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## **Record Group Descriptions and Related Series:**

**Record Group Number: C01**

**Record Group Name: Special Commission to Study Public Financial Aid to Nonpublic Primary and Secondary Schools and Certain Related Matters**

### **Historical Note:**

In response to concerns about declining enrollments in nonpublic schools, particularly Roman Catholic schools, Resolves 1969, c 61 provided for the creation of a special commission to investigate the possibility of granting public financial aid to nonpublic primary and secondary schools. The commission was to consist of three members of the Senate, seven members of the House of Representatives, the attorney general (or designee), the commissioner of education (or designee), the superintendent of schools of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, and twenty persons to be appointed by the governor. In particular the commission was directed to consider the degree of need for public aid to nonpublic primary and secondary schools, the effects on public schools and local tax rates of the closing of nonpublic schools, providing public aid to nonpublic schools, the cost of providing aid, the need to impose public standards and regulations on nonpublic schools receiving aid, and the possible proliferation of nonpublic schools resulting from public aid. The commission was also to study possible alternatives to financial aid, the effects in other states of granting public financial aid to nonpublic schools, and implications for such aid of certain provisions of the constitutions of the United States and of the Commonwealth. The commission was directed to report to the General Court on or before the first Wednesday of January 1971.

During 1970 the commission, with Senator Andrea Nuciforo as chair, gathered information, held meetings of commission members and public hearings, and worked with the Institute for Educational Development, which prepared the final report. The commission focused on identifying reasons for declining enrollments in Roman Catholic schools, exploring alternative ways of granting aid, and studying the constitutionality of granting different kinds of aid. Proposed legislation resulting from the commission's work, including 1970 S 1278, was never enacted and the commission was disbanded the same year, with its report being issued in 1971.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429264>

## **Related Series:**

### **Committee files, 1969-1970**

Identifier: C01/234X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Notes: Records were transferred to the Archives from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506009>

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## **Record Group Number: C02**

### **Record Group Name: Commissioners to Ascertain the Boundary Line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island**

#### **Historical Note:**

The name cited above and variations thereof were used for various bodies that investigated the boundary dispute between Massachusetts and Rhode Island during the 18th and 19th centuries. The history of that dispute is given below.

The boundary line between the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was in dispute until agreement was reached on the northern portion of the boundary in 1883 (St 1883, cc 113, 154). The eastern portion of the boundary was defined in 1861 by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in a case initiated by Massachusetts. The state's Topographical Survey Commission was authorized to survey and mark the boundary line in 1897 (Resolves 1897, c 88; Resolves 1898, c 7). The latitude and longitude measurements of markers set during the survey were then legally established by Massachusetts (St 1899, c 476) and Rhode Island.

The boundary was a point of contention dating back to colonial times. In 1741 a case was heard before the English Court of Commissioners pertaining to boundary issues. After independence from Britain was achieved, the boundary question again became subject to debate. Successive commissions were appointed or authorized and instructions issued by the General Court in 1791 (St 1790, c 30), 1801 (Resolves 1800, c 142), 1810 (Resolves 1809, c 71), 1818 (Resolves 1817, c 93), and 1825 (Resolves 1824, c 89) to deal with this dispute. With no resolution accomplished, a suit was brought to the U.S. Supreme Court by the state of Rhode Island in 1831. The governor of Massachusetts was authorized to employ legal counsel to answer before the court (Resolves 1832, c 78), which eventually dismissed the case in 1845.

While the boundary case was before the Supreme Court both states asserted rights to territory through their own legislatures. In response to a Rhode Island bill regulating shellfish harvesting on land claimed by Massachusetts, new Massachusetts commissioners were authorized (Resolves 1844, c 41; Resolves 1845, c 10) to again work with Rhode Island commissioners to define the eastern boundary line. The Massachusetts commissioners employed a surveyor (Resolves 1845, c 102) and procured early historical documents from Britain relating to the boundary (Resolves 1845, c 118). With agreement between the states in sight, Massachusetts commissioners were authorized, in conjunction with their Rhode Island counterparts, to mark the complete boundary (Resolves 1846, c 115). An agreement was reached in 1846 and the northern boundary was spelled out by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1847 (Resolves 1847, c 51). One member of the three-member Massachusetts commission dissented from the agreement insofar as the eastern boundary was concerned, and issued a minority report to the legislature. His view was shared by town residents along the newly defined border, who petitioned legislators to annul the commissioners' agreement.

This was done by Resolves 1848, c 75, which also provided that the governor appoint new commissioners to try once more to resolve the eastern boundary question. If they could not come to agreement by May 1, 1849, the governor was to bring a case before the U.S. Supreme Court (Resolves 1848, c 75), which was done in the court's December 1852 term. Meanwhile the General Court had authorized the removal of all monuments provided for in 1846 (Resolves 1852, c 61). While the case was before the court the Massachusetts attorney general was authorized to negotiate with Rhode Island (Resolves 1859, c 69) and a compromise was reached between the states while the case was pending; the Supreme Court issued a decision on December 16, 1861 conforming to the agreement, thus settling the eastern boundary, from Burnt Swamp Corner, Wrentham to the Atlantic Ocean.

The status of the boundary from the Connecticut line to Burnt Swamp Corner, Wrentham was still unclear. A letter from tax assessors in Bellingham raised the issue of the northern boundary in 1864, prompting the General Court to set a boundary through legislation in 1865 (Resolves 1865, c 52). The state of Rhode Island appointed a special commission to study the Massachusetts resolve and, determining that Rhode Island would be at a disadvantage if such a line were ratified, did not pass the necessary complementary legislation to establish the boundary. Rhode Island initiated a commission in 1881 to study the boundary line further. Massachusetts authorized the appointment of commissioners to join those of Rhode Island (Resolves 1881, c 27). When agreement was reached on the northern boundary by the joint commissioners in 1883, the long-standing discord between the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island over a boundary line was ended.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429315>

## **Related Series:**

### **Files on the Massachusetts-Rhode Island boundary, 1971-1899 (bulk dates: 1830-1884)**

Identifier: C02/109X  
Extent: 1.77 cubic feet (5 document boxes and 1 box)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Evidentiary files  
(2) Commissioners' report  
Notes: Formerly part of state secretary's: Miscellaneous collection, box 74.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83623063>

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## **Record Group Number: C04**

### **Record Group Name: Commissioners to Ascertain and Establish the Boundary Line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire**

#### **Historical Note:**

The name cited above and variations thereof were used for various bodies that investigated the boundary dispute between Massachusetts and New Hampshire during the 19th century. The history of that dispute is given below.

Commissioners were appointed by the governor of Massachusetts as authorized by the General Court in 1825 (Resolves 1824, c 93), to resolve disputes arising from the uncertain status of the Massachusetts-New Hampshire boundary, which had been determined by a decree of the king in council in 1740, then surveyed and marked in 1741. The Massachusetts commissioners met with their counterparts from New Hampshire but were unable to come to an agreement, leading the Massachusetts commissioners to disband in 1827. Their report to the governor was submitted to the legislature (Resolves 1826, c 73) and authorization was given to erect monuments along the existing boundary (Resolves 1826, c 97).

The boundary issue was raised again in 1883 (Resolves 1883, c 28), when the governor was authorized to appoint commissioners to meet with their New Hampshire counterparts to reset monuments along the boundary line. Commissioners were again authorized in 1885 for determining the true jurisdictional line between the two states and all previous laws relating to the boundary were repealed (Resolves 1885, c 73). Agreement on the eastern portion of the boundary was reached in August 1888 and funds were authorized to

carry out the commissioners' recommendations (Resolves 1889, c 108). Monuments were authorized to mark that portion of the boundary by Resolves 1890, c 73. The western portion of the boundary was settled in June 1894 and a tripartite agreement made with New Hampshire and Vermont in October 1894. The 1894 agreement was ratified by Massachusetts by Resolves 1895, c 106. Latitude and longitude measurements for boundary markers were defined and legally established by St 1899, c 369.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521126>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Files on the Massachusetts-New Hampshire boundary, 1784-1899 (bulk dates: 1825-1899)**

Identifier: C04/111X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Formerly part of state secretary's: Miscellaneous collection, box 64.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564383>

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### **Record Group Number: C05**

### **Record Group Name: Commissioners to Ascertain the Boundary Line between Massachusetts and Connecticut**

#### **Historical Note:**

The name cited above and variations thereof were used for various bodies that investigated the boundary dispute between Massachusetts and Connecticut during the 18th and 19th centuries. The history of that dispute is given below.

After independence from Great Britain had been achieved, conflicts developed between Massachusetts and Connecticut over the legal boundary line between the two states, which had been defined by a colonial commission in 1713.

To resolve boundary questions, commissioners were appointed by the General Court in 1791 (St 1790, c 35) and replaced in 1801 (Resolves 1800, c 73). Additional instructions on negotiating with Connecticut were given to the governor in 1803 (Resolves 1802, c 96), and commissioners were redesignated to run and mark a boundary by St 1803, c 39. Agreement was reached on the boundary west of the Connecticut River in 1804 (Resolves 1803, c 102).

New commissioners to be appointed by the governor were authorized in 1820 (Resolves 1819, c 93), to define the boundary line east of the Connecticut River. The area was surveyed and a plan drawn in 1822 but Connecticut officials did not accept it. In 1823 the General Court empowered the governor to bring suit in a boundary-related dispute involving the town of Dudley (Resolves 1822, c 49), and later to communicate on a boundary solution with the governor of Connecticut (Resolves 1824, c 24), and to appoint new commissioners (Resolves 1825, c 9).

The new commissioners reached agreement with commissioners from Connecticut in November 1826. They submitted a report to the governor of Massachusetts in January 1827 detailing a final agreement on the line east of the Connecticut River, and the General Court requested the governor to issue a proclamation informing the citizens of Massachusetts of the boundary agreement (Resolves 1826, c 60).

The Topographical Survey Commission was authorized to examine the complete boundary and remark it in 1898 (Resolves 1898, c 39). Legislation was passed in Massachusetts (St 1908, c 192) and Connecticut (in 1913) legally establishing the latitude and longitude measurements of markers set by the commission.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429322>

**Related Series:**

**Files on the Massachusetts-Connecticut boundary, 1791-1913 (bulk 1791-1827)**

Identifier: C05/112X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Formerly part of state secretary's: Miscellaneous Collection, box 64.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506016>

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**Record Group Number: C06**

**Record Group Name: General Court – Committee on Accounts**

**Historical Note:**

A committee of the House of Representatives of the Revolutionary Massachusetts General Court was ordered to examine all accounts payable, including militia muster rolls (House Journal, July 24, 1775), during the current session. Resolves 1775-76, c 384 (Nov. 10,

1775) enlarged the mandate for a successor committee to include (during session and recess alike) receiving, examining, and passing upon all accounts (i.e., on behalf of the whole House) presented for payment of services done or articles supplied by order of Congress or of the General Court and properly vouched. The committee was also to maintain a record of such accounts before sending them to the upper house (Council), which issued warrants for payment by the Treasury. Resolves 1775-76, c 426 (Dec. 8, 1775) reassigned the record-keeping function to the Council (which also had the power of concurrence per Resolves 1776-77, c 189 (July 4, 1776)); Resolves 1777-78, c 12 (June 5, 1777) transferred the function to a new House committee.

These committees were succeeded, with the establishment of the Constitutional General Court, by a joint standing committee of House and Senate (House Journal, Oct. 27, 1780; Senate Journal, Oct. 30, 1780; Resolves 1780, Oct Sess, c 11), variously referred to as auditing, examining, and settling public accounts, and known at least by 1782 as the Committee on Accounts. The committee was given authority from time to time to pay accounts from funds authorized by the General Court (i.e., to direct the governor and council to draw a Treasury warrant) (e.g., Resolves 1782, Jan 1783 Sess, c 154, which reinstated the committee after its temporary abolition as of Jan. 1783, per Resolves 1782, Sept Sess, c 34; Resolves 1784, May Sess, c 21). The committee eventually arrived at a settled procedure, as described several decades later in the Senate Journal (May 30, 1803), of examining all accounts exhibited for support of indigent persons by law the charge of the Commonwealth, and all other accounts for services performed, cash advanced, or any property supplied for use of the Commonwealth, and making out a corresponding roll (Resolves 1786, Sept Sess, c 128; also Resolves 1792, May Sess, c 15). The roll was arranged by categories listing names of persons or towns whose accounts were to be vouched, with sums found due, and laid before the General Court for its approval, which then requested a warrant. Such a roll was usually prepared at least once per legislative session.

Until 1829 the committee members were awarded special stipends for their service. In that year (Resolves 1829, c 11) responsibility for examining and auditing accounts other than for paupers and the military was transferred to the treasurer of the Commonwealth. The Committee on Accounts resumed this function per Resolves 1846, c 75.

St 1849, c 56 established the office of Auditor of Accounts (chosen by the General Court, but later made an elective office per Const Amend Art 17, ratified 1855), which not only assumed the committee's function in approving account rolls, but also that of the General Court in directing the governor and council to draw warrants for their payment. The auditor's books and accounts were, however, to be examined by the Committee on Accounts each January.

St 1867, c 168 repealed this last provision (as found in GS 1860, c 15, s 8), and two years later the committee was discontinued by a change in the General Court's joint rules (Senate/House Journals, Jan. 9, 1869)

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84043168>

## **Related Series:**

### **Account roll submissions, 1786-1860**

Identifier: C06/9X

Extent: 17.85 cubic feet (51 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged by roll number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79918172>

### **Account books of bounties and supplies to families of Continental Army soldiers, 1777-1782 (bulk 1777-1780)**

Identifier: C06/499X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (2 volumes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78112162>

### **Town accounts, 1775-1784**

Identifier: C06/2266X

Extent: 2 volumes

Arranged: Arranged within each volume by county/town, thereunder by date.

