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Collection Information

Abstract : Administrative records of the Town of Lincoln include Town Meeting minutes and other records of 18th and 19th centuries, Board of Selectmen's minutes, and related records of general government administration of the 20th century. Includes records of establishment and operation of Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston, 1746-1754.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

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

Provenance : Municipal records, Town of Lincoln, deposited in vault ca. 1980s.

Note: Under Massachusetts statutes, municipal documents are property of the municipality and under the control of the municipal clerk or other official. Records are subject to Records Retention schedules, established by the Office of the State Secretary, and may not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of without permission of the State Secretary's Office.

MARC Access: Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Lincoln (Mass.) -- History.
Lincoln (Mass.) -- Church history.
Lincoln (Mass.) -- Politics and government.
Lincoln (Mass.). Board of Selectmen.
Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston -- History.
Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston -- Church history.
Registers of births, etc. -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Cities and towns -- Massachusetts.
Concord & Boston Street Railway Co.
Lexington & Boston Street Railway Co.
Letter books. aat
Ledgers. aat
Minutes. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

A petition to the Governor and General Court in 1746 from the inhabitants of the easterly part of Concord, the westerly part of Lexington, and the northerly part of Weston requested to be set off from their respective towns in order to have a more convenient location for worship. A precinct was established, which gave the inhabitants authority to build a meeting house and hire a minister, the Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston. A subsequent petition led to the incorporation of the Town of Lincoln in 1754, encompassing approximately the area formerly the Second Precinct. As a Town, Lincoln had the rights and responsibilities to fund the meeting house and clergy of the established church, build and maintain highways, assess property for taxes, provide public education and care of the Town's poor, and other municipal obligations. Evolution of Town government over 250 years has increased the number and kind of municipal services provided by Towns in Massachusetts.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises Ledgers of early town records, including Town Meeting minutes, and including records of Second Parish of Concord, Lexington, and Weston; records of the Board of Selectmen, late 20th century; and related administrative records. The collection also includes petitions, public hearing notes, and other materials relating to street railway operation in Lincoln ca. 1900.

The collection is arranged topically and by format.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Records Books. (7 items)

Series 2: Selectmen's Minutes. (27 folders)

Series 3: Street Railway Records. (30 items)

Series 4: Miscellaneous. (6 items)

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 Series 1, Records Books

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| BV | | 2003.015.1.1 | Book of Records of the Precinct set off from Concord, Lexington, and Weston, including petition to set off the Precinct, Precinct records, and early Town of Lincoln records : ledger, not paginated / 1746-1810. |
| BV | | 2003.015.1.2 | Lincoln First Book of Records, 1754-1806, includes early Precinct records, Town of Lincoln records, town meeting records, records of deeds : ledger, not paginated / 1754-1806. |
| BV | | 2003.015.1.3 | Lincoln First Book of Records, manuscript copy : ledger, 496 p. / copy date unknown. |
| BV | | 2003.015.1.4 | Lincoln Second Book of Records, 1807-1844, includes Town Meeting minutes, church membership certifications, militia lists, oaths, deeds, field driver records, etc. : ledger, part paginated / 1807-1844. |
| BV | | 2003.015.1.5 | Lincoln Second Book of Records, manuscript copy : ledger, 558 p. / copy date unknown. |
| BV | | 2003.015.1.6 | Lincoln Third Book of Records, 1844-1878, includes town meeting minutes, election tallies, other records : ledger, not paginated / 1844-1878. |
| BV | | 2003.015.1.7 | Letter book of Board of Selectmen (also as Overseers of Poor), 1898-1902 : ledger, 507 p. (8 p. used) / 1898-1902. |

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Series 2, Board of Selectmen Minutes

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| 1 | 1 | 2003.015.2.1 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1982 : typescript. |
| 1 | 2-3 | 2003.015.2.2 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1983 : typescript. |
| 1 | 4-5 | 2003.015.2.3 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1984 : typescript. |
| 1 | 6-7 | 2003.015.2.4 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1985 : typescript. |
| 1 | 8-9 | 2003.015.2.5 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1986 : typescript. |
| 1 | 10-11 | 2003.015.2.6 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1987 : typescript. |
| 1 | 12-13 | 2003.015.2.7 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1988 : typescript. |
| 1 | 14-15 | 2003.015.2.8 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1989 : typescript. |
| 2 | 16-17 | 2003.015.2.9 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1990 : typescript. |
| 2 | 24-25 | 2003.015.2.10 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1991 : typescript. |
| 2 | 26-27 | 2003.015.2.11 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1992 : typescript. |

