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## **Collection Information**

Abstract : Glass plate negatives of photographs of Lincoln Center area taken around 1880s to 1900s by George A. Nelson depict the rural aspect of the town a century ago, and show views of the town center before and after the 1890s construction of Bemis Town Hall and the Stone Church.

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 : Given in part by Miss B. Chapin, 1984; in part by Mrs. Arthur W. Kidder, n.d.

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

Lincoln (Mass.) -- Photographs.

Negatives -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat

Gelatin dry plate negatives. aat

Glass plate negatives. ftamc

Lincoln Public Library (Lincoln, Mass.) -- Photographs.

Historic buildings -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln -- Photographs.

Public libraries -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln -- Photographs.

Church buildings -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln -- Photographs.

City halls -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Photographs.

Stone Church -- Photographs. local

Bemis Town Hall -- Photographs. local

Old Town Hall -- Photographs. local

Second Meeting House, First Parish -- Photographs. local

Nelson, George A. -- Photographer.

## **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Several dramatic changes occurred at Lincoln Center through the 1880s and 1890s. The Public Library was constructed in 1883/1884 on formerly open land at the crossroads in Lincoln Center; the Bemis Town Hall was constructed in 1891/1892, replacing the Old Town Hall which was moved to another site; and the 1860 Second Meeting House (First Parish, Congregational Church) was demolished in 1890 and the Stone Church constructed to replace it in 1891/1892. Local photographer George A. Gordon photographed the old and the new buildings during the period, as well as other views of Lincoln and his Colonial homestead in North Lincoln.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises 15 glass plate negatives of the center of Lincoln from the 1880s to about 1900, showing new buildings constructed during the period and the buildings that they replaced. Additional views of Lincoln Center are also included with the collection, as well as views of the Colonial period Nelson homestead in the northern part of Lincoln on Nelson Road.

The collection is arranged into two series by provenance.

## **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Chapin Negatives, Lincoln Center. Glass plate negatives of buildings and scenes around Lincoln Center, taken by G. A. Nelson in the 1890s-1900s, donated by Miss B. Chapin, 1984. (11 items)

Series 2: Kidder Negatives, Lincoln. Glass plate negatives taken by George A. Nelson in the 1890s-1900s, donated by Mrs. Arthur W. Kidder (sister to Nelson), n.d. (3 items)

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Series 1, Chapin Negatives, Lincoln Center

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2002.004.1.1	Lincoln Library and Unitarian Church from Old Lexington Road : glass plate negative #233, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1900. [Accessioned as 1984.4.1]
1	2	2002.004.1.2	North School, Lincoln, Mass. : glass plate negative #20, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1895. [Accessioned as 1984.4.2]
1	3	2002.004.1.3	Public Library : glass plate negative #231, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1900. [Accessioned as 1984.4.3]
1	4	2002.004.1.4	Public Library, northwest view : glass plate negative #232, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1900. [Accessioned as 1984.4.4]
1	5	2002.004.1.5	Lincoln Congregational Church : glass plate negative #452, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1890. [Accessioned as 1984.4.5]
1	6	2002.004.1.6	Lincoln Town Hall (Old Town Hall) : glass plate negative #453, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1890. [Accessioned as 1984.4.6]
1	7	2002.004.1.7	Interior (pulpit end), Lincoln Congregational Church : glass plate negative #1290, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1890. [Accessioned as 1984.4.7]
1	8	2002.004.1.8	Interior (choir end), Lincoln Congregational Church : glass plate negative #1291, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1890. [Accessioned as 1984.4.8]
1	9	2002.004.1.9	Lincoln Center from north, Bemis Town Hall, Stone Church, Library : glass plate negative #1343, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1895. [Accessioned as 1984.4.9]

Series 1, continued

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| 1 | 10  | 2002.004.1.10 | Bemis Town Hall, SW view : glass plate negative #1344, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1895. [Accessioned as 1984.4.10]                              |
| 1 | 11  | 2002.004.1.11 | Stone Church (Lincoln Congregational Church), SE view : glass plate negative #1346, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1895. [Accessioned as 1984.4.11] |
| 1 | 11a | 2002.004.1.12 | Accession information from storage box.  |

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Series 2, Kidder Negatives, Lincoln

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	12	2002.004.2.1	Lincoln Public Library : glass plate negative #17, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1890.
1	13	2002.004.2.2	Nelson house (Josiah Nelson, 1775), Nelson Road, North Lincoln : glass plate negative #339, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1890s.
1	14	2002.004.2.3	Nelson house (Josiah Nelson, 1775), Nelson Road, North Lincoln : glass plate negative #684, 5 x 8 in. / G. A. Nelson, ca. 1890s.
1	14a	2002.004.2.4	Accession information from notes in storage box.