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Collection Information

<u>Abstract</u>: The Lincoln Minute Men is an organization which commemorates the 18th century Lincoln Minute Men that fought in the American Revolution; and were instrumental in the design and installation of historical markers on the route taken by the Minute Men from Lincoln to Concord on April 19, 1775.

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

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Provenance: Donated by Rick Wiggin, Lincoln Minute Men, December 2004.

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

Lincoln (Mass.: Town) -- History -- Societies, etc.

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Massachusetts – History – Revolution, 1775-1783.

Patriotic societies – Massachusetts – Lincoln.

Historical reenactments - Massachusetts - Lincoln.

Lincoln Minute Men (Lincoln, Mass.)

Concord, Battle of, 1775 – Anniversaries, etc. – 20th century.

Historic markers – Massachusetts – Lincoln.

Historic sites - Massachusetts - Lincoln.

Monuments - Massachusetts - Lincoln.

Historical/Biographical Notes

On April 19, 1775, the Minute Men in Lincoln were alerted by Paul Revere that the British army was on the way to Concord. Some 62 Minute Men with at least 15 militia members formed at the town common and marched into Concord to assist the Concord forces. The Lincoln Minute men were among the force that repelled the British at the bridge in Concord, and pursued the British forces back to Cambridge. About 10 British soldiers were killed in or near Lincoln, with only one man from Lincoln wounded. In 1966 the Lincoln Selectmen reestablished the Lincoln Minute Men 'to perpetuate the memory of the Minute Men of 1775'. The local organization carries the history of the Minute Men into schools and other locales, and conducts Patriots' Day ceremonies, and appears in other related observations. In the 1970s and 1980s plans were developed to erect monument stones to commemorate the 1775 march of the Lincoln Minute Men. This became a reality in 2000, the 225th anniversary of the battle.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises some histories of the events of April 19, 1775 in and about Lincoln and Concord; plans and specifications for the historical monuments, funding mechanisms, search for suitable stones, and related documents; and events relating to the dedication ceremonies on April 19, 2000, on the 225th anniversary of the battle.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Histories, 2000. (4 items)

Series 2: Plans, specifications, funding, etc., 1999-2000. (14 items)

Series 3: Dedication ceremonies, 1999-2000. (6 items)

Lincoln Minute Men Collection 2005.03 Series 1, Histories

Box #	Folder #	Identification #	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2005.03.1.1	Lincoln, Lincolnites, and the events of April 19, 1775: typescript, 3 p. / Rick Wiggin, ca. 2000.
1	2	2005.03.1.2	Recognition of a proud legacy: typescript, 4 p. / Rick Wiggin, in <i>Lincoln Review</i> , 2000.
1	3	2005.03.1.3	Notes relating to the historical accuracy of the monument wording: typescript / n.d.
1	3	2005.03.1.4	Notes relating to historical accuracy of the wording : typescript / Jack MacLean, 2000.

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Series 2, Plans, Specifications, Funding, etc.

Box #	Folder #	Identification #	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2005.03.2.1	Recognition of a proud legacy, funding proposal for historical markers: typescript, 14 p. / presented to the Trustees of Ogden Codman Trust, but Lincoln Board of Selectmen, August 1999.
1	5	2005.03.2.2	Documents relating to a Public Hearing of the Historic District Commission / February 2000. Include a plan entitled The muster of the Lincoln Minute Men, background information, and notice of public hearing.
1	6	2005.03.2.3	Quotes and purchase order for stone carving : fax copies / 2000.
1	7	2005.03.2.4	Recognition of a proud legacy, funding proposal for historical markers: typescript, 14 p. / presented to the Trustees of Ogden Codman Trust, but Lincoln Board of Selectmen, August 1999, with cover letter from Selectmen and Executive Secretary; with positive response from Codman Trust.
1	8	2005.03.2.5	Recognition of a proud legacy, plan for historical markers to commemorate the muster and march to Concord of the Lincoln Minute Men on April 19, 1775: typescript, 16 p. / Lincoln Minute Men, June 2, 1999, updated June 20, 1999.
1	9	2005.03.2.6	Minute Men memorialized: clippings, ill. / Linda Pinkow, staff writer, Lincoln Journal July 29, 1999.
1	10	2005.03.2.7	Correspondence between Rick Wiggin, Lincoln Minute Men, and Lincoln Garden Club relating to monuments: typescript / 1999.
1	11	2005.03.2.8	Letters to bidders for monument stone cutting: typescript / 2000. (4 letters)

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1	12	2005.03.2.9	Correspondence (email) between Rick Wiggin and Donald Hafner relating to final plans for monuments: typescript / 1999. (3 letters)
1	13	2005.03.2.10	Specifications or monument at Lincoln Town Common, including dimensions, text, layout, etc.: typescript / ca. 1999.
1	14	2005.03.2.11	Specifications or monument at Dakin Field, including dimensions, text, layout, etc.: typescript / ca. 1999.
1	15	2005.03.2.12	Press Release, 'Search for stones continues': typescript / ca. 1999.
1	15	2005 03 2 13	Samples of text on the two boulders, description and acknowledgment / ca. 1999.
1	16	2005.03.2.14	Sketch plans of locations of monuments and elevations / ca. 2000.

Lincoln Minute Men Collection 2005.03 Series 3, Dedication Ceremonies

Box #	Folder #	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	17	2005.03.3.1	Preliminary program for the Historic Marker Dedication Ceremony: typescript / April 2000.
1	17	2005.03.3.2	Remarks by Richard Wiggin, Chairman, Historic Marker Committee, at the Dedication of the Historic Markers: typescript / April 19, 2000.
1	18	2005.03.3.3	Notice of dedication ceremony and other April events: flyer, ill. / April 19, 2000.
1	18	2005.03.3.4	Dedication ceremony, invitation and schedule / April 19, 2000. (2 c.)
1	18	2005.03.3.5	Invitation to dedication ceremony, with illustrations of the two monuments / April 19, 2000. (2 c.)
1	19	2005.03.3.6	Historic Marker Dedication Ceremony, program: 12 p., ill. / April 19, 2000.