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| 2 | 28-29 | 2003.015.2.12 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1993 : typescript. |
| 2 | 30-31 | 2003.015.2.13 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1994 (missing June-September) : typescript. |
| 2 | 32-33 | 2003.015.2.14 | Minutes of Board of Selectmen meetings, 1997 : typescript. |

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 Series 3, Street Railway Records

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Identification #</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| 2 | 18 | 2003.015.3.1-.8 | Petitions to Board of Selectmen, Lincoln, from Lincoln residents requesting grant of location to Boston and Concord Street Railway / ca. 1900. (8 items) |
| 2 | 18 | 2003.015.3.9 | Petition to Board of Selectmen, Lincoln, from Lincoln residents requesting that the turnpike in North Lincoln be laid out to a width that would accommodate a street railway / November 30, 1900. |
| 2 | 18 | 2003.015.3.10 | Petition to Board of Selectmen, Lincoln, from Lincoln residents requesting grant of location to Lexington and Boston Railway Company / August 1, 1900. |
| 2 | 18 | 2003.015.3.11 | Petition to Board of Selectmen, Lincoln, from the Directors of ... Boston & Concord Street Railway Company, for location in Lincoln. |
| 2 | 19 | 2003.015.3.12 | Hearing on petition of Boston & Concord Street Railway Associates; statement of William P. Foster ... [et al.] : 63 p. / September 19, 1900. |
| 2 | 19 | 2003.015.3.13 | Hearing on petition of Lexington & Boston Street Railway Company; statement of Robert P. Clapp ... [et al.] : 35 p. / September 17, 1900. |
| 2 | 20 | 2003.015.3.14a-b | "Shall we have street railways in Lincoln?" : article, 3 p. / William S. Briggs, September 26, 1900. (2 copies) |
| 2 | 20 | 2003.015.3.15a-d | "Shall we have street railways in Lincoln?" : article by Samuel H. Pierce ... [et al.], September 10, 1900. (4 copies) |

Series 3, continued

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| 2 | 20 | 2003.015.3.16 | Regarding Town Meeting, an open letter to citizens of Lincoln re Town Meeting vote on street railway. |
| 2 | 20 | 2003.015.3.17-.18 | Letters relating to street railway in Lincoln, 1900. (2 items) |
| 2 | 20 | 2003.015.3.19 | Questions and answers relating to street railway in Lincoln, Town Meeting, August 29, 1900. 3 p. |
| 2 | 20 | 2003.015.3.20 | Suggestions in regard to conditions and restrictions to be imposed upon any street railway company in Lincoln : 3 p. / William S. Briggs. |
| 2 | 20 | 2003.015.3.21 | Motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for legislation to enable the Town to lay out ways for electrified railways, with remarks. 12 p. |
| 2 | 21 | 2003.015.3.22-.30 .22a-.27a | Clippings relating to street railway in Lincoln. (9 items) aqp |

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 Series 4, Miscellaneous

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| 2 | 22 | 2003.015.4.1 | An account of work done on the roads ... ; list of names with accounts : manuscript / 1753. |
| 2 | 22 | 2003.015.4.2 | Order to perambulate town bound between Cambridge and Concord : manuscript / Selectmen of Cambridge, April 18, 1690. |
| 2 | 22 | 2003.015.4.3 | Warrant to voters of Lincoln relating to selection of jurors : manuscript / Selectmen of Lincoln, July 19, 1808. |
| 2 | 22 | 2003.015.4.4 | Order from County Commissioners of Middlesex to Lincoln and Lexington persons and corporations interested in a petition (unknown) : manuscript / May 1823. |
| 2 | 22 | 2003.015.4.5 | Petition of residents of Lincoln and Lexington to County Commissioners of Middlesex, relating to highway between Lincoln and Lexington : manuscript / Leonard Hoar ... [et al.], nd. |
| 2 | 23 | 2003.015.4.6 | Town of Lincoln Traffic Rules and Regulations : pamphlet, 12 p. / Lincoln Board of Selectmen, 1940. |