a yacht club commodore in the Minneapolis Club and sailed along the East Coast and in the Caribbean on multiple voyages, often with his wife and occasionally with his children. At the age of 60, he sailed from Hempstead Bay, New York to Bergen, Norway in a 45-foot sloop.

Clara Clark Lyman (1900-1991): A philanthropist, committee member of the Friends of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and a member of the Minneapolis Athenaeum's board of directors. She was interviewed in "When Bread Cost a Nickel," a video produced as part of "Minneapolis: Portrait of a Lifestyle, Peoples," a series of talks given as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities Learning Library Program at Minneapolis Central Library.

Frederick ("Fred") Clark Lyman, Jr.: (1925-2011) Graduated from the Blake school and Yale. He served in the European theater of World War II and received a purple heart. A musician and artist, he moved from Minneapolis to New York in the 1950s. He designed and built musical instruments, including the "piccolo bass."

Norton Cross Lyman: (1927-1996). Received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering in 1957 and enlisted in the Armed Forces at 17. In 1945 and 1946, he worked in the former unified Korea as a telephone switchboard engineer.

Charlotte Lyman Fardelmann (1928-): A philanthropist and author. Upon receiving a family inheritance, Charlotte and a group of other women created the "Lyman Fund" that grants funds to individuals for religious purposes. She published *Nudged by the Spirit: Stories of People Responding to the Still, Small Voice of God* (Wallingford, PA: Pendle Hill Publications, 2001).

Description of Collection

The collection consists of three boxes and includes WWII-era correspondence, yacht logs, and biographical material on the Lyman family.

Arrangement Note

Letters are described chronologically by author and date. With no original order, they are arranged by author and by date, but new additions to the collection have been added in batches at the end.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library September 2, 2015

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- World War, 1939-1945 -- Correspondence.

Personal Name(s)

- Fardelmann, Charlotte Lyman, 1928-
- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991

Subject(s)

- **Businessmen -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.**
- **Soldiers -- Minnesota -- Correspondence.**
- **Yachting -- Atlantic Ocean**

Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Correspondence

Arrangement note

Arranged by chronologically by author.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Correspondence was obtained through a series of bidding purchases over eBay from a dealer in Los Angeles who, in turn, had purchased them from another dealer. They may have originally come from the estate of Frederick C. Lyman, Jr., who died in 2011.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- World War, 1939-1945 -- Correspondence.

Subject(s)

- Armed Forces -- Military Life
- Soldiers -- Minnesota -- Correspondence.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Social aspects

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Frederick Lyman, Sr. Correspondence

Controlled Access Headings

Correspondence

Personal Name(s)

- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991

Subject(s)

- Armed Forces -- Officers
- Armed Forces -- Organization
- Northwest, Pacific -- Description and travel
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Pacific Coast (U.S.)

	Box	Folder
Letters to Clara Lyman 11/12/1942 - 3/22/1943	1	1
Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 3/24/1942 - 3/26/1943	1	2

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Railroad travel.

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Correspondence

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Railroad travel.

Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 3/28/1943 - 4/5/1943	1	3
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Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 4/9/1943 - 4/18/1943	1	4
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Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 6/26/1943 - 7/18/1943	1	5
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Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Artillery drill and tactics
- Bombing, Aerial

Correspondence

Letters to Clara Lyman 10/21/1943 - 2/6/1944

1

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Arrangement note

Three letters with different dates were sent in the envelope dated 10/21/1943

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Cryptography -- Equipment and supplies

Letters to Clara Lyman 2/12/1944 - 3/2/1944

1

7

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Cryptography -- Equipment and supplies

Letters to Clara Lyman 3/3/1944 - 3/5/1944

1

8

Correspondence

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 3/20/1944 - 4/11/1944

1

9

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 10/8/1944 - 10/10/1944

1

10

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 10/12/1944 - 11/20/1944

1

11

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 11/21/1944 - 11/24/1944

1

12

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 11/28/1944 - 1/15/1945

1

13

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 1/18/1945 - 1/21/1945 1 14

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 1/22/1945 - 1/24/1945 1 15

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 1/25/1945 - 1/29/1945 1 16

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 1/30/1945 - 2/3/1945 1 17

Scope and Contents note

Contains four letters.

Letters to Clara Lyman 2/4/1945 - 2/6/1945 1 18

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Correspondence

Letters to Clara Lyman 2/7/1945 - 2/8/1945

1

19

Scope and Contents note

Contains two letters.

Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 2/9/1945 - 5/16/1945

1

20

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters. Letter dated 2/9/45 originally contained newspaper clippings that have been photocopied for preservation.

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Letters to Clara Lyman 5/24/1945 - 6/11/1945

1

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Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991

Subject(s)

- Belgium -- Description and travel
- Reconstruction (1939-1951) -- Belgium

Correspondence

- Reconstruction (1939-1951) -- Germany

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Letters to Clara Lyman 10/15/1945 - 10/26/1945	1	32
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Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991
- Lyman, Norton C., 1927-1996

Subject(s)

- Munich (Germany)--Description and travel
- Reconstruction (1939-1951) -- Germany

Letters to Clara Lyman 5/18/1945 - 7/12/1945	4	10
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Letters to Clara Lyman 7/13/1945 - 12/14/1945	4	11
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Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Letters to the Minneapolis Athenaeum 3/28/1973 - 11/17/1978	1	34
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Scope and Contents note

Correspondence

Contains five letters.

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Minneapolis Athenaeum

Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 2/4/1932, 1/1/1943-1/5/1943	3	2
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Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 1/12/1943 - 1/15/1943	3	3
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Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 1/23/43 - 2/2/1943	3	4
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Letters to Family 2/4/1943 - 2/9/1943	3	5
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Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 2/14/1943 - 2/19/1943	3	6
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Letters to Family and Clara Lyman 2/21/1943 - 3/5/1943	3	7
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Letters to Family 5/19/1945 - 11/4/1945	4	8
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Scope and Contents note

2 letters, one address to "family", the other to "son." Letter to "family" includes a caricature of Lyman, Sr.

Telegrams to Clara Lyman 6/16/1943 - 6/29/1945	4	9
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Frederick Lyman, Jr. Correspondence

Scope and Contents note

4 telegrams.

Lyman, Frederick C., Jr., 1925-2011 Frederick Lyman, Jr. Correspondence**Controlled Access Headings****Personal Name(s)**

- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991

	Box	Folder
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Letters to Frederick Lyman, Sr. and Clara Lyman 9/26/1943 - 11/7/1943	1	21
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Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters. Letter dated 9/26/1943 includes a doodled self-portrait of F.C. Jr. getting an army haircut.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- African Americans
- Basic training (Military education) -- United States
- Japanese Americans
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Motion pictures and the war.

Letters to Clara Lyman 2/14/1944 - 2/20/1944	1	22
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Frederick Lyman, Jr. Correspondence

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters. The letter dated 2/15/1944 includes a small doodled self-portrait.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Basic training (Military education) -- United States

Letters to Clara Lyman 2/26/1944 - c.3/14/1944	1	23
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Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters. Letter postmarked 2/26/1944 includes doodled self-portrait of F.C. Jr. as a "fireman" responsible for shoveling coal to keep furnaces working; he is getting yelled at by an angry, oversized soldier. Letter dated simply "Saturday Nite" includes another self-portrait of F.C. Jr. as a fireman receiving orders from several superiors and cooks.

Letters to Clara Lyman 3/16/1944 - 4/23/1944	1	24
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Scope and Contents note

Contains two letters. Letter postmarked 4/23/1944 includes a doodled self-portrait of F.C. Jr. following a drummer with the words "P.O.E. [Port of Embarkation] Bound" written on the drum.

Letters to Clara Lyman 9/6/1944 - 2/12/1945	1	25
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Scope and Contents note

Frederick Lyman, Jr. Correspondence

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Comedy Films -- Great Britain
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Belgium.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Germany

Letters to Clara Lyman 12/20/1944 - 5/2/1945

4

2

Scope and Contents note

4 typed letters.

V-Mail, Postcards and Change of Address notices to Clara
Lyman 9/14/1943 - 1/24/1945

3

8

Scope and Contents note

3 postcards, 3 v-mail letters, and 3 change of address forms/cards.

Telegrams to Clara Lyman 1/18/1944 - 6/29/1945

4

1

Scope and Contents note

6 telegrams.

Letters to Frederick C. Lyman, Sr. n.d.

4

3

Norton C. Lyman Correspondence

Scope and Contents note

2 hand-written letters. One is dated "April 19th", but no year.

