

Record Groups SC

# Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

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

**Record Group Number: SC1**

**Record Group Name: Office of the Secretary of State**

### **Historical Note:**

The office of Secretary of the Commonwealth was established by the Constitution of 1780 as a position to be filled annually by joint ballot of the General Court. Amendment Article 17, ratified in 1855, made the office elective, while Amendment Article 82, ratified in 1964, fixed the term of office at four years.

The duties of the office were only vaguely defined by the Constitution. Instead it was left to later legislation to prescribe the custodial and record-keeping activities of the office and to define more closely the relationship of the secretary to the governor and council and to the General Court. In that respect the office retained the character of its predecessor offices. In 1628 a secretary was appointed by the governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay to keep the records of the company courts and to manage company accounts. Following the removal of charter and company to New England in 1630, a secretary was elected to keep the records and authenticate the orders of the General Court.

The secretary continued to be elected by the freemen of the colony and to be approved by the General Court until the introduction of a new province charter in 1691, when the power to appoint officers for the colony reverted to the Crown. In 1775, following the advice of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, the General Court resumed control of the government in Massachusetts, declared the royal secretary absent and his office vacant, and appointed a secretary pro tempore for the colony. In 1776 the secretary of the colony automatically became state secretary until such time as the office was formally established under the Constitution.

As custodian of the records of the Commonwealth, the secretary inherited and continues to assume responsibility for the care and filing of those documents that form the legal foundation of the state. Today these include early charters, the state constitution and amendments, treaties and contracts concerning state properties, and engrossed acts and resolves of the General Court. In 1836 the secretary received custody of the Great Seal of the Commonwealth with corresponding powers of authentication, and in 1879 he assumed the responsibility for the use and disposition of all emblematic representations of the state.

Throughout the 19th century, efforts were made by the secretary's clerical staff better to manage his vast holdings. In 1821 and again in 1827, the secretary reported to the legislature on measures taken with regard to the arrangement and preservation of the public records and documents in his charge. In 1831 the secretary was required to select documents for retention in a vault especially constructed for that purpose on the northern front of the State House. Much departmental activity revolved around the copying of documents. This accelerated after 1830, when the Department of War requested evidential material from the secretary's office to substantiate Massachusetts pension claims.

From 1836 to 1846 a massive attempt was made to organize the records inherited from the colonial, provincial, and Revolutionary periods. The resulting compilation, known as the Massachusetts Archives, consisted of state papers from 1625 to 1799, arranged topically by volume in what one state secretary subsequently referred to as "chaotic disorder," and it remained the object of several indexing endeavors during subsequent years.

The legislative appointment in 1861 of a private secretary to the governor redefined, to an extent, the relationship of the secretary to the executive. Prior to 1861 responsibility for attending to and administering certain executive business fell to the secretary, who acted as ex officio clerk to the governor and council. The appointment of a private secretary relieved the secretary of the Commonwealth of those responsibilities, particularly any relating to executive correspondence.

As government activities and services expanded, the record-keeping duties of the office increased and were often accompanied by additional licensing and regulatory responsibilities. The secretary exercised his constitutional mandate of appointing deputies to act on his behalf to fulfill growing legal requirements. Particularly important was the statutory responsibility for registration of marriages and deaths in the state, a duty performed by the secretary's office from 1841 until 1976, when it was transferred to the Department of Public Health.

In 1919 the executive and administrative functions of the Commonwealth were reorganized into departments. Those functions previously exercised by the secretary serving directly under the governor or the governor and council were transferred to the new department of the secretary of the Commonwealth established under his immediate supervision and control.

In summary, the secretary of the Commonwealth (also known since the 1920s as the state secretary and more commonly called the secretary of state since 1979, when the designation Office of the Secretary of State came into use) is charged by the Constitution to keep the records of the Commonwealth. Statutory duties of the office include recording

executive proclamations; acting as a repository for statutory filings; issuing commissions to all gubernatorial and legislative appointees; filing certificates of commissioners in other states and foreign countries; administering the system of justices of the peace and notaries public; filing of rules and regulations of state agencies; registering all domestic, foreign, and nonprofit corporations; registering legislative agents (lobbyists); conducting the state census; supervising state elections; administering and enforcing the Massachusetts Uniform Securities Act, the Fair Information Practices Act, and the Freedom of Information Act; and preserving and managing all non-current records of the Commonwealth.

The secretary of the Commonwealth also publishes and/or distributes acts and resolves, constitutional amendments, public documents, the Massachusetts Register, the Code of Massachusetts, and the State Register of Historic Places; and serves as chair of the Archives Advisory Commission and of the Campaign and Political Finance Commission, as secretary of the State Ballot Law Commission, and as a member of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429236>

#### **Related Series:**

**Charter of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1629.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/23X

Extent: 4 leaves: parchment (1 folder);

Copies: 2 leaves (1 folder)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78006808>

**Exemplification of the judgment for vacating the charter of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1685.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/24X

Extent: 11 leaves: parchment (1 folder)

Notes: On the reverse of the first leaf there are two inscriptions. The first, in a contemporary hand, is as follows: An Exemplificacion for our Souaigne Lord the King Against the Governor of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. The second, in a later hand, contains the legend: Exemplification of Proceedings Quo Warranto vacating the Colony Charter by James 2d.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78630745>

**Commission to Sir Edmund Andros, 1686.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/25X

Extent: 3 leaves: parchment (1 folder)

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the secretary of the Commonwealth is the custodian of the foundation records of Massachusetts.

Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts State Library, Mar. 13, 1972. Presented by Henry L. Shattuck, 1930.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84667064>

**Charter of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, 1691.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/26X

Extent: 5 leaves: parchment (1 folder)

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the secretary of the Commonwealth is the custodian of the foundation records of Massachusetts.

Additional Descriptions: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81756843>

**Explanatory charter, 1725.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/27X

Extent: 1 leaf: parchment (1 folder)

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the secretary of the Commonwealth is the custodian of the foundation records of Massachusetts.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78036763>

**Manifesto and proclamation of commissioners appointed by His Majesty, 1778.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/28X

Extent: 1 leaf (1 folder)

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.

Printed broadside with seals of signatories. Evans 15832.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84661735>

**Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1780.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/29X  
Extent: 11 leaves (1 folder)  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the secretary of state is the custodian of the foundation records of Massachusetts.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83095257>

**Agreement between Massachusetts and New York relating to western lands, 1784-1793 (bulk 1786)**

**Restriction:** (1-2) restricted; access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/31X  
Extent: 3 folders  
Notes: The Secretary of the Commonwealth is keeper of permanent public records of Massachusetts, including this series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78729194>

**Copy of the resolution adopting the U.S. Constitution, 1788.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/32X  
Extent: 1 folded leaf: (partial folder; parchment)  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83570966>

**Proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution, 1789.**

**Restriction:** Originals are restricted; access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/33X  
Extent: 1 folder;  
1 folder

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78732237>

**Penobscot Indian treaty and release, 1818-1820.**

Identifier: SC1/34X

Extent: 2 leaves: (1 folder; parchment)

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series. --received by state secretary's office, May 19, 1823.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78491251>

**Articles of amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, 1821-1980.**

Identifier: SC1/35

Extent: 1 folder;  
4 folders

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of the foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81069496>

**Rejected rearrangement of the state constitution, 1919.**

Identifier: SC1/36X

Extent: 1 folder

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81639431>

**Resolutions ratifying amendments to the U.S. Constitution, 1912-1939.**

Identifier: SC1/37X

Extent: 1 folder

Notes: The state secretary is custodian of this and other foundation records of the Commonwealth.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79196897>

### **Transcripts and documents collected in France, 1492-1815 (bulk 1650-1780).**

**Restriction:** Originals are restricted; access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/38X  
Extent: 3.55 cubic feet (12 volumes)  
Copies (subseries: 1 series) 12 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies (subseries 1: reading room) 5 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies (subseries 2: series) 5 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies (subseries 2: reading room) 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm  
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Historical documents (2) Maps; arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Notes: Collated: 1845-1847. Deposited in Archives, Jan. 1, 1849.  
Also known as: French collection; French documents; French maps; Maps collected in France.  
Vol. 1 lacks no. 18-20, 38, 48-49; vol. 2 lacks no. 18-19, 67-68, 70.  
English translation of some documents available in Archives reading room.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79215017>

### **Correspondence of Benjamin Perley Poore, 1845-1847.**

Identifier: SC1/40X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 54.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469425>

### **Transcripts of New Plymouth Colony records, 1620-1691.**

Identifier: SC1/41X  
Extent: Subseries (1): 1 volume  
Subseries (2): 2.28 cubic feet (12 volumes and 1 document box)  
Subseries (3): 3.94 cubic feet (11 volumes and 2 document boxes)  
Copies (subseries (3) microfilm: series): 8 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies (subseries (3) microfilm: reading room): 3 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies (originals microfilm): 5 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: In three subseries: (1) 1818 transcript;  
(2) 1818-1820 transcript (3) 1855-1857 transcript;  
arranged chronologically --both arranged by topic, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: Plymouth Colony records.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84331707>

**Transcripts from the British Public Record Office, 1691-1773.**

**Restriction:** Copying is restricted

Identifier: SC1/43X

Extent: Originals: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Copies: 6 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Notes: Collated: [1867?-19--]

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705255>

**Correspondence relating to transcription of colonial records, 1845-1852.**

Identifier: SC1/44X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 54.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564389>

**Massachusetts archives collection, 1603-1799 (bulk 1629-1799).**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/45X

Extent: ca. 900 cubic feet (328 volumes in 342)  
Index (chronological) 2.13 cubic feet (7 volumes)  
Index (volumes 91-99) 52.8 cubic feet (66 docket drawers)  
Index (volumes 91-99 (copies: series)) 33 microfilm reels; 16 mm  
Index (volumes 91-99, (M-Ar)327, volumes 5 (copies: reading room))  
51 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Index (volumes 164-172) 1 volume  
Index (volumes 191-192) 1.1 cubic feet (11 boxes)  
Publications (volumes 91-99): 1 folder

Arranged: Vols. \_\_arranged by topic, thereunder generally chronologically.

Notes: Vols. 15, 19, 38, 94-98 each bound in two, designated: A, B. Vol. 34  
bound as portfolio. Vols. 99, 192 each bound in two. Vols. 280-281  
boxed in five.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83088312>

**Bills and receipts for the Massachusetts archives collection, 1837-1846.**

Identifier: SC1/46X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144323>

### **Town plans--1794, 1794-1795.**

Identifier: SC1/47X  
Extent: Originals: 15 cubic ft. (16 v. (boxed)) ||  
Copies (series): 12 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies (reading room): 5 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Notes: Maps numbered and bound as part of an overall system ordering  
Archives maps by date. Collated: 1886-1891. Digital surrogates  
arranged by town name.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82166707>  
Digital Surrogates available at:  
[http://digitalarchives.sec.state.ma.us/uncategorised/collection\\_5ece7e79-91de-4b55-93e1-3f25f21ce8ed/](http://digitalarchives.sec.state.ma.us/uncategorised/collection_5ece7e79-91de-4b55-93e1-3f25f21ce8ed/)

### **Town plans--1830, 1830.**

Identifier: SC1/48X  
Extent: Originals: 15 cubic feet (16 volumes (boxed))  
Copies (series): 14 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies (reading room): 5 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Notes: Maps numbered and bound as part of an overall system ordering  
Archives maps by date. Collated: 1886-1891. Digital surrogates  
arranged by town name.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84131883>  
Digital Surrogates available at:  
[http://digitalarchives.sec.state.ma.us/uncategorised/collection\\_33f67a53-d3b2-47f7-a4c1-ecffb02a11b3/](http://digitalarchives.sec.state.ma.us/uncategorised/collection_33f67a53-d3b2-47f7-a4c1-ecffb02a11b3/)

### **Maps and plans, 1638-1986.**

Identifier: SC1/50  
Extent: Originals: 99 cubic feet (ca. 2000 maps)  
Originals (Third series): 68 cubic feet (ca. 3000 maps in 72 volumes  
(boxed))  
Finding aids: 0.7 cubic feet (5 volumes)  
Third series (copies: series): 0.42 cubic feet (42 microfilm reels; 35  
mm.)  
Third series (copies: reading room): 14 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Notes: Between 1886 and 1891 all maps in the Archives collection were  
numbered chronologically. Some numbered maps were stored with  
and described as part of existing series. Other maps relating to  
existing series (e.g., boundary commissions) were physically removed

from them. These and other maps were bound between 1886 and 1891 into 69 volumes known as: Third series; oversize maps were stored loose on rollers and were known as: Numbered series. Maps previously bound into a five-volume set entitled: Ancient plans, grants were transferred to the new volumes. Maps acquired through 1900 were grouped in a new sequence by date, although continuing the previous numbering sequence; after 1900 maps were simply numbered as they were accessioned. Some maps acquired after 1891 were interleaved in the original 69 volumes, but most were left unbound. A bound volume showing the 1899 boundary line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island was marked as v. 70 at a later date, and in the 1950s several maps were put into two volumes marked v. 71 and 72. Third series and: Numbered series were combined in 1989 to form: Maps and plans. The practice of numbering maps accessioned as a whole or substantial part of another series was discontinued in 1986. But generally individual maps accessioned even with private provenance may still be numbered and shelved as part of this series.

Map numbering omits 3100-3999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82694597>

#### **Proceedings of the Hartford Convention, 1814-1818 (bulk 1814-1815).**

Identifier: SC1/51X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian for foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564470>

#### **Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of 1820, 1820-1821.**

Identifier: SC1/52X

Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.

Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 19.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590979>

### **Administrative files of the Constitutional Convention of 1820, 1820-1821.**

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

Identifier: SC1/53X  
Extent: 24 file folders (partial document box)  
0.36 cubic feet (leaves in 3 rolls)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: In keeping both traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 19.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81793037>

### **Administrative files of the Constitutional Convention of 1917, 1917-1919.**

Identifier: SC1/54X  
Extent: 1.4 cubic feet (4 document boxes)  
Arranged: In five subseries (see summary below)  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Notes: Box 1: Subseries (1). Box 2: Subseries (2)--no. 3-304. Box 3: Subseries (2)--no. 305-433; subseries (3) June-Oct. 1917. Box 4: Subseries (3)--Oct. 1917-Aug. 1919; subseries (4-5)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521175>

### **Administrative files of the Constitutional Convention of 1933, 1933.**

Identifier: SC1/56X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian for foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297752>

### **Muster rolls of the Revolutionary War, 1767-1833 (bulk 1775-1783).**

Identifier: SC1/57X  
Extent: 38.4 cubic feet (77 volumes in 81)  
Appendixes A-B: 2 volumes  
Copies (series): 0.48 cubic feet (48 microfilm reels; 35 mm.)  
Copies (reading room): 44 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Indexes: 181.6 cubic feet (227 docket drawers)

Indexes (copies): 227 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Indexes--appendix: 15.2 cubic feet (19 docket drawers)  
Indexes--appendix (copies: series): 0.47 cubic feet (25 microfilm reels; 34 microfilm reels; 16 mm. 35 mm.)  
Indexes--appendix (copies: reading room): 11 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Indexes/Finding aids (series): 1.6 cubic feet (26 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by regiment or subject.  
Notes: Vols. 1-60 compiled by 1885 (see report cited in finding aid below).  
Vols. 61-62 are rolls purchased from Samuel Drake pursuant to Resolves 1893, c 33. Vols. 63-76 compiled from 1894 from hitherto unidentified secretary's records. Vol. 77 and appendixes A-B listed as unnumbered vols. in 1885 report (p. 33); appendixes are transcripts from mostly unidentified records.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80523707>

**Certificates of depreciation payments to the Continental Army, 1777-1785.**

Identifier: SC1/58X  
Extent: 4.2 cubic feet (21 volumes)  
Index: 0.27 cubic feet (1 document box and 2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by regiment (see summary below)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983114>

**Revolutionary War pension claims rejected in U.S. District Court, 1818-1838.**

Identifier: SC1/61X  
Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.  
Notes: Discovered in 1929 by J.S. Allen, Clerk of the U.S. District Court and deposited at the Archives.  
Contents: Box 1: A-G. Box 2: H-P. Box 3: R-Y.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405623>

**Returns of 1807 vote on separation of Maine from Massachusetts, 1807.**

Identifier: SC1/94X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by town.  
Notes: Forms part of: Separation of Maine papers.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412449>

**Returns of 1816 vote on separation of Maine from Massachusetts, 1816.**

Identifier: SC1/95X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder by town.  
Notes: Forms part of: Separation of Maine papers.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095702>

**Returns of 1819 vote on separation of Maine from Massachusetts, 1819.**

Identifier: SC1/96X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by town.  
Notes: Forms part of: Separation of Maine papers.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419969>

**Papers concerning Maine, 1820.**

Identifier: SC1/106X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of document.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 18.  
Forms part of: Separation of Maine papers.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560456>

**Register of federal census, 1790-1920.**

Identifier: SC1/113X  
Extent: 58 cubic feet (162 + 7 duplicate volumes)  
Copies (series) 0.73 cubic feet (73 microfilm reels; 35 mm.)  
Copies (reading room) 436 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: Chronologically by year, thereunder by county, then by municipality; subseries (see below) interfiled by municipality or arranged numerically.  
Notes: Contents: 1800--Population (RR--7 reels); 1810--Population (RR--6 reels); 1820--Population (with manufacturing) (RR--9 reels); 1830--Population (free/slaves) (RR--10 reels); 1840--Population (free/slaves) (RR--11 reels) --1850--Sched. 1: Population (free) (BKS--39 v., sched. 3-6 interfiled) (RR--43 reels) (SER--31 reels); Sched. 3: Mortality (BKS--see sched. 1)(RR--1 reel); Sched. 4: Agriculture (BKS--see sched. 1) (RR--3 reels, sched. 6 interfiled); Sched. 5: Industry (BKS--see sched. 1) (RR--1 reel) (SER--5 reels); Sched. 6: Social

statistics (BKS--see sched. 1) (RR--see sched. 4) --1860--Sched. 1: Population (free only) (BKS--39 v., 2 cops v. 28-34) (RR--38 reels); Sched. 3: Mortality (BKS--v. 40) (RR--1 reel); Sched. 4: Agriculture (BKS--v. 41-42) (RR--2 reels); Sched. 5: Industry (BKS--v. 43) (RR--1 reel); Sched. 6: Social statistics (BKS--v. 44) (RR--1 reel) --1870--Sched. 1: Population (BKS--38 v.) (RR--38 reels); Sched. 2: Mortality (BKS--v. 39) (RR--2 reels); Sched. 3: Agriculture (BKS--v. 40-41) (RR--1 reel); Sched. 4: Industry (BKS--v. 42-43) (RR--1 reel); Sched. 5: Social statistics (BKS--v. 43) --1880--Sched. 1: Population (BKS--36 v.) (RR--39 reels) (SER--35 reels); Sched. 3: Industry (RR--5 reels) (SER--2 reels); 1890--Population (Civil War veterans/widows) (RR--6 reels); 1900--Population (RR--67 reels); 1910--Population (RR--63 reels); 1920--Population (RR--74 reels) --Maine--1790 (RR--1 reel); 1800 (RR--3 reels); 1810 (RR--2 reels)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82251359>

### **Correspondence, 1790-2016 (bulk 1790-1898).**

Identifier: SC1/115  
 Extent: 10.65 cubic feet (6 record center cartons and 9 document boxes)  
 Arranged: In five subseries:  
     (1) Incoming correspondence, 1790-1908;  
     (2) Outgoing correspondence, 1867-1898  
     (3) Incoming/outgoing correspondence, 1988-1995 (bulk 1991-1993)  
     (4) Chief of staff's correspondence, 1980-1993 (bulk 1987-1993);  
     (5) Assistant Secretary's correspondence, 2016.  
 Arranged by topic --arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
 Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 56, 84, 92-94.  
     Contents: Boxes 1, 3-10: Subseries (1).  
     Boxes 11-14: Subseries (2).  
     Box 15: Subseries (3).  
     Box 16: Subseries (4-5); No box 2.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78411619>

### **Executive correspondence, 1801-1859.**

Identifier: SC1/116X  
 Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
 Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 2, 20, 55A, 56-57, 84, 93.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609792>

**Letterbooks of the secretary, 1701-1872 (bulk 1701-1861).**

Identifier: SC1/117X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (16 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Volume list: (1) 1701-1763 (2) 1755-1762 (2A--formerly 2 3/4) 1763-1773 (3) 1764-1774 (4) 1765-1773 (5) 1775-1777 (6) 1775-1777 (7) 1776-1780 (8) 1780-1788 (9) 1780-1808 (10) 1785-1794 (11) 1790-1820 (12) 1790-1829 (13) 1825-1833 (14) 1825-1833 (15) 1833-1872.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79239258>

**Secretary's administrative files, 1975-1978.**

Identifier: SC1/119  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by topic.  
Notes: Some files distributed among other state secretary record series, including: Massachusetts. Public Records Division. State seal historical files ((M-Ar)1977X)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556633>

**Legal counsel's administrative files, 1975-1987 (bulk 1979-1981).**

Identifier: SC1/120  
Extent: 4.09 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591193>

**Registers of laws delivered, 1801-1858.**

Identifier: SC1/121X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (5 volumes in 2 boxes and 3 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505882>

**Ledgers of fees received, 1812-1852.**

Identifier: SC1/122X  
Extent: 4 volumes in 1 box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Ledgers for 1834-1838 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357378>

**Transcripts of treaties, contracts, and other public records, 1629-1891.**

Identifier: SC1/123X  
Extent: 0.86 cubic feet (5 volumes (2 boxed))  
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Pre-Revolutionary (2) Post-Revolutionary; arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Collated: early items recorded from 1747, others presumably contemporarily, or in time period of examining secretary, when indicated.  
Contents: (SS 1:1) 1629-1763. (SS 1:2) 1677-1774 (bulk 1763-1774) (SS 2:1) 1778-1845, 1871. (SS 2:2) 1873-1887. (SS 2:3) 1887-1891.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702944>

**Transcripts of town vital records prior to 1850, [16--]-1849.**

Identifier: SC1/124X  
Extent: 37.3 cubic feet (192 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.  
Notes: Collated: 1902-1932.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702894>

**Register of distribution of published pre-1850 vital records, 1902-1945.**

Identifier: SC1/125X  
Extent: 0.33 cubic feet (1 volume (boxed))  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

**Application certificates for passports, 1815-1854.**

Identifier: SC1/126X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
9 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Files for 1833, 1835-1848 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82316333>

**Application certificates for travel to the South, 1842-1845.**

Identifier: SC1/127X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80775290>

**Registers of passports and certificates of citizenship, 1833-1868.**

Identifier: SC1/128X

Extent: 2 volumes (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Cover title: Passports.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83225953>

**Applications for travel permission, 1862.**

Identifier: SC1/129X  
Extent: 4 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77766842>

**Register for travel permission, 1862.**

Identifier: SC1/130X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84192507>

**Notices of changes of town boundaries, 1893-1997.**

Identifier: SC1/131  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by town.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 82, 93.  
Additional Information: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77612454>

**Notices of perambulation of town boundaries, 1924-1975.**

Identifier: SC1/132  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469457>

**Home rule charters, 1967-2020.**

Identifier: SC1/133  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Copies 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82395921>

**Legal records filed with the secretary, 1800-2013.**

Identifier: SC1/134  
Extent: 2.48 cubic feet (7 document boxes and 1 box)

Arranged: In five subseries: (1) Leases (2) Deeds (3) Compacts (4) Agreements (5) Miscellaneous;  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 66-67, 80, 93.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81568834>

**Certificates of attorneys representing applicants for parole, 1939-1992.**

Identifier: SC1/135  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by decade, thereunder alphabetically by attorney.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656194>

**Affidavits of suspension of Commonwealth employees, 1975-1982.**

Identifier: SC1/136  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123275>

**Returns of signatures of governors and secretaries of other states, 1923-1961.**

Identifier: SC1/137X  
Extent: 1.4 cubic feet (4 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder alphabetically by state.  
Notes: Box 1: 1923-1928. Box 2: 1930-1937. Box 3: 1938-1949. Box 4: 1953-1961.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609678>

**File of state seals, 1850-1937.**

Identifier: SC1/138X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 20.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132242>

**Returns from public inspectors, 1801-1919.**

Identifier: SC1/139X  
Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by inspector title, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 35-41.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505891>

**Certificates of silk bounty claims, 1833-1850 (bulk 1842-1843).**

Identifier: SC1/140X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Certificates, 1842-1843 (2) Account rolls, 1837-1843, 1845-1848 (warrants 1840-1843, 1846-1850); arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 84.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84584617>

**Returns of property held in trust, 1865.**

Identifier: SC1/141X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 33.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84507211>

**Returns of names changed in probate court, 1851-1900.**

**Restriction:** Returns of names changed for reason of adoption restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 120, s 5D.

Identifier: SC1/142X  
Extent: 1.4 cubic feet (4 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by county, and then chronologically by date of decree.  
Notes: Returns for 1857-1860 and 1866-1869 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560378>

**Returns of Warren Bridge and Charles River Bridge corporations, 1828-1849.**

Identifier: SC1/143X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 48-49.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702957>

**Returns from county commissioners of highways, 1840-1849.**

Identifier: SC1/144X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 42.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144182>

**Returns of naturalization, 1885-1931.**

Identifier: SC1/145X  
Extent: 8.6 cubic feet (49 volumes)  
Copies: 10 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Appendix: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged at vol. level chronologically by year; within each vol. alphabetically by county, thereunder by court, and then chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: Naturalization returns. --Worcester County naturalizations, 1916-1922, 1923-1929, bound separately (v. 48-49) -  
-Appendix: Lists of persons (with addresses) naturalized in U.S. District Court, Boston, and state Superior Court, 1975-1976; included with series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336074>

**Returns from towns of supplies to families of Continental Army soldiers, 1777-1782.**

Identifier: SC1/146X  
Extent: 1.92 cubic feet (6 document boxes)  
Arranged: Alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by locality.  
Notes: Box 1. Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol. Box 2. Essex, Franklin, Hampden. Box 3. Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth. Box 4. Suffolk, Worcester (thru Royalston). Box 5. Worcester (Rutland-Winchendon). Box 6. Cumberland, Lincoln, York (Maine) --Many towns in Middlesex and Plymouth counties lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80630160>

**Returns of the deaf in towns, 1817-1827.**

Identifier: SC1/147X  
Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419833>

**Administrative records of schools for the deaf, 1818-1831.**

Identifier: SC1/148X  
Extent: 0.34 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 84.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469450>

**Applications for instruction of the deaf, 1819-1887.**

Identifier: SC1/149X

Extent: 4.2 cubic feet (12 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by institution, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Some returns formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 84, 101, 106.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412299>

**Transcripts of administrative records of schools for the deaf, 1819-1874 (bulk 1867-1874)**

Identifier: SC1/150X  
Extent: 0.37 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357385>

**Transcripts of returns of the Perkins Institution, 1829-1884.**

Identifier: SC1/151X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144154>

**Returns of the Perkins Institution, 1833-1847.**

Identifier: SC1/152X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 106.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506019>

**Applications for admission to the Perkins Institution, 1833-1861.**

Identifier: SC1/153X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 106.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405483>

**Returns of the blind, 1829.**

Identifier: SC1/154X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122643379>

**Register of approved applications to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, 1851-1887.**

Identifier: SC1/155X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419801>

**Applications for admission to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, 1851-1887 (bulk 1886-1887)**

Identifier: SC1/156X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 101.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521158>

**Requests and warrants for transfer of prison inmates to state insane hospitals, 1854-1909 (bulk 1885-1909)**

Identifier: SC1/157X  
Extent: 2.1 cubic feet (6 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 100. --Separately written warrants previously held as a separate series ((M-Ar)158X)  
Box 1: 1855-1886. Box 2: 1887-1890. Box 3: 1891-1899. Box 4: 1900-1903. Box 5: 1904-1905. Box 6: 1906-1909.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983056>

**Returns of lunatics living in towns, 1829-1830.**

Identifier: SC1/159X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: In three subseries: (1) Returns; (2) Reports (3) Schedules. arranged alphabetically by town  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 44.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521157>

**Returns of pauper lunatics and idiots in towns, 1842-1843.**

Identifier: SC1/160X  
Extent: 0.47 cubic feet (1 volume)  
Arranged: Arranged by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77865696>

**Records of commissions, proclamations, pardons, and other official documents, 1713-1945 (bulk 1747-1936).**

Identifier: SC1/161X  
Extent: 6 cubic feet (32 volumes)  
Arranged: In three subseries (as indicated below after each descriptive section):  
(1) Commissions, etc., 1734 (1713)-1919. 23 v. (Vol. 23 formerly: Record of commissions, 1916-1919 ((M-Ar)2038X)) (2) Proclamations, 1888-1945. 3 v. (3) Pardons and requisitions, 1839-1862. 6 v.;  
arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly known as: Transcripts of public documents.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/227354671>

**Registers of insolvent debtors, 1844-1898.**

Identifier: SC1/163X  
Extent: 0.8 cubic feet (6 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by initial of surname of debtor, thereunder by date filed with the secretary.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556535>

**Transcripts of inspection returns, 1801-1896.**

Identifier: SC1/164X  
Extent: 0.3 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469524>

**Transcripts of corporation returns, 1802-1856.**

Identifier: SC1/165X  
Extent: 0.26 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: Turnpike returns.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123280>

**Returns of medical examiners, 1885-1960.**

Identifier: SC1/166X  
Extent: 36 cubic feet (118 volumes)  
Appendix: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by county, and then by district.  
Notes: 1919-1960 in 2 v. each; 1958-1960 units not permanently bound.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521147>

**Massachusetts Historical Records Survey files, 1936-1942.**

Identifier: SC1/167X  
Extent: Originals: 187.5 cubic feet (150 record center cartons)  
Copies: 4 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: In six subseries: (1) County survey files (2) Town survey files (3) Miscellaneous (4) Legal research files (5) Manuscript survey files (6) Church survey files;  
arranged within each subseries alphabetically by locality.  
Notes: Upon termination of the project in 1942, unpublished survey materials were deposited with the Forbes Library in Northampton. They were transferred to the State Library in 1972 and to the Archives in 1980.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79840258>

**Registers of civil officers classified, 1855-1948.**

Identifier: SC1/185X  
Extent: 1.8 cubic feet (9 volumes)  
Indexes: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Copies (subseries (1)): 7 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: In two subseries: --(1) Civil officers classified, 1855-1948 (8 v.) (see also below); --(2) Public warehousemen, 1916-1937 (1 v.); --Both subseries  
arranged at vol. level chronologically by year span, thereunder within each vol. by office --arranged by county. --then arranged by date of appointment.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521188>

**Registers of commissioners in other states and countries, 1856-1959.**

Identifier: SC1/186X  
Extent: 0.23 cubic feet (1 volumes)  
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Commissioners in other states, 1857-1959; --(2) Commissioners in other countries, 1856-1956;  
arranged by state, thereunder chronologically --arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132281>

**Registers of notices of expiration of commission, 1865-1920.**

Identifier: SC1/191X  
Extent: 1.3 cubic feet (9 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703394>

**Returns of votes for state representatives, 1778-1866.**

Identifier: SC1/197X

Extent: 18.75 cubic feet (15 record center cartons)  
Index 0.1 cubic feet (ca. 900 cards; in 1 box) 8 x 13 cm.

