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A Selected List of Research Materials

This is a sample listing of the kinds of materials you can find in our collection. Most Massachusetts materials are located in 974.4xx and 929.174x. To locate any of the titles or subjects, please use our online catalog at <http://www.irclibrary.org>. Some items are not catalogued and can be found in the areas indicated. In addition, there are numerous books that can be found in some of our Internet subscriptions such as Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry Library Edition. Ask the librarian for assistance

Where to Begin

- *Researching Your Family's History at the Massachusetts Archives.*
- *A Guide to the History of Massachusetts.*
- *Massachusetts Genealogical Research.* By George Schweitzer

Atlases, Gazetteers & Maps

- *Massachusetts Atlas & Gazetteer* (Atlas Shelf, MA)
- *Geographic Dictionary of Massachusetts*
- *Historic Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts.*
- MA-Suffolk County- Boston- 1900- Part 1& 2- Cemetery Sections with Plot Numbers- Map (Map Drw. 7, Map # 107 & 108)

Cemetery.

- *Gravestone Inscriptions and Records of Tomb Burials in the Granary Burying Ground, Boston, MA.* By Ogden Codman
- *Burial Hill, Plymouth, and Massachusetts: Its Monuments and Gravestones Numbered and Briefly Described.* By Benjamin Drew
- *Cemetery Inscriptions, Barnstable, Massachusetts, 1600-1900.* By Paul Bennell
- *Southern Massachusetts Cemetery Collection. Vol I & II.* By Susan Salisbury
- *A Guide to Berkshire Massachusetts Cemeteries.*

Census

- All Censuses from 1790-1870 for all Massachusetts Counties are available on microfilm located in the microfilm cabinets outside of our department.
- 1790-1930 images are available on AncestryPlus and HeritageQuest Online.
- 1880 Census is also available on CD-ROM and at familysearch.org
- Indexes are available for all years and are located either at AncestryPlus, HeritageQuest, CD-Rom or in books located at the census table by the elevator.
- All Enumeration District descriptions for every census year from 1790-1930 (including some maps) are available on microfilm Series T1224.

City Directories

- Boston: 1910, 1920 (Microfiche)
- Charlestown: 1852, 1856 (Microfiche)
- Gloucester: 1860 (Microfiche)
- *Boston Directory 1882*

Civil War

- *Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865* (Massachusetts Vol. 2, 3)
- *Mother May You Never See the Sights I Have Seen: The 57th Mass. Veteran Volunteers*
- *1890 Massachusetts Census Index of Civil War Veterans or Their Widows*
- *Record of the Massachusetts Volunteers 1861-1865*

Court Records.

- *A Bibliographical Sketch of the Laws of the Massachusetts Colony from 1630-1686.*
- *Selectmen's Minutes from 1764 Through 1768.*
- *Selectmen's Minutes from 1769 Through April 1775.*
- *Massachusetts (Colony) Court of Assistants Records. 1630-1692. Vol 1-3.*
- *Massachusetts Civil List, 1630-1774.* By William Whitmore

County Histories—Numerous county histories are available. Please check our catalog.

Emigration/Immigration

- *Armenian Immigrants: Boston, 1891-1901.* By Linda Avakian.
- *The Search for Missing Friends: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in the Boston Pilot.*
- *The Planters of the Commonwealth: A study of the Emigrants and Emigration in Colonial Times* by Charles Banks.
- *New England Indexes to Naturalization Petitions 1791-1906* (Microfilm)

Military

- *Massachusetts Militia Companies and Officers in the Lexington Alarm.*
- *Massachusetts Soldiers in the French and Indian Wars, 1755-1756.*
- *Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the 17th Century Conflicts.*
- *Records of the Massachusetts Volunteers 1864-65 Vol 1-2.*
- *Massachusetts Volunteer Militia in the War of 1812.* By Gardner Pearson

Periodicals/ Major and Large Collections.

- *Massachusetts Society of Genealogists* 1990-Present.
- *The Berkshire Genealogist.* 1978-Present
- *The Essex Antiquarian.* Vol 1-6 (1897-1902)
- *The Essex Genealogist (Massachusetts).* 1982-Present

Religion

- *Records of the Parish List of Deaths: 1785-1819.* By William Bentley
- *The New North Church, Boston, 1714.* By Thomas Wyman
- *Plymouth Church Records: 1620-1859*
- *The Quaker Invasion of Massachusetts.* By Richard Hallowell

Revolutionary War

Indexes to pension and service records are available for all states and are located in 973.3.