Lyman, Norton C., 1927-1996 Norton C. Lyman Correspondence**Controlled Access Headings****Personal Name(s)**

- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991

	Box	Folder
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Letters to Clara Lyman 3/1/1944 - 3/20/1944	1	26
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Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Basic training (Military education) -- United States

Letters to Clara Lyman 4/2/1944 - 4/15/1944	1	27
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Scope and Contents note

Norton C. Lyman Correspondence

Contains three letters. Letters dated 4/2/1944 and 4/14/1944 were originally unopened; Clara Lyman never read them.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Basic training (Military education) -- United States

Letters to Clara Lyman and "Aunt Sally" 4/15/1944 - 11/27/1944

1

28

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters; includes one envelope without a letter (3/15/1944). The letter to "Aunt Sally" includes two clipped reproduced pictures of birds.

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters with envelopes; includes one envelope without a letter (3/15/1944).

Letters to Clara Lyman 12/9/1944 - 3/26/1945

1

29

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

Norton C. Lyman Correspondence

- Fort Jackson (S.C.)
- Korea -- Social conditions
- Telephone switchboards

Letters to Clara Lyman 11/1/1945 - 4/7/1946

1

30

Scope and Contents note

Contains three letters.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Korea -- Description and travel
- Korea -- Social conditions

Letters to Clara Lyman 2/10/1944 - 2/4/1947

4

5

Scope and Contents note

10 hand-written and typed letters.

Letters to Frederick C. Lyman, Sr. 2/10/1944 - 12/26/1944

4

7

Scope and Contents note

2 hand-written letters.

Letters to Parents and Grandfather n.d.

4

4

Clara Clark Lyman Correspondence

Scope and Contents note

2 hand-written letters.

Telegrams to Clara Lyman 12/15/1944 - 3/28/1947

4

6

Scope and Contents note

7 telegrams.

Clara Clark Lyman Correspondence**Box****Folder**

Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991 Letters to the Minneapolis
Athenaeum 11/23/1939-10/01/1976

1

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Scope and Contents note

A collection of several dozen letters that are primarily meeting reminders;
most have been photocopied for preservation.

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Minneapolis Athenaeum

Yacht Logs**Arrangement note**

Yacht Logs

Logs are described chronologically, but arranged for efficient storage.

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Atlantic Ocean -- Description and travel
- Yachting

	Box	Object
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Cruise of the Casco March 1933	2	1
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Scope and Contents note

Includes two letters, dated 2/6/1965 and 10/24/1983, that recall the cruise decades later.

Includes a hand-drawn map of the Florida Keys and a diagram of the ship.

Includes 64 black and white photographs that document the cruise: of note are photographs of the yacht crew, landmarks in the Florida keys, and photographs of Havana and Miami in 1933.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991
- Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979
- Winton, Charles J., Jr., 1900-?
- Winton, Henrietta MacDonald, 1901-1996
- Wurtele, Charlotte Eliza, 1900-1968

Yacht Logs

- Wurtele, Valentine, 1886-1972

Subject(s)

- Florida Keys (Fla.) -- Description and travel
- Fort Jefferson (Fla.)
- Havana (Cuba) -- Description and travel

Ives, Robert F., Sr., 1891-1951 The Cruise of the Lion's Whelp Junbe
1937

2

2

Scope and Contents note

A fourth passenger, "Shorty," is never identified by name; the content suggests that she was employed to cook and handle the others' bags.

Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Dwinnell, Stanley W., 1889-1977
- Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979

Subject(s)

- Class reunions -- Connecticut -- New Haven
- New England -- Description and travel

Yacht Logs

Fardelmann, Charlotte Lyman, 1928- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991 Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Yacht Log of the Malabar III 1946	2	3
Scope and Contents note		
The title page lists John C. Davis as the owner of the Malabar III; the document suggests that he rented the boat to the Lymans for their journey.		
Includes 45 black and white photographs of harbors in and near Connecticut, in addition to photograph of F.C. Lyman, Sr., Clara Clark Lyman, and Charlotte Lyman (Fadermann).		
Includes one watercolo		
Controlled Access Headings		
Subject(s)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New England -- Description and travel 		

Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991 Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Voyageur Yacht Log: Oxford, Maryland [to New London, CT] 1947	2	4
Scope and Contents note		
Includes one watercolor painting by Charlotte Lyman (Fadermann).		
Controlled Access Headings		
Personal Name(s)		

Yacht Logs

- Lyman, Norton C., 1927-1996

Subject(s)

- New England -- Description and travel

Voyageur: Oxford , Maryland to Essex, Connecticut Summer 1947

2

5

Scope and Contents note

Includes a loose letter from 1962: "On Board Tern 1962."

