

Collection ID: 1960 - 001 - 166 - 024

Collection Name: Town History Collection

Dates: 1867 - 2000

Size: 3 document boxes (1.5 linear feet), 7 folders in 1 oversized [OS] print box

Name of Creator: Various

Biographical / historical note:

Scope and Contents: There are three sub-series: Major Anniversaries; Kingston Days; and General Histories.

Anniversary celebrations of the founding of Kingston in 1694 are for the 225th in 1919, 250th in 1946, 275th in 1969, and 300th in 1994. Materials are in chronological order, and consist of widely distributed printed materials, newspapers, and news clippings. There also are two folders relating to the local celebration of the nation's Bicentennial in 1976. The 1919 celebration is called a "triple celebration" representing the 225th anniversary of the Town, the return of soldiers at end of World War I, and Old Home Day.

The Kingston Days series (1996 - 2002) consists of programs and other materials for 1996 - 1999, 2001 and 2002. Kingston Days is an annual event that grew out of the 300th anniversary celebration. Kingston Days started a few years before to raise funds for the 300th anniversary and built support and interest. From the 1940s to early 1990s, the 4th of July Carnival sponsored by the Kingston Fire Department and Lion's Club on the Plains was a major summer event. A smaller carnival sponsored by the Kingston Improvement and Historical Society on the Plains but not on the 4th of July occurred for several years.

General histories (1867 -1994) date primarily from the latter half of the twentieth century and consist of articles, typed manuscripts, and photocopies of articles. Biographical information about Josiah Bartlett and General Stephen H. Gale is found in this series. It also includes more recent materials that seem to be arranged by topic.

Conditions governing access: Collection open for research

Language: English

Source: Various, including the Museum Committee

Subjects:

Anniversaries

Kingston Carnival

Kingston Days

Kingston Fire Department
Kingston Historical Society
Kingston, Town of
Lion's Club
Local history
Sestercentennial
Tercentenary
Town Hall

People:
Bartlett, Josiah
Gale, Stephen H.

Shelf Location:

Related archival materials: Separated from New England Dog Sled materials and now in Photograph Collection 1964 - 1965 Gazette Staff photos, Charles L. Booth, no name 1964 - 1965 New England Dog Sled Races.

See also: Poster Collection 1960-001-166-027 for posters relating to the 275th (1969) and 300th (1994) anniversary celebrations; 4th of July Carnival (Kingston Fire Department & Lion's Club) 1946 - 1990, n.d.; Kingston Carnival (Kingston Historical Society), 1996-1997, n.d.

Preparer: Listing, Archivist

Container List

Note: OS = Oversized print box; others are in document boxes

Box	Folder	Title	Date
		Series 1. Major Anniversaries	
01	01	"The Triple Celebration of the 225 th Anniversary" (1919) [x2]	1919
01	02	"Welcome Home!" 250 th anniversary invitation (1946) "Quarter-Millennial Anniversary Program" (1946) [x2] Issue of <i>Haverhill Sunday Record</i> (1946)	1946
01	03	News clippings, <i>Haverill Sunday Record</i> 11 Aug 1946 issue	1946
01	04	250th Anniversary Guest Book	1946
see oversized [OS] 01	01	Haverill Sunday Record, 11 August 1946 Haverill Gazette, 12 August 1946 (page 3 / 4)	1946
01	05	Kingston, NH: 275 th Anniversary" program (1969) 275th Anniversary Celebration, Kingston, NH (1969	1969

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		"The Kingston Garden Club Tour & Tea" guide (1969) "New Hampshire's 5 th " pageant program (1969) [x2] "An Ecumenical Vesper Service" program (undated)	
01	06	275th Anniversary: Commemorative Medal: Correspondence, clippings, sales, notes	1968 - 1969
01	07	275th Anniversary: Newspaper clippings	1969
see OS 01	02	Issue of <i>Haverill Gazette</i> , 23 Oct 1968 re commemorative medal	1968
see OS 01	03	Issues of <i>Plaistow News</i> (1969) 26 Jun 1969, 31 Jul, 7 Aug [x2], 14 Aug [x2]	1969
see OS 01	04	Issues of <i>Rockingham County Gazette</i> (1969) 30 Jul 1969 [x2],] 6 Aug, 20 Aug	1969
see OS 01	05	Scrapbook pages (2) of clippings, one loose oversized clipping	1969
01	08	American Revolution Bicentennial" program (1976) [x2]	1976
01	09	American Bicentennial News Clippings	1974 - 1976
01	10	300th Anniversary Committee: Agenda, minutes, correspondence	1992 - 1993
01	11	"Kingston, NH: 300 th Anniversary" program (1994) [x2]	1994
01	12	"300 Years of Kingston Spirit" calendar [x2]	1994
01	13	"Preliminary Activity Schedule" program (1994) [x2] "Kingston's 300th Anniversary House Tour" program (1994) [x2] "A Walking Tour of Kingston, New Hampshire" prepared by the History Committee "Historic Glance of 300th Kingston" by 6th period NH History Class, Sanborn Regional High School "Interfaith Vesper Service" program (1994) [x2] Kingston Parade Kingston Bluegrass 300th anniversary concert flyer & tickets [x2] Old Fashioned Firemen's Muster Participants Award for Kingston 300th All Vehicle Show Decals Kingston 1694 - 1994 New Hampshire	1994
01	14	300th Anniversary: News Clippings	1994
see OS 01	06	Special supplement of <i>Carriage Towne News</i> (26 Jul 1994) Issue of <i>Carriage Towne News</i> (26 Jul 1994)	1994
01	15	300th Anniversary: Coloring Book	1994
		Series 2. Kingston Days & Other Summer events	
02	01	"Kingston Days Celebration" program (1996)	1996

