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Town Clerk's Records

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Collection Information

Abstract : Town Clerk's records of the Town of Lincoln include vital records of the Town of the 18th and 19th centuries, mortgages and related records, and miscellaneous records.

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

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Provenance : Municipal records, Town of Lincoln, deposited in vault ca. 1980s.

Note: Under Massachusetts statutes, municipal documents are property of the municipality and under the control of the municipal clerk or other official. Records are subject to Records Retention schedules, established by the Office of the State Secretary, and may not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of without permission of the State Secretary's Office.

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

Lincoln (Mass.) -- History.
Lincoln (Mass.) -- Statistics, Vital.
Lincoln (Mass.) -- Genealogy.
Lincoln (Mass.) -- Politics and government.
Lincoln (Mass.). Town Clerk.
Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston -- Statistics, Vital.
Public records -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Marriage records -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Registers of births, etc. -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Cities and towns -- Massachusetts.
Licenses -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. lsh
Mortgages -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat
Lincoln (Mass.) -- Boundaries.
Conveyances. aat
Mortgage deeds. aat
Land titles. aat
Ledgers. aat

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. As a Town, Lincoln had the rights and responsibilities to fund the meeting house and clergy of the established church, build and maintain highways, assess property for taxes, provide public education and care of the Town's poor, and other municipal obligations. Evolution of Town government over 250 years has increased the number and kind of municipal services provided by Towns in Massachusetts. By statute, municipal clerks are required to generate and retain permanently records of births, marriages, and deaths; as well as retaining records of mortgages, and numerous other types of municipal documents.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises Ledgers of early births, deaths, and marriages of the 18th and 19th centuries; mortgage documents relating to mortgages on both real and personal property to the 1950s; and a register of deeds, 1834-1878, which also includes records of licensed dogs.

The collection is arranged topically and by format.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Vital Records. (6 items)

Series 2: Mortgage Records. (31 folders)

Series 3: Licenses. (3 folders)

Series 4: Applications for Incorporation. (4 folders)

Series 5: Miscellaneous Records. (8 items)

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Series 1, Vital Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
BV		2003.016.1.1	The First Book of Records of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in the Town of Lincoln, 1754-1811; including vital records 1749-1753 : ledger, 269 p.
BV		2003.016.1.2	The First Book of Records of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in the Town of Lincoln, 1754-1811; including vital records 1749-1753 : ledger, 269 p. / true copy of original by James S. Chapin, Town Clerk, March 14, 1884.
BV		2003.016.1.3	The Second Book of Records of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in the Town of Lincoln, 1811-1845; with records of stray beasts, 1848-1865 at end of vital records : ledger, partial pagination.
BV		2003.016.1.4	Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in the Town of Lincoln, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1844-1875 : ledger, 29, 9, 17 p. [hand paginated].
1	1	2003.016.1.5	Deposition correcting record relative to birth of William J. Maxwell, born in Lincoln May 13, 1842 / certified May 31, 1907.
1	2	2003.016.1.6	Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1845-1879 : printed booklet, 42 p. / transcribed by M. M. Martin, May 2000. [Entered in library database as Vault 929.3 LINCOLN, 3 4864 00168 5147]

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Series 2, Mortgage Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.016.2.1	Personal property mortgages, November-December 1934, with cover and index to 1934-1939 records / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1934. (2 items + index and cover)
1	4	2003.016.2.2	Personal property and chattel mortgages, 1935 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1935. (21 items)
1	5	2003.016.2.3	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1936 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1936. (41 items)
1	6	2003.016.2.4	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1937 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1937. (41 items)
1	7	2003.016.2.5	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, January-May 1938 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1938. (24 items)
1	8	2003.016.2.6	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, May-December 1939, with cover and index to 1939-1944 records / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1939. (14 items)
1	9	2003.016.2.7	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1940 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1940. (28 items)
1	10	2003.016.2.8	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1941 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1941. (21 items)

