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Second Precinct Historical Documents Collection

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Collection Information

<u>Abstract</u>: Photocopies of early records relating to the establishment of the Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston, including records of the construction of the meeting house, some papers of Rev. William Lawrence, the first minister, and several records of the Flint family.

<u>Finding Aid</u>: Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

<u>Preferred Citation</u>: Archives/Special Collections of the Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, Massachusetts.

<u>Provenance</u>: Donated by Peg Martin, the photocopies are taken from the original documents in the archives of the University of Massachusetts, Dubois Library, in Amherst.

<u>MARC Access</u>: Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston.

Lincoln (Mass.) – History.

Concord (Mass.) – History.

Lexington (Mass.) – History.

Weston (Mass.) – History.

Lincoln (Mass.) – Church history.

Lawrence, Rev. William, 1723-1780.

Flint family.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Residents of the eastern part of Concord, western part of Lexington, and northern part of Weston petitioned to be set off from their towns and be authorized to have their own meeting house in the 1730s. Despite objections from the parent towns, it was set off as Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston in 1747; became incorporated as Town of Lincoln in 1754.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises photocopies of 18th century original documents in the archives of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and includes responses of the owns to the petition of ca. 1735 to set off Second Precinct, minutes of Precinct meetings and related correspondence, records of the construction of the Meeting House in Second Precinct. Also included are letters and documents relating to the Rev William Lawrence, the first minister called to Second Precinct, and a number of documents relating to the Flint family, as well as genealogical information about the Flint family of 17th and 18th centuries.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Pre-1746 Records, 1734-1735. (5 photocopies)

Series 2: Precinct Records, 1731-1748. (5 photocopies)

<u>Series 3:</u> Meeting House Records, 1746-1750. (7 sheets photocopies)

Series 4: Lawrence Papers, 1748-1779. (4 sets photocopies)

Series 5: Flint Papers, 1652 (?)-1772. (16 sets photocopies)

Second Precinct Historical Documents Collection 2006.01 Series 1, Pre-1746 Records

Box #	Folder #	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2006.01.1.1	Responses to petition of the inhabitants of the westerly part of Lexington, easterly part of Concord, and northerly part of Weston to be set off: printed transcription, copied from <i>New England Historic and Genealogical Register</i> , v. xii, p. 16-21 / 1858 from 1735 original documents. 3 p.
1	1	2006.01.1.2	Response to petition from Town of Lexington: photocopy of original manuscript / September 10, 1735.
1	2	2006.01.1.3	A list of taxes paid by Concord residents supporting separation, and those opposing separation: photocopy of original manuscript / 1734.
1	2	2006.01.1.4	Petition of certain residents of that part of Concord within the proposed bounds of the set-off precinct opposing separation: photocopy of original manuscript / 1735.
1	2	2006.01.1.5	Response to petition from Town of Weston: photocopy of original manuscript / 1735.

Second Precinct Historical Documents Collection 2006.01 Series 2, Precinct Records

Box #	Folder #	Identification #	Description
1	3	2006.01.2.1	Financial records of Second Precinct, largely relating to meeting house: photocopy of original manuscript / 1747-1748. 2 p.
1	3	2006.01.2.2	Release, Nathanael Hapgood to Edward Flint: photocopy of original manuscript / July 23, 1731.
1	3	2006.01.2.3	Minutes of a Precinct Meeting, the Church being present, to choose a minister and arrange settlement of Mr. William Lawrence as minister: photocopy of original manuscript / May 18, 1748.
1	3	2006.01.2.4	Minutes of a Precinct Meeting held with the Church present to ask for candidates for minister to preach in Second Precinct, and that Mr. William Lawrence be asked to preach for the next four Sabbath days: photocopy of original manuscript / April 18, 1748. Also on same sheet minutes of a meeting of the Town of Sandwich voting to call Mr. William Lawrence as minister.
1	3	2006.01.2.5	Letter from Mr. William Lawrence to the Precinct accepting settlement; and a letter to the Congregation in Sandwich declining the invitation: photocopies of the original manuscript / August 1748.