- *Massachusetts and Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* (FTM CD #147 and Ancestry)
- *Freemen, Freeholders and Citizen Soldiers: An Organizational History of Colonel Jonathan Bagley's Regiment 1755-1760*
- *Muster and Pay Rolls of the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783. (Massachusetts Vol. 1).*

Special Collections

- The Corbin Collection – (The New England Historic Genealogical Society Microfilm). 55 Rolls. (Microfilm cabinet) The complete collection includes Berkshire, Franklin and Hampden Counties, as well as scattered towns in other Massachusetts counties and other New England states such as Connecticut and Rhode Island. Materials include vital records, church records, town records, epitaphs, family Bible records, unpublished local histories and over 500 family genealogies.

Vital Records - Microfiche

- **VR*** – Vital Records 1620-1905 – Actual town documents on microfiche. The years listed approximate the earliest and latest records filmed.
- **TR** – Transcripts **to 1850*** – 179 towns of newly discovered hand-written transcripts. Some of the towns have no other records than these. These records can be duplicated in the vital records. These are in their original form – whether by family, by date, by alphabet or in the same two-page format found in the registers of 1843-1850.

- **1850 - Vital Records to 1850 on microfiche*** – 210 towns – arranged alphabetically by births, marriages and deaths. Facts gathered from town, church, cemetery, court and families.
- **B** – Some of the 1850 vital records are only available in book and some are available in both book and microfiche. Please check the online catalog for the location of the book.

*Descriptions and information from Archive Publishing, Oxford, MA

TOWN	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Abington	TR, 1850
Acton	TR, 1850
Acushnet	VR(1860-90)
Adams	VR(1763-1900)
Agawam	VR(1855-1892)
Alford	TR, 1850
Amesbury	TR, 1850
Amherst	VR(1747-1891)
Andover	TR, 1850
Arlington	TR, 1850
Ashburnham	TR, 1850
Ashby	VR(1754-1890)
Ashfield	TR, 1850
Ashland	VR(1840-1895)
Athol	TR, 1850
Attleboro	VR(1694-1890), TR, 1850
Auburn	VR(1704-1900), 1850
Ayer	VR(1871-1900)
Barnstable	VR(1643-1892), B(1688-1729)
Barre	VR(1718-1895),TR, 1850
Becket	VR(1765-1900),TR, 1850
Bedford	TR, 1850
Belchertown	VR(1765-1893)
Bellingham	TR, 1850
Berkley	VR(1670-1900)
Bernardston	VR(1735-1897)
Beverly	TR, 1850, B
Billerica	TR, 1850
Blackstone	VR(1844-1900)
Blandford	VR(1737-1860)
Bolton	TR, 1850
Boston	VR(1630-1849)
Boston Births	
Boston Deaths	
Boston Marriages	VR(1849-1890)
Boston OT Marriages	
Boxboro	TR, 1850
Boxford	TR, 1850(missing)
Boylston	1850, VR 1742-1900
Bradford	TR, 1850
Braintree	1850
Brewster	1850, B, VR(1745-1900)
Bridgewater	TR, 1850
Brighton	VR(1771-1873)
Brimfield	TR, 1850
Brockton	TR, 1850
Brookfield	TR, 1850
Brookline	TR, 1850, B
Buckland	TR, 1850

TOWN	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Burlington	TR, 1850
Cambridge	TR, 1850
Canton (Stoughton)	1850
Carlisle	TR, 1850
Carver	VR(1733-1900), TR, 1850
Charlemont	TR, 1850
Charlestown	VR(1629-1874)
Charlton	TR, 1850, B
Chatham	VR(1693-1900)
Chelmsford	TR, 1850
Chelsea	TR, 1850
Cheshire	VR(1793-1892)
Chester	TR, 1850
Chesterfield	VR(1762-1892)
Chicopee	VR(1844-1890)
Chilmark	TR, 1850
Clarksburg	VR(1798-1900)
Clinton	VR(1850-1900)
Cohasset	VR(1717-1900), TR, 1850
Colrain	VR(1741-1895), TR, 1850
Concord	1850
Conway	TR, 1850
Cummington	VR(1762-1900)
Dalton	TR, 1850
Dana	TR, 1850
Danvers	TR, 1850, B
Dartmouth	TR, 1850
Dedham	VR(1635-1890)
Deerfield	VR(1675-1898), TR, 1850
Dennis	VR(1710-1890), B(1793-1900)
Dighton	VR(1695-1890)
Dorchester	VR(1631-1869)
Douglas	TR, 1850
Dover	TR, 1850
Dracut	TR, 1850
Dudley	TR, 1850
Dunstable	TR, 1850
Duxbury	TR, 1850, B
East Bridgewater	TR, 1850
Eastham	B(1675-1827)
Easthampton	VR(1785-1892)
Easton	VR(1693-1900)
Edgartown	TR, 1850
Egremont	VR(1838-1897)
Enfield	VR(1770-1890), 1850, B
Erving	VR(1844-1900)
Essex	TR, 1850
Fall River	VR(1803-1889)
Falmouth	VR(1668-1892)

