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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : Identification cards, letter, and miscellany relating to Civil Defense in Lincoln during the Cold War of the early 1950s.

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 : Donated by Ann Booth, 2006.

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

Lincoln (Mass.) – History.

Lincoln (Mass.) – Officials and employees.

Civil defense – Massachusetts – Lincoln.

Emergency management – Massachusetts – Lincoln.

Civil Defense Agency (Lincoln, Mass.)

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

During the years following World War II there was great fear of Russian attack on the United States. Local Civil Defense agencies in the cities and towns were organized and prepared to act in the event of an emergency. After some years of detente, the Soviet Union began breaking apart, and the possibility of war with Russia became almost non-existent. Interest in Civil Defense waned, and the former Civil Defense agencies that remained concentrated their efforts in alleviating natural disasters.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises letter relating to pre-disaster blood typing, miscellaneous information relating to Civil Defense, and a collection of photographic identity cards of the Lincoln members of the Civil Defense Agency.

### **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Correspondence, 1951. (1 item)

Series 2: Identification cards, ca. 1950. (About 275 items)

Series 3: Miscellaneous, ca. 2007. (1 item)

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2006.16  
Series 1, Correspondence

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2006.16.1.1	Letter to the residents of Lincoln from the Lincoln Civil Defense Agency about pre-disaster blood typing as well as the need for blood : typescript / August 27, 1951.

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2006.16  
Series 2, Identification Cards

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2006.16.2.1	Identification cards of members of Town of Lincoln Civil Defense Agency, with photograph, job title, and other information : 2x3 in. cards / ca. 1950. (Approximately 275 cards)

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2006.16  
Series 3, Miscellany

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2006.16.2.1	Encyclopedia definition and description of Civil Defense : printout, 4 p. / <a href="http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1E1-civildef.html">www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1E1-civildef.html</a> , Columbia Encyclopedia, 2007.