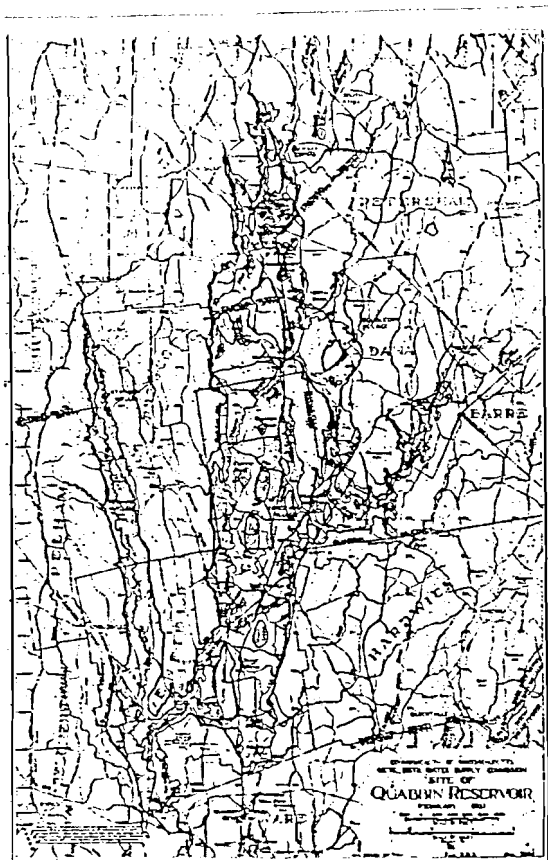
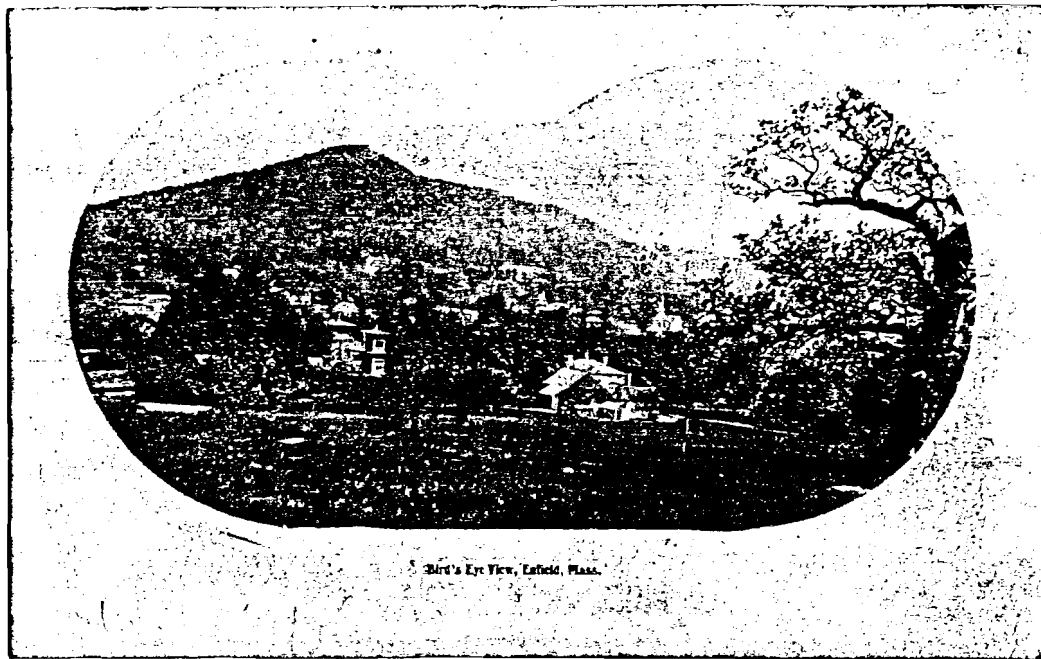




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In addition, the Microforms Area of the Library has on microfilm the town records of Prescott, Greenwich, and Pelham.

