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Collection Information

Abstract : Records, programs, and other documentation relating to various Lincoln organizations, including Grange, Temperance Societies, etc., from mid-1800s to 1990s.

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

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Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Fire Department -- History.
Temperance -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Temperance -- Societies, etc.
Agriculture -- Societies, etc. -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Fairs -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Agricultural exhibitions -- Massachusetts -- Middlesex County.
Bird watching -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town) -- Societies, etc.
Birds -- Societies, etc.
Corporations -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Amateur theater -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Theater -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Social life and customs.
Massachusetts -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Reenactments.
Constitutions -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). lcsh
Bylaws -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). aat
Minutes -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). aat
Programs -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). aat
Handbills -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). aat
Dancing -- Study and teaching -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
 Lincoln Temperance Society.
 South Lincoln Temperance Society.
 Lincoln Bird Club.
 South Lincoln Hall Company.
 Patrons of Husbandry. Lincoln Grange No. 129.
 Lincoln Players.
 Lincoln Minute Men.
 Lincoln Historical Society.
 Lincoln Dancing Class, Inc.

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Lincoln Temperance Society was in existence in the 1830s with temperance becoming a popular topic among the 19th century reform leaders and movements; records of the society exist from the 1840s, and records of a later organization, the South Lincoln Temperance Society exist from ca. 1891.

Lincoln Bird Club was established in 1919 to study birds and their habits in Lincoln, participate in Arbor Day activities, and collect bird specimens. The records of the club show that the organization was active through 1934.

The South Lincoln Hall Company was established in 1891 as a corporation for the purpose of erecting a meeting hall in South Lincoln for holding religious, literary, and social meetings. Stock to the value of \$625.00 with 25 shares was initially offered, and purchased by residents of South Lincoln and immediate area.

The Lincoln Grange was established in 1886 to encourage and promote agricultural interests in Lincoln; it was disbanded in 1891, and reorganized in 1909. It remains active in 2003.

Lincoln Players, Inc. was established in the late 1940s or early 1950s to continue a tradition begun at St. Anne's Church to provide local entertainment and stage plays. The organization remains active in 2003.

Lincoln Fire Department established by vote to Town Meeting in 1893; first motor driven equipment acquired in 1916.

The Lincoln Minute Men keep alive the traditions of the original Minute Men through historical reenactments and other programs.

Lincoln Historical Society was organized in 1961 to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of the Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts.

The Lincoln Dancing Class, Inc., was organized and incorporated in 1964 to conduct and supervise dancing classes (ballroom) for adults and children, including the teaching of dancing in the Lincoln schools. The organization disbanded before 1995 and remaining funds were given to Lincoln School Association.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises record books and membership lists of the Lincoln Temperance Society, 1840s, and the South Lincoln Temperance Society, ca. 1891; records of the Lincoln Bird Club, 1919-1934; Constitution and by-laws of the South Lincoln Hall Company with lists of stock purchasers, 1891; a history of Lincoln Grange, ca. 1960s, and pamphlets relating to Grange and related fairs and festivals, 1869-1950; programs of Lincoln Players, 1954 and ca. 1962; handbills with programs of dramatic entertainment held in Lincoln Town Hall, ca. 1880s; a history and miscellaneous notes relating to the Lincoln Fire Department; Lincoln Minute Men program in 1996; newsletters and miscellaneous records of the Lincoln Historical Society, 1960s-1970s; Lincoln Dancing Class, Inc., Articles of Incorporation, by-laws, and minutes, 1964.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Temperance Societies, 1844-1891. (2 items)

Series 2: Lincoln Bird Club, 1919-1934. (12 items)

Series 3: South Lincoln Hall Company, 1891. (2 items)

Series 4: Lincoln Grange No. 129, 1869-ca. 1960s. (10 items)

Series 5: Lincoln Players, Inc., 1954-1960s. (2 items)

Series 6: Dramatic Entertainment, ca. 1880s. (4 items)

Series 7: Lincoln Fire Department, ca. 1950s-1960s. (3 items)

Series 8: Lincoln Minute Men, 1996. (2 items)

Series 9: Lincoln Historical Society, 1960s-1970s. (5 folders)

Series 10: Lincoln Dancing Class, 1964-1995. (2 folders)

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Series 1, Temperance Societies

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.044.1.1	Lincoln Temperance Society record book, including Constitution, bylaws, total abstinence pledge and signers, minutes of meetings from 1844-1850 (in part 'copied from the old book' : ledger, manuscript, not paginated / 1844-1850.
1	2	2003.044.1.2	South Lincoln Temperance Society records, including lists of names (members), financial records, list of honorary members, etc.; in 1891 advertising calendar-notebook for 1891 from Great Eastern Fertilizer Company, and inscribed J. H. Farrar : manuscript notes, not paginated / ca. 1891.

