

Maine Historical Society Coll. 2748 Picking, Henry F. (Henry Forry), 1840-1899. Picking Family Papers 1810-ca. 1957

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Dates: 1810-ca. 1957 **Bulk Dates:** 1899-1941

Biographical Note: The Picking Family Papers consists of the collected documents of Laura Sherwood Picking (1856-1933) and Henry Forry Picking (1840-1899), as well as the papers of their son Sherwood Picking (1890-1941) and his wife Elizabeth Warner Picking (1899-1999). Compiled and donated by Sherwood's son, Henry [Ricky] Forry Picking (1931-2013), the family papers chronicle the adult lives of Laura and Henry, center around Sherwood Picking's life until his tragic accident in 1941, and continue in part into the life of Ricky Picking himself.

Henry Forry Picking was promoted to the prestigious position of Real Admiral shortly before his death of heart disease in 1899. His wife Laura was left to raise their nine-year-old son Sherwood, who followed in his father's footsteps by going after a naval career. After attending Cheltenham Military Academy as a boy, Sherwood was then appointed to the United States Military Academy in Annapolis, MD. After graduating in 1911, Sherwood traveled on many different types of submarines and became a well-respected commander in the field. He married Elizabeth Warner in 1927 and the couple produced three children, Frances (Heylar), Henry F "Ricky," and Elizabeth (Hamill).

The family spent time abroad, living in exotic locations such as China, the Philippines, and Panama. They settled in Falmouth, Maine after Elizabeth and Sherwood built a comfortable house in the area. In early 1941, Sherwood was sent to London as a naval attaché. During his service abroad, he was in a serious airplane accident while flying over Scotland and sustained fatal injuries. The destroyer *USS Picking* (DD-685) was named in his honor. His book, *Sea Fight Off Monhegan*, detailing the battle between the *USS Enterprise* and the *HMS Boxer*, was published in early 1941.

The donor, Henry F. "Ricky" Picking, passed away in 2013. He donated the family collection as a result of his own connections to the State of Maine and his sister Elizabeth Hamill's work with the Maine Historical Society. A large portion of the collection (documenting the naval careers) originally offered to MHS was out of MHS' collecting scope and was given to the US Navy Department Library in Washington, DC, by the Picking family

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, family documents, photographs, building receipts, books, blueprints, pamphlets, travel documents, passports, naval documents and paperwork, sketches, newspaper clippings, a stamp collection, Henry F. Picking's trunk, decorative frames, a pair of spectacles, scrapbooks, Bibles, pamphlets, WWI ration stamps, carved wood blocks, and legal documents. Includes correspondence from World War II submarine commander, Admiral Charles A. Lockwood.

The Picking family includes multiple generations of naval history, the vast majority collected and passed on by the women in the family. It includes the photographs of and the correspondence of Laura Sherwood Picking and Elizabeth Warner Picking (the donor's mother). These two women form the basis of the collection because they were the ones who kept the correspondence, images, and newspaper clippings from the war years during which their men fought. The correspondence, books, and photographs give a glimpse into the life of this historic family and the tumultuous years in which they lived.

Provenance: Gift of Henry [Ricky] Forry Picking

Processing note: The collection is split into the correspondence and documents of Laura Sherwood Picking's family and the correspondence and documents of Elizabeth Warner Picking's family. Both women collected the majority of the correspondence and by dividing thematically and chronologically by either woman; the collection maintains a sense of its original organization. For genealogy of the Warner family, see the source file

*See also a model of Schooner *Gladiator* made by Sherwood Picking (ca. 1925), located in the library reading room

Inventory:

Box 1

Folder 1: Picking Photographs - Rear Admiral Henry F. Picking (1840-1899)

Folder 2: Picking Photographs - Rear Admiral Henry F. Picking (1840-1899)

Folder 3: Picking Photographs - Laura Sherwood Picking

Folder 4: Picking Photographs - Marjorie Patterson (Laura Sherwood Picking's niece)

Folder 5: Picking Photographs - Sherwood Place, Delhi, New York

Folder 6: Picking Photographs - Dated, unknown friends and family (ca. 1870-1890)

Folder 7: Picking Photographs - Rear Admiral Henry F. Picking (1840-1899) and Sherwood Picking

(1890-1941), removed from frame

Folder 8: Picking Photographs - Young Sherwood Picking

Folder 9: Picking Photographs - Young Sherwood Picking

Folder 10: Picking Photographs - Young Sherwood Picking

Folder 11: Picking Photographs - Laura Sherwood Picking, foreign images

Folder 12: Picking Photographs - Unknown destinations, scenic locations

Folder 13: Picking Photographs - Friends and Family, unknown

Box 2

Folder 1: Picking Photographs - Identified friends and family (late 1800s-mid 1900s)