The Government Documents Department of the Library has the state documents that created the reservoir.

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- MS 12 BETHEL MASONIC LODGE RECORDS, 1858-1938.
Organized in 1825, the lodge was Enfield's oldest recorded social group. In 1829, it surrendered its charter in response to anti-Masonic pressures of the period, but petitioners got it restored in 1858. The records include an 1861 membership list, financial records, burial service manual, by-laws, directories, insurance policies, meeting cards, and a 100th anniversary booklet.
- MS 98 BOARDING HOUSE REGISTER, 1850.
Includes list of boarders and workers, among whom are some Irish women. Exact locale and owner remain unidentified.
- MS 92 BROWN AND BROTHERS LIVERY STABLE ACCOUNT BOOK, 1862-73.
Brown and his drivers criss-crossed the Swift River Valley from their base in Dana, hauling raw and finished freight. The growing palm leaf hat and furniture-making businesses of the region are clearly evident in the record.
- MS 95 CHICKERING FAMILY PAPERS, 1813-73.
Nathaniel Chickering, whose property deeds are included in this collection, ran a grist mill in Enfield. His daughter-in-law's accounts with C.F. Wood and Co. are also included.
- MS 76 CONNECTICUT VALLEY CHURCH CONFERENCE PROGRAM, 1924.
Program for the fall meeting of the Connecticut Valley Church Conference of the Unitarian-Congregational and other churches, which was held on the 100th anniversary of the building of the Old Brick Church in Deerfield. Several addresses and an historical paper were given, along with the devotional services.
- MS 33 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, CAPTAIN JOSEPH HOOKER CHAPTER RECORDS, 1916, 1922.
The records consist of a single volume with five entries, which include two obituaries of members, a record of the chapter's services rendered during World War I, and two notices of prizes given or received during the Enfield centennial celebration.
- MS 34 EMMONS, MARCUS A. DIARY AND JOURNAL, 1858-65.
MS 36 The diary details summer days in 1859 of a young farm laborer in the Swift River Valley. It also includes his accounts until 1862, the year he joined Company K, Massachusetts 21st Regiment, to fight in the Civil War. Spelling lists and rules as well as debate questions and discussions about John Brown and slavery are also recorded.
The journal includes a list of Hardwick volunteers in Company K; 21st Regiment casualties; recruits in Company K for 9-8-1862 and a records of their service; Uncle Sam Company accounts; members of Company K, their hometowns, date of discharge, transfer or death; a clothing price list; and accounts in a Ware bank.
- MS 63 ENFIELD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION RECORDS, 1916.
The town sent invitations across the United States to former residents and natives to come celebrate its centennial July 2-4, 1916. Festivities included a parade, religious services, sports events, band concerts, and fireworks. The records include minutes of planning meetings; letters, chiefly from vendors of services for such celebrations; historical sketches; programs; official invitations and badges; and newsclippings.