Notes: Label inside front cover, v. 1: "Accounts passed by the Courts Committee on Accounts since the Council undertook to record them at Watertown Dec 7th 1775 [i.e., per Resolves 1775-76, c 426] up to the 25th October 1780, the time when the new constitution took place. Posted in this book to each respective town. Also to sundry persons the towns not mentioned."

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84971821>

### **Account book, 1792-1821**

Identifier: C06/2267X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged by roll (i.e. chronologically).

Notes: Fly-leaf title: "Accounts which are allowed by the Committee on Accounts are entered in this book agreeably to a Resolve of the General Court of 12 June 1792."

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82210822>

### **Account roll, 1786-1862**

Identifier: C06/2268X  
Extent: 9.3 cubic feet (21 document boxes)  
Arranged: In three subseries:  
(1) Legislative books, 1786-1848  
(2) Treasury books, 1786-1853;  
(3) Treasury unnumbered books, 1854-1862;  
Arranged within each subseries by roll number (with occasional gaps); arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Roll format varies; many early rolls in subseries (2) are bound together.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83623060>

### **Account journals, 1775-1786**

**Restriction:** 1775, 1782-1786 restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: C06/2336X  
Extent: 0.39 cubic feet (1 box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Includes 1775, 1782-1786. Transferred to Archives from Special Collections, Massachusetts State Library, April 13, 2006.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78201719>

### **Revolutionary War bills, 1776-1785, (bulk 1777-1778)**

Identifier: C06/2578X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/700942940>

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## **Record Group Number: C07**

## **Record Group Name: Board on Canal Route from Boston to the Connecticut and Hudson River**

### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to Resolves 1824, c 99 (1825), the governor appointed three commissioners to ascertain the practicability of making a canal from Boston Harbor to the Connecticut River, and, if that were feasible, to investigate extending it to the Hudson River near its junction with the Erie Canal. Plans, surveys, cost estimates, and a detailed report were to be

returned to the legislature. Compensation for the commissioners and their engineers was addressed in Resolves 1825, c 22 and distribution of their report in Resolves 1825, c 71 (1826)

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372713>

**Related Series:**

**Report on canals to Connecticut and Hudson Rivers, 1826**

Identifier: C07/1395X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)

Notes: Plan accompanying report removed to: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Maps and plans ((M-Ar)50), no. 1810.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297765>

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**Record Group Number: C08**

**Record Group Name: Commissioners on Criminal Law**

**Historical Note:**

Pursuant to Resolves 1837, c 30, the governor appointed five commissioners to reduce Massachusetts common law relating to crimes and punishment to a systematic code, to be reported to the legislature. A preliminary report was submitted (Senate Journal, Feb 4 1839) and printed (1839 S 21) and appropriations for the commissioners' work voted (Resolves 1839, c 86). Resolves 1843, c 68 reduced the number of commissioners to three. A final report was submitted (Senate Journal, Feb 24 1844), printed (1844) and distributed per Resolves 1846, c 68.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575211>

**Related Series:**

**Draft criminal code, 1840.**

Identifier: C08/1401X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520789>

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## **Record Group Number: C09**

### **Record Group Name: Valley Forge Military Monument Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

The governor and council were authorized by Resolves 1906, c 105 to study the feasibility of building monuments at Valley Forge Park in Pennsylvania, or at any other prominent battlefield, to commemorate the action of Massachusetts troops who took part in the Revolutionary War. In 1910 the legislature appropriated the funds for a monument to be erected at Valley Forge under the direction of a commission of three to be appointed by the governor (Resolves 1910, c 103). A preliminary report of the resulting Valley Forge Military Monument Commission was submitted to the governor by the chairman, retired Brigadier General Philip Reade, U.S. Army. The design for the monument was approved by the Massachusetts Art Commission on December 16, 1910, and the dedication at Valley Forge took place on November 18, 1911, ending the work of the commission.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429289>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Administrative files, 1910-1912**

Identifier: C09/181X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: In four subseries:  
(1) Preliminary reports  
(2) Photographs and maps  
(3) Correspondence  
(4) Newspaper clippings

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560357>

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## **Record Group Number: C010**

### **Record Group Name: Commissioners on the Hours of Labor**

#### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to Resolves 1865, c 62, the governor appointed five Commissioners on the Hours of Labor, to collect information and statistics on the issue and to report to the legislature.

Public hearing elicited testimony from manufacturers, union leaders, workers, and doctors notably Ira Steward, leader of the eight-hour work day movement. Bills filed by the commissioners to reduce hours and end labor by children under ten failed to become law.

Pursuant to Resolves 1866, c 92, the governor appointed three new commissioners to continue investigations, especially relating to the social, educational, and sanitary conditions of the industrial classes and prosperity of productive industry in the state, to report to the governor by the end of the year. They distributed a questionnaire in October 1866.

The commissioners' work led to enactment of legislation forbidding employment of children under ten in factories (St 1867, c 285) and that creating the Bureau of Statistics of Labor (Resolves 1869, c 162).

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581427>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Administrative files, 1865-1866**

Identifier: C010/1692X  
Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: In three subseries:  
(1) Hearing transcripts  
(2) Questionnaires and correspondence  
(3) Reference materials

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609922>

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## **Record Group Number: C011**

### **Record Group Name: Commissioners to Ascertain the Boundary Line between Massachusetts and New York**

#### **Historical Note:**

Massachusetts had unlimited claims on lands west of the Hudson River, based on provisions of the Plymouth Colony (1620) and Massachusetts Bay (1629) charters, while New York had competing claims based on provisions of the 1664 charter from King Charles II to his brother, James, Duke of York. After American independence, Congress urged that

boundary lines and land disputes between Massachusetts and New York be settled. The boundary between the colonies of Massachusetts and New York (i.e., east of the Hudson River--for lands west of the Hudson see: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Agreement between Massachusetts and New York relating to western lands, 1784-1793 ((M-Ar)31X)) was to have been settled by an agreement signed at Hartford, May 18, 1773, but the actual line had not been ascertained pursuant to that agreement. St 1784, c 1 (June 4, 1784, replacing St 1783, c 61, Mar. 18, 1784, which erroneously dated the agreement as 1772) appointed Joseph Hawley, Caleb Strong, Timothy Edwards, and Theodore Sedgwick (member of the Continental Congress) commissioners to meet with their New York counterparts to ascertain the boundary and to adjudicate title claims of private landholders affected thereby. Negotiations had broken down by November 1784, and Resolves 1784, Jan 1785 Sess, c 116 (Mar. 11, 1785) authorized the delivery of commissioner reports to agents who would represent the claims of Massachusetts in federal court.

On June 29, 1785, Congress appointed commissioners of its own to settle the dispute (Thomas Hutchins, John Erving, and David Rittenhouse as of Dec. 1785). In Massachusetts, Resolves 1785, Feb 1786 Sess (Mar. 14, 1786) appointed Edwards, Sedgwick, and Jahleel Woodbridge agents to assist them, again with the collaboration of New York agents. St 1786, c 8 (June 27, 1786) reiterated this arrangement, this time with Edwards, Strong, Woodbridge, and Dr. Samuel Williams as agents. Massachusetts gave Congressional commissioners additional time to complete their mandate (St 1786, c 70, Mar. 1, 1787), and an agreement with both states was completed on July 21, 1787. Resolves 1787, Oct Sess, c 101 (Nov. 21, 1787) directed the agreement and accompanying papers to be filed with the state secretary (actually now found in: Passed resolves ((M-Ar)228))

### **Related Series:**

#### **Files on the Massachusetts-New York boundary, 1784-1787**

Identifier: C011/2359X

Extent: Contained in SC1/45X/50X

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82797891>

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## **Record Group Number: C015**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary Commission was established by Resolves 1929, c 35 to plan the Commonwealth's celebration the following year of the 300th anniversary of the colony's founding. The nine gubernatorial appointees were also to recommend a memorial to commemorate the colony's founders.

The General Court appropriated, under the commission's auspices, 2,000 separate events took place in 250 municipalities, attended by 11 million citizens, including pageants, patriotic and thanksgiving services, historical exercises, and old home weeks. The main official commemoration, arranged by the commission, was the Great Meeting at the State Tribune erected on the northwest corner of Boston Common, held July 15, 1930. The commission's publications were entitled: Massachusetts on the sea and Pathways of the Puritans, and the Department of Public Works erected iron signs and other markers in ninety-six municipalities to indicate over 200 places and events significant in the early history of Massachusetts (Resolves 1930, c 10).

With the authorization to use unexpended 1930 appropriations to print additional copies of its publications (Resolves 1931, c 25), the commission's work was completed.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429367>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Photographs of the Tercentenary Exposition, 1930**

Identifier: C015/21X

Extent: 0.95 cubic feet (358 photographs in 1 document box and 3 boxes)

Arranged: Presented to the state secretary for the Archives, Dec. 9, 1930.

Notes: Cover title: Tercentenary Exposition of Governmental Activities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in two sets; one is in original

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590903>

#### **Great Meeting files, 1930**

Identifier: C015/2190X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/760916919>

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## **Record Group Number: C016**

## **Record Group Name: Special Commission on Unequal Educational Opportunity**

### **Historical Note:**

Per Resolves 1973, c 157, the Special Commission Relative to the Laws of the Commonwealth Pertaining to Elementary and Secondary Education as They Relate to Unequal Educational Opportunity and Services (commonly known as Special Commission on Educational Opportunity) was comprised of four members of the Senate, seven members of the House of Representatives, and ten gubernatorial appointees to investigate and study laws of the Commonwealth pertaining to elementary and secondary education, its school systems, and the educational laws, programs, and school systems of other states; to discover the existence and extent of unequal educational opportunity and services in the Commonwealth both within and among its school systems; and to recommend ways to increase and provide equal educational opportunity, while conducting a cost benefit analysis of the Commonwealth's elementary and secondary educational programs. The commission was continued by resolves annually through 1979.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429560>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Administrative files, 1975-1979**

Identifier: C016/1135X

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged by subject.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Rep. James G. Collins, commission member.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521178>

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## **Record Group Number: C017**

## **Record Group Name: Special Commission to Investigate and Study the Uniform Commercial Code**

### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1953, c 61 provided for a nine-person unpaid special commission of Senate, House, and gubernatorial appointees to investigate and study establishment in the Commonwealth of a uniform commercial code relative to transactions involving personal property and contracts, including sales, commercial paper, and miscellaneous matters, and to report thereon to the General Court, which it first did in Jan. 1954 (1953 H 2400). The commission was successively continued by Resolves 1954, c 121 (reporting in Jan. 1955 (1955 H 2417)) and Resolves 1955, c 89 (reporting in Jan. 1956) to consider the appendix to the minority section of the 1954 report.

The Uniform Commercial Code had originated in 1942 as a joint project of the American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, in which Massachusetts participated pursuant to St 1909, c 416. The code was promulgated in 1951, first adopted in Pennsylvania in 1953-1954, and since then in all other states. The Massachusetts version of the code was eventually adopted as St 1957, c 765, now MGLA c 106. (At that time another commission was established to study amendments to the code (St 1957, c 765, s 20); it was continued by Resolves 1958, c 46 (see also c 97), and its recommendations incorporated in St 1958, c 542)

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429910>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Unpublished appendix to report on the Uniform Commercial Code, 1954**

Identifier: C017/1491X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (3 volumes in 2 document boxes)

Notes: Title page: Appendix B to Report to the Special Commission to Investigate and Study the Uniform Commercial Code.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505957>

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## **Record Group Number: C019**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Counties**

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Committee files, 1991-1992**

Identifier: C019/2396X

Extent: 10.8 cubic feet (9 record center cartons)

## **Record Group Number: C020**

### **Record Group Name: State House Construction Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1889, c 394 provided for appointment by the governor of three state house construction commissioners, soon thereafter referred to as the State House Construction Commission, to oversee alterations and construction of an addition to the State House on its north side (replacing the Bryant addition of 1853-1854--see: Massachusetts. Commissioners for the Enlargement of the State House). When the addition was completed in 1895, the commission continued in charge of preservation and restoration of the State House generally, as mandated by St 1896, c 531 and St 1897, c 470. The commission submitted its final report and resignation in May 1905.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656186>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Administrative files, 1889-1905**

Identifier: C020/1587X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (3 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Minutes (v. 1-2: 1889-1905)

(2) Contract documents (v.3: 1892-1901 (bulk 1892-1897));

Arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Notes: Spine title: Commissioners' records.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297756>

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## **Record Group Number: CO21**

### **Record Group Name: State House Building Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

The State House Building Commission was appointed by the governor pursuant to St 1913, c 830 to oversee construction of east and west wing additions to the State House. It was abolished by St 1916, c 17 and its powers and duties transferred to the State House Commission, which saw completion of construction in 1917.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469440>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Outgoing correspondence, 1913-1915**

Identifier: CO21/1631X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520771>

##### **Work orders, 1914-1916**

Identifier: CO21/1647X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged numerically/chronologically.  
Notes: Stubs 1-118 completed, 120-144 not completed, 145-183 with blank order intact. Book is for single contractor (William Crane)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412436>

##### **Printed contracts and specifications, 1914-1915**

Identifier: CO21/1648X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (3 volumes in 1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336073>

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## **Record Group Number: CO22**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Education, Arts, and Humanities**

