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Collection Information

Abstract : Lincoln Cemetery Collection includes lists of burials in Precinct and Meetinghouse Cemeteries, copies of inscriptions from earliest stones, and a list of graves in Arbor Vitae Cemetery prepared in the 1940s by the DAR.

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

Preferred Citation : Archives/Special Collections of the Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, Massachusetts.

See Also : Lincoln Gravestone Photographs, 2003.001.
Town of Lincoln Annual Report, 1924, p. 151-199.

Provenance : Unknown.

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

Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- History.
Cemeteries -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Sepulchral monuments -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Sepulchral monuments -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town) -- Photographs.
Epitaphs -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Arbor Vitae Cemetery (Lincoln, Mass. : Town)
Precinct Cemetery (Lincoln, Mass. : Town)
Meetinghouse Cemetery (Lincoln, Mass. : Town)

Daughters of the American Revolution. Lexington Chapter.

Historical/Biographical Notes

The first cemetery in Lincoln was Precinct Cemetery, which dates from 1748, located at the time about half-mile across fields from the town center and meeting house. Meeting House Cemetery was established in 1756, soon after the incorporation of Lincoln, at a more convenient location to the center of the town. The other pre-20th century in Lincoln is the Arbor Vitae Cemetery, also called Three-Cornered Cemetery, first used in 1837. Pre-19th century gravestones commonly are works of local stone carvers, with distinctive artwork, as well as sometimes unique epitaphs.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises lists of burials in Precinct Cemetery (Old Burial Ground) and in Meetinghouse Cemetery (Centre Cemetery) during the 18th and 19th centuries; inscriptions of older stones in the cemeteries; and inscriptions from stones in Arbor Vitae (Three Cornered) Cemetery, prepared in 1946 by the Lexington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for genealogical research.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Lists of Burials, 18th-19th centuries. (4 folders)

Series 2: Inscriptions, 18th-19th centuries. (2 folders)

Series 3: Arbor Vitae Cemetery. Inscriptions copied by D.A.R. (1 folder)

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 Series 1, Lists of Burials

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.037.1.1	List of 18th and 19th century burials in Precinct Cemetery (Old Burying Ground) and Meetinghouse Cemetery (Centre Cemetery) : manuscript, 3 sheets, arranged alphabetically by family name / nd, unknown author.
1	2	2003.037.1.2	List of 18th and 19th century graves in Meetinghouse (Center) Cemetery, with date of death and age : manuscript, 13 sheets, arranged alphabetically by family name / nd, author unknown.
1	3	2003.037.1.3	List of family names and given names of burials in Meetinghouse (Center) Cemetery : manuscript, 4 sheets, arranged alphabetically by family name / nd/, author unknown.
1	4	2003.037.1.4	Photograph of gravestone (probably footstone) of Abraham Gearfield in Meetinghouse Cemetery : collodion print, 6 x 7 in., mounted on 8 x 10 in. mat / Abram English Brown, Bedford, Mass., ca. 1890.

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Series 2, Inscriptions

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2003.037.2.1	"Inscriptions found in Old Training Ground" (Meetinghouse Cemetery) : manuscript, leaves #1- #100 / nd, transcriber unknown.
1	6	2003.037.2.2	"Inscriptions found in Old Training Ground" (Meetinghouse Cemetery) : manuscript, leaves #101 - #196 / nd., transcriber unknown.
1	7	2003.037.2.3	"Inscriptions found in Old Burying Ground" (Precinct Cemetery) : manuscript, leaves #2 - # 75 / nd, transcriber unknown; with inscription on index cards dated October 1946 and sketch map on index card.

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Series 3, Arbor Vitae Cemetery

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	8	2003.037.3.1	"Arbor Vitae Cemetery, copied in 1946 by women from Lexington for D.A.R. work", inscriptions from stones in Arbor Vitae Cemetery : typescript, index, 46 p. with annotations / Lexington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1946. (Copied and indexed for genealogical purposes)