TOWN	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Fitchburg	1850, VR(1751-1895)
Florida	VR(1781-1900)
Foxborough (Foxboro)	TR, 1850
Framingham	TR, 1850
Freetown	B(1686-1890)
Gardner	TR, 1850
Georgetown	TR, 1850
Gill	TR, 1850
Gloucester	TR, 1850
Goshen	VR(1781-1898)
Grafton	TR, 1850
Granby	VR(1710-1900)
Granville	TR, 1850
Great Barrington	TR, 1850
Greenfield	TR, 1850
Greenwich	VR(1741-1900)
Groton	TR, 1850
Halifax	1850, VR(1734-1900)
Hamilton	VR(1714-1897), TR, 1850
Hampden	VR(1878-1895)
Hancock	VR(1767-1896)
Hanover	VR(1712-1895)
Hanson	VR(1820-1900), TR, 1850
Hardwick	TR, 1850
Harvard	TR, 1850
Haverhill	TR, 1850
Harwich	VR(1673-1895)
Hawley	VR(1763-1892)
Heath	TR, 1850
Hingham	VR(1635-1900)
Hingham Cem	1600-1689
Hinsdale	TR, 1850
Holbrook	VR(1872-1900)
Holden	TR, 1850
Holland	VR(1771-1890)
Holliston	TR, 1850
Holyoke	VR(1850-1890)
Hopkinton	TR, 1850
Hubbardston	TR, 1850
Hudson	VR(1866-1900)
Hull	TR, 1850
Huntington	VR(1773-1910)
Hyde Park	VR(1868-1891)
Ipswich	VR(1634-1892), TR, 1850
Kingston	TR, 1850
Lakeville	VR(1853-1900)
Lancaster	B(1643-1850)
Lanesboro	VR(1765-1897), 1850
Lawrence	TR, 1850
Lee	TR, 1850
Leicester	TR, 1850
Lenox	VR(1756-1890)
Leominster	TR, 1850
Leverett	VR(1736-1890)
Lexington	TR, 1850
Leyden	VR(1776-1899)

TOWN	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Lincoln	TR, 1850
Littleton	1850, VR(1689-1905)
Longmeadow	VR(1784-1895)
Lowell	1850, TR VR(1779-1905)
Ludlow	VR(1774-1905)
Lunenburg	1850, VR(1707-1900)
Lynn	TR, 1850, B
Lynnfield	TR, 1850, B
Malden	TR, 1850
Manchester	TR, 1850
Mansfield	TR, 1850
Marblehead	TR, 1850
Marion	VR(1852-1910)
Marlboro	TR, 1850
Marshfield	VR(1631-1890)
Mashpee	VR(1834-1899)
Maynard	VR(1871-1910)
Medfield	TR, 1850
Medford	TR, 1850, B
Medway	VR(1712-1900), TR, 1850
Mendon	TR, 1850
Methuen	TR, 1850
Middleboro	VR(1666-1900), B(1666-1801)
Middlefield	TR, 1850
Middleton	TR, 1850
Milford	TR, 1850
Millbury	TR, 1850
Millis	Cemetery 1885-1910
Milton	1850
Monroe	VR(1777-1896)
Montague	TR, 1850
Monterey	VR(1825-1895)
Montgomery	TR, 1850
Mt. Washington	VR(1745-1900)
Nantucket	TR, 1850
Natick	TR, 1850
Needham	VR(1711-1858)
New Ashford	TR, 1850
New Bedford	TR, 1850
New Braintree	TR, 1850, B
Newbury	TR, 1850
Newburyport	TR, 1850
New Marlboro	VR(1734-1890)
New Salem	1850, VR(1742-1894)
Newton	TR, 1850
North Adams	VR(1878-1906)
Northampton	1850, VR(1654-1893)
North Andover	VR(1854-1905)
Northborough (boro)	1850, VR(1716-1892)
Northbridge	TR, 1850
N. Brookfield	VR(1841-1898)
Northfield	VR(1717-1900)
Norton	TR, 1850, B
Norwell	VR(1636-1900)
Oakham	VR(1750-1895), TR, 1850
Orange	VR(1767-1891)