Second Precinct Historical Documents Collection 2006.01 Series 3, Meeting House Records

Box #	Folder #	Identification #	Description
1	4	2006.01.3.1	Accounts relating to construction of the meeting house in Second Precinct, including detailed bills and receipts for labor and materials: photocopies of original manuscript records / 1746-1750. 7 sheets of photocopies.

Second Precinct Historical Documents Collection 2006.01 Series 4, Lawrence Papers

Box #	Folder #	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2006.01.4.1	Letter to Rev. Mr. William Lawrence from Jonathan Bancroft regarding land for sale: photocopy of original manuscript / May 9, 1769.
1	5	2006.01.4.2	Minutes of several meetings called by the Church in regard to some dissent with the minister: photocopy of original manuscript, 2 p. / 1779.
1	5	2006.01.4.3	Letter stating that Mr. William Lawrence qualified to be minister: photocopy of original manuscript / December 6, 1748.
1	5	2006.01.4.4	Notice that the Church at a meeting voted acceptance of Mr. William Lawrence: photocopy of original manuscript / Benjamin A. Brown, Moderator, December 7, 1748.

Second Precinct Historical Documents Collection 2006.01 Series 5, Flint Papers

Box #	Folder #	Identification #	Description
1	6	2006.01.5.1	Will of Thomas Flint (Flynt, fflint) written prior to a voyage to England: photocopy of original manuscript / 1652 (?)
1	6	2006.01.5.2	Description of land of Ephraim Flint (fflint): photocopy of original manuscript / 1680.
1	6	2006.01.5.3	Deed (largely illegible): photocopy of original manuscript / August 15, 1733.
1	6	2006.01.5.4	Receipts and bills, Edward Flint (Flynt): photocopies of original manuscript / 1735-1754. (2 sheets)
1	6	2006.01.5.5	Indenture, agreement between Edward Flint and Simon Tufts, to apprentice Edward Flint Jr., nephew to Edward Flint, to Tufts: photocopy of original manuscript, 2 p. / August 15, 1749.
1	6	2006.01.5.6	Will of Edward Flint: photocopy of original manuscript, 3 p. / May 23, 1752.
1	7	2006.01.5.7	Agreement between Edward fflint of Concord and Stephen Weston of Redding [sic]: photocopy of original document / November 23, 1724. Bill of Sale, Zebediah Smith to Edward Flint, household goods: photocopy of original / November 16, 1751. (Two photocopies on single sheet.)
1	7	2006.01.5.8	Receipts for legacies under the will of Edward Flint : copies of original manuscripts, 4 copies / 1757-1759.
1	7	2006.01.5.9	Receipts for legacies under the will of Edward Flint : copies of original manuscripts, 4 copies / 1755-1757.

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1	7	2006.01.5.10	Receipt for a legacy under the will of Edward Flint, and list of payees and sums paid: photocopy of original manuscript, 2 p. / March-April 1755.
1	7	2006.01.5.11	Receipts for legacies under the will of Edward Flint : copies of original manuscript, 2 items / 1755-1756. List of dates of birth and death of Flint family members, 1667-1723 : photocopy of original manuscript / n.d.
1	8	2006.01.3.12	Estate inventory of the late John Adams: photocopy of a true copy of the original manuscript made in 1753/4, 3 p. / 1726.
1	8	2006.01.5.13	Account of Love Adams, relict widow and Administratrix to the estate of John Adams: photocopy of a true copy of original 1726 manuscript, 4 p.
1	8	2006.01.5.14	Last will and testament of Love Flint: photocopy of original manuscript / February 2, 1757.
1	8	2006.01.5.15	Receipts, signed by Love Flint, John Adams / photocopy of original manuscripts / 1763 & 1772. (6 photocopies)
1	8	2006.01.5.16	Plans of land belonging to Ephraim Flint: photocopies of original / January 6, 1749. (2 plans)