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by county, and then alphabetically by municipality or district.

Notes: Returns from 1864 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80232542>

**Returns of votes for state senators, 1842-1885.**

Identifier: SC1/198X

Extent: 44 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by county, and then alphabetically by municipality.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405496>

**Registers of acts and resolves received for engrossment, 1880-1899.**

Identifier: SC1/206X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date received.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521168>

**Returns of enumeration of slaves in towns and districts of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, 1754-1755.**

Identifier: SC1/209X

Extent: Originals: 0.18 cubic feet (1 volume)  
Copies (series): 3 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies (reading room): 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79789732>

**Town valuation lists, 1800-1870.**

Identifier: SC1/210X

Extent: 2 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Valuations (2) Aggregates;  
arranged within each subseries chronologically by year, thereunder by locality, and then alphabetically by taxpayer.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79106861>

**Returns of the industrial census of 1865, 1865.**

Identifier: SC1/212X  
Extent: 0.39 cubic feet (1 box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521150>

**Register of the 1855 state census, 1855.**

Identifier: SC1/213X  
Extent: 14.6 cubic feet (43 volumes)  
Copies (series): 0.87 cubic feet (87 microfilm reels; 35 mm.)  
Copies (reading room): 31 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521149>

**Register of the 1865 state census, 1865.**

Identifier: SC1/214X  
Extent: 16.28 cubic feet (41 volumes)  
Copies (series): 0.5 cubic feet (50 microfilm reels; 35 mm.)  
Copies (reading room): 37 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412283>

**Register of final count of the decennial census of 1915, 1915.**

Identifier: SC1/215X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Notes: Cover title: Decennial census of 1915--final population count.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564378>

**Passed resolves, 1777-2016.**

**Restriction:** Some restrictions may apply

Identifier: SC1/228  
Extent: 273.5 cubic feet (341 docket drawers and 2 document boxes)  
1783-1869 (selected bill packets): 1.4 cubic feet (4 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative session.  
Notes: The state secretary is custodian of these and other foundation records. Series is in part filed with the Massachusetts Regulations

Division of the secretary's office until the end of the following legislative year, after which it is transferred to the Archives.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83026697>

### **Passed acts, 1775-2016.**

**Restriction:** Some restrictions may apply

Identifier: SC1/229

Extent: 1985-2016: 252.42 cubic feet (210 record center cartons and 11 document boxes)  
1787-1869 (selected bill packets): 1.39 cubic feet (5 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative session.

Notes: The state secretary is custodian of these and other foundation records. Series is in part filed with the Massachusetts Regulations Division of the secretary's office until the end of the following legislative year, after which it is transferred to the Archives.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78638191>

### **House unpassed legislation, 1775-2016.**

**Restriction:** Some restrictions may apply

Identifier: SC1/230

Extent: 1780-1866 (selected bill packets): 4.37 cubic feet (13 document boxes)

Finding aids (series): 0.4 cubic feet (3 volumes)

Finding aids (copies: series): 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm

Finding aids (copies: reading room): 2 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative year (biennially since 1995-1996), thereunder by disposition.

Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77818416>

### **Senate unpassed legislation, 1780-2016.**

**Restriction:** Some access restrictions apply

Identifier: SC1/231

Extent: 1784-1867 (selected bill packets): 6.82 cubic feet (20 document boxes)

Finding aids (series): 0.48 cubic feet (3 volumes)

Finding aids (copies: series): 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm

Finding aids (copies: reading room): 2 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative year (biennially since 1995-1996), thereunder by disposition.  
Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83382476>

#### **House calendar, 1906-1995.**

Identifier: SC1/232  
Extent: 17.3 cubic feet (117 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.  
Also known as: Orders of the day.  
No regular sessions held 1940, 1942, 1944.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78403245>

#### **House roll calls, 1935-2002.**

Identifier: SC1/233  
Extent: 44.3 cubic feet (71 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative year, thereunder by roll call no.  
Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.  
No regular sessions held 1940, 1942, 1944.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80779457>

#### **Annual returns of sheriffs, 1924-1933.**

Identifier: SC1/248X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year of return, thereunder alphabetically by county.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81407141>

#### **Accounts and reports of the Treasury, 1803-1885.**

Identifier: SC1/267X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: In five subseries (see below)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 20, 56.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81360224>

**Probate court returns, 1870-1874.**

Identifier: SC1/277X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 57.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78729765>

**Notices from Republican and Democratic caucuses, 1895-1909.**

Identifier: SC1/368X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 93A.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372730>

**Pilot, 1939-1983.**

Identifier: SC1/379X  
Extent: 13.7 cubic feet (63 volume)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative session.  
Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of the clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.  
No entries for 1940, 1942, 1944 (i.e., no regular legislative session).  
Entries for 1970, 1973, 1981 in 2 v. each.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78729189>

**Testimony before commissioners to examine Massachusetts claims for monies, 1861-1917 (bulk 1867).**

Identifier: SC1/393X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Provenance unclear; item stamped: Third Auditor's Office, State & House Claims Division, Nov. 8, 1883.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79715876>

**Senate calendar, 1946-1989.**

Identifier: SC1/400  
Extent: 11.7 cubic feet (76 volume)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703210>

**Copies of Continental Army enlistment rolls, 1776-1783.**

Identifier: SC1/520X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506088>

**Senate journal, 1780-2008.**

Identifier: SC1/531

Extent: 36.98 cubic feet (286 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically, biennially from 1995-1996.

Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of Senate clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78514893>

**House journal, 1722-2016 (bulk 1730-2016).**

Identifier: SC1/532

Extent: 50.53 cubic feet (343 volumes and 3 volumes in 3 phase boxes)  
Copies (reprint: series) 3.6 cubic feet

Arranged: Arranged chronologically, biennially from 1995-1996.

Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of House clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80563009>

**Annual returns and abstracts of court cases, 1872-1935.**

Identifier: SC1/550X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Returns (2) Abstracts; \_\_interfiled and arranged chronologically, thereunder by county/court.

Notes: 1872 (Worcester County only, fragmentary), 1924, 1926-1935. --  
1875-1880, 1924-1934. --Box 1: 1872-1880. Box 2: 1924-1935.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83086248>

**Returns of state elections and salaries of officials, 1881-1888 (bulk 1881).**

Identifier: SC1/590X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 93.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506038>

**Unpassed legislation relating to Indian affairs, 1783-1856.**

Identifier: SC1/592X

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Copies 2 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by chamber, thereunder chronologically by legislative year, and then by docket no.

Notes: Series created in the process of a microfilming project, Apr. 1993. --St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81483239>

#### **Warrants for taxes in arrears, 1786-1804.**

Identifier: SC1/593X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 108.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79025349>

#### **Returns of corporations of unclaimed dividends and balances, 1838.**

Identifier: SC1/605X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 57.  
Fragmentary series. Publication requirement still stands in amended form (MGLA c 155, s 47)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78342970>

#### **Schedules and lists of books, documents, and plans, 1811-1871 (bulk 1827-1832).**

Identifier: SC1/609X

Extent: 0.56 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81511292>

#### **Reports and correspondence from the State Prison, Charlestown, 1806-1851.**

Identifier: SC1/628X

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged by subject.

Notes: Series may have been separated at an early date from: Executive correspondence ((M-Ar)116X), which contains similar matter. --  
Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 3. --formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 207.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77716304>

**Legal counsel's subject files, 1935-1979 (bulk 1977-1979).**

Identifier: SC1/758  
Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject, thereunder chronologically by year.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705375>

**Petitions for pardon, 1939-1957.**

**Restriction:** Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: SC1/777X  
Extent: 11.72 cubic feet (34 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by petitioner.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520685>

**Massachusetts American portraits survey files, 1936-1942.**

Identifier: SC1/778X  
Extent: 8.3 cubic feet (2 record center cartons, 2 document boxes, 17 boxes)  
Arranged: In two subseries: (I) Project files (II) Survey files ; arranged within each subseries by state.  
Notes: The Massachusetts office was closed July 20, 1942, and materials were deposited with the Forbes Library in Northampton. Transferred to the State Library in 1972 and to the Massachusetts Archives in 1980.  
While in State Library custody series was microfilmed for the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution (reels 1238-1249--see (OCoLC)86118609) --Photographs (subseries I, box 5) separated during original processing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123288>

**Massachusetts black historical records survey files, 1936-1942.**

Identifier: SC1/779X  
Extent: 5.37 cubic feet (4 record center cartons, 1 document box, and 2 boxes)  
Notes: Upon termination of the project in 1942, unpublished survey materials were deposited with the Forbes Library in Northampton. They were transferred to the State Library in 1972 and to the Archives in 1980.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82797981>

**State Lunatic Hospital filings, 1830-1838 (bulk 1831-1833).**

Identifier: SC1/805X  
Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 2.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77594561>

**Returns of liquor licenses granted, 1868-1869.**

Identifier: SC1/830X  
Extent: 0.58 cubic feet (7 volumes in 1 box)  
Arranged: Arranged by county, thereunder chronologically, and then by license no.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983049>

**Returns of turnpike and toll bridge corporations, 1801-1862.**

Identifier: SC1/957X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 11.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095691>

**Returns of compensation by appointed officials, 1843.**

Identifier: SC1/991X  
Extent: 9 file folders (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by type of appointment.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 7, 20, 34, 45.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80094707>

**Summaries of activities of Massachusetts State Police, 1929-1931.**

Identifier: SC1/992X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by month.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 46.  
Summaries are from June 1929-June 1931, but file is incomplete.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77833110>

**Western Railroad Corporation filings, 1836-1874 (bulk 1836-1849).**

Identifier: SC1/998X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly known as: Miscellaneous collection, box 21.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78847760>

**Returns of number of voters in cities and towns in 1850, 1851.**

Identifier: SC1/999X  
Extent: 14 file folders (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county  
Notes: Formerly part of Miscellaneous collection, boxes 7, 20, 34, 45.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84487351>

**Returns of expenditures by state police before court in 1873, 1874.**

Identifier: SC1/1000X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 46.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79016712>

**Returns of accounts filed with probate offices, 1823-1826.**

Identifier: SC1/1001X  
Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by alphabetically by county.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 7.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83495393>

**Returns from states regarding poll tax, 1858.**

Identifier: SC1/1007X  
Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 57.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78154223>

**Returns of length of state legislative sessions, 1869.**

Identifier: SC1/1009X  
Extent: 2 file folders (partial doc. box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 57.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82942120>

**Orders to the state secretary from the legislature, 1782-1941 (bulk 1782-1901).**

Identifier: SC1/1012X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 5-6, 93C.  
Notes: Box 1: 1782-1838. Box 2: 1839-1901, 1941.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78354760>

**Returns of ratable polls, 1837.**

Identifier: SC1/1014X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder by municipality.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 13.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82997915>

**Administrative files concerning bank investigations, 1836.**

Identifier: SC1/1015X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 4.  
Additional description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79662032>

**Returns of number of voters and number of voters assessed for poll tax in 1869, 1870.**

Identifier: SC1/1016X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613855>

**Contracts and copyrights relating to the state map, 1841-1881.**

Identifier: SC1/1021X  
Extent: 8 file folders (partial document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 55, 84.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983091>

**Returns of cities and towns for assessing and collecting taxes, 1861-1870.**

Identifier: SC1/1024X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year of return, thereunder alphabetically by county, then alphabetically by town.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 29, 29A, 31.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77594546>

**Returns of aggregate debt of cities and towns, 1858-1870.**

Identifier: SC1/1025X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 27 and 28.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83659604>

**Returns of towns for assessment of school property taxes, 1870.**

Identifier: SC1/1026X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 30.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81716545>

**Receipts from hawker and peddler licenses, 1846-1856.**

Identifier: SC1/1027X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 93.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82862666>

**Returns of estimates for expenditures of government departments, 1875-1885.**

Identifier: SC1/1028X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 65.  
Files included for 1875, 1877-1885 (1883 fragmentary) --Appendix included with series: H 1, 1875, 1877-1880, 1880 annotated for 1881 and first nine months of 1882, 1884-1885; photocopies with some originals included. --Box 1: 1875-1880. Box 2: 1881-1885, appendix.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81219992>

**Returns of coroners, 1845.**

Identifier: SC1/1029X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 71.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80975705>

**Petitions regarding railroad grade crossings, 1890-1923.**

Identifier: SC1/1030X  
Extent: 6 file folders (partial document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 91.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81378848>

**Returns of laws concerning fresh pursuit, 1935-1951.**

Identifier: SC1/1031X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 97.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703111>

**Filings of litigation concerning the state, 1879-1928.**

Identifier: SC1/1032X  
Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons, and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year in overlapping sequences.  
Notes: Formerly part of Miscellaneous collection: boxes 89, 89A-J, 91, 92, 92A-D.  
Box 1: 1879-1903. Box 2: 1904-1924. Box 3: 1890-1926. Box 4: 1927-1928.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80954827>

**Returns of towns for surveying expenses, 1832-1833.**

Identifier: SC1/1034X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 75.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84429873>

**Copy of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1894.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/1035X  
Extent: 10 leaves: (1 folder; parchment)  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78113773>

**Returns of municipal subscriptions to railroad stock, 1870-1891.**

Identifier: SC1/1038X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 68.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84192510>

**Returns of census of legal voters and apportioning of representative districts, 1840-1968 (bulk 1857-1968).**

Identifier: SC1/1039X  
Extent: 1840: 1 folder;  
1857-1968: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by county.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 72.  
Box 1: 1856-1926. Box 2: 1939-1968.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78846711>

**Perpetual care filings, 1909-1955.**

Identifier: SC1/1043X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 93A-E.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83510480>

**Lists of towns receiving bounties for destruction of noxious animals, 1835-1837.**

Identifier: SC1/1044X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Notes: Collated: 1837. Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 56.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123429964>

**Report of smallpox inoculations in Milton, 1809.**

Identifier: SC1/1045X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 20.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78435154>

**Records relating to agricultural societies, 1820-1854 (bulk 1821-1834, 1846).**

Identifier: SC1/1047X  
Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 56, 84.  
Formerly called: Agricultural society accounts.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983098>

**Returns of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, 1824-1881.**

Identifier: SC1/1049X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 43.  
Returns dated following January, i.e., 1825-1882.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80453147>

**Bills for books on criminal law, 1838-1842.**

Identifier: SC1/1053X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 56.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81609477>

**Abstracts of returns of registries of deeds for 1837-1842, 1843.**

Identifier: SC1/1054X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 55.  
Fragmentary series; no succeeding abstracts included.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84243922>

**Request to the supreme authority of Cuba, 1809.**

Identifier: SC1/1061X  
Extent: 1 folder; 36 x 43 cm  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 1.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78770385>

**Draft of Province laws, 1692-1780, v. 6 (Private acts), [189-].**

Identifier: SC1/1069X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82166629>

**Correspondence and notes relating to republication of Province laws, [189-].**

Identifier: SC1/1075X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79284476>

**Senate roll calls, 1959-1992.**

Identifier: SC1/1134  
Extent: 7.53 cubic feet (22 boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative year, thereunder by roll call no.  
Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.  
Also known as: Yeas and nays.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83308661>

