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Collection Information

Abstract : Historical land use and land owners of Mt. Misery in Lincoln, written for the Lincoln Land Conservation Trust in 1981.

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 Environmental Records, 2003.027.

Provenance : Deposited by Lincoln Historical Society, 1982.

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

Lincoln (Mass.) -- History.
Mt. Misery (Lincoln, Mass.)
Conservation of natural resources -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Wildlife conservation -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Forest conservation -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
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Recreation -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
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Land use -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Manuscripts, American -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

Mt. Misery, currently Town of Lincoln conservation land, was formerly used by Native Americans primarily for hunting and/or gathering. The early white settlers acquired the land, and used the surrounding lands primarily for agricultural purposes, and Mt. Misery itself as woodland. The first white owners of record were the Billings family, who farmed in the area and operated a sawmill in the area as early as the 1700s. Land was cleared and extensively used for agricultural purposes into the 1800s, with some minor industrial use as sawmills and other mills were developed in the area. In the 1940s the land was purchased by James deNormandie, who acquired it to prevent development in the area. In 1969 the Town of Lincoln purchased the Mt. Misery area from deNormandie and others, to preserve the area as a unique natural resource and to open it for passive recreation.

Scope and Content

Historical land use and land owners of Mt. Misery, Lincoln, Massachusetts, a 33 p. typescript, was written by Jo Springer, Lincoln Land Conservation Trust, in the summer of 1981.

The collection is not arranged in series.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Manuscript, 1981. (1 item)

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1	1	2003.052.1.1	<i>Historical land use and land owners of Mt. Misery, Lincoln, Massachusetts</i> , a manuscript providing an historical overview of land use on and around Mt. Misery from Native American time through earliest settlement to the 1980s : 33 p., maps, bibliography / Jo Springer, Lincoln Land Conservation Trust, summer 1981. [Accessioned as 1982.24]