City of Peabody Collection, 1796-2015

Collection Summary

Repository: Local History Resource Center, Peabody Institute Library, Peabody Massachusetts.
Call Number: PCR
Creator: City of Peabody
Title: City of Peabody Records
Dates: 1752 to 2015 (Bulk Dates: 1752 to 1920)
Size: 15 Boxes of Papers, plus 595 volumes and pamphlets and 431 maps.
Language(s): Collection materials are in English.
Abstract: The City of Peabody Records span over two hundred fifty years. Included in these papers are correspondence, town records, accounts and papers for the Town of Danvers from 1752 to 1855, the Town of South Danvers from 1855 to 1868 and the Town and City of Peabody from 1868 until the present. Filed here are town meeting records, selectmen’s minutes, treasurer’s accounts, tax records, Salem and Danvers Aqueduct Papers, Mayors’ papers, Fire Department Records, School Records and any other record or paper produced by the Town of South Danvers and the City of Peabody.

Organizational History

What is today Peabody was original part of Salem when it was settled in 1626. What is now Peabody was first known as the Northfields, "the Farms", and Brooksby. In 1752, the area was set off from Salem and incorporated as part of Danvers due to disagreements of the residence of what is now Danvers having to travel to Salem for church services, among other reasons. It was usually referred to as "the South Parish", associated with the church located in the center (now Peabody Square). In 1855, the community broke away from Danvers to become the town of South Danvers, incorporated that May 18. Because of confusion between Danvers and South Danvers the name was officially changed on April 30, 1868, to Peabody after George Peabody. The town would be incorporated as a city in 1916 because of the number of tanneries there was no one central person to over seen the needs of the Peabody having a mayor would allow for one person to represent the needs and interest of the City.

Arrangement

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Scope and Content

Series one contains the South Danvers and Peabody Papers encompass all records relating to the history of South Danvers and Peabody from its earliest days until the present. Included with these papers are town reports from 1752 to 1916; documents recording the division of the town in 1855 and of the decision to change the name of South Danvers to Peabody in 1868; reports on town and city government; the original city charter and any later revisions; manuals of city government; Selectman's Records; Treasurer's Accounts; Surveyor's Records; Electric Department Papers; Census Records; Assessor's and Tax Records; Health Department and J. B. Thomas Hospital Papers; notices of applications for naturalization; Almshouse records; information regarding those who served in the Civil War, Spanish-American War and WWI; brochures and other papers related to various Peabody organizations; and Miscellaneous Papers.

Series two covers the Salem and Danvers Aqueduct and Peabody Water and Sewer Papers. The Salem and Danvers Aqueduct began with a November 22, 1796 petition from citizens of Salem, stating their concern over the dangers of fire and the need for a reliable water supply. They asked to be incorporated “for the purpose of bringing Water in subterraneous Aqueducts from Spring Pond in Salem and Brown’s Pond in Danvers or either of them into the town of Salem.” The petition was signed by Benjamin Goodhue, Elias Hasket Derby, George Dodge, Abel Lawrence, Benjamin Pickman, William Lang, William Gray, Joseph Hiller, Ichabod Nichols, Joshua Ward, William Orne, Jerathmeel Peirce, Jeduthun Upton, Dudley Porter, Jacob Ashton, Squires Shove, John Jenks, Edward Southwick, Jonathan Dean, Joseph Fenno, Benjamin Carpenter, Elizabeth Orne, Benjamin Watkins and Ebenezer Putnam.

Their first meeting took place on December 30, 1796 at the Sun Tavern in Salem and the act of incorporation was completed March 8, 1797. Subscribers were solicited to help fund the construction of wooden water pipes to be laid in Salem and Danvers. The Directors voted “to dispose to the Inhabitants of Salem & Danvers for a term not exceeding one Year, a privilege of drawing water from the Aqueduct upon such terms & under such restrictions as they shall judge proper.” By 1799, enough pipes were laid for rules and regulations to be made for the “privilege of drawing water.”
The early minutes record the transfer of shares, report on the progress of laying pipes, problems encountered when it was discovered the logs were too small to accommodate the amount of water needed, the numerous complaints by customers not receiving the promised water, elections of new directors and other officers, copies of leases and deeds for land purchased or rented for the laying of pipes and decisions made as the corporation expanded.