#### **Historical Note:**

In 1844 the standing committees on education in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the General Court were combined to form the Joint Committee on Education, which reviewed pending legislation relating to educational issues. In 1988 its name was changed to the Joint Committee on Education, Arts, and Humanities, reflecting its increasing involvement with arts bills. The present functions of the committee are to propose and review such legislation, to conduct hearings, and to recommend action on all bills and petitions in the area of education and arts. The committee is comprised of six members of the Senate and eleven members of the House. In 1983 the committee was charged with conducting a six-month study on the quality of elementary and secondary education in Massachusetts. Its findings led to the passage of St 1985, c 188.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429250>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Committee files, 1971-1982**

Identifier: CO22/352X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81892394>

##### **Administrative files of the study to improve public schools, 1983-1985**

Identifier: CO22/650X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In four subseries:  
(1) Project files  
(2) Media files  
(3) Study hearing files  
(4) Hearing files;  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372715>

##### **Hearing files, 1974-1994**

Identifier: CO22/1099

Extent: 23.75 cubic feet (19 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Files for 1992 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78457420>

### **Legislative files, 1993-2006**

Identifier: C022/1621  
Extent: 25 cubic feet (20 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber, and then by bill number.  
Notes: Beginning in 1995, bills are for two-year sessions.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83367819>

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## **Record Group Number: C023**

### **Record Group Name: Special Commission on Taxation**

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Administrative files, 1948-1954**

Identifier: C023/2071X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

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## **Record Group Number: C024**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Public Service**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Public Service was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court in 1885 (House Journal, Jan 12 1885). It considers all matters concerning salaries, civil service, and retirement of public employees (including retirement of but excluding salaries of members of the judiciary); collective bargaining for state employees and other public employees; and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575199>

## **Related Series:**

### **Committee files, 1967-1988**

Identifier: C024/406  
Extent: 11.25 cubic feet (9 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77931092>

### **Legislative files, 1979-2008**

Identifier: C024/868  
Extent: 70.35 cubic feet (56 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year (biennially from 1997-1998), thereunder by chamber, and then by bill number.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82394824>

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## **Record Group Number: C025**

## **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Commerce and Labor**

### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Commerce and Labor was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court in 1968 (House Journal, Jan 8, 1968). It considers all matters concerning commercial, industrial, and mercantile establishments; industrial development; consumer protection; discrimination in employment; mobile home parks; and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556514>

## **Related Series:**

### **Hearing files, 1976-1999**

Identifier: C025/1118  
Extent: 16.25 cubic feet (13 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Files for 1978-1984 lacking; 1986, 1990, 1996, 1998 chiefly lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78113778>

### **Legislative files, 1975-2002**

Identifier: C025/2003  
Extent: 52.5 cubic feet (42 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year (biennially from 1995/1996), thereunder by chamber and then by bill number.  
Notes: Files for 1979-1985 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78135453>

### **Subject files, 1973-1999**

Identifier: C025/2518  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.  
Notes: Files for 1973-1977, 1987-1989, 1992-1993, 1999. For similar materials for these and other years see: Hearing files ((M-Ar)1118). Pre-1992 files chiefly transferred from that series.  
Box 1: 1973-1977.  
Box 2: 1987-1989.  
Box 3: Box 1989-1993.  
Box 4: 1999.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/263688311>

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## **Record Group Number: C026**

## **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Roads and Canals**

### **Historical Note:**

Among the standing committees of the General Court, the Joint Committee on Turnpikes, Bridges, and Canals was succeeded by the Joint Committee on Bridges and the Joint Committee on Roads and Canals (Senate Journal, June 4, 1825; House Journal, June 4, 1825), which were in turn succeeded by the Joint Committee on Roads and Bridges and the Joint Committee on Railways and Canals (Senate Journal, June 2, 1828; House Journal, June 3, 1828)

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581423>

## **Related Series:**

### **Legislative files, 1827-1828**

Identifier: C026/624X

Extent: Partial document box

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656253>

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## **Record Group Number: C027**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Ship Canal to Connect Barnstable Bay and Buzzard’s Bay**

#### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1860, c 84 provided for the appointment of a joint recess committee of the General Court (two members of the Senate and five of the House) to consider connecting Barnstable Bay with Buzzards Bay by ship canal or channel. The committee was authorized to make surveys and soundings, collect statistics, examine localities, and estimate costs. Originally scheduled to report to the legislature by Nov. 1860, the committee did submit a report in Jan. 1861 and was then succeeded by another committee pursuant to Resolves 1861, c 20. That committee submitted a report in Apr. 1862 and joined with the original committee in submitting a final report in Nov. 1862.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575210>

## **Related Series:**

### **Report, 1862**

Identifier: C027/1348X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469658>

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## **Record Group Number: C028**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Internal Improvements**

#### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1826, c 59 (1827) provided for appointment by the governor of a three-person Board of Commissioners of Internal Improvements (or Board of Internal Improvements) to examine possible canal and railway routes as directed by the General Court. Resolves 1826, c 76 (1827) specified for consideration a rail route from Boston to Rhode Island (toward Providence); Resolves 1826, c 77 (1827) specified a canal route to the Blackstone Canal and on to the Connecticut line, and also in the Worcester area (see also Resolves 1827, c 98 (1828)). Resolves 1827, s 7 specified a rail route from Boston to the Hudson River, to be considered by a separate board of commissioners.

St 1827, c 116 (1828) superseded these bodies with a nine-member Board of Directors (or Commissioners) of Internal Improvements appointed by the General Court to further investigate rail construction on previously proposed routes, appointing engineers to survey and stake out such routes, accepting land gifts or grants, entertaining proposals of individual or corporate contributions, and negotiating with governments of or parties within the states of Rhode Island and New York.

Reports by these bodies were filed with the General Court, 1828-1830, after which their functions evidently lapsed until assumed by the Board of Railroad Commissioners in 1845.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132225>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Vouchers for expenses of railroad surveys, 1828**

Identifier: C028/1375X

Extent: Partial document box

Notes: Label title: Accounts & vouchers of the Commissioners of the Board of Internal Improvements rendered January session 1829.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521232>

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## **Record Group Number: C029**

### **Record Group Name: Board to Investigate the Subject of the Unemployed**

#### **Historical Note:**

Per St 1894, c 238, a three-person board was appointed by the governor to consider the subject of the unemployed and measures for their relief by the Commonwealth and its municipalities, which became known as the Board to Investigate the Subject of the Unemployed. Topics of inquiry included public and private initiatives for dealing with unemployment found in the Commonwealth and elsewhere and the effect of the use of convict labor on private enterprise.

The board was to be provided with relevant statistics and other data by state and municipal agencies; to create questions on tramps, vagrants, and unemployed laborers to be incorporated by the Bureau of Statistics of Labor into the 1895 state census; to consult park, water, and other state and municipal agencies regarding opportunities for increased public employment; and to cooperate with county and municipal authorities in devising methods of distinguishing confirmed vagrants from those willing to work and of securing a uniform system of registration and investigation of qualifications of those seeking employment. A final report (1895 H 50) as mandated was issued Mar. 13, 1895 (cf. Resolves 1895, c 5)

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429863>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Transcript of hearings, 1894-1895**

Identifier: C029/1354X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box), 4 file folders (partial document box), 2 partial microfilm reels  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by hearing date.  
Notes: Lacks pages 222-295, 1531-1552, 1611-1688.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581581>

##### **Responses to questions sent to trade unions and employers, 1892-1895**

Identifier: C029/1355X  
Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Abstracts of employment, 1892-1893; arranged alphabetically by occupation

(2) Responses to questions, 1894-1895; arranged alphabetically by respondent.

Notes: Subseries (1): possibly collated in 1894.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705190>

### **Convict employment returns, 1894-1895**

Identifier: C029/1356X

Extent: 3 file folders (partial document box)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Prison returns

(2) Manufacturer returns.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521208>

### **Correspondence, 1894-1895 (bulk 1894)**

Identifier: C029/1357X

Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591053>

### **Financial records, 1894-1895**

Identifier: C029/1358X

Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)

Arranged: In four subseries:

(1) Cashbook

(2) Journal

(3) Salary list

(4) Ledger.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469609>

### **Tramp statistics, 1891-1894**

Identifier: C029/1359X

Extent: 0.39 cubic feet (45 leaves in 1 box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by month, thereunder by town.

Notes: Collated 1895.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705200>

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## **Record Group Number: C030**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Geographic Board**

#### **Historical Note:**

At the request of the United States Geographic Board, Governor Fuller appointed the Massachusetts Geographic Board on November 2, 1926. The purpose of the board was to provide the authoritative spelling, pronunciation, and definition of names of localities and natural features in Massachusetts. This work was to be incorporated in a gazetteer published by the United States Geographic Board.

The governor appointed the five-member board, which included the assistant librarian of Harvard University and the state archivist. A staff person was hired by the board to compile the results of research, which was done by contacting local authorities and historians in order to obtain the necessary information. A special effort was made to obtain the history of Indian names used in the state. When the information was compiled it was put on index cards.

In June 1932 over 6,000 name entries were mailed to the United States Geographic Board. Although the state board resigned upon completion of the survey, the secretary of the board remained available to answer any questions that might arise concerning the information collected. Correspondence continued through 1936 between the secretary and the United States Geographic Board and its successors.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412259>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Card file of Massachusetts place names, [1932?]**

Identifier: C030/767X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (ca. 9000 cards in 2 record center cartons) ;  
Photostatic copies: 0.37 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Card file; arranged by type of physical feature, thereunder by country, and then alphabetically by name.

(2) Commissioners' report; arranged alphabetically by name.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132238>

##### **General correspondence, 1927-1936**

Identifier: C030/768X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83225948>

### **Correspondence to verify Massachusetts place names, 1926-1932**

Identifier: C030/769X  
Extent: 1.75 cubic feet (5 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by town.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84075096>

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## **Record Group Number: C031**

### **Record Group Name: Survey of Massachusetts**

#### **Historical Note:**

The governor and council commissioned a survey of the Commonwealth in 1830 in order to prepare an accurate map of the state (Resolves 1829, c 58). Originally the survey was to have had two components, trigonometrical and astronomical. A third component, a geological survey was added by chapter 18 of the Resolves of 1830. A preparatory step to the survey was legislation (Resolves 1829, c 50) requiring towns to survey their territory and submit maps to the secretary of the Commonwealth.

The trigonometrical, astronomical, and geological surveys were carried out each by its own field team working separately and reporting directly to the governor. When field work was completed the surveyors calculated and prepared data to be used in the state map. Robert Treat Paine worked on the astronomical observations from 1831 to 1838. Triangulation work for the trigonometrical survey was begun in 1831 and completed in 1838. Further field work was carried out until 1840 on a traverse survey of roads to refine information on town survey maps. James Stevens and then Simeon Borden were in charge of the trigonometrical work. The geological survey was conducted by Edward Hitchcock from 1830 to 1832. An initial geological report was issued in 1832 and a complete report in 1833. A second edition of the report was issued in 1835.

In 1837 (Resolves 1837, c 73) a further geological survey was commissioned, which was to include an investigation into coal and mineral resources in the state and to analyze soil for agricultural purposes. The requirement of a soil analysis was repealed in 1841 (Resolves 1841, c 14). A final report on the second geological survey was issued that year. The

survey as a whole has been referred to as the "Borden Survey" after Simeon Borden; the geological survey has been referred to as the "Hitchcock Survey" after its researcher, Edward Hitchcock.

Calculations from trigonometrical measurements and astronomical observations were used to establish geographic positions throughout the state. The calculated latitude and longitude of these positions were used to provide data for a map of the state, to establish a base for future surveys, and to provide information to surveyors measuring town boundaries. Engineers and surveyors working on private projects such as mapping real estate plots or laying out railroad routes would also be able to use the base points. Mariners would be able to use points along the coast for improved navigation and astronomers would be able to use corrected data for their observations. A table of bearings, distances, latitudes, and longitudes from calculations of the astronomical and trigonometrical surveys was published in 1846 to provide easy access to those wanting to make use of the data.

The astronomical, trigonometrical, and geological information was ultimately incorporated into a state map. Simeon Borden oversaw the work of projecting the map. A contract was put out for the engraving of plates needed to publish the map (Resolves 1841, c 43) and the survey office was closed by April 1842. A contract for the publishing of the map was authorized in 1844 (Resolves 1844, c 69).

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564339>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Daily journal of the trigonometrical survey, 1834-1841**

Identifier: C031/759X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357393>

##### **Correspondence between surveyors and governors, 1830-1842**

Identifier: C031/760X  
Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by correspondent, thereunder chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506040>

##### **Accounts of survey expenditures, 1830-1842**

Identifier: C031/761X

Extent: 0.87 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surveyor, thereunder chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581518>

### **Accounts and correspondence of the geological survey, 1830-1846**

Identifier: C031/762X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Files for 1835-1836 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372731>

### **Field notes of the traverse survey of roads, 1831-1840**

Identifier: C031/763X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by locality, thereunder chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581522>

### **Field notebooks of the trigonometrical survey, 1832-1837**

Identifier: C031/764X  
Extent: 17 volumes (partial records center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder by location.  
Notes: Preservation of the notebooks was required by Resolves 1834, c 73.  
Volume 17 duplicates information from volumes 1-2.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132257>

### **Triangle computations of stations, [1838?]**

Identifier: C031/765X  
Extent: 2 volumes (partial records center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by station number.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336045>

### **State survey calculations, 1838-1842?**

Identifier: C031/766X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (5 volumes and 1 file folder in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by type of data.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560394>

### **Drawings of apparatus for the trigonometrical survey, 1832**

Identifier: C031/1944X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (7 technical drawings in 1 document box)

Notes: Memorandum by C.O.B. on item F57a (with accompanying transcript signed: L.H.B., Dec. 2, 1903) states that drawings were given to him by Borden, and that a full set with description was presented by Borden to the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia in 1843; in 1844 they were in possession of Prof. A.D. Bache, superintendent of the U.S. Coastal Survey, Washington.  
Set probably incomplete.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405692>

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## **Record Group Number: C032**

## **Record Group Name: Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1915, c 20 provided for a Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission of seven gubernatorial appointees to plan for celebrating the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth and to submit a report to the General Court (1916 H 1945) before dissolving. Resolves 1916, c 107 provided for a successor Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission of five gubernatorial appointees to effect the earlier body's recommendations for improvement of historical localities, construction of a memorial hall, and holding of a pageant; and to investigate holding an international exposition as recommended in the governor's message of Mar. 1916 (this task given to another commission per Resolves 1920, c 53), and cooperation by federal, other state, and foreign governments, societies, and individuals regarding memorials and celebration, with a report to be issued in 1917.