**House legislative dockets, 1939-2002.**

Identifier: SC1/1138  
Extent: 5.76 cubic feet (4 record center cartons, 2 document boxes, and 1 volume)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative year (biennially from 1995-1996), thereunder by docket no.  
Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.  
Contents: 1939-1940. Box 1: 1947, 1953-1956. Box 2: 1957-1960. Box 3: 1965-1975. Box 4: 1976-1983. Box 5: 1984-1992. Box 6: 1993-2001/2002.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123420089>

**Senate legislative dockets, 1953-1988.**

Identifier: SC1/1139  
Extent: 1.22 cubic feet (4 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative year, thereunder by docket no.  
Notes: St 1939, c 508, s 3 (amending St 1844, c 153) places custody of clerk's files with the state secretary after the legislative year.  
Box 1: 1953-1966. Box 2: 1967-1972. Box 3: 1973-1981. Box 4: 1982-1988.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560396>

**Enacted General laws, 1920.**

Identifier: SC1/1140X  
Extent: 6.6 cubic feet (12 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by chapter no.  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520734>

**Enacted Revised laws, 1901.**

Identifier: SC1/1141X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (10 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by chapter no.  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297728>

**Enacted Revised statutes, 1835.**

Identifier: SC1/1142X  
Extent: 3.2 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Copies: 1 microfilm reel and partial microfilm reel; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged by chapter no.  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581544>

**Enacted General statutes, 1859.**

Identifier: SC1/1143X  
Extent: 3.2 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged by chapter no.  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412369>

**Enacted Public statutes, 1881.**

Identifier: SC1/1144X  
Extent: 4 cubic feet (6 volumes)  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged by chapter no.  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78311158>

**Draft of the Revised statutes, 1835.**

Identifier: SC1/1145X  
Extent: 1 cubic feet (4 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by chapter no.  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132260>

**Journals of the committees on the Revised statutes, 1835.**

Identifier: SC1/1146X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Copies: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132262>

**Legal records of the state folk song, 1976-1981.**

Identifier: SC1/1150X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81793024>

**Treasurers' bonds, 1787-1882.**

Identifier: SC1/1302X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 80A-B. --transferred to Archives from Massachusetts Historical Society, Dec. 1, 2003.  
Series incomplete--holdings: 1787-1788, 1790-1882; for a 1784 treasurer's bond see: Massachusetts archives collection ((M-Ar)45X), v. 273, p. 109.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77818421>

**Annual reports, 1892-1982, 2017.**

Identifier: SC1/ 1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 2 pamphlets boxes and 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 46. --Reports for 1912-1913, 1920, 1941-1948, 1957-1958, 1960, 1962-1976, 1978 missing. FY2017 received.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84317531>

**Report of bridges damaged or destroyed by 1936 floods, 1936.**

Identifier: SC1/1394X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.

Notes: T.p.: City and town bridges damaged or destroyed by floods in March 1936. Two copies of report included.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506095>

### **Plans and specifications for state buildings, 1885-1964.**

Identifier: SC1/1404X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79714764>

### **World War I enlistment filings, 1917.**

Identifier: SC1/1405X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83857615>

### **Forms, 1892-2000 (bulk 1892-195-).**

Identifier: SC1/1406

Extent: 2.4 cubic feet (3 boxes and 1 document box)

Notes: Box 4 (1892-1948): Sample state election ballots extracted from: Massachusetts. Elections Division. Subject files (SC5/420). For sample ballots from 2003 onward see that series. For additional, see: Sample ballots (SC5/N030) in agency.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83086231>

### **Registers of candidates for election, 1890-1913.**

Identifier: SC1/1409X

Extent: 2 cubic feet (25 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder by office, and then by county/district.

Note: 2 copies of 1913.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83086254>

### **State House visitors register, 1904-1910.**

Identifier: SC1/1551X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Received in Archives from sergeant-at-arms, General Court, Apr, 30, 1951; originally presented by Harriet Otis Boone, niece of Henry G. Weston. Letter of transfer attached inside front cover.

Program for Port Hudson Day, May 27, 1904, dedication of statue of William Francis Bartlett, laid in, with photograph of James Dwight Francis, who unveiled the statue. P. 6 mutilated, p. 7-10 missing, p. 11 detached. No entries for 1907-1909.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78770395>

**Ship logbooks, 1731-1826.**

Identifier: SC1/1552X

Extent: 0.18 cubic feet (5 volumes in 1 box)

Copies 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm

Notes: Items (1)-(3) listed in state secretary's inventory of 1831.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81378856>

**Historical data relating to counties, cities, and towns of Massachusetts, [179- -19--].**

Identifier: SC1/1554X

Extent: 0.39 cubic feet (1 box)

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Counties, towns, and districts (2 v.); --(2) Indian/ancient names of towns (3 v.); arranged within each vol./list alphabetically --arranged within each vol./list alphabetically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79292834>

**Affidavits for shipping rum, spirits, sugar, and molasses, 1765-1769.**

Identifier: SC1/1563X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Most items in series presumed lost. Those placed here were used as wrappers for: Returns from towns of supplies to families of Continental Army soldiers, 1777-1782 ((M-Ar)146X). For additional affidavits see that series and: Massachusetts archives collection ((M-Ar)45X), v. 291, p. 102-109, 124-126.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79980518>

**Municipal proclamations, 1988-.**

Identifier: SC1/1674

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520780>

**Schedules of books, 1820.**

Identifier: SC1/1689X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Notes: Forms part of: Separation of Maine papers.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613896>

**Legal counsel's legislative review files, 1984.**

Identifier: SC1/1819  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by bill no.  
Notes: Fragmentary series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132310>

**Zoning maps, 1924-1964.**

Identifier: SC1/1957X  
Extent: 1 item

**Public affairs scrapbooks, 1987-1989.**

Identifier: SC1/2010X  
Extent: 0.8 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by half-year, thereunder by subject/date.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82166703>

**Deputy meeting minutes, 1982-1991.**

Identifier: SC1/2021  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Some files, 1982-1991, transferred from: Secretary's subject files ((M-Ar)2024)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469712>

**Secretary's publicity files, 1980-1994.**

Identifier: SC1/2023  
Extent: 7.76 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 10 document boxes)  
1 volume (22 photographs)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by office holder, thereunder by subject/date.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705468>

**Secretary's subject files, 1985-1994.**

Identifier: SC1/2024  
Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two subseries:

- (1) From state secretaries, 1893-1940, extracted from: Massachusetts. Elections Division. Subject files, 1884-2016 (SC5/420) and arranged alphabetically by subject; and
- (2) From terms of Michael Joseph Connolly (1979-1995). See also: Legal counsel's administrative files ((M-Ar)120), Legal counsel's subject files ((M-Ar)758), and: Secretary's administrative files ((M-Ar)119).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82863595>

#### **Division publicity files, 1979-1994.**

Identifier: SC1/2025

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by office holder, thereunder alphabetically by division, and then alphabetically by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521251>

#### **Indian conference files, 1692-1780.**

Identifier: SC1/2030X

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78908733>

#### **Records of the Joint Special Committee on the Consolidating and Arranging of the Public Statutes, 1901.**

Identifier: SC1/2051X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Subcommittee reports; (2) Journal; arranged by chapter no. --arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144364>

#### **Deputy secretary's administration subject files, 1979-1995.**

Identifier: SC1/2079

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by office holder, thereunder by subject/date.

Notes: Publications issued by state secretary's office removed to: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Publications ((M-Ar)2081)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80172518>

#### **Publications, 1979-2013.**

Identifier: SC1/2081

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by office holder, thereunder by sub-agency.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81330447>

**Transition reports, 1978.**

Identifier: SC1/2082  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by office holder, thereunder by subagency.  
Notes: Dates of published materials may predate file dates.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81639436>

**Time capsule survey returns, 1979-1997 (bulk 1979).**

Identifier: SC1/2088  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Affirmative (2) Negative; arranged within each subseries alphabetically by locality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81936507>

**Engrossed resolutions, 1918-2005.**

Identifier: SC1/2145  
Extent: 1 folder  
Notes: The state secretary is custodian of this and other foundation records of the Commonwealth.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80523717>

**Warrant and return for removal of State Prison inmates, 1884.**

Identifier: SC1/2146X  
Extent: 1 folder  
Arranged: arranged alphabetically by prisoner name.  
Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 55.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79840268>

**Franklin Regional Council of Governments charter, 1997.**

Identifier: SC1/2148  
Extent: 1 volume  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84075122>

**Declaration of Independence, 1776.**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/2189X  
Extent: 1 leaf; 43 x 53 cm. (1 folder)  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is the custodian of the foundation records of Massachusetts.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84670789>

**Commission for the Earl of Bellomont, 1697?**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/2191X  
Extent: 2 leaves: parchment; 61 x 81 cm  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the secretary of the Commonwealth is the custodian of the foundation records of Massachusetts.  
The parchment leaves are rolled, and tied together at the bottom in reverse order, with a wax seal appended.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84670775>

**A declaration of the affairs of the English people that first inhabited New England, [16--].**

**Restriction:** Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: SC1/2192  
Extent: 3 leaves; 23 x 36 cm. (1 folder)  
Notes: Quoted in William Bradford's History of Plymouth Plantation, the ms. was presented to the Massachusetts General Court in 1662. Some two centuries later It was rediscovered in the State House by Richard Pulsifer, who gave it to Richard C. Frothingham, Jr., for transcription and editing under the auspices of the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1858. Evidently returned to Pulsifer, found in his effects at his death, and thereupon placed in the custody of the Maine Historical Society, it was restored by the society to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1975.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84670779>

**Justice of the peace and notary commissions, 1851-1909.**

Identifier: SC1/2205X  
Extent: 2.4 cubic feet (22 volumes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/227008445>

**Commissions delivered, 1807-1872 (bulk 1832-1858).**

Identifier: SC1/2206X

Extent: 1.1 cubic feet (13 volumes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/227005852>

**State House millennium celebration guest book, 1999.**

Identifier: SC1/2213X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82211191>

**Discharges of Revolutionary War soldiers, 1780-1783.**

**Restriction:** Restricted series; staff member must be present at use

Identifier: SC1/2278X

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

List of discharges 1 file folder

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by applicant.

Notes: Supersedes series (M-Ar)1747X.

Contents: Box 1: B-H. Box 2: J-W.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/658216842>

**Returns of industrial census of 1845, 1845-1846.**

Identifier: SC1/2292X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.

Notes: Formerly part of: Miscellaneous collection, box 84.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80616207>

**Returns of votes for representatives to the General Court, 1693.**

Identifier: SC1/2300X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county.

Notes: The state secretary, who currently has constitutional and statutory responsibilities for elections in Massachusetts, has preserved corresponding records from earlier periods.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77959358>

**State House cornerstone bicentennial files, 1995.**

Identifier: SC1/2307X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/941957730>

**Bulfinch State House bicentennial files, 1997-1998.**

Identifier: SC1/2308

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/941958012>

**Memorandum book of Revolutionary War Claims, 1820-1824.**

Identifier: SC1/2391X

Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Cover title: Memoranda of certificates respecting balances due to officers of the American Revolutionary Army belonging to the Massachusetts line, made to the Governor & Council by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Commonwealth pursuant to a resolve of the 8th February 1820.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83622640>

**Legislative review files, 1999-2016.**

Identifier: SC1/2488

Extent: 52.5 cubic feet (42 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by legislative session, thereunder by House/Senate bill no.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/746338605>

**Display copy of letter from Council to Brigadier General John Stark of New Hampshire, 1777.**

Identifier: SC1/2508X

Notes: The Secretary of the Commonwealth is keeper of permanent public records of Massachusetts, including this series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/194321465>

**Body of liberties, 1641-1672.**

Identifier: SC1/2519X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (2 volume and 4 microfilm reels; 35 mm. in 1 document box)

Notes: The state secretary is custodian of this and other foundation records of the Commonwealth.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/279305158>

**Revolutionary War pension index card file, 1820-1852.**

Identifier: SC1/2564X  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (8 file card drawers)  
Census of pensioners 2 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by name.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/658216825>

**Certificate book for Revolutionary War disability pensions, 1786-1792.**

Identifier: SC1/2565X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/658216828>

**Correspondence relating to certificates of Revolutionary War service, 1818-1881 (bulk 1843-1847)**

Identifier: SC1/2566X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chiefly chronologically.  
Notes: Some files formerly part of state secretary's: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 84, 94.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/658216832>

**Revolutionary War pension notebook, 1833-1842.**

Identifier: SC1/2567X  
Extent: 1 volume (in folder)  
Copies 1 folder  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by unidentified donor.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/658216857>

**Applications for Revolutionary War bounties, 1801-1835.**

Identifier: SC1/2568X  
Extent: 2.8 cubic feet (8 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by resolve, thereunder alphabetically by applicant.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/658216838>

**Certificates of land bounties granted to Revolutionary War soldiers, 1801-1828 (bulk 1805-1814).**

Identifier: SC1/2569X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/658218057>

**Registers of certificates given for Revolutionary War service, 1832-1885.**

Identifier: SC1/2572X  
Extent: 0.85 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 folder and 3 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of application.  
Notes: Spine title: Certificates of service. --Contents: [v. 1] Applicants for pension 1832/list of pension applicants 1832, July 1832-Feb. 1833. [v. 2] Old soldiers book of certificates, Feb. 1834-Feb. 1836. [v. 3] v. 1 on spine, May 1843-Feb. 1846. [v. 4] v. 2 on spine, Feb. 1846-July 1852,. [v. 5] v. 3 on spine, July 1852-1885. Data for Feb. 1833-Feb. 1834: See Muster rolls of the Revolutionary War ((M-Ar)57X), v. 53, p. 140; data for 1836-1842 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/658216830>

**Public service announcements, 1997-2010.**

Identifier: SC1/2574  
Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/756700842>

**Clothing supplies collected for troops, 1777-1784.**

Identifier: SC1/2577X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Organized in three subseries: (1) Clothing returns, 1777-1784 (2) Caleb Hopkins clothing records, 1778-1780 (3) Clothing bills, 1777-1782 (bulk 1781-1782)  
Notes: The Massachusetts state secretary served as custodian of the state's Revolutionary War records.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/666491243>

**Requests for opinions from Governor's Legislative Office and responses from Secretary of State's Legislative Office, 1999-2016.**

Identifier: SC1/2584  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by two-year legislative session, in volumes (usually single year). Vols. in chronological order, each with initial log sheets and associated files in reverse chronological order.  
Notes: Contents: Box 1. 1999/2000-2007/2008. Box 2. 2009/2010-2011/2012. Box 3. 2013/2014. Box 4. 2015/2016.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/746920362>

**Published transcriptions of Massachusetts constitutional convention records, 1853-1933.**

Identifier: SC1/2621X  
Extent: 1 cubic feet (15 volumes)  
Notes: In keeping with traditions established in the colonial period, the state secretary is custodian of foundation records of the Commonwealth, including this series.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/876720779>

**Guest register of observance of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, 2015.**

Identifier: SC1/2257X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/971499249>

**State House time capsule files, 2014-2015.**

Identifier: SC1/2658X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/941958060>

**Letters patent to the South Sea Company as granted by George I of Great Britain, 1723.**

Identifier: SC1/2700X  
Extent: 2 leaves of illuminated manuscript. (replica?) on linen-backed rolls (1 box )  
Notes: Seals excised.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/976433471>

**Census 2010 administration files, 2010.**

Identifier: SC1/2739X  
Extent: 2 record center cartons

**Abstracts of votes for state senators, 1780-1794, 1796-1806.**

Identifier: SC1/2778X  
Extent: 0.92 cubic feet (25 volumes in 2 boxes)

**Abstracts of votes for members of Congress , 1788-1865.**

Identifier: SC1/2779X  
Extent: 0.6 cubic feet (5 volumes)

Copies: 6 microfilm reels.

