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## **Collection Information**

Abstract : Records of the Lincoln Historical Commission include inventory forms, National Register materials, documents relating to local Historic District By-Law, early industrial sites and other sites of early historical importance, and minutes.

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

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See Also: Lincoln Buildings Collection - 2002.001

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

Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- History.  
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Politics and government.  
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Buildings, structures, etc.  
Public records -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Zoning -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
City planning -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Land use, Urban -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Historic buildings -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Historic districts -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Historic sites -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Historic preservation -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Architecture -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Dwellings -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Local government records -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat  
Photograph collections -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). lcsb  
Lincoln Center Historic District.

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## **Historical/Biographical Notes**

A petition to the Governor and General Court in 1746 from the inhabitants of the easterly part of Concord, the westerly part of Lexington, and the northerly part of Weston requested to be set off from their respective towns in order to have a more convenient location for worship. A precinct was established, which gave the inhabitants authority to build a meeting house and hire a minister, the Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston. A subsequent petition led to the incorporation of the Town of Lincoln in 1754, encompassing approximately the area formerly the Second Precinct. Evolution of Town government over 250 years has increased the number and kind of municipal services provided by Towns in Massachusetts. The Lincoln Historical Commission was established by vote of the Lincoln Town Meeting in 1974, and is responsible for documenting historical properties in the Town. The Commission also has optional duties, including applying for National Register of Historic Places recognition, educational programs, and similar outreach.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises minutes of meetings and correspondence, 1980s-1990s; National Register of Historic Places applications and related documentation, 1980s; documents relating to a local Historic District By-Law, 1980s; inventory forms of historical buildings, sites, structures, etc. (some completed by the Lincoln Historical Society), 1970s-1980s; materials relating to Hobbs Mill site, an early industrial site, the Muster Field, and other historical sites.

The collection is arranged topically.

## **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Minutes, 1982-1991. (1 folder)

Series 2: Inventories of historic buildings, 1970s-1980s. (18 folders)

Series 3: National Register of Historic Places, applications, 1980s. (16 folders)

Series 4: Historic District By-Law, documentation, 1980s. (5 folders)

Series 5: Historic Sites; Hobbs Brook Mill site, Muster Field, etc., 1970s-1980s. (14 folders)

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Series 1, Minutes

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.033.1.1	Minutes of meeting of Lincoln Historical Commission / February 3, 1982.
1	1	2003.033.1.2	Historic District Commission Application for Certificate, blank form / nd.
1	1	2003.033.1.3	Notice of Public Hearing on application of First parish to build handicap ramp on building within the Historic District / March 22, 1991.

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 Series 2, Inventories

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2003.033.2.1-.3	Correspondence relating to surveys of Lincoln historical houses / 1973-1974. (3 items)
1	2	2003.033.2.4-.5	Lists of bicentennial houses (to be surveyed for bicentennial celebration) / April, June 1976. (3 items)
1	2	2003.033.2.6	Biography of Robert Douglas Donaldson, Lincoln businessman, in <i>Middlesex County and its People</i> / c1927. (3 p.)
1	3	2003.033.2.7	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Parks house on 31 Old Sudbury Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Mrs. Raymond W. Tunnell, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.
1	4	2003.033.2.8	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Jonathan Sherman house on 62 Oxbow Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Mrs. Raymond W. Tunnell, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.
1	5	2003.033.2.9	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of James Adams house on 61 Oxbow Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Margaret M. Martin, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.
1	6	2003.033.2.10	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of John Billing house on 9 Baker Farm Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Margaret M. Martin, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.

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| 1 | 7  | 2003.033.2.11 | Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Capt. Daniel & John Adams [Joseph Adams] house on 191 Concord Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Margaret M. Martin, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s. |
| 1 | 8  | 2003.033.2.12 | Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of David Parks house on 47 Old Sudbury Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Mrs. Raymond W. Tunnell, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.                      |
| 1 | 9  | 2003.033.2.13 | Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Benjamin Brown house on 15 Conant Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Louise M. Butts, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.                                |
| 1 | 10 | 2003.033.2.14 | Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Flint homestead on 28 Lexington Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Margaret Flint, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.                                   |
| 1 | 11 | 2003.033.2.15 | Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Jacob Baker house on 36 Old Concord Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Margaret M. Martin, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.                           |
| 1 | 12 | 2003.033.2.16 | Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Joseph Brown [Thomas Cory] house on 68 Conant Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Donald H. Warren, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.                   |