Folder 2: Picking Photographs - Laura Sherwood Picking, photos of friends and family, undated, Lamson Studios, Portland

- Folder 3: Picking Photographs Family and Friends, Conant Photography portraits, Portland, ME, undated
- Folder 4: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in California
- Folder 5: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in Baltimore, Maryland
- Folder 6: Picking Photographs Family and friends, undated, taken in Massachusetts
- Folder 7: Picking Photographs Family and friends, undated, taken in Massachusetts
- Folder 8: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in Missouri
- Folder 9: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in New Jersey
- Folder 10: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in New York
- Folder 11: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in New York
- Folder 12: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in New York
- Folder 13: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in Pennsylvania
- Folder 14: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in Rhode Island
- Folder 15: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in Washington, DC
- Folder 16: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in Austria
- Folder 17: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in London, England
- Folder 18: Picking Photographs Friends and family, undated, taken in France

- Folder 1: Picking Photographs 1800s group party photos, undated
- Folder 2: Picking Photographs Civil War-era tintype
- Folder 3: Picking Photographs Family outings/party
- Folder 4: Picking Photographs Family and friends, unknown
- Folder 5: Picking Photographs Family and friends, unknown
- Folder 6: Picking Photographs Postcard-format family photos
- Folder 7: Picking Photographs Interior room images
- Folder 8: Picking Photographs Domestic life
- Folder 9: Picking Photographs Military/Navy photos
- Folder 10: Picking Photographs Military/Navy photos
- Folder 11: Picking Photographs Dog family photos, undated
- Folder 12: Picking Photographs Drawings and Sketches
- Folder 13: Picking Photographs Foreign Postcards (collected by Sherwood Picking)
- Folder 14: Picking Photographs Early 20th Century images of ships and snowy outdoors
- Folder 15: Picking Photographs Ships and Submarines, including USS James K Pauling and submarine Vaughn I.
- Folder 16: Picking Photographs Sherwood Picking (adult)
- Folder 17: Picking Photographs Elizabeth Warner Picking

- Folder 1: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Warner Wedding
- Folder 2: Picking Photographs Elizabeth and Sherwood Picking, abroad photos (1937)
- Folder 3: Picking Photographs Tsingtao Photos
- Folder 4: Picking Photographs Tsingtao Photos
- Folder 5: Picking Photographs Sherwood Picking, Tsingtao boating photos, ca. 1910-1940s

- Folder 6: Picking Photographs Photos from Hawaii and tropical locations
- Folder 7: Picking Photographs Sherwood Picking, photos of foreign lands [China, Manila or Japan], mid-20th century.
- Folder 8: Picking Photographs Peking/Kalyan photos, mid-20th century
- Folder 9: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, foreign family locations
- Folder 10: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, family photos from China
- Folder 11: Picking Photographs Sherwood Picking, outside outing and family pictures, mid-20th century
- Folder 12: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, photos taken by Charles A. Lockwood, mid-20th Century.
- Folder 13: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, family photos with children Ricky, Frances, and Elizabeth
- Folder 14: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, family photos from vacation (negatives)
- Folder 15: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, family outing photos (negatives)
- Folder 16: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth, photos from ship, of submarine (negatives)
- Folder 17: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, house in Falmouth, ME (negatives)
- Folder 18: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, winter at house in Falmouth, ME (negatives)
- Folder 19: Picking Photographs Outdoors/vacation photos
- Folder 20: Picking Photographs Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking, friends and family photos, dated and named.
- Folder 21: Picking Photographs Ricky Picking (adult) and family
- Folder 22: Picking Photographs Miscellaneous

- Folder 1: Laura Sherwood Picking & Henry Forry Picking Correspondence of Henry F. Picking (including wedding congratulations and naval correspondence)
- Folder 2: Laura Sherwood Picking & Henry Forry Picking Correspondence to Laura Sherwood and
- Henry F. Picking on their engagement (1889)
- Folder 3: Laura Sherwood Picking & Henry Forry Picking Correspondence to Laura Sherwood and
- Henry F. Picking on their engagement (1889)
- Folder 4: Laura Sherwood Picking & Henry Forry Picking Correspondence to Laura and Henry Picking on Sherwood Picking's Birth (1890)
- Folder 5: Laura Sherwood Picking & Henry Forry Picking Documents of Henry F. Picking concerning Babylon in Suffolk County, 1880s-1890s
- Folder 6: Henry Forry Picking Naval General Orders, 1870-1878
- Folder 7: Henry Forring Picking Naval General Orders, 1863-1870