Sp St 1919, c 187 authorized commission appropriations to acquire (by gift, purchase, or eminent domain) Plymouth lands and buildings, to carry out construction and improvements on these and other historic sites, and to contract with localities for their future care and maintenance; to erect a canopy over Plymouth Rock; and to arrange for a historic pageant. St 1920, c 392 authorized erection of signboards and milestones. A final commission report was submitted to the governor and council in 1924.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123244>

## Related Series:

### **Administrative files, 1917-1925 (bulk 1920-1921)**

Identifier: C032/1607X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by subject.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Dept. of Public Works, Nov. 30, 1990.  
Series includes list of commission files in possession of department's Division of Waterways, 1925, more inclusive than actual series contents.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521242>

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## **Record Group Number: C033**

## **Record Group Name: Cambridge Bridge Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

The Cambridge Bridge Commission was established, pursuant to St 1898, c 467, to administer construction of a bridge spanning the Charles River between Boston and Cambridge, to be known as the Cambridge (later Longfellow) Bridge. The commission consisted of the mayors of Cambridge and Boston and their joint appointee. The bridge, originally conceived as a drawbridge, became the first fixed span bridge on the Charles River (St 1899, c 180), and was intended to accommodate all forms of travel including private cars and elevated cars of the Boston Elevated Railway Company. (An additional commission responsibility was the rebuilding of the Soldiers' Field (now Larz Andersen) Bridge, also across the Charles River between Boston and Cambridge, pursuant to St 1904, c 412.) The termination date of the commission is unknown, but there are no surviving documents using its name (alternatively Boston and Cambridge Bridge Commission) after 1912. Responsibility for replacing or rebuilding Charles River bridges in the Metropolitan Parks District (Boston and surrounding communities) was assigned by St 1910, c 628 to the Metropolitan Park Commission.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429907>

## Related Series:

### **Construction photographs, 1900-1910**

Identifier: C033/1609X

Extent: 1.3 cubic feet (ca. 1300 photographs in 5 boxes)  
Finding aid: 990 cards ; (1 box)  
Arranged: Arranged numerically (1-990)/chronologically (1904-1910)  
Notes: lacking no. 87-93, 99, 159-160, 115-122, 181, 217, 230, 243, 265, 352,  
355, 379-380, 402, 408, 433, 447, 477, 507, 512-513, 523-524, 544,  
549, 556, 576-578, 588-589, 594-595, 603, 620, 625, 640, 682, 726,  
751, 753, 759-760, 896, 899, 928, 971, 974.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560450>

### **Contracts and business arrangements, 1908**

Identifier: C033/1610X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 doc. box)  
Arranged: Arranged by bridge part.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123345>

### **Steel inspection reports and invoices, 1904**

Identifier: C033/1611X  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506083>

### **Administrative files, 1898-1916, (bulk 1898-1912)**

Identifier: C033/1612X  
Extent: 0.34 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by subject.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591106>

### **Correspondence of chief and assistant engineers, 1898-1910**

Identifier: C033/1613X  
Extent: 0.69 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by correspondent, thereunder chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336070>

### **Apportionment hearing files, 1909**

Identifier: C033/1614X  
Extent: 0.69 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469642>

### **Printed reports, 1898-1908**

Identifier: C033/1615X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Some items in multiple copies.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372741>

### **Computations and estimates relating to apportionment of costs, 1908-1910**

Identifier: C033/1616X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by bridge part.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575267>

### **Engineering computations and estimates, 1899-1911**

Identifier: C033/1619X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by bridge part.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575269>

### **Shop drawings, 1904**

Identifier: C033/2293X  
Extent: Partial record center carton  
Notes: Derived from former series C033/1618X.

### **Preliminary/final drawings of bridge elements, 1898-1907**

Identifier: C033/2294X  
Extent: Partial record center carton  
Notes: Derived from former series C033/1618X.

### **Apportionment administrative files, 1908-1911**

Identifier: C033/2296X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Detailed description of series at Archives Reference Desk, prepared by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Archives.

### **Boston/Cambridge Bridge Commission records of Cambridge Bridge, 1910-1915**

Identifier: C033/2298X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Detailed description of series at Archives Reference Desk, prepared by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Archives.

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## **Record Group Number: C034**

### **Record Group Name: Commissioners for the Enlargement of the State House**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1853, c 191 provided for appointment by the governor of three commissioners to superintend construction of a fire-proof addition to the State House on its north side. Plans for this addition followed on those submitted to the legislature by a committee appointed pursuant to Resolves 1852, c 99 (1853 S 59). At the completion of the project responsibility for the addition was to be transferred to the sergeant-at-arms (Resolves 1855, c 81); transfer was attested to by commissioners in their final report of Jan. 1856 (1856 S 8). The legislature voted not to continue the commission (House Journal, Feb 12, 1856; Senate Journal, Feb 14, 1856).

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609631>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Plans, 1853-1854**

Identifier: C034/533X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)

Notes: In triplicate.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556604>

##### **Administrative files, 1853-1856**

Identifier: C034/537X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (4 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412440>

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## **Record Group Number: C037**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts War Memorial Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to St 1930, c 411, the Massachusetts War Memorial Investigating Commission, consisting of gubernatorial and legislative appointees, was established to consider and report as to construction of a further memorial to men and women of Massachusetts

serving in all wars. Their reports to the General Court were submitted as 1931 H 4 and 1931 H 1306. Resolves 1931, c 21 revived the commission with another set of appointees, known as the Massachusetts War Memorial Commission, to further report and to procure a memorial design by conducting a competition among architects of Massachusetts. Their report was submitted as 1932 H 300.

The winning design, by Maginnis & Walsh, Architects, became the Veterans War Memorial Tower on the Mount Greylock State Reservation, Lanesborough, Mass., dedicated in 1933. Drawings for that design are found not in the related Massachusetts Archives record series (CO47/1164X) but at the State Library of Massachusetts, special collections unit.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430022>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Massachusetts war memorial competition drawings, ca. 1931**

Identifier: C037/1164X

Extent: 33 items

Notes: Duplicate numbering with many gaps indicates ca. 100 drawing sets originally submitted.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095699>

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## **Record Group Number: C038**

### **Record Group Name: Special Commission Relative to the Selection of an Official Song for the Commonwealth**

#### **Historical Note:**

A special commission, appointed by the governor pursuant to Resolves 1958, c 54 and reconstituted pursuant to Resolves 1961, c 22 and Resolves 1964, c 61, consisted of five members qualified in music who were to make recommendations to the General Court regarding an official state song. The commission, chaired by Arthur Fiedler, music director of the Boston Pops Orchestra, announced competitions and received entries for the state song. St 1966, c 644, designated as such "All hail to Massachusetts," by Arthur J. Marsh, mentioned in the resolves of 1961 and 1964. (See also St 1981, c 383, s 2)

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405457>

## **Related Series:**

### **Correspondence, 1958-1965**

Identifier: C038/337X  
Extent: 6 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Boston Symphony Orchestra Archives, from the papers of Arthur Fielder, 1983.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80256592>

### **Entries for the state song, 1958-1965**

Identifier: C038/1132X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box and partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by composer.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Boston Symphony Orchestra Archives, from the papers of Arthur Fielder, 1983.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80232544>

### **Legal records of the state song, 1967-1968**

Identifier: C038/1133X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78729773>

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## **Record Group Number: C039**

## **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on the Judiciary**

### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court in 1937 (House Journal, Jan 6, 1937). (Before that time there were separate judiciary committees for the Senate and the House of Representatives.) The committee considers all matters concerning the judiciary, including salaries and recall of judges, and juries and jury duty (but excluding retirement of judges and salaries and tenure of court clerks and court officers), and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564355>

## **Related Series:**

### **Subject files, 1975-1989**

Identifier: C039/1515  
Extent: 17.85 cubic feet (14 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically/by subject  
Notes: Assembled by committee co-chair Senator Alan Sisitsky and transferred to Archives from State Library, January 13, 1983. Background materials may predate stated file span.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122420000>

### **Hearing files, 1981-1991**

Identifier: C039/1768  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by hearing date.  
Notes: Series incomplete. Box 1: 1981-1982. Box 2: 1982, 1985 (fragmentary), 1987. Box 3: 1987, 1991.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556617>

### **Legislative files, 1985-1996**

Identifier: C039/1769  
Extent: 36.25 cubic feet (29 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber/bill number.  
Notes: Files for 1986 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78261244>

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## **Record Group Number: C042**

## **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Emergency Committee on Unemployment**

### **Historical Note:**

Following substantial appropriations by the General Court in 1931 for the emergency relief of unemployment in the Commonwealth, Governor Joseph B. Ely informed the press that an

Emergency Committee on Unemployment had been formed "to consolidate the efforts of the cities and towns of Massachusetts to provide or obtain employment for our people, and for the purpose of cooperating, of harmonizing and, thereby, of strengthening their efforts to supply assistance to those who may be in need." The committee of eleven members was chaired by William Phillips, former regional director of the New England Territory on the President's Emergency Committee for Employment. Other members of the committee had served on the 1930-1931 Massachusetts Emergency Committee on Unemployment (Resolves 1930, c 60). The state was divided into seven regions and seven regional vice-chairmen were added to the committee. They were responsible for the organization of work in each district.

The primary responsibility of the committee was to insure that no community was confronted with a relief problem larger than it could handle. The committee followed the policy established by the president's committee and the state committee of 1930-1931 that there should be no central board or source of relief and that all work should be carried out on a local basis. To implement this policy the committee was to create, encourage, and guide local unemployment committees where they were needed to supplement the work of the Department of Public Welfare. Such committees were organized in all but three of the 355 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

The committee's work also included studying national and state relief efforts on unemployment, interpreting state laws, recommending legislation that gave priority to the employment of those with dependents, and in general researching legal issues pertaining to the unemployed. It contacted industrial leaders urging them to suspend seniority rules and to have the maximum number of people working even if pay cuts resulted. The committee also urged cities and towns not to curtail recreation programs and assisted in developing programs that included planting vegetable gardens; clothing drives in cooperation with the army, the Red Cross, and business leaders; a job drive by the American Legion; and benefit performances in motion picture theaters.

Under the committee's auspices, an Educational Committee of local institutions was formed to implement cooperative university courses for 1,600 unemployed white-collar workers. That committee's members included the state Department of Education, the Boston Public Library, the Boston School Committee, Boston University, the Boston YMCA, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Museum of Fine Arts, the North Bennet Street Industrial School, Northeastern University, Radcliffe College, Simmons College, Tufts College, and Wellesley College. Classes were both practical and cultural and included the following: accounting, business English, finance, journalism, art appreciation, music, choral singing, retail selling, industrial art, pottery, and leathercraft.

In 1932 the work of the Massachusetts Emergency Committee on Unemployment was completed and the body disbanded.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419736>

**Related Series:**

**Report on unemployment relief, 1931-1932**

Identifier: C042/789X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609673>

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**Record Group Number: C044**

**Record Group Name: Commission on Minimum Wage Boards**

**Historical Note:**

Resolves 1911, c 71 authorized a commission of five gubernatorial appointees (known as the Commission on Minimum Wage Boards) to investigate wages of women and minors and to report on the advisability of establishing boards to fix minimum rates of such wages in any industry. Its recommendations led to the establishment of the Minimum Wage Commission per St 1912, c 706.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429822>

**Related Series:**

**Annual Reports, 1912**

Identifier: C044/1318 (sub-series)  
Extent: 1 volume  
Notes: Also known as: House, 1912, no. 1697.  
Additional copy found with: Massachusetts. Minimum Wage Commission. Annual reports ((M-Ar)1318(Subseries)).

**Report, 1912**

Identifier: C044/1754X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Also known as: House, 1912, no. 1697.  
Additional copy found with: Massachusetts. Minimum Wage  
Commission. Annual reports ((M-Ar)1318(Subseries)).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144267>

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## **Record Group Number: C046**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – House of Representatives – Special Committee to Investigate the Acts and Conduct of the Attorney General**

#### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to an order of the House, February 28, 1928, the Speaker appointed a special committee to investigate the acts and conduct of Arthur K. Reading during his tenure as attorney general of the Commonwealth. The committee submitted its report (1928 H 1339) on June 1. Pursuant to a House order of June 5, it reported articles of impeachment (1928 H 1344) on June 8. Since Reading had submitted his resignation on June 6, the House resolved on June 13, 1928 to place the articles of impeachment on file without further action.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357373>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Investigation files, 1927-1929**

Identifier: C046/75X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357408>

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## **Record Group Number: C047**

### **Record Group Name: Guardians of Indians**

#### **Historical Note:**

The first legislation regulating the Massachusetts Indians (St 1693-4, c 17) provided that the governor appoint "one or more discreet persons...to have inspection and more particular care and government of the Indians in their respective plantations." Fifty years

later (St 1746-7, c 12) the General Court began to appoint "near to every Indian plantation in the province, guardians to the said Indians," three to a plantation, empowered to take Indian lands, redistribute them among the Indians, let out the remainder, and use the resulting income to provide for sick and indigent Indians, with accounting of these transactions to be presented to the legislature. Although Indians were not then restricted from selling their land, the renewal of the act (St 1758-9, c 6) put such sales in the hands of the guardians.