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1	13	2003.033.2.17	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Daniel Brooks house on 19 Brooks Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Harriet Rogers, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.
1	14	2003.033.2.18	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Nathan Brown Jr. house on 30 Tower Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Margaret M. Martin, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.
1	15	2003.033.2.19	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Nathan Brown house on 37 Lincoln Road, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Harland B. Newton, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.
1	16	2003.033.2.20	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of Daniel Hoar house (Hoar homestead) on 268 Concord Turnpike, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Margaret Flint, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.
1	17	2003.033.2.21	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, of David Stone house on 291 Concord Turnpike, with supporting documentation and manuscript notes / Mrs. Donald Leavitt, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970s.
1	18	2003.033.2.22	Miscellaneous notes relating to other historical houses in Lincoln : manuscript / ca. 1970s.
1	19	2003.033.2.23	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, blank forms.

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 Series 3, National Register of Historic Places

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	20	2003.033.3.1	Application for nomination of Lincoln Center Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places : lists, map / Lincoln Historical Commission, January 1984.
1	21	2003.033.3.2	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 1-8, with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	22	2003.033.3.3	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 9-16 (no 14), with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	23	2003.033.3.4	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 17-24 (no 17) with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	24	2003.033.3.5	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 25-32, with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	25	2003.033.3.6	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 33-40, with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	26	2003.033.3.7	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 41-48, with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)

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1	27	2003.033.3.8	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 49-56, with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	28	2003.033.3.9	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 57-64, with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	29	2003.033.3.10	Massachusetts Historical Commission, Form B, structure survey, p. 65-70, with 4 x 5 in. photographic prints / 1977-1980. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	30	2003.033.3.11	Sketch maps of Lincoln Center, 1746-1875. (Attachments to 2003.033.3.1)
1	31	2003.033.3.12	National Register Application Manual and application forms / Massachusetts Historical Commission, 1982.
1	32	2003.033.3.13	Application forms for National Register of Historic Places for Codman Estate, Daniel Brooks House, and Hoar Tavern, Lincoln, Mass. / 1973, 1976.
1	33	2003.033.3.14	Application by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities for renovation of Codman Estate carriage house, with cover letter to Lincoln Historical Commission / May 1980.
1	34	2003.033.3.15	Lists, notes, drafts relating to Lincoln Center Historic District application / ca. 1980.
1	35	2003.033.3.16	Criteria and guidelines for National Register applications, with sample application / 1983.

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 Series 4, Historic District By-Law

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	36	2003.033.4.1	Materials relating to establishment of Historic Districts and Historic District By-Laws in Lincoln, including open letter to property owners, study committee report, proposed and draft copies of by-laws, and related documents / 1980-1981.
2	37	2003.033.4.2	Maps and Massachusetts Historical Commission Structure Survey Forms for Woods End Historic District and (The Grange) Codman Historic District / ca. 1981.
2	38	2003.033.4.3	Lincoln Historical District Preliminary Study Report / John C. MacLean, 1978; revised by Lincoln Historical District Study Committee 1979.
2	39	2003.033.4.4	Massachusetts Historical Commission Area Survey and Structure Survey Forms for Lincoln Center (proposed historic district) / ca. 1979.
2	40	2003.033.4.5	Lincoln Historic District By-Law, as submitted to Attorney General of the Commonwealth for approval, with cover letter / April 1981.

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 Series 5, Historic Sites  
 Subseries 1, Hobbs Brook Mill Site

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	41	2003.033.5.1.1	Ruins of man-made structures on Hobbs Brook, Lincoln, with Mill History-Progress Report : sketch map with typescript, 7 p. / 1970.
2	41	2003.033.5.1.2	Highlights of the history of the Hobbs Brook mill site, Lincoln : typescript / Elizabeth A. Little, Lincoln Historical Society, ca. 1970.
2	41	2003.033.5.1.3	Summary of Abbott's Mill History : typescript with map, 3 p. / E. A. Little, 1971.
2	41	2003.033.5.1.4	Summary of Benjamin period at mill site : typescript with maps, 7 p. / Elizabeth A. Little, 1969.
2	41	2003.033.5.1.5	The top layer of mill site history : typescript with sketch maps, 3 p. / Elizabeth A. Little, 1969.
2	42	2003.033.5.1.6	Plan of city (Cambridge watershed) owned land in Lincoln (in Hobbs Brook area) / [Cambridge] Deputy City Engineer, 1946. (3 copies)
2	42	2003.033.5.1.7	Plan of land between Concord Turnpike (Route 2) and Hobbs Brook / nd.
2	42	2003.033.5.1.8	Deed of Joseph Abbott to Joseph Abbott, Jr., for mill site, April 23, 1785 / transcribed by E. A. Little, November 1969.
2	42	2003.033.5.1.9	Deed of Joseph Abbott to William Benjamin, April 17, 1804, for mill site, with sketch map / transcribed ca. 1969.