- Folder 1: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from childhood
- Folder 2: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, ca. 1912
- Folder 3: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, written on U.S.S. North Dakota, ca. 1913

Folder 4: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, written on U.S.S. North Dakota, ca. 1913

Folder 5: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, written on U.S.S. North Dakota, ca. 1913

Folder 6: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, February 3, 1914-May 31, 1914

Folder 7: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, June 5, 1914-March 7, 1915

Folder 8: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, in New London, CT, ca. October 1919

Folder 9: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, 30 January 1918-3 April, 1919

Folder 10: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from U.S.S. Bushnell, ca. 1920

Folder 11: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from Pearl Harbor, HI, February 1920-December 1921

Folder 12: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, 28 December 1921-22 July 1922

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Folder 1: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from U.S. Naval Academy

Folder 2: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from U.S. Naval Academy

Folder 3: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from U.S. Naval Academy

Folder 4: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, as Lieutenant Commander U.S. Sub V.1, New York City

Folder 5: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from the Army and Navy Club, Washington

Folder 6: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, on ship "A6" and ship "B2," ca. 1915

Folder 7: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from aboard the U.S.S. Olympia

Folder 8: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, on the O-10 submarine

Folder 9: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from Bureau of Ordnance

Folder 10: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, N.H.

Folder 11: Laura Sherwood Picking -Correspondence on Sherwood's Appt. to US Naval Academy Folder 12: Laura Sherwood Picking - Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, assorted/undated correspondence

- Folder 13: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence of Sherwood Picking to Laura S. Picking, assorted/undated correspondence
- Folder 14: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence to Sherwood Picking, at Naval Academy
- Folder 15: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence of friends and family
- Folder 16: Laura Sherwood Picking Sherwood's correspondence to Laura and other family members
- Folder 17: Laura Sherwood Picking Letter from John Hicks to James Blaine, on naval station in Peru

- Folder 1: Laura Sherwood Picking Diplomatic Letters of Introduction
- Folder 2: Laura Sherwood Picking WWI Ration Stamps
- Folder 3: Laura Sherwood Picking Sketches and Keepsakes
- Folder 4: Laura Sherwood Picking Sketches and Keepsakes
- Folder 5: Laura Sherwood Picking Postcards to Laura Picking from Henry F. Picking
- Folder 6: Laura Sherwood Picking Greeting Cards
- Folder 7: Laura Sherwood Picking Kansas City land documents, Picking family
- Folder 8: Laura Sherwood Picking Artwork and Collectibles
- Folder 9: Laura Sherwood Picking Legal Documents
- Folder 10: Laura Sherwood Picking Foreign Newspapers
- Folder 11: Laura Sherwood Picking News clippings on Interests
- Folder 12: Laura Sherwood Picking News clippings on the Picking family
- Folder 13: Laura Sherwood Picking Theatre
- Folder 14: Laura Sherwood Picking Family/Friend Correspondence
- Folder 15: Laura Sherwood Picking Picking Family Stamp Collection

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- Folder 1: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence concerning her marriage and son
- Folder 2: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence to young Sherwood and [Kätchen, aka Kate
- Fischer], the nanny?
- Folder 3: Laura Sherwood Picking Postcards and Photos sent from Sherwood Picking
- Folder 4: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence related to Appendicitis
- Folder 5: Laura Sherwood Picking Assorted Correspondence to Laura S. Picking
- Folder 6: Laura Sherwood Picking Newspaper clippings
- Folder 7: Laura Sherwood Picking Receipts, Statements, and Domestic Documents
- Folder 8: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence on Will and Estate of Samuel Sherwood
- Folder 9: Laura Sherwood Picking Correspondence on Decatur, Michigan property

- Folder 1: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking Greeting Cards
- Folder 2: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking Greeting Cards
- Folder 3: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking Greeting Cards
- Folder 4: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking Greeting Cards
- Folder 5: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking Greeting Cards
- Folder 6: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking Pamphlets and Booklets
- Folder 7: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking "Wake Island" Pamphlets

Folder 8: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Postcards

Box 11

Folder 1: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Correspondence to Elizabeth Picking from Sherwood Picking

Folder 2: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Correspondence to Sherwood Picking from various

Folder 3: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Correspondence to Elizabeth Warner Picking from various

Folder 4: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Correspondence from U.S. Navy

Folder 5: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Correspondence from U.S. Navy

Folder 6: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Correspondence from Admiral Charles A. Lockwood

Folder 7: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Personal Family Correspondence

Folder 8: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - S. Sokorin Correspondence to Elizabeth Warner Picking