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Series 2, Lincoln Bird Club

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.044.2.1	Record book of the Lincoln Bird Club, 1919-1934, with minutes of meetings and membership certificate in Massachusetts Audubon Society : manuscript, not paginated / 1919-1934.
1	4	2003.044.2.2	Letter from John William Withers, Auburn, N. Y., to Lincoln Bird Club, relating to Arbor Day exercises : manuscript / March 31, 1922.
1	4	2003.044.2.3	Letter from Lincoln Bird Club to John William Withers relating to 1922 Arbor day activities : typescript / May 19, 1922.
1	4	2003.044.2.4-.5	Bills to Lincoln Bird Club from M. Abbott Frazar Co., Taxidermists, for mounting birds : manuscript / April 1921 and February 1922. (2 items)
1	4	2003.044.2.6	Receipt to Lincoln Bird Club from the Society for the Protection of Native Plants / May 6, 1920.
1	5	2003.044.2.7-9	List of members of Lincoln Bird Club and amount of dues paid : manuscript / 1919-1920, 1920-1921, 1921-1922. (3 items)
1	5	2003.044.2.10	Annual report of the Lincoln Bird Club : manuscript, 2 p. / 1921.
1	5	2003.044.2.11-.12	Two clippings about birds seen and Arbor Day activities : aqp on single sheet / S.l., s.n., nd. Article relating to Mrs. Harrington, noted bird expert : aqp / Boston Globe, September 28, 1937. (2 items)

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Series 3, South Lincoln Hall Company

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	2003.044.3.1	Stock subscribers agreement, with names of stock purchasers and number of shares purchased by each : manuscript / 1891. [Accessioned as 1982.90.1]
1	6	2003.044.3.2	Articles of Agreement of the South Lincoln Hall Company, by-laws, minutes of initial meeting to adopt by-laws and elect officers : typescript (carbon copy), 5 p. / May 16, 1891.

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 Series 4, Lincoln Grange No. 129

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	2003.044.4.1	History of Lincoln Grange No. 129, written on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Grange in Lincoln : typescript, 7 p. / ca. 1961; includes a poem written by Lorraine Dean on the occasion of the 75th anniversary.
1	8	2003.044.4.2-.3	Program of Lincoln Grange fair and exhibition : brochure / September 1948 and September 1950. (2 items)
1	9	2003.044.4.4-.5	Program of Lincoln Harvest Festival with exhibition information : typescript / 1946 and 1947. (2 items)
1	9	2003.044.4.6	Program of Lincoln Country Fair, held at St. Anne's Church : brochure / October 14, 1950.
1	10	2003.044.4.7-.9	Transactions of the Middlesex Agricultural Society including list of judges and premiums for the exhibition : booklet / 1879, 1882, 1886. (3 items)
1	10	2003.044.4.10	Middlesex Central Pomona #23 : booklet, 59 p. / 2002-2003.

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 Series 5, Lincoln Players

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	2003.044.5.1	Program for "The madwoman of Chaillot" : flier / presented by the Lincoln Players, directed by Barbara B. Sisson, November 12-13, 1954, at New School Auditorium, Lincoln.
1	11	2003.044.5.2	Program for "Anything goes" : pamphlet, 16 p. with advertising, list officers and committees, and other organizational information, and information about the play / presented by the Lincoln Players, directed by Mary Louise Edmonds, nd (ca. 1962)

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 Series 6, Dramatic Entertainment

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	12	2003.044.6.1-.2	Program for literary and dramatic entertainment at Town Hall, Lincoln : handbill / March 4 and 11, nd. (2 items)
1	12	2003.044.6.3-.4	Program for dramatic entertainment for the benefit of Young Ladies Charitable Mission, at Lincoln Town Hall : flier / March 22, 1883 and February 20, 1884. (2 items)

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 Series 7, Lincoln Fire Department

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	14	2003.044.7.1	<i>Growth and history of the Lincoln Fire Department</i> : typescript, 2 p. / Steve Coan, ca. 1960s.
1	14	2003.044.7.2	Article relating to retirement of Lincoln Fire Chief Andrew J. Dougherty : clipping, aqp / Sudbury, s.n., nd (ca. 1950s)
1	14	2003.044.7.3	Public notice relating to Fire Station Plans Committee and proposed new police/fire station : flier / Lincoln Board of Selectmen, October 1956.

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 Series 8, Lincoln Minute Men

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	15	2003.044.8.1	Program for performance of "Heroine of Battle Road", a Lincoln Colonial Evening : flier / sponsored by Lincoln Minute Men, March 1, 1996.
1	15	2003.044.8.2	Invitation to A Lincoln Colonial Evening and performance of "Heroine of Battle Road" : postcard / 1996.

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 Series 9, Lincoln Historical Society

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	16	2003.044.9.1	Correspondence, notes, clipping relating to exact date of Incorporation of Town of Lincoln / 1964.
1	17	2003.044.9.2	Bicentennial houses in Lincoln, lists with map of old houses in Lincoln / 1962-1976.
1	18	2003.044.9.3	Miscellaneous correspondence, 1970s, with four negatives, one showing grocery delivery wagon ca. 1900.
1	19	2003.044.9.4	Lists of source and research material recommended for the public library; additional miscellaneous lists : typescript / nd.
1	20	2003.044.9.5	Lincoln Historical Society Newsletter : typescript / 1965-1973 (incomplete).

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Series 10, Lincoln Dancing Class

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	21	2003.044.10.1	Agreement of Association, Lincoln Dancing Class, Inc. : typescript / Madge K. Fisher [et at.], November 25, 1963. (2 copies, 1 signed)
1	21	2003.044.10.2	Articles of Organization, Lincoln Dancing Class, Inc. : typescript / Madge K. Fisher [et al], nd. (unsigned)
1	21	2003.044.10.3	Corporation certification : typescript on form / Kevin H. White, Secretary of the Commonwealth, April 13, 1964.
1	21	2003.044.10.4	Bank statement of earned interest, with Tax Identifying Number, for Lincoln Dancing Class, Inc. / 1975.
1	21	2003.044.10.5	Letter to Lincoln Library from Susan Millard, relating to Lincoln Dancing Class, Inc. : manuscript / June 26, 1995.
1	22	2003.044.10.6	Minutes of organizational meeting of Lincoln Dancing Class, Inc., with election of officers and adoption of by-laws (included); minutes of special meetings : typescript / 1964-1965.