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1	11	2003.016.2.9	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1942 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1942. (19 items)
1	12	2003.016.2.10	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1943 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1943. (15 items)
1	13	2003.016.2.11	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, January-October 1944 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1944. (18 items)
1	14	2003.016.2.12	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, October-December 1944 with cover and index 1944-1948 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1944. (3 items)
1	15	2003.016.2.13	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1945 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1945. (21 items)
1	16	2003.016.2.14	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1946 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1946. (43 items)
1	17	2003.016.2.15	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1947 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1947. (33 items)
1	18	2003.016.2.16	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, January-May 1948 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1948. (15 items)
1	19	2003.016.2.17	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, May-December 1948, with cover and index 1948-1959 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1948. (23 items)

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1	20	2003.016.2.18	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1949 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1949. (34 items)
1	21	2003.016.2.19	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1950 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1950. (43 items)
2	22	2003.016.2.20	Personal property, crop, and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, January-March 1951 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1951. (7 items)
2	23	2003.016.2.21	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, March-December 1951, with cover and index 1951-1953 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1951. (53 items)
2	24	2003.016.2.22	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1952 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1952. (51 items)
2	25	2003.016.2.23	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, January-April 1953 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1953. (15 items)
2	26	2003.016.2.24	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, May-December 1953, with cover and index 1953-1955 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1953. (44 items)
2	27	2003.016.2.25	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1954 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1954. (66 items)
2	28	2003.016.2.26	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, January 1955 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1955. (6 items)

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2	29	2003.016.2.27	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, July-December 1957, with index 1957-1958 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1957. (41 items)
2	30	2003.016.2.28	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1957 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1957. (64 items)
2	31	2003.016.2.29	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1958, with index for 1958 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1958. (77 items)
2	32	2003.016.2.30	Personal property and chattel mortgages, including releases and foreclosures, 1959-1962 / filed with Lincoln Town Clerk 1959-1962. (30 items)

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Series 3, Licenses

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	33	2003.016.3.1	Common Victuallers License Book, with completed stubs and blank forms / 1937-1953.
3	34	2003.016.3.2	License book for piggeries, slaughtering fowl, overnight cabins, massage / 1942-1956.
3	35	2003.016.3.3	Application for License for Innholders, Common Victuallers, and Other Keepers of Restaurants and Other Establishments / 1926. (10 forms)

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Series 4, Applications for Incorporation

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	36	2003.016.4.1	Application for Certificate of Incorporation under provisions of Ch. 180, MGL / 1954-1963.
3	37	2003.016.4.2	Application for Certificate of Incorporation under provisions of Ch. 180, MGL / 1964-1968.
3	38	2003.016.4.3	Application for Certificate of Incorporation under provisions of Ch. 180, MGL / 1969-1971.
3	39	2003.016.4.4	Application for Certificate of Incorporation under provisions of Ch. 180, MGL / 1972-1973.

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Series 5, Miscellaneous Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	40	2003.016.5.1	Declaration of Trust (Four H Trust) : typescript, 9 p. / June 12, 1968.
3	41	2003.016.5.2	Land Court certification and mortgage for land in Lincoln, formerly belonging to Charles E. Nelson et al. / 1944.
3	42	2003.016.5.3	Letter requesting an application for Common Victuallers License for Minute Man Farm, Lincoln : typescript / Helga R. Herstad, April 23, 1935.
3	42	2003.016.5.4	Extracts from statutes regulating Incorporation of Clubs and Organizations, under Chapter 180, MGL / Office of the State Secretary, May 28, 1926.
3	43	2003.016.5.5-.6	Perambulation of the Bedford-Lincoln Town Line; Perambulation of the Lincoln-Lexington Town Line : typescript, 3 p. each / 1935.
3	44	2003.016.5.7	Rental Agreement (Indenture) between Idylewylde Farm (Eugene H. Moore) and James J. Fay : 5 p. in ledger (only entry in 274 p. ledger) / May 9, 1912.
BV		2003.016.5.8	Record of Deeds : manuscript ledger, 263 p. / 1833-1878.