Folder 9: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Business Documents of Elizabeth Warner Picking

Folder 10: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Legal Documents, Wills, Bills

Folder 11: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Legal Documents, Wills, Bills

Folder 12: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - General Receipts

Folder 13: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - News clippings and Obituaries of Acquaintances

Folder 14: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Documents Related to Henry F. [Ricky] Picking's Birth

Folder 15: Henry F. [Ricky] Picking - Legal Documents

Folder 16: Henry F. [Ricky] Picking - Postcards from China

Box 12

Folder 1: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Sherwood Picking's Death

Folder 2: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Sherwood Picking's Death

Folder 3: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - U.S.S. Picking Documents

Folder 4: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Correspondence and News clippings on Sherwood Picking's Death

Folder 5: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Final Orders Before Sherwood Picking's Death

Folder 6: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Documents Related to Sea Fight off Monhegan

Folder 7: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Passports and Documents

Folder 8: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Government Documents

Folder 9: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Travel Brochures and Maps

Folder 10: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Travel Journals

Folder 11: Elizabeth Warner Picking & Sherwood Picking - Chinese Masks

- Folder 1: Falmouth House Agreements, Standards and Fixtures
- Folder 2: Falmouth House Bills, Receipts, and Statements
- Folder 3: Falmouth House Correspondence Concerning House
- Folder 4: Falmouth House Construction Bids for Picking Family
- Folder 5: Falmouth House Notes, Calculations, and Ideas for Picking House
- Folder 6: Falmouth House Sketches of House
- Folder 7: Falmouth House Check Books, Notes, Envelopes

- Folder 1: Pamphlets Funeral Pamphlet of Sherwood Picking, ceremony on 8 September, 1941, London
- Folder 2: Pamphlets "By-Laws of the Diamond Island Association, 1883"
- Folder 3: Pamphlets "Annual Report of the Town Officers of the Town of Falmouth, Maine," for years 1936, 1937, 1938.
- Folder 4: Pamphlets La Cantine Militaire, January 1918 (in French)
- Folder 5: Pamphlets Posters Issued by U.S. Navy, 1918
- Folder 6: Pamphlets Information for Travellers Landing in Japan, January 1914
- Folder 7: Pamphlets "Official Handbook of the Panama Canal," 1913
- Folder 8: Pamphlets "Telegraphic Code Prepared for the use of Officers and Men of the Army and Navy
- and their Families by the Women's Army and Navy League," 1901
- Folder 9: Pamphlets "Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Manila Polo Club," 1914
- Folder 10: Pamphlets "Hotel Pines, Baguio, Benguet."
- Folder 11: Pamphlets "Pictures: October 1946, by Kodak"
- Folder 12: Pamphlets "The 5th Banquet, Lake Torpedo Boat Co., Nov. 1, 1917 at 7:30pm."
- Folder 13: Pamphlets "The United States Frigate Constitution (Old Ironsides)."
- Folder 14: Pamphlets "The Connaught Inn, North Hatley, Quebec, Canada."
- Folder 15: Pamphlets Sherwood Picking Memorial Window Dedication

Box 15 (Small Box)

Containing volumes:

- Volume 6: Prayer book given to Laura Sherwood, 1860
- Volume 7: "Following of Christ," owned by H.F. Picking, 1887
- Volume 8: Calf-bound prayer book, given to Laura Sherwood by Marjorie Patterson, 1889
- Volume 12: Holy Bible given to Laura Sherwood by Eleanor Hall Neal, 1872
- Volume 13: Prayer book, given to Sherwood Picking by "Bobby", 1903, London
- Volume 26: Blue "The Narrow Way" book, published by John Hodges, given to Susan Wood
- Volume 33: Book of Common Prayer (smallest), n.d.

- Folder 1: Sherwood Picking, Business Cards
- Folder 2: Business Cards, Copper Plates
- Folder 3: Material Removed from Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking's "Photographs" (green scrapbook), Volume 4.
- Folder 4: Removed from Sherwood and Elizabeth Picking's "Photographs," (green scrapbook), Volume 4.