Will Shroeder is listed as a passenger and a former owner of the Voyageur.

Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Burton, Ward Cotton, 1876-1963
- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991
- Lyman, Frederick C., Jr., 1925-2011
- Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979
- Lyman, Norton C., 1927-1996

Subject(s)

- Bird watching -- Massachusetts
- Coastal plants -- Massachusetts
- Nantucket (Mass.) -- Description and travel
- New England -- Description and travel

Yacht Logs

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Voyageur Volume 2: West Indies
Cruise of Voyageur Spring 1948

2

6

Scope and Contents note

Includes a newspaper clipping pasted on the second page: article lists "Pat Butler" as a passenger.

Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Bennett, Russell H., 1896-1981
- Burton, Ward Cotton, 1876-1963
- Cole, Charles W., 1893-1997
- Fardelmann, Charlotte Lyman, 1928-
- Lyman, Frederick C., Jr., 1925-2011

Subject(s)

- Barbados -- description and travel
- Dominica -- Description and travel
- Martinique -- Description and travel
- St. Lucia -- Description and travel
- St. Thomas (United States Virgin Islands) -- Description and Travel
- West Indies -- Description and travel

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Voyageur Volume 3: Late Summer
Cruise 1948; Bahama Cruise Spring 1949 1948-1949

2

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Controlled Access Headings

Yacht Logs

Personal Name(s)

- Fardelmann, Charlotte Lyman, 1928-
- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991
- Lyman, Frederick C., Jr., 1925-2011

Subject(s)

- Bahamas -- Description and travel

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Bahama Cruise, Part 1 1952 - 1954

3

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Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Atlantic Coast (U.S.) -- Description and travel
- Bahamas -- Description and travel

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Bahama Cruise, Part 2 1952 - 1954

3

5

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Bahamas -- Description and travel

Yacht Logs

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Voyageur Volume 4: Maine Cruise Summer 1949	2	8
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Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Fardelmann, Charlotte Lyman, 1928-
- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991

Subject(s)

- Maine -- Description and travel

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 List of Supplies and Equipment for trip from New York to Bergen in Voyageur 6/15/1950-7/19/1950; 7/24/1950-9/3/1950	3	1
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Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Yachts -- Equipment and supplies

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Voyageur: New York to Bergen 6/15/1950 - 7/19/1950	3	2
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Controlled Access Headings

Yacht Logs

Subject(s)

- Bergen (Norway) -- Description and travel
- Yachting -- Atlantic Ocean
- Yachting -- North Sea

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 Voyageur: Bergen, Norway to
Copenhagen, Denmark 7/24/1950-9/3/1950

3

3

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Bergen (Norway) -- Description and travel
- Copenhagen (Denmark) -- Description and travel
- Scandinavia -- Description and travel
- Yachting -- North Sea
- Yachting -- Scandinavia

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 List of Supplies and Equipment for
Scandinavian Cruise in "Teen" 1960

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Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Yachts -- Equipment and supplies

Biographical Materials

Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979 List of Supplies and Equipment for
Cruising the Bahamas in Voyageur 1948

2

10

Controlled Access Headings**Subject(s)**

- Yachts -- Equipment and supplies

Photographs : Moorhead City, S.C. to the Bahamas

3

6

Scope and Contents note

Includes 23 black and white photographs from the journey.

Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Cole, Charles W., 1893-1997
- Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979

Subject(s)

- Atlantic Coast (U.S.) -- Description and travel
- Bahamas -- Description and travel
- Yachting -- Atlantic Ocean

Biographical Materials

Biographical Materials

Arrangement note

Pulled from biographical, subject, and other files created by the Special Collections department.

	Box	Folder
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Newspaper clippings	3	1
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Scope and Contents note

A collection of newspaper clippings that have been photocopied for preservation. Three pages of clippings document Clara Lyman; one page documents F.C. Lyman Sr. and Lyman Jr., each.

Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Lyman, Clara Clark, 1900-1991
- Lyman, Frederick C., Jr., 1925-2011
- Lyman, Frederick C., Sr., 1891-1979

Subject(s)

- Wayzata (Minn.) -- Dwellings