Included with these papers are stock certificates, stock ledgers and dividends. The Aqueduct survey log records the location and daily progress of pipes laid, homes where the branches were located, information regarding the early residents of Danvers and Salem and the depth of water in sewers at various times. Treasurer’s Accounts record the expenses incurred during construction and repairs. Alphabetical customer accounts list names, street locations, number of people in family and amount paid for water.

By 1852, the corporation began to lay iron pipes instead of wooden ones but by 1859, with the increasing demands of the tanners, water became scarce again. In 1869, Salem transferred the ownership of the corporation to the city of Salem. And on July 24, 1873, Peabody formed its own Water Board to begin the management of their water. Water Board minutes record the work of laying pipes, recorded the necessary funds needed for expansion of water delivery, discussed the rates to be set for consumer and business use, and problems encountered with the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company.

In 1896, the need for a proper sewage system was explored. The Report of the Sewerage Committee describes the impact of Peabody tanneries, bleachery and glue works on the North River. The report includes a topographical map of both Salem and Peabody and stresses a need for a sewerage system in Peabody because of the pollution being dumped into the river. This investigation includes photographs, graphs of water flow, pictures of the weirs used to measure the water flow and descriptions of the industries in Peabody and their influence on the problem.

When the town finally created a Sewer Commission in 1906, it met weekly. Their minutes describe the installation and upkeep of the Peabody sewers. Included are legal agreements with neighboring towns, difficulties with the work and companies with which the city had contracts. There is also a daily log of sewer construction, including the amount of earth excavated, ledge or rock encountered, cubic feet of pipes and cost of project, street by street. Work on and around B & M Railroad is mentioned, as well as work done around various parks, high school and the pumping station.

Accounts for the Department of Public Works record monies spent on general street work, on parking meter maintenance, sewer maintenance; monies for cleaning brooks; construction on Lowell Street, Foster Street, Andover Street, Margin Street, Pulaski Street, Johnson Street, Pine Street, Winona Street and Lake Street; funds used for street paving; sidewalk construction; for traffic signals; and storm drainage. Records also include sewage usage for factories and manufacturers in Peabody.

Because of the constant problems with water supplies investigations and reports to suggest ways to increase supply were made in 1902, 1903, 1911, 1924 and 1951. Also filed here are papers and a mayor’s speech regarding the construction of additional sewage treatment during the years 1945 to 1946.
Series three relates to the mayors of Peabody. The Mayors’ Papers include the campaign flyers from all types of people running for office in Peabody from 1930-1960, speeches, correspondence and budgets for S. Howard O’Donnell, Mayor from 1916-1920; Joseph O’Keefe, Mayor from 1938-1945; Leo McGrath, Mayor from 1946-1951; Philip O’Donnell, Mayor from 1952-1961; Nicholas Mavroules, Mayor from 1968-1979; Peter Torigian, Mayor from 1979-2002, as well as the funeral liturgy for the mayor in 2004; Michael Bonfanti, Mayor from 2002 to 2012.

Also included with these papers are any political brochures for Mayoral candidates who lost the election, as well as those people running for the Electric Light Commission in Peabody. Two specimen ballots from 1966 are located in Oversize Box 6, as well as a proclamation from Mayor Mavroules.

Series four contains materials that relate to the Peabody Fire Department. Materials include correspondence with the Mayor’s office and programs and brochures for the benefit of the Relief Association. The broadside advertising the Eleventh Annual Concert and Ball of the Relief Association, held in 1903, has been removed to Oversize Box 6.

Accounts for the Fire Department from 1855 to 1893 are divided into 13 sections: Repairs on Engines; Firemen’s Services; Fire Ward Meetings; Reservoirs; Pumps and Wells; Hooks & Ladders; Hydrants; Repairs on Engine Houses; Horse hire; Cleaning Engines; Refreshments; Hose; and Miscellaneous. Later accounts from 1860 to 1910 are arranged chronologically. The Fire Department Accounts from 1925 to 1940 are recorded on 5 ½” x 8” index cards and are chronologically arranged either by Fire Station or type of account and the Daily Logs from 1962 to 1971 are handwritten accounts kept at Engine One, Engine Four, Engine Five and Engine Seven.