Regular renewals of the legislation occurred until 1796, but chapter 69 of that year fails to include it among expiring acts being made perpetual. Nevertheless, appointment and removal of guardians and approval of their accounts and proposed land sales to support the Indians were continued routinely by the General Court. Special regulations followed: to convey guardian accounts to the Committee on Accounts (Resolves 1801, c 17); to have guardians give bond and an account of properties held in trust to the Court of Sessions (St 1824, c 123); to provide for guardians' removal from office for cause by the governor (St 1846, c 216); and for the review of their accounts by judges of probate (St 1850, c 141). -- Guardians, sometimes referred to as trustees, were by the mid-1700s associated with at least two dozen localities, of which the following were governed through special legislation:

(1) Marshpee (Mashpee) was made a district (St 1763-4, c 3) in which "Indians and molattoes, proprietors" elected five overseers (two of them "Englishmen") to function as guardians; the district was then abolished and guardians appointed by the General Court were reimposed (St 1788, c 2), this followed quickly by a new gubernatorially-appointed board of overseers (St 1788, c 38); they would themselves appoint guardians, whose responsibilities were extended to the Herring Pond Indians as well (Resolves 1789, May Sess, c 23). Later, overseers were empowered to act as guardians themselves (St 1818, c 105). The district was reestablished (St 1834, c 166) after an Indian uprising, with the governor appointing a commissioner who replaced the overseers, and in Mashpee (though not at Herring Pond) worked with selectmen chosen by the Indian proprietors. The commissioner was replaced with a gubernatorially-appointed treasurer (St 1853, c 186); next the proprietors were allowed to propose the treasurer to the governor (St 1856, c 286), and eventually to elect him (St 1863, c 183).

(2) Gay Head was to have its guardians appointed by the governor (St 1811, c 78) as were

(3) Natick (Resolves 1809, c 125), (4) Grafton (Resolves 1827, c 78), and (5) Dudley (Resolves 1828, c 62). (6) Chappaquiddick and Christiantown in Dukes County were to receive gubernatorially-appointed guardians (St 1827, c 114), who governed with overseers chosen by the Indians, provisions of this act being extensible to Gay Head should those Indians accept it, which they did not.

That fact was noted by John Milton Earle, in an 1861 report (1861 S 96) commissioned by the governor as provided by an act (St 1859, c 266) to extend citizenship conditionally to Indians. Coming after another commissioned report (Resolves 1848, c 82), Earle's generally negative account of the Indians' condition concluded by proposing automatic enfranchisement of all Indians but those of seven plantations (Chappaquiddick, Christiantown, Gay Head, Mashpee, Herring Pond, Fall River, and Dudley), they being allowed individually to become citizens on payment of poll tax. Earle's recommendations were largely enacted (St 1862, c 184), except for the proposal of a state-wide commissioner: the guardians for four plantations remained intact, while Gay Head was set up as a district on Mashpee's model. A few years later franchise was extended to all Indians remaining under guardians (St 1869, c 463), with probate judge-appointed commissioners disposing of remaining common lands, and the indigent being placed under the care of the Board of State Charities. Mashpee and Gay Head were incorporated as towns (St 1870, c 293, 213) and the Board of State Charities examined and closed the accounts of the last guardians of Indians (Resolves 1870, c 80).

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429200>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Accounts and correspondence, 1788-1865**

**Restriction:** Restricted as fragile; access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only.

Identifier: C047/739X  
Extent: 0.87 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged generally by tribe, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Some materials are identified as having been addressed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, but provenance of other items is unclear.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81566948>

##### **Accounts of Guardians of the Dudley Indians, 1801-1857 (bulk 1801-1846)**

Identifier: C047/740X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by fiscal year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564421>

**Report of the commissioner appointed under the act concerning the Indians, 1763-1861 (bulk 1859-1861)**

**Restriction:** Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only.

Identifier: C047/1382X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: In two series:  
(1) Report  
(2) Appendix  
Arranged within each subseries by tribe  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80180912>

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**Record Group Number: C048**

**Record Group Name: Special Commission on the Charles River Basin**

**Historical Note:**

The Special Commission on the Charles River Basin was established to investigate methods of making the Charles River Basin more safe, suitable, and attractive for recreation (Resolves 1928, c 16). The five-member commission consisted of the chairman of the Division of Metropolitan Planning (Metropolitan District Commission) and four gubernatorial appointees. They held hearings to obtain testimony of state and city officials and to recommend legislation in a report to the legislature, submitted Jan. 1929.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429835>

**Related Series:**

**Report on proposed improvements of the Charles River Basin, 1929**

Identifier: C048/627X  
Extent: 2 volumes  
Notes: Includes two copies.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78225741>

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## **Record Group Number: C049**

### **Record Group Name: Decennial Census Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

In 1986 the secretary of state challenged the City of Boston's 1985 decennial census results; the Decennial Census Commission was established by the governor to investigate. This series was created to report to the secretary the commission's findings on the determination and verification of the Boston census. The report includes a description of the commission's proceedings and purpose; findings relating to the city's census process, to the verification and correction of the census, and to the determination and verification of the city population based on other data; and recommendations, including one that the state decennial census be discontinued and that federal census data be used to set the boundaries for state senatorial and representative districts.

Submissions to the commission are testimony at public meetings, briefs, statistics, correspondence, memos, and reports from interested persons; subjects include the process of the commission, census methodology, Boston population, and population trends. All materials are photocopies.

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Report and submissions, 1986-1987**

Identifier: C049/738X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (6 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556570>

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## **Record Group Number: C051**

### **Record Group Name: Henry Cabot Lodge Memorial Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Henry Cabot Lodge Commission was established by Resolves 1985, c 6, at the recommendation of State Representative Peter Torkildsen. The commission was charged with developing plans to promote through public subscription an appropriate memorial to Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., who had served the Commonwealth and the nation as state

representative, U.S. senator, ambassador to Vietnam, and ambassador to the United Nations.

The commission consisted of five members of the Senate, ten members of the House of Representatives, and four persons appointed by the governor. A report of the recommendations was submitted to the General Court in 1987 (1987 H 4315), and a final report on the work of the commission in 1988. On October 25, 1988 a ceremony was held at Bartlett Hall at the State House in Boston to unveil and dedicate a bust of Lodge. The bust, by Philip Sears, is a replica of a clay bust sculpted in the 1930s, when Lodge was state representative. The commission held a final meeting on December 6, 1988 and voted to dissolve.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429221>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Photographs of Henry Cabot Lodge, 1919-1988**

Identifier: C051/755X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (26 photographs in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of image.

Notes: Collated: 1985-1988

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703116>

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## **Record Group Number: C052**

## **Record Group Name: Records Laws Study Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to Resolves 1963, c 60, the Massachusetts General Court established an unpaid special commission including five members of the legislature, designees of the commissioner of administration, state secretary, attorney general, and state librarian, and appointees of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the Boston chapter of the American Records Management Association, to study records laws of Massachusetts. The commission's mandate was extended by Resolves 1964, c 5, and Resolves 1965, c 2, and filed its report in Feb. 1965.

## Related Series:

### Commission files, 1964-1965

Identifier: C052/2229X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts State Library.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83659587>

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## Record Group Number: C053

### Record Group Name: Joint Board on Metropolitan Improvements

#### Historical Note:

Resolves 1909, c 113 provided for a joint board from the Board of Railroad Commissioners, Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, Boston Transit Commission, and the Metropolitan Park Commission, to continue investigations by a gubernatorial/Boston municipal commission authorized by Resolves 1907, c 108. That commission was charged with considering issues of public works, highways, traffic control, and location of docks and terminals in the Boston Metropolitan District. A preliminary report (1910 S 27) by the 1909 board was made to the General Court as mandated. The final report (1911 H 1550), as mandated by Resolves 1910, ss 112 and 134, dealt with construction and subsequent ownership of a tunnel between North and South Stations in Boston, and electrification of standard gauge railroads; also with construction of a highway between Wellington Bridge, Somerville and Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556513>

## Related Series:

### Outgoing correspondence, 1909-1911

Identifier: C053/1066X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Scheduled under and transferred to Archives, Nov. 1989, by Parks Division, Metropolitan District Commission.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123325>

**Minutes, 1909-1910**

Identifier: C053/2251X  
Extent: 0.5 records center carton

**Final report, 1911**

Identifier: C053/2251X  
Extent: 0.5 records center carton

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**Record Group Number: C054****Record Group Name: Committee on International Trade and Foreign Investment****Historical Note:**

The Committee on International Trade and Foreign Investment was established pursuant to St 1983, c 297, s 21 (amended by St 1985, c 140, s 60), as a special joint committee of the Massachusetts General Court consisting of fifteen of its members, to make an investigation and study relative to the advancement of foreign trade between the Commonwealth and various underdeveloped countries, especially in the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia. The committee was to receive cooperation from the Executive Office of Economic Affairs, and results of its investigation and study, recommendations, and draft legislation were to be filed with the House clerk by the end of 1986.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429845>

**Related Series:****Photographs of the mayor of Beijing, 1984**

Identifier: C054/22X  
Extent: 9 photographs (partial volume)  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from the Massachusetts State Library, March 1990.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79015761>

### **Committee files, 1983-1985**

Identifier: C054/1253X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Outgoing correspondence  
(2) Subject files  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from the Massachusetts State Library, March 1990.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78135441>

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## **Record Group Number: C055**

## **Record Group Name: Metropolitan District Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1894, c 446 established the Metropolitan District Commission as a three-member board to investigate and report to the Massachusetts legislature on the advisability of establishing a general government, with limited powers, for the city of Boston and the surrounding cities and towns, generally known as the metropolitan district. Under such a plan each municipality would have independence in local affairs, but confer on the general government authority in matters better administered centrally. The commission was also to consider the alternative of annexing surrounding cities and towns to Boston. The commission's report was originally due in Jan. 1895, but the deadline was extended to Jan. 1896 (Resolves 1895, c 29). The commission's final session was held on May 1, 1896.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429396>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Receipts and expenditures journal, 1894-1896**

Identifier: C055/625X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Four pages (September 1894-April 1895) were cut from volume.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83317445>

**Report, 1896**

Identifier: C055/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122403026>

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**Record Group Number: C056****Record Group Name: State Board on Docks and Terminal Facilities****Historical Note:**

St 1895, c 291 provided for a three-member gubernatorial commission to investigate improvement of docks, wharves, and terminal facilities for the Port of Boston. Issues to be examined included public ownership and control; if adopted, acquisition of waterfront, funding, agency for construction; state control of Boston harbor flats not owned by the city; changes to railroad terminals and grade crossings; present loss of business because of freight or wharfage charges. After a preliminary report (1896 H 650) was issued, Resolves 1896, c 68 extended the deadline for a report to the General Court from Feb. 1896 to Jan. 1897 and ended the commission's authority as of April.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429832>

**Related Series:****Minutes, 1895-1897**

Identifier: C056/667X

Extent: 0.17 cu. feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430181>

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## **Record Group Number: C057**

### **Record Group Name: Revolutionary War Bicentennial Commission**

#### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1964, c 71 established a special commission to plan the observance by Massachusetts of the bicentennial of the historic events preceding the Revolutionary War. The commission consisted of the governor, ex officio, three members of the Senate, five members of the House of Representatives, the state secretary or designee, the adjutant general or designee, and twenty persons appointed by the governor, and was to file its final annual report in 1975. Resolves 1965, c 49 increased membership by one representative; Resolves 1973, c 125 added two senators, four representatives, and ten gubernatorial appointees, and extended the deadline for the commission's final report to 1980. The body was known in its publications variously as the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission and the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Commission.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357371>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Sound recordings and visual materials, 1961-1976 (bulk 1973-1976)**

Identifier: C057/845X

Extent: 2.65 cubic feet. (Photographs, ca. 200 slides, 7 sound cassettes, 38 sound tape reels, and 1 videocassette in 1 record center carton and 4 document boxes)

Notes: Transferred to Archives from the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84429628>

#### **Committee files, 1967-1978 (bulk 1974-1976)**

Identifier: C057/1299X

Extent: 36.25 cubic feet (29 record center cartons)

Notes: Transferred to Archives from the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80301564>

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## **Record Group Number: C058**

### **Record Group Name: Special Commission to Develop a Master Tax Plan**

#### **Historical Note:**

A special commission consisting of members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Massachusetts General Court and gubernatorial appointees was established per Resolves 1967, c 162, for making an investigation and study of the entire area of taxation within the Commonwealth, including state, local, special district, and county taxation, and assessment, collection, and distribution of taxes and revenue with the purpose of developing a master taxation planning program for Massachusetts for the period 1969-1979. Originally scheduled to complete its work by 1969, the commission was revived and continued by annual resolves from 1969 through 1975. During this period its size was increased and mission detailed by numerous additional resolves of the General Court.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429978>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Administrative files, 1969-1974**

Identifier: C058/1347X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80093309>

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## **Record Group Number: C059**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Special Committee on the Financial Condition of the Commonwealth**

#### **Historical Note:**

On May 13, 1865, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Massachusetts General Court concurred in an order appointing members to a joint special committee to consider the subject of taxation; to provide proportional and reasonable assessment rates and taxes for inhabitants, other residents, and estates of the Commonwealth; and also to consider the financial condition of the Commonwealth. The body was generally referred to as the Joint Special Committee on the Financial Condition of the Commonwealth. (On a questionnaire

circulated by the committee it referred to itself as the First Special Committee upon the Subject of Taxation and the Finances.) The committee submitted its report to the legislature in May 1866.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429917>

**Related Series:**

**Returns from cities and towns, 1865-1866 (bulk 1865)**

Identifier: C059/1379X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79655075>

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**Record Group Number: C060**

**Record Group Name: Pardon and Parole Commission**

**Historical Note:**

Resolves 1939, c 12 provided for a seven-member special unpaid commission of Senate, House, and gubernatorial appointees to investigate and report to the Massachusetts General Court on pardon and parole systems in the Commonwealth: the granting of pardons by the governor and council, the granting of pardons by the Parole Board, and specifically the circumstances surrounding the granting of certain pardons in 1938. The commission was continued under Resolves 1939, c 37. It issued a preliminary report in July 1940 and a final report in Dec. 1940.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429915>

**Related Series:**

**Legislative files, exhibits, and reports, 1932-1941**

Identifier: C060/1385X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Notes: Associated Materials - Sidney A. Aisner papers; Files on impeachment of Daniel H. Coakley: Harvard Law School Library. Cambridge, MA 02138.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82908040>

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## **Record Group Number: C061**

## **Record Group Name: Special Commission on the Structure of the State Government**

### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1949, c 75 provided for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to an examination of the structure of the state government of Massachusetts with a view to elimination of duplications of functions, improvement of operations, and abolishment or consolidation of agencies, thereby reducing the costs of government and the burden of taxation. Resolves 1950, c 36 and c 76 increased its scope to include consideration of an economic commission, a women's business board, and protections for public employees. It consisted originally of twelve legislative and gubernatorial appointees; Resolves 1950, c 83 and Resolves 1954, c 12 each increased its membership by two. Resolves 1951, c 10, Resolves 1952, c 28, Resolves 1953, c 17, and Resolves 1954, c 12 successively extended the commission's tenure in order to issue a final report to the General Court, from the original date of Mar. 31, 1951 to Mar. 15, 1954.

