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## Collection Information

Abstract : Military records include 18th and 19th century militia lists, a record of Lincoln soldiers in the Civil War, documents relating to World War I tax abatements for veterans and related records, discharge papers of World War II veterans in Lincoln.

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 (lcsh, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Massachusetts. Militia. Division, 3rd. Regiment, 3rd. Town of Lincoln Company.  
Tax records -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Poll tax -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Tax remission -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.  
Lincoln (Mass.) -- History, Military.  
Lincoln (Mass.) -- History.  
Lincoln (Mass.) -- Politics and government.  
Massachusetts -- History, Military.  
Massachusetts -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.  
Massachusetts -- History -- World War, 1914-1918 -- Veterans.  
Massachusetts -- History -- World War, 1939-1945 -- Veterans.  
Military records -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat  
Veterans -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. lcsh  
Soldiers -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. lcsh  
Sailors -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. lcsh

## **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. By statute, records of all who served in the military from Colonial times to present are permanently preserved. These records are the responsibility of Veteran's Agent in or for the various cities and towns in Massachusetts.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises a ledger of the records of the Lincoln Militia Company in the Third Regiment, First Brigade, Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts; a ledger of soldiers in the Civil War, providing enlistment dates, units, and other information; poll tax abatement requests from veterans of World War I, other World War I related records; and discharge papers of veterans of World War II.

The collection is arranged chronologically by war.

## **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Militia Records. (1 item)

Series 2: Civil War Records. (4 items)

Series 3: World War I Records. (41 items)

Series 4: World War II Records. (102 items)

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Series 1, Militia Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
BV		2003.017.1.1	Clerk's Book of Records of the Militia Company in the Town of Lincoln in the Third Regiment, First Brigade, Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts : ledger, not paginated / 1796-1838.

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Series 2, Civil War Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
BV		2003.017.2.1	Complete Record of the Names of all the Soldiers and Officers ... during the Rebellion begun in 1861 : ledger, 80 p. (p. 1-30 only) / 1861-1862.
1	1	2003.017.2.2	Complete Record of the Names of all the Soldiers and Officers ... during the Rebellion begun in 1861 : paper, not paginated / 1861-1862.
1	1	2003.017.2.3	Index for 2003.017.2.2 : paper / blank.
1	2	2003.017.2.4	Receipt for \$70.00 bounty paid to 3 year enlistees in the Army : manuscript / James Stone, Cornelius Stone, November 20, 1862.

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 Series 3, World War I Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.017.3.1-.3	Petition to Board of Assessors for abatement of poll tax because of service in World War I : manuscript / 1920. (3 items)
1	4	2003.017.3.4-.7	Poll tax bills with request for abatement in manuscript on reverse / 1920. (4 items)
1	5	2003.017.3.8-.34	Letter from Lincoln World War I veteran to Lincoln Board of Assessors, requesting abatement of poll tax allowed to veterans / 1922. (27 items)
1	6	2003.017.3.35	Letter from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, Division of Accounts, relating to allowable uses of Chapter 480 funds received by the Town of Lincoln : typescript / Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts, November 18, 1924.
1	6	2003.017.3.36	Letter to Lincoln Board of Selectmen from Lincoln Girl Scouts, offering funds and assistance in establishing a memorial to Lincoln servicemen in World War I / signed by Lincoln Girl Scout Troops, November 11, 1924.
1	7	2003.017.3.37-.39	List of names of men in the service : manuscript / nd. (3 items)
1	8	2003.017.3.40	Cover inscribed "Abated Poll Taxes, Service Men, 1920."
1	8	2003.017.3.41	Cover inscribed "men who served in the World War asking for tax abatement."

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 Series 4, World War II Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	2003.017.4.1-.4	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, A-B : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (4 items)
1	10	2003.017.4.5-.7	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, C : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (3 items)
1	11	2003.017.4.8-.20	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, D : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (13 items)
1	12	2003.017.4.21-.26	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, G : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (6 items)
1	13	2003.017.4.27-.33	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, H : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (7 items)
1	14	2003.017.4.34-.38	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, I-K : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (5 items)
1	15	2003.017.4.39-.41	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, L : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (3 items)

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1	16	2003.017.4.42-.55	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, M : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (14 items)
1	17	2003.017.4.56-.58	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, N : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (3 items)
1	18	2003.017.4.59-.62	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, O : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (4 items)
1	19	2003.017.4.63-.65	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, P : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (3 items)
1	20	2003.017.4.66-.72	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, R : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (7 items)
1	21	2003.017.4.73-.79	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, S : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (7 items)
1	22	2003.017.4.80-.82	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, T : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (3 items)
1	23	2003.017.4.83-.89	Honorable Discharges and Separation Papers of Lincoln World War II servicemen, W : photographic copy / ca. 1945. (7 items)



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1	24	2003.017.4.90	Certificate of Satisfactory Service, to Capt. John Peabody Monks / James Forestal, Secretary of the Navy, January 31, 1946.
1	24	2003.017.4.91	Certificate of Satisfactory Service, to Lt. (JG) Priscilla Cram / James Forestal, Secretary of the Navy, December 22, 1945.
1	24	2003.017.4.92	Citation to Lt. Commander Leland Mothershead Burr, with presentation of posthumous Navy Cross / James Forestal, Secretary of the Navy.
1	24	2003.017.4.93	Certificate of Merit awarded to 17th Company, 23rd Infantry, Massachusetts State Guard / Maurice J. Tobin, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, September 21, 1945.
1	24	2003.017.4.94	Citation for meritorious service, granted by Massachusetts Salvage Committee of the War Production Board, to the Lincoln Salvage Committee.
1	25	2003.017.4.95	Notes relating to military record of [unknown], 1943-1945 : manuscript.
1	25	2003.017.4.96	List of Lincoln residents in service January 1, 1945 : typescript.
1	26	2003.017.4.97	Acknowledgment of receipt of Veterans Administration Rehabilitation Form 1950 / Edward I. Ronan, Contact Officer, Veterans Administration, May 21, 1946.
1	26	2003.017.4.98	Cover, addressed to Mrs. Elizabeth Causer, Town Hall, Lincoln, from A. T. Howard Co., Boston, postmarked January 30, 1948.
1	26	2003.017.4.99	Information sheet for veterans filing Form 1950 / William J. Blake, Manager, Regional Office, Veterans Administration, Boston, nd.

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1	27	2003.017.4.100	Application for Abatement of Poll Tax by Member of Armed Forces, 1946, under Chapter 406, Acts of 1943 : Form 95B, [blank]
1	27	2003.017.4.101a-b	Application for Bonus under Chapter 731, Acts of 1945 / Commonwealth of Massachusetts, [blank] (2 copies)
1	27	2003.017.4.102a-d	Application for Bonus under Chapter 731, Acts of 1945, Deceased Veteran / Commonwealth of Massachusetts, [blank] (4 copies)