Series five contains the School Records. Include School Committee Reports from 1836 to 1936, School Committee Accounts with the town, Peabody High School Alumni Records from 1855 to 1931, programs for High School graduations from 1884 to 1923, High School Athletic papers from 1910-1945, directories for the schools from 1946-1974 as well as enrollment records for the elementary schools from 1844 to 1940 and the High School from 1850-1892.

The bound School Committee reports begin in 1839 and record the yearly visits made to each of the summer and winter schools of Danvers. They include the name of the teachers, progress made, numbers of students and overall condition of the buildings. Also recorded are the introduction of new methods of teaching, the need for new textbooks for schools, the infrequency of attendance by children and the prevalence of parents sending children as young as two to school. The difficulty of teaching children that young is mentioned again and again. By 1848, the reports discuss the curriculum followed and an example of an arithmetic examination is included at the end. In 1849, the disrepair of some of the schools is mentioned, as well as the general overcrowding. Schools meant to hold 40 sometimes had as many as 120 children. 1849 is also the first year the committee mentions the need for a high school. This report also records a confrontation with one of the teachers, resulting in his dismissal.

The 1850 report concentrates on the creation of the first high school in Danvers. Because of the size of the town, it was decided that two high schools would be needed. The reports from 1853 to 1855 were combined with the Danvers superintendent of schools report, then Charles A. Northend, the well-known educator and author of many schoolbooks. Once the towns separated, the South Danvers reports were once again made by the school committee.
Handwritten records include the minutes of individual school committees and record any controversies encountered when building new schools, expanding old ones and the problems faced when South Danvers separated from Danvers. Also discussed were the problems faced when the town needed to select candidates for the Committee of Trustees for the Peabody Donation.

Also included with these papers is information regarding the operation of the schools, salaries of teachers, the length of school days and school year, as well as the criteria for those students applying to the high school. Until 1863, the high school, like the grammar schools, met in two sessions for 44 to 45 weeks a year (about 220 days). In 1863, they changed this for the high school to create a five hour day for the students.

The course of study for the three year high school was outlined, as well as the approved books to be used in both the grammar and high school. Rules and regulations for all the schools were included in the minutes, as well as the texts approved for the teachers to use. Any students who passed the oral examination for entrance into the high school were named in the minutes.

In 1858, it was decided that the names of the schools would be changed from district numbers to distinctive names. School District One became the Wallis School; School District Two became the Center School; School District Three became the Bowditch School; School District Four became the Rockville School; School District Five became the Locust-Dale School; School District Six became the Felton School; School District Seven became the West School; School District Eight became the Lake School. In 1859, the Lake School's name was change to the Suntaug School.

Statistics of the numbers of children in each school district, as well as the criteria for children to be enrolled are also here. Vaccination was required and by 1860 children younger than five were barred from attending. Expulsions from both grammar school and the high school were recorded.

Occasionally students who could not finish the course of studies, due to illness, were allowed to receive the Peabody Medal. This decision was made based on the student’s conduct and effort. In 1862, John L. Waterman left school early to join the army and received the Peabody Medal. The same was done for Charles L. Manning and Alphonsus P. Rhodes.

Graduating exercises and the program for the dedication of the new high school in 1923, reports on school athletics, as well as benefits for the Athletic Association can be found with these papers. City Council negotiations with the School Committee include correspondence, petitions and legal papers from 1927 to 1943. Recommendations for the school department and for renovations for the buildings are filed here, as well as directories and manuals for the public schools.

Yearbooks for the Seeglitze Junior High School, Higgins Junior High School and for the High School are also here. School photos from the Farnsworth School from 1976 to 1982 are filed in Photograph Box 4. In addition, brochures advertising the quality of Peabody schools, as well as early education programs, a Chapter 766 audit and reports for planning are all included with the school records.

Administrative Information
Preferred Citation: [identify the item], [folder number], City of Peabody Collection, Local History Resource Center, Peabody Institute Library.

Provenance: It is unknown just when the papers and records were deposited at the Library. At one time they were located at City Hall and transferred to the Sutton Room for safe keeping. Some School Department Papers were transferred to the Archives in 2006 and bound military records were transferred from City Hall in March 2007. Other records transfer by the City Clerk’s office was planned in advance.

Acquisition Information: Found in Collection & Transfers from City Hall.


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Tech. Access Restrictions: None.

Special Formats: None.