The commission issued fifteen reports, some of which formed the basis of legislation, as follows:

- (1) Progress report--1950 H 2685.
- (2) Survey of overall problems--1950 H 2126.
- (3) Utility and small purchases, unclaimed checks, commission procedures--1951 H 2186. Cf. St 1951, c 759.
- (4) Industrial relations--1951 H 2523. Cf. St 1952, c 630.
- (5) Public welfare and youth services--1951 H 2591. Cf. St, 1951, c 801; St 1952, c 602, c 605.
- (6) Cigarette tax stamp--1951 H 2880.
- (7) Education--1952 H 2051. Cf. St 1952, c 499, c 585, c 630.
- (8) Conservation--1952 H 2032. Cf. St 1952, c 480, c 501, c 563, c 622.
- (9) Public safety--1952 H 2400. Cf. St 1952, c 541.

- (10) Restudy of parts of 4th and 9th reports--1952 H 2199. Cf. St 1953, c 644.
- (11) Building construction--1953 H 2575. Cf. St 1953, c 612.
- (12) Dept. of Corporations and Taxation--1953 H 2828. Cf. St 1953, c 654.
- (13) Public health--1953 H 200. Cf. St 1954, c 581.
- (14) Personnel administration--1953 H 2352. Cf. St 1954, c 597, c 680.
- (15) Salaries of state officers and employees subject to MGL c 30, s 46--1954 H 2600. Cf. St 1954, c 407, c 453.

### **Related Series:**

### **Commission files, 1950-1954 (bulk 1952-1953)**

Identifier: C061/2227X  
Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chiefly alphabetically by subject.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Littauer Library, Harvard University, April 13, 2000.

Series constitutes part of the papers of William Augustus Waldron, an attorney practicing in Boston with an additional career in public administration. He held posts with the New York State Assembly and Constitutional Convention (1937-1938), the federal Dept. of Justice (1942), and the National War Labor Board (1942-1945); and in Massachusetts served with the Special Commission on the Structure of the State Government (1950-1954, from 1952 as executive director), as special assistant attorney general (1962), as commissioner of administration (1963-1965), and as special counsel to the General Court's House Rules Committee (1969, 1971, 1973-1974)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84331675>

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## **Record Group Number: C062**

## **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Taxation**

### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Taxation was first constituted as a standing committee (Committee on Taxation) of the Massachusetts General Court in 1879 (House Journal/Senate Journal, Jan. 3, 1879), as a successor to the Committee on Expenditures. It considers all matters

concerning raising of revenue for the Commonwealth by means of taxation, certain matters relating to the local property tax, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82011769>

**Related Series:**

**Hearing files, 1970-1975**

Identifier: C062/1606

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78844668>

**Legislative files, 2003**

Identifier: C062/1606

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

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**Record Group Number: C062.5**

**Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on bonding, Capital Expenditures, and State Assets**

**Historical Note:**

Beginning with the 1997-1998 session, the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts General Court maintained a Committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures to review legislation providing for the giving, loaning, or pledging of the credit of the Commonwealth; to hold hearings on the status of Commonwealth notes and bonds; and to monitor the Executive branch and Treasury relative to project expenditures and the issuance and sale of bonds. The Senate followed suit in the 2003-2004 session. For the 2005-2008 sessions a Joint (House/Senate) Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures, and State Assets assumed these functions. Beginning with the 2009-2010 session, once more, but under the most recent name, the functions reverted to separate committees of the House and Senate.

## **Related Series:**

### **Committee files, 1997-2008**

Identifier: C062.5/2523  
Extent: 40 cubic feet (32 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/769756260>

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## **Record Group Number: C063**

### **Record Group Name: Joint Board of the Metropolitan District Commission and the Department of Public Works**

#### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1935, c 50 authorized the Metropolitan District Commission and the Dept. of Public Works, acting as a joint board, to investigate the laying out, construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of various ways, bridges, beaches, and recreational facilities in the Boston metropolitan area. The board's report was filed with the General Court on Dec. 4, 1935 (1936 S 100).

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609628>

## **Related Series:**

### **Plans for roads, bridges, and beaches, 1935**

Identifier: C063/1430X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (11 technical drawings sets in 1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469663>

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## **Record Group Number: C064**

### **Record Group Name: Commission on Metropolitan Improvements**

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556513>

## Related Series:

### Report, 1909

Identifier: C064/2250X  
Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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## Record Group Number: C065

### Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Special Committee on License Law

#### Historical Note:

As the result of various citizen petitions regarding liquor licensing law, the Massachusetts General Court established a joint special committee to consider more stringent legislation (Senate/House journals, Jan. 17, 1845). After deliberation, the body asked to be discharged on the grounds that legislation on the topic at this time was inexpedient (Senate/House journals, Jan. 28, 1845).

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429922>

## Related Series:

### Petitions for penalties on liquor license law violations, 1845

Identifier: C065/1396X  
Extent: 0.34 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by locality.  
Notes: Petitions taken from: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Senate unpassed legislation ((M-Ar)231), 1845, docket 11679.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81675033>

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## **Record Group Number: C066**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Banks and Banking**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Banks and Banking was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court in 1814 (House Journal, May 30, 1814). It considers all matters concerning banks, banking institutions, credit unions, small loans, consumer credit, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81729962>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Committee files, 1964-2000**

Identifier: C066/1743

Extent: 40 cubic feet (32 record center cartons); 5 sound cassettes (1 box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81729962>

##### **Subject files, 1972-1976 (bulk 1973-1975)**

Identifier: C066/1744

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560470>

##### **Consumer credit recodification files, 1969-1975 (bulk 1973-1974)**

Identifier: C066/1745X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521233>

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## **Record Group Number: C067**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Local Affairs**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Local Affairs was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court as of 1968 (Senate Journal, Jan 24/Feb 2, 1967; House Journal, Jan 25/Jan 30, 1967). The committee considers all matters seeking enactment of special laws for a certain city or town; establishment of economic, district, and local planning commissions; rent control; zoning laws and rules; and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564362>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Legislative/hearing files, 1983-2002**

Identifier: C067/1809

Extent: 53.75 cubic feet (43 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber/bill number

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79752289>

#### **Subject files, 1988-1990 (bulk 1988-1989)**

Identifier: C067/2050

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83225148>

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## **Record Group Number: C068**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Government Regulations**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Government Regulations was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court as of 1968 (Senate Journal, Jan 24/Feb 2, 1967; House Journal, Jan 25/Jan 30, 1967). The committee considers all matters concerning public

utilities, gambling, registration of various trades or professions, issuance of licenses for sale of alcoholic beverages, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419760>

**Related Series:**

**Committee files, 1985-1987 (bulk 1986-1987)**

Identifier: C068/1821

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by subject and then by chamber/bill number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78291523>

**Legislative files, 1979-1994 (bulk 1988-1994)**

Identifier: C068/2019

Extent: 16.25 cubic feet (13 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by subject and then by chamber/bill number.

Notes: Files for 1988-1992, 1994 only. For other years, see Committee files ((M-Ar)1821) from which 1988-1989 were transferred.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79789755>

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**Record Group Number: C069**

**Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs**

**Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Social Welfare was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court as of 1968 (Senate Journal, Jan 24/Feb 2, 1967; House Journal, Jan 25/Jan 30, 1967). It was renamed Joint Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, effective 1975 (Senate Journal, June 19, 1974; House Journal, July 23, 1974). The committee considers all matters concerning public welfare, children, the elderly, the handicapped, mental health, drug rehabilitation and control, veterans' benefits, alcoholism, the correction system (including administration, prisoners' rights, furloughs, work release, probation, rehabilitation, and parole), other social service programs, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521142>

## **Related Series:**

### **Legislative files, 1989-1994**

Identifier: C069/1873  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year(s); thereunder by subject or bill.  
Notes: Box 1: 1989  
Box 2: 1989-1990  
Box 3: 1989-1992  
Box 4: 1992-1994

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80093328>

### **Hearing files, 1989-1996**

Identifier: C069/1880  
Extent: 18.75 cubic feet (15 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81802958>

### **Subject files, 1987-1991**

Identifier: C069/1881  
Extent: 5.7 cubic feet (4 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by subject.  
Notes: Background materials may predate file dates; Box 4 includes videocassettes.  
Boxes 1-4: 1989-1990  
Box 5: 1987-1989  
Box 6: 1989-1991

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372749>

### **Chairman's budget files, 1987-1990 (bulk 1988-1989)**

Identifier: C069/2008  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by fiscal year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372752>

### **Committee files, 1971-1987**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision; for conditions of access consult repository; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A.

Identifier: C069/2046X

Extent: 96.25 cubic feet (77 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by subject.  
Notes: Files are as preserved by Jack H. Backman, Senate chair of the joint committee and its predecessor, 1971-1987. Transferred with his personal political and legislative files and related reference materials to the College of Public and Community Service, University of Massachusetts at Boston, Fall 1987, as the Backman Human Service Collection. Presented to Archives, April 1995; transferred, May 1995.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123364>

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## **Record Group Number: C070**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court as of 1968 (Senate Journal, Jan 24/Feb 2, 1967; House Journal, Jan 25/Jan 30, 1967), succeeding the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Joint Committee on Natural Resources. It was renamed Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture as of 2005 (Gen. Ct. Manual, 2005-06, p. 571). The committee considers all matters pertaining to natural resources and the environment: air, water, and noise pollution and control thereof; hunting and fishing; conservation; solid and hazardous waste disposal; sewerage; agricultural and farm problems; and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609637>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Legislative/hearing files, 1981-2008**

Identifier: C070/1549  
Extent: 133.75 cubic feet (107 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year/session, thereunder by chamber/bill, numerically or chronologically by hearing date.  
Notes: 1981 files incomplete; 2000 files lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705448>

### **Subject files, 1985-1994**

Identifier: C070/2031

Extent: 20 cubic feet (16 record center cartons)

Notes: Background materials may predate file dates.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83317461>

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## **Record Group Number: C071**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Special Commission Relative to Divorce**

#### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1984, c 14 (1985) provided for a special commission (officially called Special Commission on Divorce, but also known as Special Commission Relative to Divorce, Special Legislative Commission on Divorce, and Divorce Commission) of three members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives of the General Court, and eight gubernatorial appointees to investigate and study existing laws and practices relating to divorce and the economic and emotional impact of the divorce process on the parties and their children, and to propose necessary modifications to such laws and practices. The final report was to be filed by June 1985; in fact an interim report was issued Oct. 1986. Resolves 1987, c 1 extended the commission through 1988; in fact it held hearings as late as Feb. 1989 before disbanding. Throughout the period it was co-chaired by a member of the Senate and a member of the House.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520679>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Administrative files, 1985-1989 (bulk 1985-1987)**

Identifier: C071/1098X

Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Notes: Survey and research materials may predate file dates.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505969>

**Record Group Number: C072**

**Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Election Laws**

**Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Election Laws was first constituted as a special committee of the General Court in 1881 (House Journal, Jan 14, 1881) and as a standing committee in 1882 (Senate Journal, Jan 6, 1882; House Journal, Jan 6, 1882). The committee considers all matters concerning elections, election laws, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412272>

**Related Series:**

**Legislative files, 1987-1991 (bulk 1988-1991)**

Identifier: C072/1962

Extent: 11.25 cubic feet (9 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber/bill number.