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| 2 | 42 | 2003.033.5.1.10-.11 | Abbott mansion house, with land acquisition records of Abbott family, with sketch map / transcribed by [E. A.] Little, 1970.<br>(2 items) |
| 2 | 42 | 2003.033.5.1.12-.14 | Photocopies of maps of Hobbs Brook area, 1758, 1791, 1804.<br>(3 items)   |
| 2 | 42 | 2003.033.5.1.15     | Page from Joshua Childs account book, 1773 : photocopy.   |
| 2 | 43 | 2003.033.5.1.16     | Historical Soc. proposes dam restoration : clipping / S.l., s.n., nd. aqp   |
| 2 | 43 | 2003.033.5.1.17     | Proposal for development of mill site, and related subjects : manuscript, 3 p. / nd.  |
| 2 | 43 | 2003.033.5.1.18     | Notice of tour of mill site for town officials : typescript / Elizabeth A. Donaldson, October 1971.                                       |
| 2 | 43 | 2003.033.5.1.19     | Correspondence and notes relating to restoration projects at mill site / 1971. 4 p.   |
| 2 | 43 | 2003.033.5.1.20     | Lincoln history walk #1, Hobbs Brook at Mill Street : typescript with sketch map / Elizabeth A. Little, nd. (2 p.)                        |
| 2 | 44 | 2003.033.5.1.21-.23 | Correspondence relating to surveys and restoration of Hobbs Brook mill site / 1971-1981.<br>(3 items)                                     |
| 2 | 45 | 2003.033.5.1.24     | Letter relating to preservation of mill site : manuscript / Betsy Little, nd.   |
| 2 | 45 | 2003.033.5.1.25     | Quotation from Thoreau, and photographs of land stripping on Spaulding farm (with 2003.033.5.1.24)  |
| 2 | 46 | 2003.033.5.1.26     | Miscellaneous documents relating to mill site, land owner families, other notes.  |

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Series 5, Historic Sites  
Subseries 2, Muster Field

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2	47	2003.033.5.2.1	Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Form D, Archaeological and Historic Sites, for field where Lincoln Minutemen met prior to marching to Concord April 19, 1775 : typescript with map / nd (ca. 1970) (2 p.)
2	47	2003.033.5.2.2	Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Form D, Archaeological and Historic Sites, for field where blacksmith shop and barn existed in 1730, and where Lincoln Minutemen met prior to marching to Concord April 19, 1775 : manuscript / Mrs. John B. Glass, 1958. (2 p.)

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 Subseries 3, Other Sites

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2	48	2003.033.5.3.1	Letter to Mrs. George Donaldson, Lincoln Historical Commission, from Peter H. Stott, Massachusetts Historical Commission, relating to inventory of industrial and engineering landmarks in the greater Boston area, with background information about the town, and description of Lee's Bridge : typescript, 4 p. / January 20, 1983.
2	49	2003.033.5.3.2	Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Form D, Archaeological and Historic Sites, for 12 locations in Lincoln / ca. 1960s-1970s.
2	50	2003.033.5.3.3	Deed granted by Joshua Brooks to his son for tannery in Lincoln : photocopy / 1745.
2	50	2003.033.5.3.4	Plan of land showing property of Joshua Brooks, Tanner : sketch map / nd.
2	50	2003.033.5.3.5	Mill sites and other places explored by Smith School Annex : map, list / 1971. (2 p.)
2	51	2003.033.5.3.6-7	Maps identifying historical sites in Lincoln / ca. 1970s. (2 items)
2	52	2003.033.5.3.8	Lincoln Mill Hunt, 1970-1971, by Smith School Annex and Lincoln Historical Society : maps, photographs, clippings, copies of deeds, notes, etc. : binder (dismantled) / compiled by Elizabeth A. Little, 1970-1971.
2	53	2003.033.5.3.9	Mill site history, largely facsimile copies of early deeds to mill properties, largely in the Hobbs Brook area : binder (dismantled). (Some illegible)

Series 5, Subseries 3, continued

2	54	2003.033.5.3.10	Mill site research and historical notes, including correspondence, maps, clippings, photographs, etc., largely in Hobbs Brook area : binder (dismantled) / ca. 1960s.
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