TOWN	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Orleans	VR(1637-1892
Otis	TR, 1850
Oxford	TR, 1850
Palmer	TR, 1850
Paxton	VR(1749-1890)
Peabody	VR(1855-1905)
Pelham	TR, 1850
Pembroke	TR, 1850
Pepperell	B, VR(1699-1891)
Peru	TR, 1850
Petersham	VR(1743-1893), TR, 1850
Phillipston	TR, 1850
Pittsfield	VR(1741-1910)
Plainfield	VR(1785-1863)
Plymouth	VR(1663-1894), B
Plympton	TR, 1850
Prescott	VR(1795-1890)
Princeton	TR, 1850
Provincetown	VR(1620-1890)
Quabbin Park	Cemetery Rcds (1741-1984)
Quincy	VR(1792-1889)
Randolph	VR(1731-1890)
Raynham	VR(1699-1895), B1699-1862)
Reading	TR, 1850
Rehoboth	1850, B(1642-1896)
Richmond	TR, 1850
Rochester	TR, 1850
Rockport	TR, 1850
Rowe	VR(1774-1848)
Rowley	TR, 1850
Roxbury	TR, 1850
Royalston	TR, 1850
Russell	VR(1792-1896)
Rutland	TR, 1850
Salem	TR, 1850
Salisbury	TR, 1850
Sandisfield	1850
Sandwich	VR(1651-1890), B(1636-1720)
Saugus	TR, 1850
Savoy	VR(1736-1905)
Scituate	TR, 1850
Scituate Church	VR(1695-1887)
Seekonk	VR(1760-1944)
Sharon	TR, 1850
Sheffield	VR(1726-1897)
Shelburne	TR, 1850
Sherborn	TR, 1850
Shirley	TR, 1850
Shrewsbury	VR(1717-1892), TR, 1850
Shutesbury	VR(1746-1900)
Somerset	VR(1680-1892)
Southampton	VR(1758-1890)
Southboro	TR, 1850
Southbridge	VR(1816-1889), B
South Hadley	VR(1730-1896)
Southwick	VR(1771-1890)

TOWN	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Spencer	TR, 1850
Springfield	VR(1640-1894)
Sterling	VR(1740-1900)
Stockbridge	VR(1737-1887)
Stoneham	TR, 1850
Stoughton	VR(1709-1900)
Stoughton (Canton)	1850
Stow	TR, 1850
Sturbridge	VR(1723-1891), TR, 1850
Sudbury	TR, 1850
Sunderland	VR(1686-1890)
Sutton	VR(1710-1905), TR, 1850
Sutton Church	VR(1720-1948)
Swansea	1850, B
Taunton	TR, 1850
Templeton	TR, 1850
Tewksbury	TR, 1850
Tisbury	TR
Tolland	VR(1843-1900)
Topsfield	TR, 1850
Townsend	VR(1726-1891)
Truro	VR(1702-1890),1850
Tyngsboro	TR, 1850, B
Tyringham	VR(1759-1898), TR, 1850
Upton	TR, 1850
Uxbridge	TR, 1850
Wakefield	TR, 1850
Wales	VR(1762-1895)
Walpole	TR, 1850
Waltham	TR, 1850
Ware	VR(1735-1893)
Wareham	B(1739-1833)
Warren	VR(1727-1905), TR, 1850
Warren Church	VR(1791-1866)
Warwick	VR(1739-1890)
Washington	VR(1755-1900, TR, 1850, B
Wayland	TR, 1850
Webster	VR(1832-1905)
Wellfleet	VR(1763-1905)
Wendell	VR(1763-1893)
Wenham	TR, 1850, B
Westborough (boro)	1850, TR
West Boylston	VR(1843-1899), TR, 1850
West Bridgewater	TR, 1850
West Brookfield	VR(1848-1891)
Westfield	VR(1669-1904)
Westford	TR, 1850
Westhampton	VR(1778-1893)
Westminster	TR, 1850
West Newbury	TR, 1850
Westport	VR(1717-1900), TR, 1850
West Roxbury	VR(1712-1873)
West Springfield	TR, 1850
West Stockbridge	VR(1774-1900), TR, 1850
Weymouth	TR, 1850
Whately	VR(1771-1895)

TOWN	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Wilbraham	VR(1762-1895)
Williamsburg	VR(1771-1899)
Williamstown	VR(1757-1900), TR, 1850
Wilmington	1850
Winchendon	TR, 1850
Windsor	TR, 1850
Worcester	1850
Worthington	TR, 1850
Wrentham	TR, 1850
Yarmouth	VR(1665-1890)