Notes: 1987 files contain annual report only.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591172>

**Hearing files, 1988-1991**

Identifier: C072/1963

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Box 1: 1988-1989; Box 2: 1989-1991.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581667>

**Subject files, 1987-1991 (bulk 1989-1990)**

Identifier: C072/1969

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122403066>

**Committee files**

Identifier: C072/2500X

[Back to Top](#)**Record Group Number: C073****Record Group Name: Special Commission on Environmental Operations****Historical Note:**

St 1987, c 199, s 113 established a twenty-three member commission of gubernatorial appointees to review management needs of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and to recommend management, financial, and administrative plans. Specific concerns were to include management structure to permit the secretary of environmental affairs to exercise policy control; appropriate roles and management structures for constituent agencies to avoid duplicated effort, internal program conflicts, and conflicts with extrasecretariat agencies; a long-term financing plan; and a catalog of responsibilities, deadlines, and performance goals. The environmental protection agenda to be addressed included open space acquisition; coastal zone management; water resources planning, policy, and protection; waste management and cleanup; and air quality control. A preliminary report was due by May 1988; a final report with legislative recommendations to be filed with the General Court by Mar. 1989 was issued in Jan. 1989 with title: Agenda '90 : the Massachusetts environmental challenge.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132231>**Related Series:****Administrative files, 1987-1989 (bulk 1987-1988)**

Identifier: C073/1585X

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Notes: Background information may predate file dates.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575291>[Back to Top](#)

## **Record Group Number: C074**

## **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security**

### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Public Safety was first constituted as a standing committee of the Massachusetts General Court in 1921 (Senate Journal, Jan 5, 1921; House Journal, Jan 5, 1921). It was combined with the Joint Committee on Military Affairs as the Joint Committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety in 1939 (Senate Journal, Jan 4, 1939; House Journal, Jan 4, 1939) and reestablished as a separate committee in 1953 (Senate Journal, Jan 7, 1953; House Journal, Jan 7, 1953). It was renamed Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security as of 2005 (Gen. Ct. Manual, 2005-06, p. 571). The committee considers all matters concerning laws relating to shipping or otherwise transporting energy sources, the safety of the public, including civil defense, firearms and gun control, fire laws, motor vehicle laws, motor vehicle safety belts (including school buses), the correction system including administration, prisoners' rights, furloughs, work release, probation, rehabilitation, homeland or Commonwealth security matters, other matters related to federal affairs, including, but not limited to, the prevention of terrorist attacks, the reduction of the vulnerability to terrorism; the minimizing of the damage and recovery from possible attacks that may occur, and the coordination of homeland security related activities of the Commonwealth with those of the Federal Government, including certain confidential and guarded information and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520681>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Legislative files, 1988-2006**

Identifier: C074/2033  
Extent: 51.25 cubic feet (41 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year/session, thereunder by chamber, and then by bill number.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80053150>

#### **Subject files, 1991-1993**

Identifier: C074/2034  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by year/subject.  
Notes: Background materials may predate file dates.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575294>

**Hearing files, 1987-1991**

Identifier: C074/2035

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by hearing date or subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520805>

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**Record Group Number: C075**

**Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Criminal Justice**

**Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Criminal Justice was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court as of 1982 (per order 1981 S 2443; Senate Journal, Dec 15, 1981; House Journal, Dec 16/Dec 21, 1981). The committee considers all matters concerning crimes and punishments, all other criminal justice procedures, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505872>

**Related Series:**

**Legislative files, 1988-1993 (bulk 1988-1992)**

Identifier: C075/2039

Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber, and then by bill number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505972>

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## **Record Group Number: C076**

## **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Federal Financial Assistance**

### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Federal Financial Assistance was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court in 1966 (Senate Journal, Mar 10, 1966; House Journal, Mar 9, 1966). The committee considers all matters concerning receipt of aid from the federal government, joint resolutions relative to memorializing the Congress of the United States or other federal agencies or officials, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144138>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Legislative files, 1989-1995**

Identifier: C076/2040

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber, and then by bill number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78112172>

#### **Hearing files, 1989-1996**

Identifier: C076/2041

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83659629>

#### **Grant files, 1991-1997 (bulk 1992-1995)**

Identifier: C076/2170

Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84004439>

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**Record Group Number: C076.5**

**Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs**

**Related Series:**

**Grant files**

Identifier: C076.5/2487

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**Record Group Number: C077**

**Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Insurance**

**Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Insurance was first constituted as a separate standing committee of the General Court in 1864 (Senate Journal, Jan 8, 1864; House Journal, Jan 11, 1864), succeeding (along with the Joint Committee on Mercantile Affairs) the Joint Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. The committee considers all matters pertaining to insurance, insurance companies, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560342>

**Related Series:**

**Legislative files, 1975-1998 (bulk 1983-1998)**

Identifier: C077/2058

Extent: 21.25 cubic feet (17 record center cartons)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Bill files, 1978, 1983-1998

(2) Annual reports, 1975-1994

Arranged within each subseries chronologically by year (biennially from 1995/1996); arranged thereunder by chamber/bill no.

Notes: Incomplete.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79015767>

**Hearing files, 1984-1995 (bulk 1984-1994)**

Identifier: C077/2059  
Extent: 7.5 cubic feet (6 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Files for 1991 and 1995 fragmentary.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81640442>

**Co-Chair files, 1995-1996**

Identifier: C077/2599  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 records center cartons)

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**Record Group Number: C078**

**Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on State Administration**

**Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Administration and Commissions was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court in 1918 (Senate Journal, Jan 2, 1918; House Journal, Jan 2, 1918). It was succeeded by the Joint Committee on State Administration in 1920 (House Journal, Jan 7, 1920; Senate Journal, Jan 7, 1920). The committee considers all matters concerning state lands, state buildings, competitive bidding on public contracts, military establishments, free public libraries, historic landmarks, open meeting laws, state fees, state agencies, state regulations, lobbyists' reporting laws, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429578>

**Related Series:**

**Legislative files, 1992-2000**

Identifier: C078/2069  
Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber, and then by bill number.  
Notes: Series currently includes files for 1992 and 1999/2000 sessions only.

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## **Record Group Number: C079**

## **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Health Care**

### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Health Care was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court as of 1975 (Senate Journal, July 22, 1967; House Journal, July 23, 1974). The committee considers all matters concerning health care programs and regulation of health care systems, including rate settings, licensing of health facilities and personnel, certificates of need, and health programs including Medicaid; and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83716081>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Legislative/hearing files, 1985-1992**

Identifier: C079/2080  
Extent: 20 cubic feet (16 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber/bill number.  
Notes: 1985-1987 files reduced; 1986 files include passed legislation only; 1989 files largely lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81574229>

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## **Record Group Number: C080**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Transportation**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Transportation was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court as of 1931, replacing the Joint Committee on Railroads and the Joint Committee on Street Railways (Senate Journal, Jan. 7, 1931; House Journal, Jan. 7, 1931); also as of 1968 replacing the Joint Committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles (Senate Journal, Jan. 24, Feb. 2, 1967; House Journal, Jan. 30, 1967). The committee considers all matters concerning development, operation, regulation, and control of all means of transportation in the air, on land, or in the water; the imposition of tolls on tunnels or bridges; and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430060>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Legislative files, 1991-2012**

Identifier: C080/2027

Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber, and then by bill number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83836414>

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## **Record Group Number: C081**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Joint Committee on Cities was first constituted as a standing committee of the General Court in 1882 (Senate Journal, Jan 6, 1882; House Journal, Jan 6, 1882). It was replaced by the Joint Committee on Urban Affairs effective 1968, per order 1967 S 1005 (House Journal, Jan 30, 1967; Senate Journal, Feb 2, 1967) and renamed Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development effective 1982, per order 1981 S 1728 (House Journal, Oct 29, 1981;

Senate Journal, Nov 3, 1981). The committee considers all matters concerning housing and urban renewal, subdivision control, condominium laws, the Metropolitan District Commission, and other matters referred.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297703>

**Related Series:**

**Legislative files, 1988-1993**

Identifier: C081/2086

Extent: 8.75 cubic feet (7 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by chamber, and then by bill number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78326389>

**Hearing files, 1989-1991**

Identifier: C081/2087

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705855>

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**Record Group Number: C082**

**Record Group Name: Joint Board on the Location of Boathouses along the Charles River Basin**

**Related Series:**

**Minutes, 1907-1910**

Identifier: C082/2253X

Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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**Record Group Number: C083**

**Record Group Name: Joint Committee on Cambridge-Somerville Boulevard**

**Related Series:**

**Records, 1913**

Identifier: C083/2254X

Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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**Record Group Number: C084**

**Record Group Name: Joint Board on Ocean Avenue in the City of Revere**

**Related Series:**

**Records, 1915-1916**

Identifier: C084/2255X

Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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**Record Group Number: C085**

**Record Group Name: Joint Board on Somerville Highway**

**Related Series:**

**Records, 1916-1917**

Identifier: C085/2256X

Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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**Record Group Number: C086**

**Record Group Name: Joint Board on the Protection of Mystic Lakes**

**Related Series:**

**Records, 1917-1918**

Identifier: C086/2257X

Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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**Record Group Number: C087**

**Record Group Name: Joint Commission on Old Colony Boulevard**

**Related Series:**

**Records, 1922-1923**

Identifier: C087/2258X

Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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**Record Group Number: C088**

**Record Group Name: Special Commission on Unsanitary Conditions in Savin Hill Bay and on Dredging of Commercial Point Channel**

**Related Series:**

**Records, 1914-1929**

Identifier: C088/2259X

Extent: 0.5 record center cartons

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## **Record Group Number: C089**

### **Record Group Name: Joint Board on the Neponset River**

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Records, 1943-1945**

Identifier: C089/2260X

Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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## **Record Group Number: C091**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Committee to Settle New Western Towns**

#### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1732-33, c 125 provided for the appointment of a committee of the General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay to survey lands at Paquoig (now Athol, Mass.) and on the upper and lower Ashuelot River (now Swanzey and Keene, N.H.), for the purpose of establishing towns on those sites. An additional committee was to be appointed to admit settlers to the towns (Resolves 1733-34, c 125 and c 198). Such settlers were to live on their land within three years of admission, to build a house according to specifications, to till or fit for mowing eight acres, and to give bond of twenty pounds to the committee to be paid in case of failure to perform these requirements. Series consists of completed printed forms stating this obligation, and signed/sealed by the settler and signed by witnesses. All three localities are represented. All documents (19) are dated June 26, 1734. For additional (4) bonds see: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Massachusetts archives collection ((M-Ar)45X), v, 114, p. 99-102. For additional legislation relating to these settlements see Resolves 1733-34, c 82, 182, 184, and 210.

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Bonds for settlers at Paquoig and Ashuelot River, 1734**

**Restricted:** Restricted as fragile; access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only.

Identifier: C091/2265X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78253080>

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## **Record Group Number: C092**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Committee for Methodizing Accounts**

#### **Historical Note:**

Massachusetts paid for many expenses in fighting the Revolutionary War, especially during the 1775-1776 period when Washington's army and the British army were in the Boston area. These expenses included soldier's pay and bounties, clothing, medical and other supplies, ships, arms, coastal defense as well as support to towns for refugees (the poor) of Boston and Charlestown. Expenses, taken from collected vouchers and receipts, warrants, Council minutes, and other sources, were compiled into books, divided into categories, and often broken down by roll (list) and roughly arranged by date paid by the state. They were then submitted to the federal government for reimbursement. Massachusetts had sought such reimbursement from early on, but final settlement of these accounts did not take place until 1793.

Reimbursement was a lengthy process caused by financial difficulties of the new federal government and the complications of establishing methods of receiving, organizing, exhibiting, and getting approval of expenses. Initially, a committee of the General Court prepared two books of disbursements (war expenses covered by the Massachusetts government) paid out during the years 1774-1775 and 1775-1776. These were submitted to the Continental Congress by Joseph Henderson, but reimbursement was not forthcoming. Another committee was appointed per Resolves 1777-78, c 563 (Dec. 13, 1777) to determine and prepare disbursements made since Dec. 31, 1776, for additional submission.

A joint committee for stating and methodizing public accounts was first established per Resolves 1777-78, c 974 (Apr. 20, 1778). It was responsible for reviewing accounts and collecting vouchers for all of the various sections of the government from the time of the Provincial Congresses onward to determine the state of the public accounts in Massachusetts. Per Resolves 1778-79, c 433 (Feb. 3, 1779), responsibility for disbursement submission was also given to this committee, as the Dec. 13, 1777 committee had not yet fulfilled its charge. The form of the committee varied over the years; usually John Deming and Peter Boyer were members. (For examples of specific mandates to the committee relating to its original mission see Resolves 1787, May Sess, c 113 (where it is called the Committee on Methodizing Accounts) and Resolves 1787, Oct Sess, c 107). Eventually Deming alone was appointed to continue receiving and collecting claims against the United States (Resolves 1790, May Sess, c 77, June 23, 1790), and was later involved in

certifying amounts owed to various persons for Revolutionary War expenses. He was officially discharged as of July 15, 1794, per Resolves 1794, May Sess, c 36 (June 17, 1794)

Congress, per a resolve of Feb. 1782, called for states to submit expenses (within a six-month deadline, per an ordinance of May 7) and appointed commissioners to review and settle such submissions; those responsible for Massachusetts claims were, successively, William Imlay, 1783-1785, Royal Flint, 1785-1787 (see: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Massachusetts archives collection ((M-Ar)45X), v. 288, p. 220-224), and Col. Haskell, 1787-1788. They reviewed and approved previously submitted accounts as well as current submissions, and issued Massachusetts interest-bearing certificates as reimbursement. Per Resolves 1789, Jan Sess, c 154 (Mar. 8, 1790), Nathan Dane was appointed agent to represent Massachusetts in settling its claims against the federal government before a board of commissioners appointed by Congress. Dane continued to collect additional claims for Revolutionary War expenses through Deming. By 1792 the time for exhibiting accounts to Congress had expired, and in 1793 a final settlement between the federal government and the various states was reached.