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Conservation Notes: All staples were removed. Maps were unfolded and filed in the map drawers. Papers which were viewed as particularly acidic were enclosed in acid free tissue to slow down any transfer of acids to other papers in some cases papers were photocopies onto archival quality paper. Newspapers have gone through deacidification. Minor tears were repaired. Spiral bound materials were removed from their binding and place into a folder.

Related Collections: Farnsworth School pictures from kindergarten to grade 7, 1976-1982 can be found in the photograph collection. Photos that relate to parades, fire department, and other similar City departments may be found in the Photograph Collection as well.

Separated Material: None.

Subjects: Peabody (Mass.)—History
Peabody (Mass.)—Boundaries
Peabody (Mass.)—Description
Peabody (Mass.)—Diseases
Peabody (Mass.)—Genealogy
Peabody (Mass.)—Highways
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Geographical–Massachusetts–Essex County

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Peabody Papers, 1752-2015
This series contains materials and reports on the history of Peabody. This includes when the City was a part of Danvers until present. Materials include annual reports; early Town & City of Peabody records.

Subseries 1.1: City of Peabody Records, 1868-1965
This subseries contains materials that relate to the reports of the Selectmen, town and city departments, and petitions of the residents.

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**Subseries 1.2: Health Department Records, 1792-1992**
This subseries contains materials that relate to health and medical history of Peabody. Topics include reports and correspondence from J.B. Thomas Hospital; Board of Health Annual Report and inoculation records from 1792 among other topics.

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**Subseries 1.3: Zoning, Rules and Ordinances, 1854-1972**
This subseries contains materials that relate to zoning, traffic, parking rules. In addition is information about city ordinances including building and planning board meetings and zoning map.

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This subseries contains materials that relate to organizations that are a part of Peabody’s history. Some of these organizations still exist and while others no longer around. The materials here include both institutions run by the town and city of Peabody and by private organizations.

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Subseries 1.5: City Departments, 1930-2005
This subseries contains materials that relate to departments within City of Peabody. Materials include an internal telephone directory; aerial survey from Curtiss Flying Service; Electric Department reports; police correspondence; and some unsorted papers.
Subseries 1.6: Celebration in Peabody, 1883-2015
This subseries contains materials that relate to celebration in Peabody. These include papers, programs, correspondence among other materials. Celebrations cover the Massachusetts Tercentenary; Golden Jubilee; Peabody Centennial; 50th anniversary of Lake Shore Park along with other celebrations that relate to Peabody.

Subseries 1.7: Budgets of Peabody, 1998-2015
This subseries contains materials that relate to the yearly budget of the City of Peabody and includes all departments of the City. There is a separate budget for the McVann O’Keefe Memorial Skating Rink.
Subseries 1.8: Studies and Master Plans, 1973-2002
This subseries contains materials that relate to studies and master plans that have been requested by the City of Peabody to better understand the needs, goals and future of Peabody.

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**Subseries 1.9: Oversized Materials, 1881-2011**

This subseries contains materials that are oversized and do not fit into a standard box. Included in this subseries are proclamations; specimen ballots; blueprints for the opera house; City Council Minutes from 1978-1980 and a shopper’s guide to Peabody.

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This series contains materials that relate to the schools in Peabody. Included are School Committee Reports from the Danvers and Peabody; Alumni Association correspondence; attendance records from the grade schools; high school newspapers; manual of the public schools, yearbooks from Higgins Junior High and the high schools and photographs from the schools.

Subseries 5.1: School Committee Reports, 1840-1974

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*The Observer* (literary journal), 1941
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Annual School and District Report Card, 2014

**Subseries 5.3: Grade School and High School Registers of students, 1889-1940**

This subseries contains the school registers of the various grade schools in Peabody and high schools in Peabody. They include information about the parents, teacher and student attendance among other information.

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School Census for the Bowditch, South and West Schools, 1899
Enrollment of Peabody Schools, 1891
Register of Center, West, Wallis and South Schools, 1901-1902
High School Report and Register, 1850-1892
High School Register of Students, 1864-1887
Subseries 5.4: Junior High School and High School Yearbooks, 1967-2016
This subseries contains the yearbooks of Seeglitz Junior High School; Higgins Junior High School, Peabody High School and Veterans Memorial High School. Also included is an alumni directory and hall of fame programs.

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Peabody High School Athletic Hall of Fame Booklet, 1995
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**Series 6: Map Collection, 1700-2012**
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