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- MS 11 ENFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RECORDS, 1800-1939.
Includes a detailed record of parish meetings, the treasurer's account book, the parish trustees' account book, deeds, charters and other legal documents, along with the church's articles of faith and covenant, the church manual, a manuscript sermon of Rev. S.G. Hitchcock, the sermons of Rev. Colton, an historical sermon celebrating the town's centennial, and church bulletins.
- MS 32 ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS, 1902-11.
Minutebook, including discussions of purchase of rubber clothing, care of engine house, fighting fires, preparation of warrant articles for town meeting, and the decision to hold annual Firemen's Ball. Also booklet of rules and regulations, financial records for 1916 ball, and correspondence.
- MS 74 ENFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAMS, 1902-14.
Programs of the graduation exercises held at the Town Hall in 1902, 1906, 1913 and 1914. Includes list of graduates as well as speakers and performers.
- MS 21 ENFIELD PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION.
Photos of town vistas and buildings, as well as of the centennial celebration and the Edwin and Annie Howe family. Also includes photos of a few businesses in nearby towns and a copy of the Massachusetts Archives' descriptive inventory of photos of the Quabbin Reservoir Project, 1926-44.
- MS 39 ENFIELD PROPERTY OWNERS LIST, 1933.
Blueprint list of names of property owners in Enfield, 1933, prepared on Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission form.
- MS 87 ENFIELD SCHOOLS ACCOUNT BOOKS, 1816-68.
The schools' appropriations accounts kept by selectmen 1816-56 details the amount raised by the town annually for the support of the school and shows the proportion allotted each of the five districts, as well as how, when, and to whom the money was disbursed.
The account book for Enfield's school district number 5, 1854-68, records the disbursement of the district's allotment for teaching, boarding the teacher, supplying cord wood, making fires, and repairing the building. Members of the Prudential Committee, which kept the records, sometimes appear on the payroll as teachers.
- MS 86 ENFIELD SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT BOOK, 1816-46.
Dating from 1816 when the town was incorporated, the account book depicts the expenses of a small rural town until 1846. Services for which the town paid include ringing the bell, supporting paupers, building coffins, or providing a yard for a pound. The names included represent the full spectrum of society.
- MS 77 ENFIELD VILLAGE REAL ESTATE SURVEY, 1930.
A graphic blueprint depiction prepared by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission of the lots of landholders in 1930.
- MS 93 ESTEY, JOSEPH W. ACCOUNT BOOK, 1809-27, 1859.
Reflects the gristmill and sawmill businesses in Greenwich, 1811-27, including the names of the hired helpers. Also includes Estey's personal accounts and an 1859 deed.
- MS 73 GREENWICH AND ENFIELD HOSTELRIES MEMENTOES, n.d.
A menu from the Swift River Hotel, erected 1832 as a mealtime stopping place for stagecoach travelers through Enfield. It served, as well, as a gathering place for local residents. Also a brochure depicting the bucolic setting and atmosphere of the Quabbin Inn in Greenwich.

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- MS 79 GREENWICH CHURCH COLLECTION, 1895-1940.
Miscellaneous items including a letter to the congregation from Rev. Edward P. Blodgett, 1895; holiday greetings from Rev. D.L. Kebbe, 1905; a program from the spring convention, 1910, of the Ware Valley Christian Endeavor Union; two undated broadside prayers; program and reunion announcement for Greenwich Church Foundation and Memorial, 1935, 1940; and newsclips.
- MS 41 GREENWICH POSTMARKS AND PHOTOGRAPHS, ca. 1826-31 and n.d.
Collection consists of three photos of W. Walker's Store and post office in Greenwich Village showing sign of last owner, S.R. King, before the town was flooded for the Quabbin Reservoir in 1938. Also five early picture post-card scenes and five photos of envelopes bearing the Greenwich postmarks 1826-31.
- MS 38 GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, 1873-74.
The register for the two-month winter term of 1873-74 includes attendance, headmarks, and visitor records, as well as a few statistics. The teacher, Ernest Howe Vaughan, earned \$24 month, which he used to defray the costs of his own education. He became a prominent lawyer and handled the claims of many property owners in connection with land-taking for the reservoir.
- MS 13 HENRY, SAMUEL ACCOUNTS, 1813-81.
Nine volumes reflecting the varied interests and responsibilities of an early nineteenth century justice of the peace, merchant, landowner, and entrepreneur in Prescott and Shutesbury. Henry ran a general store and began a palm leaf hat-making business. Customers, mostly women, braided hats at home in exchange for credit at his store.
- MS 19 HOWE FAMILY PAPERS, 1730(1820-1940)1955.
Collected by family members over two centuries, the papers include correspondence, 1840-1940; legal documents, 1809-92; Howe genealogical materials; account books, 1730-1920; and printed materials, 1884-1955. Most of the business records are from Enfield where family members were storekeepers, printers, postmasters, and owners of telephone exchange and gas station. Records reflect region's conversion from a barter economy to one based on cash.
- MS 94 LELAND, JAMES STORE JOURNAL, 1854-55.
Three hundred sixty pages of accounts covering a five-month period of business at an Enfield general store. Reflects the sale of a wide variety of goods, including Know Nothing hats. Leland took cash as well as barter.
- MS 37 NEW SALEM ACADEMY EXERCISE BOOK AND REUNION BOOK, 1874, 1945.
The 1874 exercise book of Ernest Howe Vaughan, later a lawyer in Worcester, when he was a student at the academy, the fifth chartered by the Commonwealth after 1763. Also the 1945 Reunion Banner, the alumni magazine.
- MS 75 NORTH DANA FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH VESPER SERVICE PROGRAMS, 1934-36.
Programs for the Monson-Hale memorial vespers, musical services held at the church since 1929. Includes, as well, a newsclip giving the history of the North Dana Vespers.
- MS 91 PORTER, WILLIAM AND ELEANOR TAX RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS, 1800-09.
In addition to demands and receipts, 1804-99, for taxes (parish, highway, town, county, and state) on various tracts of land in Greenwich owned by the Porters, the collection includes three items regarding the settling of accounts with local individuals and an agreement to sell pasture land.

