

WALTHAM DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES

Resources

Scope and Content

This is an artificially arranged collection separated into 3 series. The subjects include Geology/Geography, Agriculture and Waterways.

The first group of materials relates to the geology and geography of Waltham. It includes published and unpublished papers and books about the topic. Books and booklets describe Waltham, Watertown and Middlesex County Geology. Other booklets describe Waltham's flora. Particularly noteworthy in this subseries is a scrapbook of pressed Sea-plants prepared by Dr. J. Gilman for his sister Esther C. Fogg. Also housed here is a notebook kept by George E. Morris listing his fungi painted for New York Botanical Society. Morris was an art teacher in the Waltham Public Schools and a botanist. A published list of his prints housed in Peabody Salem Museum is also included in this series.

Notable among the Agriculture materials are Middlesex County Farm Bureau booklets providing food production information. The Farm Bureau's subseries also includes the Newsletters, *Middlesex County Farm Bureau News*, 1917-1918 and *the Middlesex County Farm Bureau Bulletin of Agriculture and Home Economics*, 1919-1920." The Records from the Waltham Agricultural and Industrial Fair of 1882 are also found here. Also included are items from the Waltham Conservation Commission, Waltham Land Trust, and Charles River Watershed Association.

The third group of materials, Waterways, includes general books and booklets about Waltham's Brooks, Bridges, Ponds and other waterways. Also found here are studies of the Charles River, Chester Brook and Hardy Pond. These studies focus on water quality and recreational facilities. One interesting aspect of these studies is their look at the harvesting of weeds on the rivers and ponds. The waterway series also has many general books and booklets about the Charles River and its history. Photos of the river are also found here. There is limited information on Hardy Pond and Hobbs Brook. A Stony Brook Reservoir (Cambridge Water Basin) folder includes a *Report on Waltham's Water Supply* (1872) and the *First Report of the Board of Water Commissioner of Waltham* (1874.) Recollections of the reservoir and histories are also here. Finally, Plympton's Pond information includes a story about the ghost of the Pond.

Arrangement

There are 3 subseries in this series of materials. Housed in 4 archival boxes. In box number one, Geology/Geography books and booklets are arranged alphabetically by author's name. This group is followed by Geology/Geography material about a certain location, which is arranged alphabetically by folder title. Agriculture materials are arranged alphabetically by folder title in box two. The waterway subseries is housed in the boxes and is split into 3 groupings. Waterway publications are arranged chronologically by publication date. These are followed by Waterway studies, which are also arranged chronologically. Finally, the Waterway materials conclude with subject files arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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Box 1 Geology/Geography

- Baker, Edward D. *A Partial List of The Native Flora of Waltham, MA,*
1883. (booklet)
- Burke, Arthur. *The Geology of Waltham, ND* (typed article)
- Cutter, George. *The Geology of Watertown, 1915.* (booklet)
- Dame, LL and Collins. *Middlesex Flora, 1888.* (book)
- Gilman, Dr. J. Scrapbook of pressed Sea-Plants prepared for his
sister, Esther C. Fogg, 1865
- Hurricane of 1938 - clipping **ACC# 2010-02**
Massachusetts Historical Commission -
Reconnaissance Survey Report, 1980.
Multiple Resource Area Nomination, 1986.
- Morris, George E. *List of Fungi Painted for New York Botanical
Garden, ND* (handwritten notebook)
- Morse, Albert P. *List of the Water-Color Drawings of Fungi of George
E. Morris, 1918* (booklet)
- Ripley, Samuel. *A Topographical and Historical Description of
Waltham, 1815.* (typed copy from collections
of the Mass. Historical Society)
- Bear Hill, 1985 (brief typed history)
- Hills- historic descriptions by Waltham Land Trust
- Mount Feake -*Governor Winthrop's Outing to Doublet Hill (Mt. Feake) in
1631,* (article from Appalachia published for Appalachian Mountain
Club) October 1914.

Box 2 Agriculture

- Agriculture and Industrial Fair -
Article from Waltham Free Press, May 19, 1882
Records of General Committee, 1882
List of Loan collection of Paintings, Music Hall, September 1882
- Conservation -
Flyers - Earth Day, "Think Globally, Act Locally," Recycling
(1990s), "Clean up and paint" (1914); 2001
Waltham Conservation Commission- Volunteer application, ND;
Environmental Survey, ND
- Farmer's Market and Community Farms -
Flyers
Newsletters/ Clippings
Waltham Fields Community Farm- Events and Programs 2010

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Box 2 Agriculture (cont.)

