

LINCOLN TOWN ARCHIVES 2015

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Accomplishments

Reference and Research

- The Archivist and Reference Librarians answered 40 local history and genealogy questions in person, by phone, and by email. They retrieved archival material from the vault for researchers to study.
- The Town Archives is happy to work with a variety of researchers in accessing materials for their projects. We were acknowledged by several authors for providing archival resources and services in the creation of the following publications. It is always exciting to see our names in print!
 - *Breaking Ground: Henry B. Hoover New England Modern Architect* by Lucretia Hoover Giese and Henry B. Hoover, Jr.
 - *Embattled Farmers: Campaigns and Profiles of Revolutionary Soldiers from Lincoln, Massachusetts, 1775-1783*, by Richard C. Wiggin.
 - *Graduates of the Lincoln Public Schools, 1918-2015, Lincoln, Massachusetts*, by Steven H. Greene.
 - *Strong Hands and a Willing Heart: An Introduction to the Journal of James Lorin Chapin, 1848-1850*, by Jane Langton.

Collections and Access

- Archival collections at the Lincoln Public Library and the Town Offices were assessed by the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC). Approximately 650 linear feet of archival records and 500 bound volumes were evaluated by NEDCC book and paper conservators to determine physical condition, care, and recommended treatment. Priorities for preservation and digitization of archival materials were compiled in a report and presented to the Community Preservation Committee. Funds will be used for conservation treatment and scanning of our most valuable, fragile, and frequently accessed items.
- The Archivist is organizing collections from the Flint and Chapin families and former town historian Margaret (Peg) Martin, in memoriam. Municipal records about Hanscom Air Force Base, Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS), North Lincoln 47-Acre Project and Battle Road Farm are also being processed.
- The following archival documents have been added to Digital Commonwealth and are accessible online through the Library website: Clerks book of records of the Militia Company in the Town of Lincoln, 1796-1838; Mary Goss Diary, 1846; Nelson Family Papers, 1748-1902; Treasurer's Accounts, 1806-1859; Vital Records, 1754-1875. These records can be found at the following link:
[https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/search?f\[collection_name_ssim\]\[\]=Lincoln+Town+Archives](https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/search?f[collection_name_ssim][]=Lincoln+Town+Archives)

Collaborations

- The Archives provided images and publications to be displayed in a Lincoln Historical Society exhibit about Lincoln Authors.

Donations

The Lincoln Town Archives is grateful to our kind donors who have entrusted valuable documents and objects in our care. These items reflect Lincoln's rich history which we seek to preserve and share.

- Needlepoint created in 1824 by Lincoln resident Sophia Adams depicting portion of Adams family tree from Cynthia Williams.
- Lincoln School yearbooks and lists of 8th grade graduates (1918-2015) from Steven H. Greene.
- Flint Homestead documents (1646-1906) from Margaret P. Flint.
- Ledgers of supplies and labor (1912-1923) by builder Robert D. Donaldson and aerial photograph of Lincoln Center (1946) from Craig Donaldson.
- Records about Lincoln-Sudbury School Regionalization Study (1959-1961) from Patty Mostue.
- Records of the Lincoln Minute Men from Richard Wiggin.
- Records of the Lincoln League of Women Voters and Lincoln Garden Club from Beth Ries.
- Published materials by Adeline Naiman from Alaric Naiman.