**Return of votes for presidential electors, 1788-1856.**

Identifier: SC1/2780X

Extent: 1.2 cubic feet (3 volumes)

**Abstracts of votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, 1780-1854.**

Identifier: SC1/2781X

Extent: 2.1 cubic feet (13 volumes)

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**Record Group Number: SC2**

**Record Group Name: Massachusetts Archives**

**Historical Note:**

Pursuant to MGLA c 9, ss 2-2A, the Massachusetts Archives, under the direction of the state archivist on behalf of the state secretary, is responsible for securing, preserving, and managing for the public good, those noncurrent records of the Commonwealth determined to possess archival value by the Records Conservation Board. To meet this responsibility the Archives reviews and appraises records held by state agencies; acquires, weeds, arranges, describes, and processes records accepted by the Archives; conserves and preserves records held in the Archives; makes available for reference use records held in the Archives; administers various provisions of records law pertaining to records held in the Archives; administers the activities of the Archives Advisory Commission; and carries out surveys and other projects pursuant to its mission.

In addition the state archivist performs several ex officio responsibilities including representing the state secretary on the Records Conservation Board, the Archives Advisory Commission, the Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, and the Board of Trustees of the State Library; serving as the state coordinator for the grants program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; and overseeing the records management program that operates under the authority of the supervisor of public records.

While an Archives Division as such was not established within the secretary's office until 1897, the secretary's responsibility for managing the archives and records of the Commonwealth, grounded in the Constitution of 1780 (C 2, S 4, Art 2), dates back even further to colonial and Revolutionary War periods.

The Massachusetts Archives was first established as a separate unit within the secretary's office under St 1897, c 351, which designated the third clerk of the office as chief of the Archives Division. Further clarification was not made until St 1962, c 18, which mandated the chief of the Archives Division be a qualified archivist, to hold the office of Archivist of the Commonwealth. The division, now generally known as the Massachusetts Archives, has developed around that position.

The 1962 legislation also broadened the scope of records the Archives should encompass by specifying that the archivist was to be responsible for the noncurrent records of the Commonwealth. Up until this time, and even into the 1970s, collections in the Archives had consisted primarily of colonial and Revolutionary War records and the legislative collection.

In March of 1986 the Archives moved from the State House to a new facility at Columbia Point in Dorchester.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429427>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Administrative files, 1846-1983 (bulk 1960-1983)**

Identifier: SC2/168

Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Notes: Formerly part of state secretary's: Miscellaneous collection, box 40.  
There are very few records for 1846-1919

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505898>

#### **State House Archives Facility and renovation files, 1953-1986**

Identifier: SC2/170X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Non-graphic items chiefly derived from former series: Administrative files ((M-Ar)168) --Series previously titled: Blueprints and plans for the State Archives, 1958-1982. See also: Columbia Point Archives building files, 1975-1993 ((M-Ar)2201)bic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702971>

#### **Project files of the NHPRC historical records assessment and reporting survey, 1981-1993**

Identifier: SC2/172X

Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by subject

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83176315>

### **Accessions log, 1934-2015**

Identifier: SC2/221

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Accessions log, 1934-1973, 1977-1985 (2) Transfer acknowledgments, 1966-2012 (bulk 1985-2012). --Subseries (2)

Notes: Arranged chronologically in reverse order: to 1990 by year/day no., thereafter by year/serial accession no.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79074207>

### **Historic documents inventory survey files, 1974-1978**

Identifier: SC2/222X

Extent: 2.45 cubic feet (7 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by locality

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79909285>

### **Archives researcher registers, 1961-2002**

Identifier: SC2/1105

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Notes: Scheduled as: Visitors' registers. Box 1: 1961-1988. Box 2: 1988-1996. Box 3: 1996-2002

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405598>

### **Vault/record request forms, 1987-2003**

Identifier: SC2/1106

Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by patron

Notes: Box 1: 1987-1990. Box 2: 1991-1992. Box 3: 1992-1994. Box 4: 1994-1996. Box 5: 1996-1997. Box 6: 1998-1999. Box 7: 2000-2001. Box 8: 2002-2003.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405603>

### **Reference statistics, 2000-2005**

Identifier: SC2/1108

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412443>

**Weekly reference activity reports, 1977-2003**

Identifier: SC2/1109  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Files for 1990 lacking  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82210828>

**Franklin County public records survey and inventory project files, 1979**

Identifier: SC2/1346X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by town  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564512>

**Series control file, 1989-1991**

Identifier: SC2/1693  
Extent: 20 cubic feet (2 file cabinets)  
Arranged: Arranged by executive or constitutional office, thereunder by division  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556609>

**Photographs, ca. 18-- - 19--**

Identifier: SC2/1879  
Extent: 5.55 cubic feet (4 document boxes; 1 lantern slide cabinet)

**Harvard University training videotapes, 1993**

Identifier: SC2/1989X  
Extent: 1 phase box (1 videocassette)

**Postcards, 19—**

Identifier: SC2/2006  
Arranged: Arranged numerically by indexing code  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591182>

**Chief of Archives Division administrative files, 1846-1985 (bulk 1928-1962)**

Identifier: SC2/2196X  
Extent: Partial record center carton  
Arranged: Arranged within each sequence chronologically

Notes: Chiefly derived from former series: Administrative files, 1846-1983 ((M-Ar)168), in turn derived from the state secretary's: Miscellaneous collection, box 44.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78411681>

### **Archivist's administrative correspondence, 1968-1993**

Identifier: SC2/2197

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Notes: Chiefly derived from former series: Administrative files, 1846-1983 ((M-Ar)168)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79293023>

### **Archivist's memorandums, 1976-1995**

Identifier: SC2/2198

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Notes: Chiefly derived from former series: Administrative files, 1846-1983 ((M-Ar)168)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80601702>

### **Archivist's reports, 1961-1990**

Identifier: SC2/2199

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Weekly reports, 1974-1978 (2) Annual reports, 1961-1990; arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Notes: Partly derived from former series: Administrative files, 1846-1983 ((M-Ar)168)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469728>

### **Publications, 1981-1992**

Identifier: SC2/2200

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged by type/publication title, thereunder chronologically

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82211137>

### **Columbia Point Archives building files, 1975-1993**

Identifier: SC2/2201

Extent: 4.45 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 1 document box; 1 microfilm reel)  
Notes: Partly derived from: Blueprints and plans for the State Archives, 1958-1982 ((M-Ar)170X), now titled: State House Archives facility and renovation files, 1953-1986.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705889>

### **Clippings, 1918-[ongoing]**

Identifier: SC2/2204  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78311137>

### **Columbia Point Archives physical plant project files, 2014-2017**

Identifier: SC2/2655  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons including computer optical discs)  
3 cubic feet (3 technical drawing sets in 2 map drawers)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/964356724>

### **NEDCC conservation/preservation records, 1990-2017**

Identifier: SC2/2696  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by job.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/971022645>

### **Massachusetts Archives promotional video, 1989-1990**

Identifier: SC2/2749X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 sound tape reel, 1 sound cassette, 10 videoreels, 1 videocassette in 1 record center carton)

### **Massachusetts Archives and Commonwealth Museum photographs, 196-? - 2014**

Identifier: SC2/2755  
Extent: 0.84 cubic feet (1 document box, 2 boxes, 1 volume, 1 folder (partial box))  
Notes: Removed from: Photographs (SC2/1879)

### **Legislative and executive group and portrait photographs, 188- - 1982**

Identifier: SC2/2756  
Extent: 0.68 cubic feet (4 boxes and 1 oversized folder)

## **Columbia Point Archives dedication ceremony files, 1986-2019**

Identifier: SC2/2795X  
Extent: 1 document box

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## **Record Group Number: SC2.01**

## **Record Group Name: Records Management Unit**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1919, c 350, s 24 established a Supervisor of Public Records under the state secretary, succeeding the earlier Commissioner of Public Records in overseeing the care and custody of the records of the counties, cities, towns, and of state agencies in Massachusetts. The Supervisor and the Public Records Division provided services such as site records surveys, specification of standards for paper and ink, and oversight of records disposition activities.

Starting in the late 1970s, a records management team within the division (later known as the Records Management Unit) provided services such as appraising records and conducting records surveys, as well as developing and interpreting records retention and disposal schedules for county and municipal entities and state agencies. It also provided information and reports with guidance on best practices in areas such as records management, vault specifications and other record safekeeping, and electronic records. Since 1982 this unit has operated as a part of the Massachusetts Archives.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132226>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Presentation/Reference photographs, ca 1986-199-**

Identifier: SC2.01/2005  
Extent: 0.66 cubic feet (2 volumes boxed)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1016166512>

#### **Municipal records correspondence files, 1969-2009 (bulk 1978-1992)**

Identifier: SC2.01/2742X  
Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1006510019>

**Municipal records disposal permission files, 1994-2017**

Identifier: SC2.01/2743  
Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1006509905>

**Municipal records scheduling and survey files, 1976-1997**

Identifier: SC2.01/2744X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality office or department.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1006509471>

**County records scheduling, survey, and disposal files, 1938-2017**

Identifier: SC2.01/2745  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county (some portions only).  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1006510053>

**Municipal and county records schedules and records management manuals, 1977-2012**

Identifier: SC2.01/2746  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1006510060>

**Records Management Unit programming files, 1985-2005**

Identifier: SC2.01/2747X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1006510055>

**State records schedules and records management manual, 2004-2012**

Identifier: SC2.01/2748  
Extent: 0.65 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1006510056>

***On the Record* newsletter, 2020**

Identifier: SC2/2833  
Extent: Digital objects  
Digital objects available at  
[http://digitalarchives.sec.state.ma.us/uncategorised/deliverableUnit\\_b875194f-38b2-4b78-836b-c80b618fba88/](http://digitalarchives.sec.state.ma.us/uncategorised/deliverableUnit_b875194f-38b2-4b78-836b-c80b618fba88/)

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## **Record Group Number: SC3**

## **Record Group Name: Census Division**

### **Historical Note:**

The Census Division (or Division of the Census) was first mentioned as a unit within the state secretary's office in 1919, after St 1919, c 350, s 25 authorized the secretary of the Commonwealth to appoint a supervisor of the decennial census, responsible for collecting, compiling, and publishing census results. The agency name was not consistently used until the mid-1950s.

But long before 1919 the state secretary had been involved in census-taking activities. In 1837 the General Court authorized two censuses, in both cases stipulating the secretary's involvement: a population census to be used for allocating federal funds to towns in the wake of the dissolution of the United States Bank (St 1837, c 85); and a decennial census of "ratable polls" to be used for apportioning membership in the House of Representatives (St 1837, c 128) as required by the state constitution (Const Amend Art 12), ratified that same year. (Prior to 1837, censuses in Massachusetts were generally limited to the U.S. decennial censuses that commenced in 1790.) Each state census, with a few exceptions, was authorized by an enabling act that further defined its scope. Censuses were supervised by the state secretary, who was responsible for providing city and town officials with blank forms, for collecting returns, and for tabulating results. Enumeration itself was carried out by city and town officials.

Const Amend Art 13 changed the basis of representation from ratable polls to inhabitants and provided for state decennial censuses beginning in 1840. St 1855, c 439 mandated a decennial census at mid-decade, beginning in 1855, which had the effect of providing for a state census every five years. St 1857, c 60, however, abolished the end-of-decade census, taken in 1840 and 1850, which had coincided with the federal one. The scope of the census was changed to include an enumeration of legal voters to serve as the basis for determining representation, along with the census of inhabitants (Const Amend Arts 21-22). Decennial censuses of legal voters were used for determining legislative apportionment until 1970, when Const Amend Art 92 once again established a decennial census of inhabitants as the basis for representation.

In 1874 responsibility for the decennial census was transferred to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor (St 1874, c 386), which was put in charge of the 1875 and later enumerations of population, as well as of the decennial census of industries, which had been required of the

state secretary since 1865 (St 1865, c 146). (The agency was renamed the Bureau of Statistics in 1909.) Returns of census results, however, continued to be filed with the state secretary's office.

St 1919, c 350, s 25 returned sole responsibility for the decennial census to the state secretary and authorized him to appoint a supervisor of the decennial census who would be responsible for collecting, compiling, and publishing census information. (Responsibility for industrial statistics was given to the successor to the Bureau of Statistics, the Division of Statistics in the new Dept. of Labor and Industries (St 1919, c 350, s 69)). St 1920, c 157 redesignated the supervisor as state census director. St 1924, c 453 gave the secretary the authority to verify census information returned by the cities and towns and to make inspections of records if necessary.

Under constitutional and statutory provisions in effect through 1990, the state decennial census of inhabitants was conducted for the purpose of determining representative, senatorial, and councilor districts and as a basis for distributing state funds to cities and towns (Const Amend Art 101, as amended by Amend Art 109). In 1986 the state secretary for the first time exercised his statutory power by challenging returns from the City of Boston in the 1985 decennial census. The governor established a Decennial Census Commission to investigate. Among other things, the commission's report ((M-Ar)738X) questioned the need for a state decennial census and in 1987 and 1990 the General Court, meeting in successive constitutional conventions, voted to abolish the Census Division and its functions. This action was ratified by the electorate in Nov. 1990 (Const Amend Art 117).

Only returns from the censuses of 1855 ((M-Ar)213X) and 1865 ((M-Ar)214X), and summary returns from 1975 ((M-Ar)326X) were preserved. Census results for other years were recorded in printed reports issued by the state secretary (Reference Collection). Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429273>

## **Related Series:**

### **Certificates of contested census returns, 1935-**

Identifier: SC3/216X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419964>

### **Returns of the special census of 1971, 1965-1971**

Identifier: SC3/217X

Extent: 8.75 cubic feet (7 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095686>

### **City and town decennial census files, 1975**

Identifier: SC3/326X  
Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79972822>

### **Decennial census printed returns and summaries, 1855-1985**

**Restriction:** Use of copies at following website strongly recommended if feasible:  
<http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/122027>

Identifier: SC3/2611X  
Extent: 1.97 cubic feet (25 volumes and 1 document box)  
Notes: CONTENTS: Abstract of the census, 1855. Secy of the Commonwealth. Boston: W. White, 1857. -- Census of legal voters, 1857. Secy of the Commonwealth. Boston: W. White, 1857.-- Abstract of the census, 1865. Secy of the Commonwealth. Boston: W. White, 1867. -- Statistical information relating to certain branches of industry in Massachusetts, 1865. Secy of the Commonwealth. Boston: Wright & Potter, 1866. -- Census of Massachusetts, 1875. Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Boston: Wright & Potter, 1876-1877. 3v. I: Population and social statistics. II: Manufactures and occupations. III: Agricultural products and property. -- Compendium of the census of Massachusetts, 1875. Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Boston: Wright & Potter, 1877. -- Census system of Massachusetts for 1875. Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Boston: Wright & Potter, 1876. -- Census of Massachusetts, 1885. Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Boston: Wright & Potter, 1887-1888. 3 v. in 4. I. Pts. 1 & 2. Population and social statistics. II. Manufactures, the fisheries, and commerce. III. Agricultural products and property. -- Census of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1895. Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896-1900. 7 v. I-IV. Population and social statistics. V. Manufactures. VI. The fisheries, commerce, and agriculture. VII. Social statistics and general summaries. -- Census of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1905. Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Wright & Potter, 1908-1910. 4 v. I. Population and social statistics. II. Occupations and defective social and physical conditions. III. Manufactures and trade. IV. Agriculture, the fisheries, and commerce. -- Decennial census,

1915. Bureau of Statistics. Boston: Wright & Potter, 1918. -- Decennial census, 1925. Secy of the Commonwealth. [Boston] 1926. -- Decennial census, 1935. Secy of the Commonwealth. [Boston] 1935. -- Decennial census, 1945. Secy of the Commonwealth. [Boston] 1945. -- Decennial census, 1955: population and legal voters of Massachusetts. Secy of the Commonwealth. [Boston] 1956. -- Decennial census, 1965: population and legal voters of Massachusetts. Secy of the Commonwealth. [Boston] 1966. -- State Census, 1965: statistics on age distribution by sex in cities and towns of Massachusetts. Secy of the Commonwealth. [Boston] 1967. -- .Massachusetts 1975 decennial census. Census Division. [Boston,1978?] -- Massachusetts 1985 decennial census. Census Division. [Boston,1986?] (Photocopied from copy at Watertown (Mass.) Public Library--full text not available at website noted above)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/855788727>

### **Subject files, 1990-2010**

Identifier: SC3/2832

Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 records center cartons)

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## **Record Group Number: SC4**

## **Record Group Name: Corporations Division**

### **Historical Note:**

The Corporations Division, as it is currently known, operating within the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office, is the central filing office for recording the registration and incorporation of businesses and other organizations in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Each type of organization files its own series of documents pursuant to the relevant laws as follows: corporations (MGLA c 156D (was B)); foreign (out of state) corporations (MGLA c 181); limited partnerships (MGLA c 109); trusts (MGLA c 182); professional organizations (MGLA c 156A); and charitable and other non-profit organizations (public charities) (MGLA c 180). The Corporations Division is also responsible for the recording of trade and service marks.