Metropolitan State Hospital – (*see also Medicine*)

Plant Community Map, 1992

Environmentally Sensitive areas, 1992

Middlesex County Bulletin of Agriculture and Home Economics - (2 folders)

January 1919 February 1919

March 1919 April 1919

May 1919 June 1919

July 1919 August 1919

September 1919 October 1919

November 1919 December 1919

January 1920

February 1920

March 1920

April 1920

May 1920

June 1920

July 1920

August 1920

September 1920

October 1920

November 1920

December 1920

Middlesex County Farm Bureau News - vol. 1 November 1917 - December, 1918 (bound)

Middlesex County Farm Bureau booklets -

What Agriculture in This State Means to You, ND

*First Annual Exhibit of the Waltham Fair for Middlesex County
Premium List*, 1920

Are We Going to Have Enough Food? 1918

Waltham Field Station -

Research in Review, June 1954 (newsletter)

Waltham Garden Club - Waltham Squash fact sheet, 1997

Accession # 1997-6

*Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Assn.: The Centennial
Year, 1913-2013*, 2013

Waltham Land Trust- Membership Application, 2000; *Quarterly*,

Spring, 2001-

Fliers

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Box 3 Waterways

Books and Booklets - General -

Johnson, FP, *Journal of the Basin and Well Covering of the Waltham Papers Waterworks*, 1893. (booklet)

Glancy, Warren E. *Waltham's Brooks and Bridges*, 1980

Davis, Edith F. *Ponds and Streams of Waltham*, ND
(typed manuscript)

Paretsky, Rachel. *A Growing Population and Its Impact on Sewerage, Water Supply and Quality: The History of Waltham's Water*, 1999

Studies -

Studies for "Improvement of the Charles River Basin," -

The Improvement of the Charles River Basin, 1901

The Charles River Basin As A WaterPark and Playground,
(In the Matter of House No. 454), 1928

US Department of Agriculture. *Charles Study Area. Massachusetts Water Resources Study*, 1972.

Childs, Elliot F, -

West Branch Chester Brook Waltham, Massachusetts Hydrologic Study, 1973.

Auburndale Gardens Newton, Massachusetts Supplemental Hydrologic Analysis, 1976

John Wacker and Associates. *Charles River, Waltham*, 1974.

Department of Environmental Quality Engineering -

Charles River Water Quality Management Plan Part D,
1976.

Metro Area Planning Council, *Water Quality Project: Charles River*,
1977-78 (2 folders)

Metropolitan District Comm. *Upper Charles River Reservation Master Plan*, 1998. **in Office**

Metcalf and Eddy. *Diagnostic and Feasibility Study of Hardy Pond*,
1986.

Myette, Charles F. and Alison C. Simcox. *Water Resources and Aquifer Yields in the Charles River Basin, Massachusetts*,
1984

Senator Susan C. Fargo. *Legislation: How Exotic Aquatic Plants Are Destroying our Waterways*, 1998

Aquatic Control Technology, *Mechanical Harvesting Program to Control Water Chestnut*, 1995

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Box 4 Waterways

- Charles River - (8 folders)
- Jones, F.C., *Souvenir of the Charles River*, 1904. (booklet)
- Charles River Valley Group and League of Women Voters -
Charles River Valley: A Guide for Citizens
Concerned About Its Future, 1970.
- Hall, Max. *The People's River: How Mankind Has Changed the Charles*, "Harvard Magazine", 1984.
- McAdow, Ron. The Charles River, 1992.
- Charles River Watershed Assn. Newsletter- Vol. 3, no. 3, Summer, 1999; Vol. 5, no. 2, Spring/ Summer 2001; - (irreg.)
- Seaton, Michelle. *On the Charles*, in "Bostonia Magazine", Winter, 1994-95
- General -
- Description, NA, ND (photocopy of typed manuscript)
- Press Release for the "Totem Pole," ND
- Tercentenary River Pageant Program*, 1930
- Flyer- *Special Message to Boaters on the Charles River...*, ND
- DVD – Charles River: Headwaters of Invention
ACC# 2009-11
- Photos # 154-178, 2969-70 (*see photo index for more detail*)
- Hardy Pond
- Hardy Ponder* -
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| May, 1992 | Dec. 1999 |
| Fall, 1992 | Dec. 2001 |
| Summer 1993 | March 2001 – (irreg.) |
- Hardy Pond Weed Pull, ND (flyer)
- Hardy Pond Town Meeting (flyer)
- Hardy Pond Assn. Press releases, 1996
- Hobbs Brook - brief, typed description
- Plympton's Pond -
- Nett, Sandra J. *The Ghost of Plympton Pond*, written for Waltham Historical Society 1976 (typed manuscript)
- Picture from book
- Roberts Pond – Newsclipping, ND
- Stony Brook Reservoir (Cambridge Water Basin)
- Report of a Committee on a Supply of Pure Water for the Town of*

Waltham, 1872
First Report of the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of
Waltham, 1874

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Box 4 Waterways (cont.)

Stony Brook Reservoir (Cambridge Water Basin)

Caughey, John. *John Caughey's Bus*, ND (typed manuscript)

Smith, Elizabeth W. *Recollections of the Cambridge Water Basin*,
ND (photocopy of typed manuscript)

Letter to Archivist Betty Castner from Charles River Watershed
regarding Cambridge Water Basin

Clipping - History of Reservoir

Highwater Data: Flood of March, 1936