

**Shelter Island Historical Society
Camps: Camp Quinipet
Subject Collection, 1913 – 2006**

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

Over time

PROCESSING INFORMATION

EXTENT

Number of containers: 1 Box
Linear feet of shelf space: n/a

ABSTRACT

Object relating to Camp Quinipet over its many years history.

BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY

The text below is taken from CELEBRATING OUR 40th ANNIVERSARY brochure (1987):

Quinipet is a religious center located on twenty seven acres in the northwest corner of Shelter Island. It derives its name from the Greek-Latin words meaning FIVE ROCKS. The words carved into each: COURAGE, HONESTY, HUMILITY, FAITH and LOVE, are taken from the dedication speech of the Rev. Theodore Bobilin. The site was purchased by the United Methodist Church in 1946 and is operated by the New York Conference, 252 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, N.Y.

Quinipet is used not only by the United Methodist of the New York Conference, but also by people of other denominations and faiths. We are a people place. All kinds of people. We reaffirm the worth and participation of all persons, including but not limited to: young, old, rural, urban, those with special needs and those who are in transitional life stages. We speak different languages, have different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Some of us have more than enough, some of us are poor. Our Annual Conference wants its retreat centers to bring all these kinds of people together so we can exchange information, the chance to experience other cultures and to come away with more respect for each other.

The Conference Board of Education's Newsletter of April 1947, states that the new Training Center of Shelter Island will not only serve as site for summer institutes; it will also prove to be ideal for spiritual retreats and training conferences; it will serve as an inspiring location for district and sub-district meetings. In years to come, it will help to build a Conference

consciousness binding the churches and districts together in a real fellowship. As a body of tradition and treasured memories grows up about this Center, the influence exerted on the spiritual development of our people will be beyond measuring. Undoubtedly this place will have much to do with producing the leaders of tomorrow for our Church.

In 1800 it was the landing for the Island ferry, in 1820 the home of the Jennings farm, in 1850 the estate of the Stearns family, in 1915 Camp Quinipet, a salt water summer camp for boys; 1947 was the first summer program as the Methodist Training Center and today we serve over 5800 people. Surely the people of the First Church of Brooklyn, who asked that the funds from the sale of their Church be used to purchase this property, although dead in outward form, might be reborn to live again in this great work. This they have done that here we may dream and meditate, here learn to toil and dedicate all that we have and are unto His Kingdom's goal. (From their website quinipet.org)

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT

Brochures, newsletters, correspondence, maps of Camp Quinipet

ARRANGEMENT

Item level.

SEPARATED MATERIAL

None.

SUBJECTS

Camp Quinipet, Methodist NY East Conference and Training Center, Camps, Religion

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

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RELATED MATERIAL

Pictorial Material → Camps → Camp Quinipet Binder

House Registry Files → Rocky Point Ave

LOCATION NOTE

Rolling Bin 2A

LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)	ID #
1		Brochure with History and Summer program	1947	1972.15.85
1		2 Informational Sheets for The Scudder School with ad for Camp Quinipet	Unknown	1984.174 1 & 2
1	-	Booklet for Quinipet Camp including Camp Thetis and Camp Galatea	c. 1930	1984.184.1
1		Brochure for Camp Neptune (older people) at Camp Quinipet	Unknown	1984.184.2
1		Booklet about 50th Anniversary celebration (two copies)	1987	1988.147
1		Programs at Camp	1947	1994.64.10
1	-	Newsletter about 1992 season (two copies)	1992	1993.74
1	-	One page History of Jennings Point	Unknown	1994.64.11
1		Newsletter about 35th anniversary celebration	July, 1981	1994.64.12a
1		Article about Camp Quinipet 35th Anniversary, SI Reporter	July, 1981	1994.64.12b
1		Sheet about Quinipet Retreat and Conference Center	Unknown	1994.64.13
1	-	Informational Brochure for Camp Quinipet, photographs, activities, references	1923	1994.64.14 1972.15.82 (dup)
1	-	Transcription of a talk w. Latimer and Cornelia Neale (early counselor and director)	June, 1981	1994.64.15

1	-	Invitation to 1947 Summer Conference	1947	1994.64.16
1	-	Proposal of Methodist Training Center to establish camp on SI	1946	1994.64.17
1	-	Quinipet Views” Newsletters	1989 & 1990	1994.64.18, 19, 20
1	-	Newspaper about summer 1992 at Camp Quinipet	January, 1992	1994.64.2
1	-	Newsletter about NY East Conference Youth Work	April, 1947	1994.64.22
1	-	Newsletter of the “Forerunners” List of campers and faculty	June, 1947	1994.64.23
1	-	Advertisements for Camp Quinipet	1947-1991	1994.64.25
1	-	Minutes of meeting reporting success of Camp Quinipet	1946, 1950	1994.64.26
1	-	Newspaper about Camp Quinipet	July, 1991	1994.64.27
1	-	Article about Camp Quinipet from SI Reporter	July, 1990	1994.64.27
1	-	Newspaper article about sale of Methodist Church in Brooklyn Heights. Proceeds used to purchase Camp Quinipet	1947	1994.64.28
1	-	Photographs of Camp Buildings & Campers	Unknown	1994.64.29
1	-	Newspaper about United Methodist annual Conference	1991	1994.64.4
1	-	Newsletter about United Methodist Camps	1991	1994.64.4
1	-	Map of 23 Plots that later formed Camp Quinipet	1913	1994.64.6

1	-	Summer programs of Methodist Training Center at Quinipet	1948	1994.64.8
1	-	Correspondence about sale by Methodist church of Shelter Island property	1946	1994.64.a, b, 7c, d
1	-	Program for the Dedication of Methodist training center	1947	1994.64a
1	-	Invitation to Dedication Service	6/7/1947	1994.67.9b
1	-	Glossy brochure to raise funds for Camp Quinipet	2006	2009.49
1	-	Brochure about rental spaces in Camp Quinipet	Unknown	2016.86
1	-	Hand-drawn map of Camp Quinipet	Unknown	2016.861