Early incorporations were authorized through charters granted through the state legislature, and recorded in legislation. Changes to this process began with St 1851, c 133, which established the rules and procedures allowing manufacturing and related businesses to incorporate as joint stock companies without legislative approval. The legislation required corporations to file their articles of organization and notice of any changes in capital stock with the state secretary, who was to publish and submit to the legislature an annual abstract of all filings. The secretary was to examine the articles of organization, verify their legality, and upon approval sign and seal a certificate of incorporation, which served as a charter. 1875, c 177 instructed corporations in the filing of amendments of their articles of organization with the secretary.

By St 1865, c 283, corporations were required to file with the Tax Commissioner an annual report detailing their holdings. St 1870 c 224, a codification of corporations law, included the filing of annual reports (known as certificates of conditions) with the secretary. The act also included the creation of a Commissioner of Corporations, a deputy Tax Commissioner appointed by the state treasurer to inspect incorporation filings. Articles of organization filings approved by the commissioner were then filed with the secretary, who issued, signed, and sealed the certificate of corporation, now on a standardized form. St 1919, c 350, ss 52-55 merged the Tax Commissioner and Commissioner of Corporations into the Dept. of Corporations and Taxation.

Filings of articles of organization kept by the state secretary were, from 1892 to 1905, and from 1924 on, according the secretary's annual report, the responsibility of its Corporation Division. St 1941, c 587 established a formal Corporation Division, to be headed by an attorney. St 1962, c 750 transferred many filing responsibilities from the Dept. of Corporations and Taxation to the secretary. The division then became responsible not only for keeping records and issuing certificates but for insuring that the registration and organization of corporations conformed to the general laws governing corporations in Massachusetts.

The incorporation of charitable and other non-profit organizations without the passage of legislative acts started with St 1857, c 56, which required the articles of association of charitable corporations to be filed in the registry of deeds in the county where the organization was located. Filing of articles of organization and the issue of certificates of charter by the state secretary for such organizations was established per St 1874, c 375. Similar procedures for the incorporation of churches were provided for by St 1887, c 404. Various acts later exempted many types of charitable and educational institutions from filing annual reports.

St 1901, c 405 required charitable organizations applying for incorporation to have their purposes and personnel investigated for possible illegal activity or unsuitable persons by the Board of State Charities (in 1919 the Dept. of Public Welfare), before they could be issued a certificate of incorporation by the secretary. St 1954, c 539, s 1 gave these investigatory and filing responsibilities to the newly-established Division of Public Charities in the Attorney General's Office.

Specific statutes regarding the filing of articles of organization and issue of certificates of charter for other types of businesses and professions include: insurance companies (St 1872, c 375), limited partnerships (St 1873, c 320), cooperative savings funds and loan associations (St 1877, c 224), and foreign corporations (St 1884, c 330). Added to the secretary's responsibilities per St 1893, c 443 was registration of labels, trademarks, or form of advertisement per St 1957, c 765, filings under the Uniform Commercial Code; and per St 1995, c 281, registration of limited liability companies and partnerships.

Resolves 1893, c 32 gave the secretary the funding to produce an index of corporation filings since 1780, arranged by type of business, and St 1959, c 327 directed the secretary to create an alphabetical index of the filings. Types of records filed with the division include applications; articles of organization and amendment; annual reports; change of officers and directors; bylaws; registrations; Dept. of Public Health, Dept. of Public Works, or Board of Higher Education approvals; revivals of dissolved corporations; and related correspondence.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429266>

## **Related Series:**

### **Facsimiles of labels, trademarks, stamps, and forms of advertisement, 1893-1983 (bulk 1893-1958)**

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

Identifier: SC4/205

Extent: 2.88 cubic feet (8 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged by registration number

Notes: Numbers on spines are not consecutive and do not indicate missing volumes

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122643359>

**Certificates of condition, 1870-1928 (bulk 1870-1889)**

Identifier: SC4/1752

Extent: 45 reels

Notes: 590 reels (1929-1970) deaccessioned ca. 1990. Current holdings (45 reels only) transferred from agency, Apr. 2006; additional agency holdings (1930-1975) incomplete.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84672698>

**Articles of organization and amendments-business, 1921-1962**

Identifier: SC4/1753

Extent: 268 microfilm reels

**Trademark filings, 1953-1977**

Identifier: SC4/1823

Extent: 13 record center cartons and 5 document boxes

**Hearing files, 1963-1985**

Identifier: SC4/1932

Extent: 2 record center cartons and 2 document boxes

**Legislative Review files, 1963-1985**

Identifier: SC4/1753

Extent: 5 record center cartons

**Articles of organization and amendments-non-profit, 1925-1993**

Identifier: SC4/2587

Extent: 0.96 cubic feet (192 microfilm reels)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by filing date

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/753988554>

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**Record Group Number: SC5****Record Group Name: Election Division****Historical Note:**

The Elections Division within the state secretary's office is responsible for coordinating all municipal, state, and federal elections within the Commonwealth. While there is no special

legislation that authorized the organization of these duties under a division, its existence is derived from provisions of MGLA c 9, s 2, which enable the state secretary to "employ such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary to carry out the laws relative to primaries and elections." These provisions first became law in 1911, when the secretary was authorized to employ "temporary" clerical assistance for elections (St 1911, c 550, s 19). In 1913 the word "temporary" was removed (St 1913, c 835, s 127). However, until 1948 only one permanent clerk was allowed for this purpose under the budget. In that year, three permanent positions were funded (St 1948, c 198, item 0504-01) and a supervisor of the Division of Elections named. Since the 1960s such personnel have commonly been designated as the Elections (or Election) Division.

Notwithstanding the relatively recent specific existence of an Elections Division, the state secretary's involvement in elections is grounded in the Massachusetts Constitution, which calls for town officials to transmit voting returns for statewide offices to the secretary's office (Const Pt 2, C 1, S 2 and Pt 2, C 2, SS 1-2)

Subsequent legislation expanded the secretary's constitutional role in elections by broadening the scope of elections in which that official could play a part to include those at the national and county levels (St 1788, c 49; St 1856, c 173) and by increasing the secretary's involvement in the conduct of elections. Responsibilities accumulated by the secretary over the years include the following: ensuring that returns are received in envelopes with their seals unbroken until their delivery to the governor or General Court (St 1806, c 26, augmented by St 1852, c 209, s 2, which authorized the secretary to refuse returns with broken seals); furnishing city and town clerks with self-sealing envelopes of uniform appearance to be used to make returns for all state and national elections (St 1851, c 226); furnishing city, town, and county officials with blanks for voting returns (St 1857, c 311); furnishing cities and towns with books to be used for registering voters (St 1877, c 208); providing cities and towns with ballot boxes (St 1884, c 299, s 10); preparing and transmitting to cities and town instructions for voters, including printed copies of proposed constitutional amendments and referendum questions (St 1888, c 436); and publishing election results in a public document, PD 43 (St 1890, c 423, s 118)

In sum, the state secretary's responsibilities as carried on by the Elections Division include verifying and printing nomination papers used by candidates; producing ballots; approving voting machines; registering and verifying Electoral College members and recording and printing proceedings of the Electoral College; providing information on running for elective office, absentee voting, voter registration, and general information for voters; and administering election procedures as required by law. For further detail consult MGLA c 50, c 51, c 52, c 54, c 55, c 55A, c 56, and c 59.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429387>

## **Related Series:**

### **Registers of votes for national and state officers and constitutional amendments, 1855-2016**

Identifier: SC5/196  
Extent: 24.5 cubic feet (3 record center cartons, 1 document box, 102 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by office, county, and municipality. Arranged by office, thereunder chronologically  
Notes: Spine title varies: abstract of votes; votes for state officers  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77594537>

### **Returns of elected town officers, 1939-1991**

Identifier: SC5/199  
Extent: 9.32 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by town  
Notes: Returns for 1983-1989, 1991 transferred from Commissions Section. Also known as: E2-41. Returns for 1973-1982, most of 1989 lacking  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505892>

### **Certificates of qualification of governor and lieutenant governor, 1851-2019**

Identifier: SC5/200  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box), 1 file folder  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of qualification  
Notes: Contents: Vol. 1: 1851-1876. Vol. 2: 1877-1957. Vol. 3: 1959-2007. Resignation of Gov. W.F. Weld, 1997. Resignation of Gov. A.P. Cellucci, 2001. Appendix: Order of ceremonies for administration of oath of office to M. Romney, K.M. Healey, and councilors, 2003, with proclamation by state secretary of qualification of M. Romney and K.M. Healey; 2007, proclamation by state secretary of qualification of D.L. Patrick, T.P. Murray.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123458858>

### **Initiative and referendum petitions, 1919-2002**

Identifier: SC5/201  
Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of filing  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77594544>

**Proceedings files of the Electoral College, 1808-2016**

Identifier: SC5/202  
Extent: 5.8 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 13 document boxes and 1  
oversize volume)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year of election  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79215037>

**Certificates of qualification of state officials, 1941-2016**

Identifier: SC5/203  
Extent: 2.1 cubic feet (6 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year of election, thereunder by type of  
election (general/special), then by office, then chronologically by date  
of oath (may be year following election)  
Notes: Files for 2008 general election lacking  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983063>

**Proposed constitutional amendments, 1919-2000**

Identifier: SC5/407  
Extent: 1.4 cubic feet (4 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Received from the Office of the Secretary of State, which has  
responsibility for elections, specifically since 1948 from its Elections  
Division.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78961553>

**Subject files, 1884-2016 (bulk 1884-1940)**

Identifier: SC5/420  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by topic.

**Information for voters pamphlets, 1942-2016**

Identifier: SC5/783  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year  
Notes: Pamphlets through 1974 have title: Official information to voters. --  
Issued biennially. Missing or not issued for: 1946, 1950-1960, 1984,  
1992-2012. 2 copies of 2014.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469462>

### **Certificates of examination of voting returns by governor and council, 1940-2016**

Identifier: SC5/913  
Extent: 1.93 cubic feet (5 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by office, county, and municipality  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983071>

### **Returns of elected county officers, 1984-2016**

Identifier: SC5/1013  
Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder alphabetically by county  
Notes: In the late 1990s-early 2000s, nine counties abolished county government and their registers of deeds began to report to the state secretary. --Box 1: 1984-1994. Box 2: 1996-2002. Box 3: 2004-2016.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80262136>

### **Correspondence file, 1922-1930**

Identifier: SC5/1762  
Extent: 2 document boxes

### **Precinct maps, 1911-2000**

Identifier: SC5/1956  
Extent: 1.7 cubic feet (ca. 250 maps in 2 maps in 2 map drawers)  
61 cubic ft. (320 map rolls in 22 boxes)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) 1991-1941 (bulk 1920-1940)  
(2) 1999-2000  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/972349598>

### **U.S. census re-precincting files, 2000-2001**

Identifier: SC5/2589  
Extent: 20 cubic feet (16 record center cartons)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/798147800>

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## **Record Group Number: SC5.01**

## **Record Group Name: State Ballot Law Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

In 1890 the legislature mandated that any objections concerning nomination of state officials be brought before a board consisting of the secretary of the Commonwealth, the attorney general, and three other persons called ballot-law commissioners, who were appointed by the governor for one-year terms; they were to be from different political parties and to serve without pay (St 1890, c 436, s 5). Previously such questions had been handled by the secretary of the Commonwealth, the auditor, and the attorney general (St 1889, c 413, s 7). (The responsibility for decisions concerning city and town nominations was in the hands of each local board of registrars of voters, along with the city clerk and the city solicitor).

St 1892, c 406 designated the 1890 board as the Ballot Law Commission and authorized nominal payment to its members. It added the judicial powers to hold hearings, to summon and pay witnesses for testimony, and to require written reports to be presented as testimony at the hearings.

In 1896 membership on the commission (now referred to as the State Ballot Law Commission) was denied to any public official except those serving as justice of the peace or notary public, and to any employee or member of a committee of a political party. The size of the commission was reduced to three members, at least one of which should be from the political party receiving the largest number of votes for governor in the last election, and at least one from the party receiving the second highest number of votes. Appointments were for staggered three-year terms (St 1896, c 383, s 1). St 1898, c 548, s 154 added that any member who was a candidate for public office must resign from the commission.

The scope of decisions rendered by the commission was enlarged by St 1943, c 43 to include questions pertaining to certificates of nominations for any presidential or biennial state primary, biennial state election, or special state primary or election. Additionally, by St 1967, c 406, objections to initiative petitions filed under city charters, as forwarded by city councils or school committees, could be heard by the commission.

In order to ensure an accurate, legal, and confidential vote, the state secretary, treasurer, and auditor approved ballot boxes provided to each city and town holding an election (St 1890, c 423, s 84). In 1903 a separate body for this purpose was established as the State Board of Voting Machine Examiners (St 1903, c 368). It was required to examine voting apparatus and report to the secretary its approval or disapproval. Following the ratification in 1911 of the constitutional amendment authorizing the use of voting machines at all elections (Const Amend Art 38), the members of the State Ballot Law Commission were to serve as the State Board of Voting Examiners (St 1912, c 641). They were required to examine all voting machines, ballot boxes, and counting apparatus and to submit their approval together with written descriptions, drawings, specifications, and photographs. If machines failed to conform to state requirements, the board was responsible for notifying the secretary, who in turn notified the towns to replace the machines (St 1912, c 641, s 1). These responsibilities were transferred from the commission to the state secretary in 1977 (St 1977, c 930).

The State Ballot Law Commission was restructured by St 1977, c 927, with its membership being increased to five persons appointed by the governor. One member, designated as chairman for a one-year term, is to be a retired justice of the state court system; other members serve two-year terms, and no more than three members may be of the same political party. This act designates the state secretary as secretary of the commission and requires that the proceedings of hearings and all decisions be kept as a public record.