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Disbursement books of Revolutionary War expenses, 1774-1791**

Identifier: C092/2350X

Extent: 0.58 cubic feet (6 volumes in partial box; v. 5 with: Massachusetts. Quartermaster General's Dept. Record books, 1775 (M-Ar)2352X)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81936471>

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#### **Record Group Number: C093**

#### **Record Group Name: General Court – Committee on Wood and Hay**

#### **Historical Note:**

During the early stages of the Revolutionary War in Massachusetts, its third Provincial Congress's Committee of Safety directed certain persons to provide rebel troops with wood and hay taken from abandoned loyalist estates (Journals, July 5-6, 1775). The reconvened General Court directed that wood be provided on the same basis (Resolves 1775-76, c 50, Aug. 4, 1775).

Because this ad hoc process proved inadequate (Council to Gen. George Washington, Oct. 26, 1775, Massachusetts archives collection, v. 138, p. 253), the legislature established a committee (with no formal name) to supply wood to the Continental Army (Resolves 1775-76, c 342, Nov. 4, 1775). The committee was empowered to hire and pay ax-men and teamsters, and to procure wood and hay either by purchase or by seizure, and to oversee delivery to troops.

Towns were to supply wood to camps at Roxbury, Cambridge, Winter Hill, and Prospect Hill (House Journal, Dec. 2, 1775). In several instances (Lincoln, Bedford, Natick, Dedham) the legislature altered the required amount if the town had supplied troops, and vice versa (Resolves 1775-76, c 413, Dec. 4, 1775; c 414, Dec. 5, 1775; c 423, Dec. 8, 1775)

Given the still continuing insufficiency of wood supplies, Resolves 1775-76, c 461 (Dec. 5, 1775) increased committee membership from seven to eleven; it also allowed the committee to make compulsory purchases of wood and to arrest anyone interfering with its functions.

Per Resolves 1775-76, c 451 (Dec. 20, 1775), towns were to provide hay to camps at Cambridge and Roxbury at a set rate of reimbursement. (This resolve was administered by a separate committee.) Having the same difficulty as with wood, the legislature increased the rate and empowered town selectmen to impress the hay if necessary (Resolves 1775-76, c 517, Jan. 16, 1776)

Resolves 1775-76, c 651 (Feb. 14, 1776) and c 722 (Mar. 20, 1776) increased committee funding. Resolves 1775-76, c 824 (Apr. 12, 1776) directed the committee to settle its account with the quartermaster of the departing Continental Army, using funds so acquired to reimburse the Massachusetts Treasury. A supplemental grant for this purpose was provided by Resolves 1776-77, c 31, June 11, 1776, ending the work of the committee.

Original committee members were Richard Devens (chair), Samuel Thatcher, Abner Ellis, David Cheever (treasurer and clerk, Jan. 4, 1776), Ebenezer Thayer, James Barrett, and Eleazer Brooks. Brooks and Barrett excused themselves on Nov. 6 and Nov. 10, 1775 and were replaced respectively by Jonas Dix and Timothy Walker. Additional members as noted above were Daniel Vose, Benjamin Guild, Jonas Stone, and Ebenezer Withington.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430084>

**Related Series:**

**Committee records, 1775-1778**

Identifier: C093/2349X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79655064>

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**Record Group Number: C094****Record Group Name: Commission on Judicial Conduct****Historical Note:**

The Commission on Judicial Conduct is the Massachusetts state agency responsible for investigating complaints of judicial misconduct against state court judges and for recommending, when necessary, discipline of judges to the Supreme Judicial Court, through which it is funded. It consists of three judges appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, three members of the bar appointed by the chief administrative justice of the Trial Court, and three persons appointed by the governor. The functions of the commission are currently outlined in MGLA c 211C, added by St 1978, c 478, s 114, as amended.

**Related Series:****Judicial conduct case files, 2002-2003**

Identifier: C094/2401

Extent: 1.4 cubic feet (4 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79972809>

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**Record Group Number: C095****Record Group Name: General Court – Committee to Examine Charges for Support of French Neutrals****Historical Note:**

During the French and Indian War, the inhabitants of the British colony of Nova Scotia known as Acadians were considered of dubious loyalty because of their French origin. Following the British capture of Fort Beauséjour from the French in the spring of 1755, orders were issued to remove these so-called French neutrals from their homes and to transport them to other British colonies, including Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia.

Upon the arrival of French neutrals in Massachusetts, its General Court appointed a joint committee (Resolves 1755-1756, c 186 (Nov. 7, 1755)), to direct their disposition in the province. Per St 1755-56, c 23 (Dec. 24, 1755), county courts, justices of the peace, local overseers of the poor, or selectmen were directed to employ, bind out, or support such individuals as they would any town inhabitant, but also, as would not be the case for their own indigent citizens, to submit accounts of expenses incurred thereby to the provincial secretary for reimbursement until Apr. 10, 1756.

A second joint committee was appointed per Resolves 1755-56, c 235 (Dec. 27, 1755), to oversee these arrangements until further direction was received from Nova Scotia governor Charles Lawrence or the province's own governor, William Shirley, presently commanding British forces. (A committee appointed per Resolves 1756-57, c 351 (Feb. 14, 1757) did extract a commitment from Lawrence to reimburse the province (c 386 (Feb. 19, 1757; see also Resolves 1756-57, c 521 (Apr. 16, 1757) and Resolves 1757-58, c 327 (Jan. 24, 1758)). The exiles were to remain provincial charges, and their presence in the various towns was not to render them legal inhabitants thereof. These provisions were confirmed on Jan. 16, 1756 (Resolves 1755-1756, c 239) and again on Jan. 24 (Resolves 1755-1756, c 248). St 1755-56, c 35 (Mar. 6, 1756) directed local officials to supply work tools and housing to those exiles who were willing to be self-supporting, and relief to those incapable of work, again submitting accounts to the province for reimbursement of related expenses each June 1, through June 20, 1757. (The act was renewed per St 1757-58, c 7 (June 16, 1757) until Aug. 1, 1757; see also Resolves 1756-57, c 188 (Oct. 13, 1756))

An order of Council (Leg Recs 21: 186 (May 28, 1756)) concurred with by the House appointed a joint committee to reconsider the fate of the French neutrals; its recommendation was that they be allowed to remain in the province (Resolves 1756-57, c 2 (May 28, 1756)). Whereupon a joint committee to examine charges for support of French neutrals was established per Resolves 1756-57, c 15 (May 31, 1756). It was responsible for reviewing all accounts submitted for the support of French neutrals, as well as for proposing some method of easing the charge to the province, and consisted of Council members Samuel Watts and William Brattle and House of Representative members Samuel Welles and (per Resolves 1756-57, c 32 (June 8, 1756)) Joseph Gerrish and Thomas Clapp.

As recommended by this committee, Resolves 1757-58, c 377 (Mar. 18, 1758), provided that the province was through local government to continue to provide housing, and to provide support to the sick, infirm, and aged French neutrals, but that others were to be self-supporting after Apr. 15, 1758. House members were to survey the condition and capabilities of French neutrals in their districts and report back to the General Court at the next session. These provisions were reiterated in Resolves 1758-1759, c 32 (June 14,

1758). Meantime, the 1756 committee was apparently replaced by one of councilors only (Watts, Brattle, and John Chandler), per Council order of June 8, 1758 (Exec Recs 13: 406)

Resolves 1759-60, c 415 (Apr. 19, 1760) addressed the high cost of provincial support of the French neutrals by having them apportioned to the various counties and then towns in accordance with amount of taxes paid by each locality, and making the towns responsible for their support as with any other poor (see also Resolves 1759-60, c 457 (Apr. 25, 1760), and c 477 (Apr. 26, 1760), which adopted the committee report). Resolves 1760-1761, c 118 (Aug. 15, 1760) explicitly designated French neutrals as legal inhabitants of the towns in which they were located. In placing responsibility for support of French neutrals in the hands of the towns, the General Court effectively ended the work of the committee examining charges.

### **Related Series:**

#### **Accounts, 1756-1760**

Identifier: C095/2417X

Extent: Access through SC1/45X database

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79464278>

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## **Record Group Number: C096**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Committee of Sequestration**

#### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1775-76, c 738 (Mar. 25, 1776) established a committee of the Massachusetts General Court to take inventories of real estate and personal effects left by Loyalists departing Massachusetts during the American Revolution. Members of what was eventually known as the Committee of Sequestration, by 1779 identified solely as of the town of Boston, included Jonathan Browne (chair), William Cooper, John Pitts, and Josiah Sartell, with Elias Parkman as clerk. Resolves 1775-76, c 866 (Apr. 23, 1776) directed local committees of correspondence to take possession of estates in their areas left unattended by fleeing Loyalists, and lease them out. Resolves 1775-76, c 981 (May 4, 1776) directed the Committee of Sequestration also to lease out estates in its possession. The committee's additional responsibilities included paying expenses incurred in managing absentee property including fees to agents, auctioneers, and sheriffs, setting up public auctions of goods, and submitting auction and other monetary proceeds to the state treasury. The

committee also turned over confiscated supplies to the commissary as needed. Resolves 1778-79, c 531 (Feb. 19, 1779) directed both the Committee of Sequestration and the committees of correspondence to sell goods in their possession, in order to provide funds for the state to pay gratuities promised to soldiers.

Resolves 1779-80, c 1114 (May 5, 1780) appointed a committee to investigate proceeds of sales conducted by the Committee of Sequestration, as it had failed to report its accounts to the legislature. Resolves 1780, Oct Sess, c 95 (Nov. 29, 1780) appointed committees for each county to take charge of absentee real estate and personal effects from the Committee of Sequestration (see series (M-Ar)2505X), and to sell the same at public auction. Resolves 1780, Apr 1781 Sess, c 139 (May 7, 1781) appointed a committee to settle the accounts of the Committee of Sequestration and bring its business to a final close by June 10th under threat of prosecution by the new committee. In fact this was only the first of a series of committees appointed to this function, with final instructions from the General Court given to the Committee for Methodizing Accounts per Resolves 1783, Jan 1784 Sess, c 165 (Mar. 20, 1784) (see that entity's Disbursement books of Revolutionary War expenses, 1774-1790 ((M-Ar)2350X))

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/191851174>

**Related Series:**

**Records, 1776-1778**

Identifier: C096/2503X

Extent: 2 volumes (1 bundle)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/191851538>

**Auction records of absentee estates, 1777-1778**

Identifier: C096/2504X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (3 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by estate.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/191851557>

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## **Record Group Number: C096.1**

### **Record Group Name: General Court – Committees for the Sale of Absentee Estates**

#### **Historical Note:**

Per St 1778-79, c 49 (May 1, 1779), the Massachusetts General Court authorized the confiscation and sale of absentee estates for the benefit of the government. Resolves 1778-79, c 312 (Sept. 23, 1779) appointed various county committees to sell at public auction estates confiscated from prominent Loyalists named in the resolve. County committee actions, reflected in resolves passed Oct. 1779-May 1780, included sales, suspended sales, leases, and receipts deposited into the Treasury. Some records for these committees are found in: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Massachusetts archives collection ((M-Ar)45X), v. 280.

Resolves 1780, Oct Sess, c 95 (Nov. 29, 1780) appointed committees for each county to take charge of absentee real estate and personal effects from the Committee of Sequestration and to sell the same at public auction. Resolves 1783, Jan 1784 Sess, c 132 (Mar. 16, 1784) suspended sales of absentee estates and directed the committees to settle their accounts by June 10. As the treaty ending the Revolutionary War prohibited further confiscations, St 1783 c 69 (Mar. 24, 1784) specified that any absentee property not already sold or claimed for debt should be returned to its original owner.

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Record of the Committee for the Sale of Estates of Absentees in Suffolk County, 1781-1785**

Identifier: C096.1/2505X  
Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Journal; arranged chronologically  
(2) Ledger; arranged by estate, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Title derived from ledger title page; Cover title: Committee for Selling Absentees Estates in the County of Suffolk.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/191851233>

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## **Record Group Number: C097**

### **Record Group Name: Special Commission to Investigate and Study Educational Facilities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

#### **Historical Note:**

The commission, consisting of Massachusetts General Court members and gubernatorial appointees, was established per Resolves 1962, c 108, as amended by Resolves 1963, c 118, and Resolves 1965, c 2, for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the laws of the Commonwealth pertaining to education, of the educational institutions of the Commonwealth and their organization, of the various school systems therein, and of the educational laws, programs, and school systems of other states, with a view to elevating educational standards in the Commonwealth, reorganizing the scope of various educational boards and administrators of the Commonwealth, revising and modernizing the organizational and financial structure of schools and school systems, extending the facilities, curricula, and educational goals of the schools and colleges of the Commonwealth, and providing increased financial aid for education.

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Report, 1965**

Identifier: C097/2575X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)

Notes: Transferred to Archives by the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, July 2010. "June, 1965"

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/722879519>

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## **Record Group Number: C098**

### **Record Group Name: Board of World's Fair Managers**

#### **Historical Note:**

To celebrate the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Americas by Christopher Columbus (1492), the U.S. Congress was called upon to decide a location for an international fair (World's Columbian Exposition, known informally as the Chicago World's Fair), headed by a corporation and a national exposition commission. The site chosen was

Chicago, for an event that ran from April through October, 1893. --The Massachusetts General Court passed a resolve (Resolves 1891, c 98) establishing a Board of World's Fair Managers of Massachusetts, under whose auspices a non-permanent Massachusetts Building was erected to house exhibits of the arts, industries, institutions, resources, products, and general development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Further resolves (Resolves 1892, c 63, c 79, c 97 and Resolves 1893, c 39, 88, 111) provided state grants and settled other fair-related matters. The costs and furnishings of the Massachusetts Building were significantly borne by private corporations within the state.

### **Related Series:**

#### **Report, 1894**

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