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02	02	"Kingston Days Program Book" (1997)	1997
02	03	"Kingston Days Celebration" program (1998) "Kingston Days Program Book" (1999)	1998 - 1999
02	04	"Kingston Days Celebration" program (2001) "Kingston Days Program Book" (2002)	2001 - 2002
02	05	Kingston Days flyers: Bed race, 1998, lobster feed, 2002	1998, 2002
See OS 1	07	Kingston Days "Summer Fun Weekend", 1993	1993
02	06	Kingston Carnival sponsored by Kingston Historical Society flyer	1995
		Series 3. General Histories	
02	07	Issue of <i>Granite Monthly</i> [coverless] (Dec 1894) <i>Sketch of Kingston</i> by George H. Moses p. 351 - 365 and photocopy of article	1894
02	08	"The Old Meeting House on Kingston Plains from the Reminiscences of Walter E. Burt" One page typescript by WAB (likely William A. Burt, a son), 1964; "The Old Badger Tavern at Kingston" from an article in the Exeter News-letter of 1921. handwritten 3 sheets, no name, n.d.; "from Rt 111 to Hampton line or Sanborn Rd from Willow Rd to Hampton line" sketch of home owners, no name, no date; "from The Granite Month, Vol XVII, No 6, Dec 1894, Concord, NH typescript and handwritten plus 1 sheet with "notes taken from Heroism of Hannah Duston by Robert B. Caverly, 1875" and "carriage factories", no name, n.d.,	1964, n.d.
02	09	"The Triple Celebration of the two hundred twenty fifth anniversary of the Settlement of the Town of Kingston, 1919 " Typescript no name, n.d. but indicates booklet borrowed from Mr. Earl Carter	n.d.
02	10	"The History of Kingston, NH [as copied by hand from Kingston's 250 th anniversary program of 1946]" (undated) Photocopy of Untitled account of early Town history (undated)	1946, n.d.
02	11	TMS: Copy of <i>Essex Banner</i> article [1867] TMS: "The History of Kingston" (undated) P/C: "Boundaries of Kingston [as copied from the History of Rockingham County of 1915]" [undated]	1867, 1915, n.d.

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		AM: Untitled notes on early settlers' land plots and marriages (undated) TMS: Copy of "Rockingham Rambles" [undated]	
02	11a	<i>History of Kingston, New Hampshire 1694 - 1969</i> . Compiled by a Committee of The Kingston Improvement and Historical Society. 134 page softcover book	1969
02	12	<i>New Hampshire Profiles</i> magazine (1971)	1971
02	13	TMS: "Kingston: Taken from History of NH by Belknap Vol I", 1831 (1972) P/C: "From Kingston Records, Volume 1" [undated] AM: "Nichols Memorial Library [and other untitled notes]" (undated) P/C: "Memories of Kingston in the Early Part of the 20 th Century" [1982] "Kingston Trivia" (1986) [x2]	1972, 1982, 1986, n.d.
02	14	<i>New England Monthly</i> magazine (1989)	1989
02	15	"History of Kingston, New Hampshire 1694 - 1994" (1994)	1994
02	16	"History of Kingston, New Hampshire 1694 - 1994" (1994)	1994
03	01	Bartlett, Josiah : "Dedication Program" (1958) [x2] "A Portrait of Josiah Bartlett" (1966) by Willard E. Flanders with accompanying news clipping "Josiah Bartlett of Kingston: Two Views" (1975) [x2]	1958, 1966, 1975
03	02	Bartlett, Josiah : <i>New Hampshire Profiles</i> magazine (1976)	1976
03	03	Gale, General Stephen H.: <i>The Granite Monthly</i> magazine (1906 Aug)	1906
03	04	Government. Meeting notes 1894 Mar 13, Selectman J.W. Prescott letter to Albert Ball 1907 Jun 10, printed lists of town officers in Rockingham County in 1896 and 1897	1894, 1896-1897, 1907
03	05	Map: "Kingston By-Pass: Relocation of Route NH 125" by NH Public Works & Highways Road Design Division 8 1/2 x 13	1962
03	06	Nichols Memorial Library: "Supplementary Catalogue" Books added from October 1898 to July 1906	1906
03	07	Rockingham County: "Annual Reports"	1959
03	08	State Park: "Kingston State Park, New Hampshire" pamphlet (undated) [x3]	c. 1950
03	09	Tax Documents: Assessment against Ebenezer Hunt (1875)	1875-1877, 1885, 1891-1892

Box	Folder	Title	Date
03	10	Town Hall: Blueprint copy "Specifications for Erection and Completion" , Funk and Wilcox Company architects and engineers Boston (c. 1929) Also in folder: Haverill Sunday Record article 1930 Jan 26 about dedication taking place January 28; photocopy of portion of paper; 4 copies of Kingston Town Hall in Celebration Attire, 1946 re dedication of WWII memorial, gift of Andrew Christie on August 10, 1946 next to WWI memorial dedicated May 30, 1924; Typescript of Kingston Museum Committee press release for restoration of weather vane and return to cupola of Town Hall n.d.	1924 -1946
03	11	Town of Kingston, NH: Zoning and Building Codes 1978 code w/ subsequent amendments	1978, 1989
03	12	Town Quilt. U.S. Bicentennial quilt news & magazine articles, design template. See also	1980- 1987