The primary functions of the commission, as outlined by this statute, are to investigate the legality, validity, completeness, and accuracy of all nomination papers and actions required by law to give candidates access to a state ballot or to place initiative or referendum questions there. The commission is responsible for ballot access questions concerning the constitutional qualifications of any candidate, certificates of nominations, the filing of nomination papers under a false name, or fraudulent or forged initiative petitions, and continues to be responsible for holding hearings and rendering decisions in these matters. Any authority over state public policy ballot questions or over municipal candidates or ballot questions was denied the commission by St 1980, c 134, s 8. The commission is administratively within the Elections Division of the state secretary's office, but not subject to the secretary's jurisdiction.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429261>

## **Related Series:**

### **Specifications for voting machines, 1891-1931**

Identifier: SC5.01/204X  
Extent: 1.29 cubic feet (1 document box and 2 boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date filed

Notes: Formerly part of state secretary's: Miscellaneous collection, boxes 95-95A. --Blueprints removed to: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Maps and plans ((M-Ar)50), no. 4133, 4138, 4146-4148.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590825>

### **Decisions case files, 1970-2000**

Identifier: SC5.01/757

Extent: 11.6 cubic feet (9 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Notes: Boxes 1-4: 1970-1979. Boxes 5-6: 1991, 1997-1998. Boxes 7-10: 2000.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79458495>

### **Decree, findings and opinion on legislative pay raise referendum petition, 1964**

Identifier: SC5.01/1433X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405636>

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## **Record Group Number: SC6**

## **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Historical Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to MGLA c 9, ss 26-28, the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) administers historic preservation programs and funds for the purpose of protecting and making available for public appreciation the Commonwealth's historic and archaeological resources.

The commission was established by St 1963, c 697 within the state secretary's office to advise on matters relating to historic assets of the Commonwealth and to assist in compiling and maintaining an inventory of them. Initially the MHC's attention was focused towards historic properties and sites. The enabling act empowered the commission to examine certain sites and structures; make recommendations concerning historical significance; and certify eligible sites as historic landmarks. In addition the legislation enabled cities and towns to establish historical commissions to work in conjunction with the MHC in recommending sites for historic landmark status.

St 1971, c 517, s 2 further authorized the commission to develop historical surveys and plans in accordance with requirements of the federal Historic Preservation Act (16 USC ss 470-470N) and to be the sole agency of the Commonwealth responsible for the act's administration.

In the 1970s the commission's activities came to encompass archaeological as well as historic sites. By St 1971, c 643 the legislature authorized the establishment of the position of State Archaeologist to be appointed within the commission by its chair. The duties and responsibilities of this position were delineated in St 1973, c 1155 to include responsibility for preservation and protection of archeological resources of the Commonwealth by compiling and maintaining an inventory of historic and archeological sites and specimens, conducting surveys and field investigations, recommending sites for status as archeological land marks, and issuing permits for exploration and field investigations. St 1973, c 989 established a Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources (within the Dept. of Public Works; later in the Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering, now Dept. of Environmental Protection) and designated the MHC as one of the agencies to be represented on it.

St 1982 c 152, s 4 provided for the commission to establish and maintain a State Register of Historic Places, to include all districts, sites, buildings, objects determined eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places, all local historic districts established pursuant to MGLA c 40C, all landmarks designated under local ordinance or bylaw, all structures and sites subject to a preservation easement approved or held by the commission pursuant to MGLA c 184, s 32, and all historic or archeological landmarks certified pursuant to MGLA c 9, s 27.

St 1988, c 254, s 7 mandated that prior to undertaking, licensing, or funding public or private construction projects, state agencies must first notify the commission, which is to determine any direct or indirect effects the project might have on any property listed in the State Register of Historic Places and then to discuss ways to eliminate, minimize, or mitigate adverse ones.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429224>

### **Related Series:**

### **Compliance files of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, 1857-1993 (bulk 1982-1993)**

Identifier:	SC6/218
Extent:	3.44 cubic feet (1 record center carton, 1 document box, 17 volumes)
Notes:	Collated: 1982-1993

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80601582>

**Tax certification program files, 1976-2002**

Identifier: SC6/351

Extent: 122.67 cubic feet (98 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by varying spans, thereunder alphabetically by municipality

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82693679>

**Meeting files, 1963-1988**

Identifier: SC6/1960

Extent: 4 record center cartons

**Legislative review files, 1963-1990**

Identifier: SC6/1961

Extent: 3 record center cartons and 0.5 document box)

**Posters, 1988-1998**

Identifier: SC6/2171

Extent: 1 folder

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705864>

**Norman Rockwell correspondence**

Identifier: SC6/2751X

Extent: 1 file folder (2 items)

Notes: Transferred to Archives by the MHC, November 2017.

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**Record Group Number: SC7**

**Record Group Name: Massachusetts Regulations Division**

**Historical Note:**

The Massachusetts Regulations Division within the Office of the Secretary of State (also known as the Rules and Regulations Division) carries out the secretary's constitutional and statutory record-keeping functions in relation to laws passed by the General Court and rules and regulations issued by state agencies. The division was formally established in 1978 to meet the need created by St 1976, c 459 to publish a Massachusetts register and a Code of Massachusetts Regulations. However, as early as 1975 there was an office stamp

for such a division, although a director is not listed in the Manual of the General Court until 1981-1982.

Notwithstanding the current existence of a separate division, the state secretary's responsibility for regulations can be traced to St 1917, c 307, which stipulated that any rules and regulations promulgated by departments, commissioners, boards, or officials that contained provisions for penalties would not take effect until filed with the state secretary's office. St 1951, c 556 extended the provision by requiring that all rules and regulations, regardless of a provision for penalty, be filed with the secretary's office to ensure a central depository for all effective regulations. During this time the filings were carried out under the direct supervision of the secretary. From 1971 through 1975, they appear to have been delegated to the Public Records Division of the secretary's office, as evidenced by office stamps that were used when regulations were received.

Once the division accepts filings of rules and regulations from state agencies, it publishes them in the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, and, along with notices of pending adoption of regulations or of hearings thereon, and other documents, including executive orders, in the Massachusetts register, in accordance with MGLA c 30A, ss 1-6.

From 1978 the Massachusetts Regulations Division assumed the state secretary's responsibilities for printing, publishing, and distributing legislation passed in current sessions of the General Court, in accordance with MGLA c 5, ss 2-3. The Legislative Engrossing Division of the General Court had already taken over the secretary's function of preparing parchment bills for final passage, per St 1971, c 34, but the Massachusetts Regulations Division maintains and binds these engrossed copies of acts and resolves; it also maintains original bill packets for such acts and resolves, and publishes the State register of historical places in conjunction with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429420>

## **Related Series:**

### **Engrossed acts, 1687-2017 (bulk 1692-2017)**

Identifier: SC7/207  
Extent: 346 cubic feet (508 volumes and 150 file drawers)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Vols. bound as: 1-80; 81AB; 82AB; 83AB; 84-362; 367-425; 427-493. -  
-Pre-1692 acts consist of 1687 acts passed by Gov. Edmund Andros  
and crown-appointed Council.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983078>

**Engrossed resolves, 1836-2016**

Identifier: SC7/208  
Extent: 24.01 cubic feet (170 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Resolves not issued, 1940, 1942, 1996-1997, 1999, 2002-2003, 2005, 2011.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80830801>

**Executive orders, 1941-2008**

Identifier: SC7/238  
Extent: 1.57 cubic feet (5 document boxes)  
Notes: In two subseries: (1) Executive orders, 1941-2008; --(2) Administrative orders, 1951-1963; arranged numerically/chronologically in two sequences --arranged numerically/chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82480953>

**Regulation files, 1918-1979**

Identifier: SC7/279  
Extent: 42.67 cubic feet (34 record center cartons and 1 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by regulation code number, thereunder chronologically in reverse order  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564413>

**Rate setting appeals decision filings of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals, 1974-1983**

Identifier: SC7/341  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by case number, thereunder chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82028051>

**Massachusetts register, 1976-2011**

Identifier: SC7/1033  
Extent: 52.5 cubic feet (42 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Issue 1074 (and supplementary) lacking  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81001278>

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## **Record Group Number: SC8**

### **Record Group Name: Public Records Division**

#### **Historical Note:**

Civil procedures and record-keeping have been fundamental ingredients of public administration in Massachusetts from the outset. Throughout the colonial and early national periods, local government officers were regarded as the primary keepers of public records.

The first action leading to the establishment of systematic regulation of records occurred in 1884 when the General Court resolved to authorize the appointment of a person by the governor and council to report "upon the condition of the public records of the parishes, towns and counties of the Commonwealth." Carroll D. Wright was selected to do this study, leading to a published report in 1889. Wright became the first commissioner of public records.

In 1892, under chapter 33 of the acts of that year, the commissioner became a permanent post to be filled by the governor for a three-year term. The commissioner was mandated to see that the records of the counties, cities, towns, churches, and parishes of Massachusetts were put into the condition and custody contemplated by the several laws dealing with the subject.

Legislation continued to refine and extend the authority of the commissioner. St 1898, c 67 authorized the commissioner to spend money to achieve the preservation of local public records. The Revised Laws of 1902 refined and added to the powers of the commissioner on several points. St 1913, c 485 extended the authority of the commissioner to the records of the Commonwealth (i.e., state agencies).

In 1919 a major reorganization of the government of Massachusetts occurred, the blueprint for which was chapter 350 of the acts of that year. The public records function was subject to that change. Section 24 of chapter 350 abolished the post of Commissioner of Public Records and transferred all its powers, duties, and obligations to the secretary of the Commonwealth. The secretary, in turn, was authorized to appoint, with the approval of the governor and council, a suitable person to hold a post designated Supervisor of Public Records. The supervisor was to exercise all of the functions held earlier by the commissioner of public records.

The Public Records Division (known until 1952 as the Division of Public Records) grew up around the post of supervisor. Functions such as site surveys, specification of standards for paper and ink, and assisting with records disposition activities called for increased staff. By the late 1970s, a records management team was conducting surveys and providing reports on records management across Massachusetts. While serving the mandated responsibility of the supervisor of public records, the team was aligned with the Archives Division in 1982 more closely to coordinate archival and records management business at all jurisdictional levels.

The 1970s also found the division assuming other public records responsibilities. During this time, public access to records (freedom of information) was becoming an increasingly discussed issue. In 1973 the General Court greatly expanded the provisions for access to public records. Three years later, St 1976, c 438 established the supervisor of public records as the state agent responsible for determining whether access to public records was appropriate when conflict arose after a request was made. In response to this, an intervenor section of the Public Records Division evolved.

Access to recorded information also came to involve fees charged by records custodians for copies of records. In 1977 the attorney general issued an opinion that asserted that the supervisor of public records was authorized to establish fee schedules to govern the furnishing of copies of public records. Thus an additional function was incorporated into the division.

Responsibilities for administering commissions and regulating legislative agents (lobbyists), which have come to rest with the division, are discussed in the histories of the Commissions Section and the Lobbyist Section respectively.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429237>

## **Related Series:**

### **Public records appeals case files, 1974-2012**

Identifier: SC8/175

Extent: 21.25 cubic feet (17 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by requestor for initial 1977 files; thereafter, 1977 and onward, by year and SPR serial case number

Notes: No case files exist before 1977. Series includes a folder of opinions of the supervisor of public records, 1974-1977, some of which were probably derived from the series of that name ((M-Ar)N023)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613867>

**Rendition files, 1795-1869**

Identifier: SC8/176  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Requisitions on other states (2) Requisitions from other states; arranged within each subseries chronologically by fiscal year, thereunder alphabetically by surname of subject individual.  
Notes: Also known as: Extraditions.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556527>

**Rendition books, 1862-1997**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: SC8/178  
Extent: 16.91 cubic feet (72 volumes, 1 document box, 4 boxes)  
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Requisitions on other states (2) Requisitions from other states; arranged within each subseries chronologically by date filed.  
Notes: Holdings through June 1992. Files for July 1986-June 1987 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81716541>

**Pardon and commutation books, 1862-1990**

Identifier: SC8/332  
Extent: 5.9 cubic feet (27 volumes and 1 file folder)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Holdings through May 1990. Files for July 1983-Nov. 1987 lacking  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81094126>

**Administrative files, 1941-1995**

Identifier: SC8/333  
Extent: 13 volumes and 1 document box)

**Legislation and regulation review files, 1972-1983 (bulk 1972-1983)**

Identifier: SC8/599  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Notes: Files for 1943-1971 lacking  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505904>

**Annual reports, 1889-1920**

Identifier: SC8/1318(subseries)  
Extent: 3 pamphlet boxes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Public document number 52. Report for 1890 missing  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656233>

**Dockets, 1977-**

Identifier: SC8/1783  
Extent: 1 document box

**State seal correspondence, 1976-1985**

Identifier: SC8/1954  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged in part chronologically  
Notes: 1982 files missing  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521246>

**State seal historical files, 1885-1953 (bulk 1895-1898)**

Identifier: SC8/1977X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505965>

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**Record Group Number: SC8.01****Record Group Name: Lobbyist Section****Historical Note:**

Regulation of the activities of legislative agents in the Commonwealth began in 1890. St 1890, c 456 (amended by St 1891, c 223) divided these regulating duties between the sergeant-at-arms of the General Court and the secretary of the Commonwealth. Under the law's provisions, the responsibility for registering legislative agents was the duty of the sergeant-at-arms. He was required to prepare and keep legislative docket books containing the names, residences, occupations, and dates of employment and termination of agents, as well as the names and business addresses of their employers. Later legislation (St 1895, c 410; St 1896, c 342) required agents to file with the sergeant-at-arms written authority signed by their employers.

St 1890, c 456, s 6 placed the responsibility for keeping the records of expenses incurred by the employers of legislative agents under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the Commonwealth. Under St 1973, c 981, the agents themselves were also required to file such statements with the secretary. The same act removed the responsibility for registering legislative agents from the jurisdiction of the sergeant-at-arms, and placed it under the state secretary, thereby uniting all aspects of regulation of lobbyists under one office. There the activity has been delegated to the Public Records Division, and in the 1980s more specifically to the division's Lobbyist Section.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429239>

## **Related Series:**

### **Dockets of legislative agents, 1891-1986**

Identifier: SC8.01/14  
Extent: 37.25 cubic feet (29 record center cartons and 4 volumes)  
15 microfilm reels  
Arranged: 1974-1986: Arranged chronologically by year. --thereunder chronologically by registration date; --thereunder alphabetically by agent.  
Notes: Also known as: Docket books; Dockets. --Unboxed vols. (1973-1974) shelved as box 21.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78847749>

### **Financial disclosure files, 1891-1986**

Identifier: SC8.01/15  
Extent: 106.25 cubic feet (85 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In three subseries: (1) Financial disclosures of employers (2) Financial disclosures of organizations without agents (3) Financial disclosures of agents; arranged within each subseries chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by organization or agent.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84008511>

### **Reports of violations of lobbyist disclosure, 1970-1986**

Identifier: SC8.01/16  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Lacks files for 1972, 1974. Box 1: 1970-1984. Box 2: 1985-1986

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357377>

**Legislative Agent Investigation files, 1978-1984**

Identifier: SC8.01/1952  
Extent: 1 document box

**Lobbyist investigation files, 1972-1986 (bulk 1972-1979)**

Identifier: SC8.01/2055  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469721>

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**Record Group Number: SC8.02****Record Group Name: Commissions Section****Historical Note:**

The state secretary is constitutionally mandated to attest to all commissions issued in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and signed by the governor (Const Pt 2, C 6, Art 4). To administer this function, a Commissions Division emerged as a distinct part of the secretary's office by 1961; after 1976 the unit became the Commissions Section of the Public Records Division.

