

Additional genealogical research locations in the area:

New England Historic Genealogical Society
 99-101 Newbury St.
 Boston, MA 02116
 617-536-5740
 americanancestors.org

Note: Membership or day pass is required

Secretary of the Commonwealth
 Massachusetts Archives
 220 Morrissey Blvd.
 Boston, MA 02125
 617-727-2816

www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcidx.htm

The National Archives at Boston
 380 Trapelo Road
 Waltham, MA 02452
 781-663-0144
archives.gov/boston

National Guard Museum and Archives
 91 Everett St.
 Concord, MA 01742
 978-369-4807
thenationsfirst.org/national-guard-museum---archives.html

Congregational Library & Archives
 14 Beacon St., 2nd Fl.
 Boston, MA 02108
 617-523-0470
congregationallibrary.org



This pamphlet serves as a brief guide to the main resources for genealogical research housed at the State Library of Massachusetts. These collections contain materials that are rare and unique to the library, as well as publications that are more commonly available.

Resources found in the library are generally available to be used by the public. If you have any questions, please visit or contact the library – our reference and special collections staff are here to assist you with your research needs.

Contact us:

State Library of Massachusetts
 Massachusetts State House
 24 Beacon Street
 Boston, MA 02133

Main Library
 State House, Room 341
 617-727-2590
reference.department@state.ma.us

Special Collections Department
 State House, Room 55
 617-727-2595
special.collections@state.ma.us

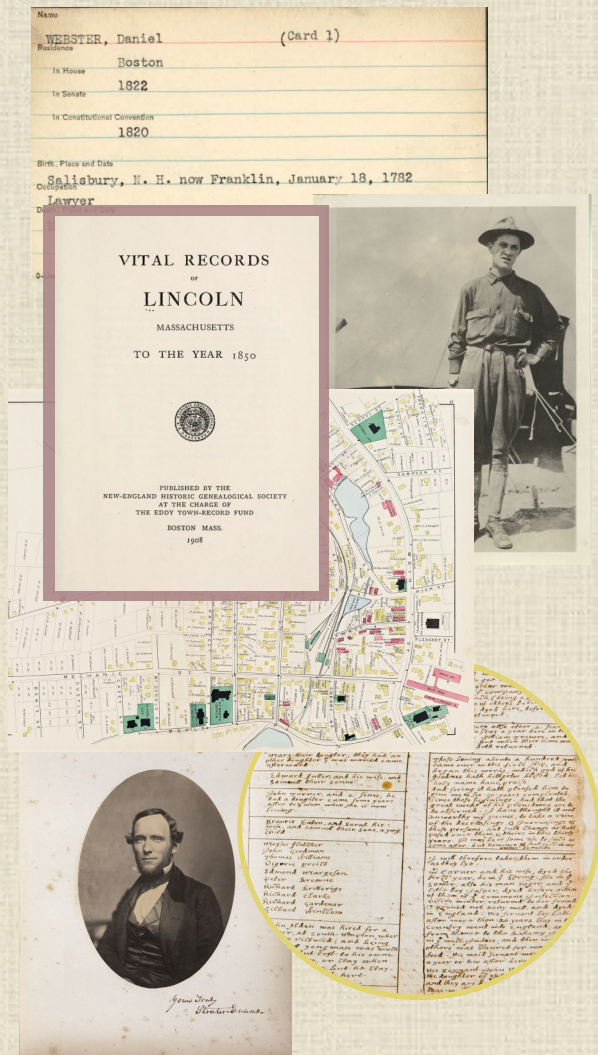
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Genealogical Resources at the State Library of Massachusetts



Main Library – Room 341

- Acts and resolves of the Massachusetts General Court, which contain many acts pertaining to specific citizens, locations, etc.
- Biographies and autobiographies
- City and town annual reports, which often include vital information (births, deaths, etc.)
- Published family histories and genealogies
- Published histories of Massachusetts cities, towns, and counties
- Institutional and historical society publications
- Handbooks published by the Massachusetts General Court, such as the *Manuals for the Use of the General Court and Public Officers of the Commonwealth*
- Legislators' biographical card file, which contains basic biographical and legislative information for members of the General Court (1780-present)
- Massachusetts registers and directories (1767-1878), which contain information on state and municipal offices
- Massachusetts vital records series (to 1850)
- Published military histories
- Newspapers - both historical and contemporary
- Published records of Plymouth Colony (1623-1691), which cover deeds, court orders, and miscellaneous documents
- Early published probate records

- State agency publications (state hospital & state school annual reports, etc.)

Special Collections – Room 55

- The "Zimmer Index" – an index to newspaper articles organized by subject (years covered: 1878-1937)
- Directories for Massachusetts cities and towns
- Manuscript collections, including records of 19th and 20th century legislators, personal and family papers, and tax valuation lists (1780-1860)
- Maps and atlases, including real estate and insurance atlases, town maps and plans, and city and county atlases
- Photograph collection of 19th and early 20th century Massachusetts legislators
- Card file of New England soldiers who fought in World War I, and photograph collection of WWI 26th "Yankee" Division soldiers



Examples from the library's photograph collections of state legislators and WWI soldiers.

Many of our resources are available online. Search our online catalog or view the library's website to learn more about these and other items in our collections:

Online Catalog:

bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home?loc=111

Website: www.mass.gov/lib

DSPACE: archives.lib.state.ma.us

(Houses the library's digital resources)

Library Databases (may require onsite access):

- Boston Globe Historical Database
- JSTOR
- Gale e-Journal databases

Free Online Resources:

- familysearch.org
- mhc-macris.net
- cyndislist.com
- archive.org (yearbooks, early publications, etc.)
- bpl.org/collections/interpro/bpl_search/obits.htm
- congregationallibrary.org/digital-collections
- nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm
- www.sec.state.ma.us/ArchivesSearch/Passengermanifest.aspx
- aad.archives.gov/aad/
- masslandrecords.com/