- Folder 5: Material Removed from Vol. 5 (black scrapbook) of Sherwood Picking
- Folder 6: Material Removed from Sherwood Picking's record book (diary), 1899-1091, Vol. 10
- Folder 7: Material Removed from Sherwood Picking's black unmarked scrapbook, Volume 27
- Folder 8: Negatives Removed from Eastman Negative Album (original included in box), taken by Sherwood Picking
- Folder 9: Material Removed from Sherwood Picking's "Kodak Souvenirs" album, Volume 16, showing images of a young Sherwood Picking
- Folder 10: Material Removed from Henry F. Picking's "Scrap Book" (purple), Volume 29, showing various images of scenery and ships.
- Folder 11: Legal document concerning right-of-way for property owned by Sherwood Picking, Falmouth property
- Folder 12: Sketch for "Sea Fight off Monhegan," of HMS Boxer and USS Enterprise
- Folder 13: Christmas Card receipt, Sherwood Picking, 1934
- Folder 14: Material Removed from Photo Album, Vol. 18, tintypes, 19th century

Containing volumes:

- Volume 1: House Account Book, Sherwood Picking, ca. 1930
- Volume 9: Illustrated prayer book, given to Laura Sherwood, 1851
- Volume 10: Daily Journal of Sherwood Picking during trip to Germany, Dec. 1899-July 1901
- Volume 11: "Daily Strength for Daily Needs," given to Laura Picking by [Helen J. Taner], 1914
- Volume 14: Holy Bible, given to Sherwood Picking in 1901, 1898
- Volume 15: Laura Picking, handmade copy of the "Rime of the Ancient Mariner", n.d.
- Volume 19: Cook's Tourist Handbook of Peking, Tientsin, Shan-Hai-Kwan, Mukden, Dairen, Port
- Arthur, and Keijyo (Seoul), 1913
- Volume 20: The Ladybird Book of British Wild Flowers, 1957
- Volume 21: Japan Guidebook to the Miyako Hotel, Kyoto, Japan, 1914
- Volume 22: Our Navy/Our Army information book, 1917
- Volume 23: "The World's Work, July 1918, owned by John Hodges
- Volume 24: Harper's Magazine, July 1918
- Volume 25: Harper's Magazine, August 1918
- Volume 30: Lampoon Magazine, May 1938
- Volume 31: Bible Lessons book, 1870
- Volume 32: Book of Common Prayer (small), 1870

Box 18

Wood blocks and plates for making the Picking family Christmas cards, ca. 1930s. Prints include:

- Folder 1: "Merry Christmas from the Pickings (ship scene)."
- Folder 2: "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the Pickings."
- Folder 3: "Commander and Mrs. Sherwood Picking wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."
- Folder 4: "The Pickings wish you a Merry Christmas."
- Folder 5: "Merry Christmas from Elizabeth and Sherwood Picking."

- Folder 6: "Merry Christmas from the Pickings," tree and mountain scene
- Folder 7: "Merry Christmas from the Pickings," sled and dog scene
- Folder 8: "Merry Christmas from the Pickings," ski scene
- Folder 9: "Merry Christmas" family image
- Folder 10: Snow covered house print, Photogravure and Color Co.

- Hope Lodge, No. 20, F.A.A.M. certificate for Henry Picking, 1894
- Two photographs, n.d.
- Yung Kong & Co. store (China) paper, n.d.
- Yachting magazine (with article by Sherwood Picking), 1942
- Calendar with illustration of a ship, 1909
- Collection of illustrations of China, n.d.
- The China Press Weekly magazine, 1936
- Map of Falmouth Neck in 1775, n.d.
- Engineering/Architectural drawings?, n.d.
- Harper's Weekly magazine, 1898
- Reproduction of the Declaration of Independence, n.d.
- Town Topics of Sea Point (homemade magazine), 1920s
- Certificate stating that Sherwood Picking was a member of the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association, n.d. (post-1898)
- Laura S. Picking passport, 1899
- Laura S. Picking passport (from the Philippines), 1916
- 3 photo displays with photographs, n.d.
- 2 framed photographs
- Pair of eyeglasses, with manuscript note: "Dr. Willmer [?], Distance glasses ... to be worn constantly but only by eyes that are tired or the light too strong."

Volumes (on shelf)

- Volume 2: House Record Book (Falmouth), Sherwood Picking, ca. 1930s
- Volume 3: Guest Book, Laura and Sherwood Picking, ca. 1905-1946
- Volume 4: Green family scrapbook, Sherwood and Elizabeth and family
- Volume 5: Black labeled photo book, Sherwood Picking
- Volume 16: Kodak Souvenirs scrapbook, owned by Picking family (during their travels abroad)
- Volume 17: Henry F. Picking scrapbook, containing information on marriage and naval life
- Volume 18: Picking family photo album
- Volume 27: Black non-marked scrapbook, Sherwood Picking, containing some hand-colored photographs
- Volume 28: New Testament, 1857 edition, given to Laura Sherwood by John Neal
- Volume 29: Scrapbook (large red), from mid to late 1800s. Owned by Henry F. Picking
- Volume 34: The Illustrated Book of Common Prayer (Large) owned by L. Sherwood, 1843
- Volume 35: United Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Portland policies, 1810