The Commissions Section swears in appointed state officials, notaries, and justices of the peace; certifies the signature of public officials; authorizes nonresident clergy to perform marriages in the Commonwealth; maintains a list of the local option statutes accepted by each municipality; and records the name of all public appointees including members of local, regional, and state public boards and authorities.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429609>

**Related Series:****Governor's appointment nomination list book, 1807-2005**

Identifier: SC8.02/179  
Extent: 50 cubic feet (40 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123373676>

**Notices of appointment of county officials, 1922-1985**

Identifier: SC8.02/180  
Extent: 11.8 cubic feet (5 record center cartons and 13 document boxes)  
Arranged: in two subseries: (1) Notices of county officials (2) Notices of clerks and temporary clerks; --Files for 1950-1985 arranged within each subseries chronologically. --arranged chronologically, thereunder by county, and then by office.  
Notes: Some files formerly part of state secretary's: Miscellaneous collection, box 93E.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357398>

**Qualification certificates of appointed officials, 1776-2019 (bulk 1935-2019)**

Identifier: SC8.02/181  
Extent: 214.97 cubic feet (171 record center cartons and 8 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82028042>

**Registers of qualification, 1807-2012**

Identifier: SC8.02/182  
Extent: 47.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton, 113 volumes, 1 envelope)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82028042>

**Register of commissioners to qualify civil officers, 1822-1961**

Identifier: SC8.02/183X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by county, thereunder alphabetically by first letter of surname, and then chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703265>

**Register of civil commissions, 1775-1975**

Identifier: SC8.02/184X  
Extent: 10.5 cubic feet (37 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged at vol. level chronologically by year span, thereunder by county, and then by date of nomination.  
Notes: Volumes for 1864-1866 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79715873>

**Files of recess appointments, 1938-1979**

Identifier: SC8.02/187  
Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons, 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder by chapter number. --arranged chronologically, thereunder alphabetically by commission subject.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81866661>

**Register of nonresident clergy performing marriages, 1929-1965**

Identifier: SC8.02/188X  
Extent: 0.28 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Volume 1: 1929-1946. Volume 2: 1946-1963. Volume 3: 1963-1965.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84185728>

**Certificates of notary/justice of peace name changes, 1908-2018**

Identifier: SC8.02/189  
Extent: 13.75 cubic feet (11 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Notaries (2) Justices of the peace.  
Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by surname (1977-1980, 1984: new name; 1981-1983, 1992-2002, 2004, 2007-2014: original name)  
Notes: Files for 1949-1976, 1985-1991, 2003, 2005-2006 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80633195>

**Certificates of validation acts, 1964-1990**

Identifier: SC8.02/190  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically; 1972-1990: in reverse order within each folder  
Notes: Box 1: 1964-1978. Box 2: 1979-1990  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556583>

**Returns of acceptance of local option statutes, 1876-2017 (bulk 1883-2017)**

Identifier: SC8.02/192  
Extent: 23.75 cubic feet (19 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in two sequences: 1876-1975, 1976-2017; thereunder by municipality or corporation..  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469540>

**Abstracts of returns of acceptance of local option statutes, 1875-1972 (bulk 1883-1972)**

Identifier: SC8.02/193X  
Extent: 1.28 cubic feet (ca. 8000 cards in 8 boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality or corporation, thereunder chronologically; or by subject, thereunder by municipality or corporation. --arranged by subject after chronological file.  
Notes: Collated: original date unknown.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703405>

**Registers of returns of acceptance of local option statutes, 1857-1978 (bulk 1883-1972)**

Identifier: SC8.02/194X  
Extent: 0.85 cubic feet  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Notes: Registers for 1926-1949 missing  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83226815>

**Abstracts of qualifications, 1902-1987**

Identifier: SC8.02/237X  
Extent: 9.44 cubic feet (ca. 70 000 cards in 59 boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged in three sequences (1902-1981, 1914-1984, 1944-1987) alphabetically by surname (third sequence unarranged).  
Notes: Dates for second sequence derived from sample box.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82908037>

**Notices of appointment to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, 1964-1982**

Identifier: SC8.02/1194  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder alphabetically by municipality  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556585>

**Notices of appointment to housing authorities, 1935-1987**

Identifier: SC8.02/1286  
Extent: 12.85 cubic feet (10 record center cartons, 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in overlapping sequences, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144243>

**Notices of appointment to redevelopment authorities, 1955-1987**

Identifier: SC8.02/1287  
Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons, 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in overlapping sequences, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469545>

**Notices of appointment to area boards, 1967-1995**

Identifier: SC8.02/1288  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by board type, thereunder chronologically. Arranged numerically by region.  
Notes: Social services board files through 1991 only; mental health board files for 1987 incomplete.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83857605>

**Notices of appointment of city and town clerks, 1933-1985**

Identifier: SC8.02/1289  
Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405552>

**Notices of appointment to fire, water, and sewer districts, 1965-1982**

Identifier: SC8.02/1290  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder alphabetically by municipality  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123322>

**Notices of miscellaneous appointments, 1945-2014**

Identifier: SC8.02/1291  
Extent: 33.75 cubic feet (27 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in two overlapping sequences, thereunder alphabetically by agency.  
Notes: 2nd sequence transferred from: Massachusetts. Governor's Personnel Office. Administrative files ((M-Ar)612X). Most 1976-1978 files lacking; Jan.-Apr. 1995, 1996.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79789788>

## **Performance Bonds of State and Local Officials, 1971-1985**

Identifier: SC8.02/1994

## **Administrative and non-gubernatorial appointment files, 1973-2012 (bulk 1983-2012)**

Identifier: SC8.02/2541

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Administrative files (2) Non-gubernatorial appointment files.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/611104455>

## **Commissions and board appointment header pages, 20--**

Identifier: SC8.02/2816

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

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## **Record Group Number: SC9**

## **Record Group Name: Massachusetts State Historical Advisory Board**

### **Historical Note:**

The Archives Advisory Commission (AAC) was established in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts per St 1973, c 711 (MGLA c 9, s 2A). The commission is mandated to advise the state secretary on archival matters and, with the Archivist of the Commonwealth, to act as Massachusetts's central advisory body for historical records planning and to serve as a coordinating body to facilitate cooperation and communication among historical records repositories and information agencies within the state, both public and private.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the grant-making affiliate of the National Archives and Records Administration, in 1976 required each state to establish a state historical records advisory board (SHRAB) in order to receive federal grants under its records program. The Massachusetts AAC served as the model for the National Archives when it established the SHRABs, and in Massachusetts, it serves as the Massachusetts Historical Records Advisory Board (MHRAB). The MHRAB was organized under the provisions of 36 CFR pt 1206 to serve as the state-level review body for proposals submitted to the NHPRC grant program.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429378>

**Related Series:**

**Meeting files, 1972-1995**

Identifier: SC9/171  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: 1985-1995: Arranged chronologically in reverse order  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430126>

**Documentary Heritage Grant Program grant files, 1998-2008**

Identifier: SC9/2511X  
Extent: 6.6 cubic feet (5 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by grant cycle, thereunder by project/locality  
Notes: Containers by cycle/grant: Box 1: (1) 1-34. Box 2: (1) 35-39 (2) 1-12 (3) 1-7. Box 3: (3) 8-20 (4) 1-9. Box 4: (4) 10-32. Box 5: (5) 501-525. Box 6: (5) 526-540.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/232960641>

**Posters, 1998-2003, 2008**

Identifier: SC9/2790X  
Extent: 1 rolled print; 8 items including 2 duplicates (1 folder)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1054920910>

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**Record Group Number: SC11**

**Record Group Name: Records Conservation Board**

**Historical Note:**

The Records Conservation Board is responsible for determining, in consultation with state agencies, the final disposition of all records, including all books, papers, maps, photographs, other recorded information, and "public records" as defined in MGLA c 4, s 7, regardless of physical form or characteristics, created or received by any agency not in the legislative or judicial branch (MGLA c 30, s 42).

The board replaced and expanded upon the functions of a similar board established by St 1920, c 174, without official name, but eventually known as the Obsolete Records

Commission, which had the authority to sell or destroy any duplicate, obsolete, or worthless records, books, or documents held in the State Library or in state agencies, in consultation with the agencies and in accordance with statutory provisions. Members included the supervisor of administration, the supervisor of buildings, and an assistant attorney general. Under subsequent legislation the state librarian, the chairman of the Commission on Administration and Finance, and the supervisor of public records were made members of the board (St 1923, c 362, s 47; St 1936, c 359; St 1951, c 397).

When the Records Conservation Board was established in 1962 (St 1962, c 427), the state archivist was made a member and designated as ex officio secretary of the board to insure that no records would be destroyed without his knowledge. The state auditor was also made a member. Since 1964 membership includes the state comptroller, state librarian, attorney general, commissioner of administration, supervisor of public records, and state archivist, or their designees (St 1964, c 131).

While the board has retained the power to sell or destroy public records, the 1962 legislation expanded the responsibilities held by its predecessor. It gave the board the power to require all departments of the Commonwealth to report what records they hold, and the responsibility for setting standards for the management and preservation of these records, and for establishing schedules for the destruction or transfer to the Archives of records no longer needed for current business. The board's authority did not and still does not extend to judicial or legislative records.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429369>

## **Related Series:**

### **Meeting files, 1962-2008**

Identifier: SC11/169

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Notes: Box 1: 1962-1985. Box 2: 1986-2004. Box 3: 2005-2008

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78403236>

### **State agency records disposition transaction files, 1962-2015 (bulk 1984-2015)**

Identifier: SC11/928

Extent: 16.25 cubic feet (13 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by executive office, thereunder alphabetically by agency

Arranged chronologically by board monthly meeting date, thereunder by disposal schedule.

Notes: In 2 subseries: (1) working files, --(2) backup files, from 1993, kept in agency.

**Administrative files, 1958-1976 (bulk 1962-1965)**

Identifier: SC11/1184X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560398>

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**Record Group Number: SC12**

**Record Group Name: Securities Division**

**Related Series:**

**Investigative and enforcement records, 2005-2007**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. Trade secrets restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(g); 980 CMR 4.04-4.05. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: SC12/2513

Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/760001625>

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**Record Group Number: SC14**

**Record Group Name: Commonwealth Museum**

**Historical Note:**

The museum section of the Massachusetts Archives began as the State House Museum, serving to display charters and other foundation documents of the province, colony, state, and commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 1983 it was established as a separate division within the office of the state secretary, known as the Commonwealth Museum. Although, per MGLA c 9, s 2, the state secretary shall operate and supervise the archives museum and shall utilize those records of historic value for exhibition and education purposes, followed by the provision that the archivist of the commonwealth shall supervise the operation of the archives museum, in fact the museum has had its own director from 1984.

With the move of the state archives in 1986 from the State House to a new facility at Columbia Point, the museum display initially consisted of a permanent exhibit on

Massachusetts history, but was then followed by a series of traveling exhibits. In 2009, a refurbished space opened, housing a new permanent exhibition, based on copies of Archives holdings, but also including a treasures gallery containing the state's actual copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, and the first leaves of the 1629 and 1691 charters and the 1780 state constitution, along with Paul Revere's copper engraving of the Boston Massacre.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/903903156>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Conservator's report to Cambridge Seven Associates, 2003**

Identifier: SC14/2412X

Extent: 0.15 cubic feet (1 volume)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904013319>

#### **Hermetically sealed encasements for historic display and preservation**

Identifier: SC14/2640X

#### **Our Commonwealth – the Massachusetts experiment in democracy, 1620-today: an exhibit for the Commonwealth Museum and the Massachusetts Archives, 2007.**

Identifier: SC14/2697X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/971547052>

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## **Record Group Number: SC16**

## **Record Group Name: Tours**

### **Historical Note:**

The first guided tours of the Massachusetts State House were provided for by St 1968, c 714, which placed responsibility for this function under the Archivist of the Commonwealth under the direction of the state secretary, then, per St 1976, c 147, directly under the state secretary, with such personnel as he might deem necessary (MGLA c 9, s 2). The resulting State House Tours and Government Education Division is commonly designated simply as the State House Tours Division or Tours Division. The division maintains a program designed to encourage public interest in the State House and in historical memorabilia of

the Commonwealth. The division organizes and provides for guides through the state's capitol building including an architectural and historical tour and a legislative process tour, and produces a number of programs and brochures explaining the history of the State House, state government, and the passage of legislation. The division provides materials and information for school groups, journalists, historians, and travel professionals. It also manages the operation of the State House Gift Cart.

### **Related Series:**

#### **State House Gift Cart files, , 1995-1999**

Identifier: SC16/2738  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

#### **State House Tours files, 1968-1996**

Identifier: SC16/2740  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Notes: Boxes 1-2: Subject files, A-M and N-X  
Boxes 3-4: Tours visitor logs, 1973-1981, 1983-1991

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## **Record Group Number: SC17**

## **Record Group Name: Commission on Interstate Cooperation**

### **Historical Note:**

The Commission on Interstate Cooperation was established in 1937 (St 1937, c 404) as a successor to the Commission on Interstate Compacts Affecting Labor and Industries, which the same legislation abolished. That commission had been established in 1933 (Resolves 1933, c 44) to investigate the establishment of a uniform wage standard in Massachusetts and other northeastern states during the Depression, with the state secretary being asked to communicate with the secretaries of other states on this issue. The successor Commission on Interstate Cooperation was also placed under the state secretary, but was in no way subject to his control.

The commission had fifteen members, nine of whom were members of the General Court, three from the Senate and six from the House of Representatives. There was to be one member each from the Uniform State Law Commission and the State Planning Board, and four members were to be appointed by the governor. In 1953 the director of the Division

of Planning of the Department of Commerce was substituted for the member of the State Planning Board (St 1953, c 409).

The primary function of the commission was to represent the state as a member of the Council of State Government. Particular attention was to be paid to fair and reasonable standards for labor in regard to the minimum wage, conditions of employment, and the employment of women and minors. The commission was also to appoint a member to the Commission on Minimum Wage. This provision was repealed in 1943 (St 1943, c 255). The commission was allowed to establish committees or advisory boards to aid its work. Persons not on the commission could serve on the committees to facilitate their work.

The Commission on Interstate Cooperation worked in the field of taxation and promoted cooperation with the federal government and other states. In 1938 the commission had standing committees on labor and industry, taxation, crime prevention, and highway safety and motor vehicle problems. By 1940 additional committees on conservation, sanitation, and interstate waters had been established. The commission studied and investigated problems such as the migration of industry in 1938 and marine fisheries in 1940, and promoted state participation in various interstate compacts. In 1953 committees also existed on water resources, social welfare, agriculture and conservation, civil defense, crime control, taxation and fiscal policy, transportation, and highway safety. These committees continued in existence through the 1960s. The commission was also a member of the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission, the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact, and the Council of State Government Board of Managers.

The Commission on Interstate Cooperation ceased as of July 1988, when the legislature voted not to fund it further. It was felt that the commission duplicated many functions that were routinely carried out by other state agencies.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429222>

## **Related Series:**

### **Minutes, 1937-1965**

Identifier: SC17/736X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically

Notes: Minutes from 1966 until the commission's dissolution in 1988 were dictated by the agency

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506035>

### **Correspondence file, 1946-1966 (bulk 1965)**

Identifier: SC17/737X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: These materials were brought together after the dissolution of the commission, from records discarded by them. Collated 1988.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703017>

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## **Record Group Number: SC18**

## **Record Group Name: State Bookstore**

### **Historical Note:**

The state secretary is responsible for the publication and distribution of published laws and distribution of annual state agency reports known as public documents (MGLA c 5). From at least 1892 much of this responsibility was carried out by the Document Division, known from ca. 1921 as the Public Document Division. That unit was succeeded in the late 1970s by the State Bookstore, which also distributes the Code of Massachusetts Regulations.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505861>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports of state agencies**

Identifier: SC18/1318  
Arranged: In subseries by agency; arranged within each subseries chronologically by year.  
Notes: Many subseries called numbered item of: Public document (P.D.).  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430161>

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