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- MS 14 PUTNAM, WILLIAM ACCOUNT BOOKS AND RECEIPTS, 1840-48.
The daily transactions of a rural storekeeper in Wendell list the customers by name, their purchases, and their payments. The accounts reflect, as well, the coming of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad to the region.
- MS 22 QUABBIN BROADSIDES AND POSTERS COLLECTION.
Items which were posted in various Swift River Valley towns pertaining to dances, theater productions, elections, or taxes.
- MS 40 QUABBIN CLIPPING COLLECTION, 1888(1936-38)1950.
Newspaper clippings pertaining to several of the towns affected by the building of the reservoir, as well as clipping about the reservoir itself, and a series called "Letters from Quabbin" which examines the history, extent, and naming of the reservoir; the valley's industries, churches, homes, camps, granges, people, nature, and leave-taking ceremonies at the closing of the towns.
- MS 78 QUABBIN RESERVOIR, MAPS OF PROPOSED SITE, 1926, 1933.
Five maps prepared by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission of the anticipated site of the Quabbin Reservoir. Also one showing the route of Boston's water supply.
- MS 100 QUABBIN RESERVOIR WATERSHED MAPS, 1959, 1972.
Collection consists of an index map and corresponding numbered sheets depicting aspects of the area immediately in and around the reservoir itself--the area of The General Taking of March 28, 1938. The maps were prepared by the Metropolitan District Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a Quabbin Reservoir real estate survey in 1959. They were revised in 1972.
- MS 16 STORRSVILLE LYCEUM DEBATING SOCIETY MINUTES, 1842-46.
The debating society met weekly or bi-weekly, usually in school houses, to debate questions reflecting the broad interests of its members and the issues of the day. The minutes chronicle the activities of the society from its first meeting in 1842 until interest waned and the last recorded meeting was held in 1846.
- MS 97 THOMPSON, WILLIAM ACCOUNTS, 1861-62.
Records of Thompson's business with George Dodge and Co., general store, locale unknown.
- MS 72 WELCOME HOME ENFIELD SERVICE MEN DANCE PROGRAM CARDS, 1919.
Fifty-one men from Enfield served in World War I. A dance celebrating their return was held Monday evening, October 13, 1919. Two dance program cards from that event comprise the collection. Both are filled out, chiefly with initials.
- MS 10 WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE ENFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RECORDS, 1885-1927.
Minutes and an account book of the organization which was formed to diffuse missionary intelligence, increase interest in missionary work, and raise funds to carry it forward. The society sponsored talks by missionaries reporting on their work and held discussions about recent articles.

MS 96 GEORGE H. GILBERT CO. RECORDS, 1842-1931.

Thirty-six linear feet of the records of a textile manufacturing concern in Ware, which operated under the family (Slater) system of employment while the ethnicity of the workforce shifted from Irish to French-Canadian to Polish. Series include Legal and Property, Executive, Financial, Sales, Labor, Production, and Miscellany.