

Local History Resource Center
Peabody Institute Library
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Peabody Newspaper Collection, 1790-2015

Collection Summary

Reference Code: MPeaI

Repository: Local History Resource Center, Peabody Institute Library, Peabody, MA.

Call Number: NPC

Creator: Peabody Institute Library

Title: Peabody Newspaper Collection, 1790-2015

Dates: 1790-2015

Size: 8.42 linear feet.

Language(s): Collection materials are in English.

Abstract: The Peabody Newspaper and Newspaper Clippings Collection are about the town and city of Peabody. Subjects include the Golden Jubilee, George Peabody's death and funeral, the cities sports (baseball 2009 and football 1922), and other activities that happened in Peabody and around Essex County.

Organizational History

The Peabody Institute Library was begun with the June 16, 1852 donation from George Peabody.

George Peabody was born in South Danvers (now Peabody) in 1795 and by the year of 1851 had risen in the business world to become an investment banker in London.

Proud of their native son, the Danvers Mechanic Institute named George Peabody an honorary member on January 5, 1852. This subscription based institute, located in South Danvers, was both library and lyceum. Though the committee selected to inform Peabody of this honor waited until after Danvers was informed of the donation, it is possible his awareness of this institution influenced Peabody in deciding the type of institution he wished to create.

Later that spring, the Danvers Centennial Committee issued an invitation to George Peabody, asking him to join the citizens in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Danvers' separation from Salem. His response, sent on May 26, 1852, announced his intention to donate \$20,000 for the creation of the Peabody Institute. Though like the Danvers Mechanic Institute in that it would be both a library and a lyceum, the Peabody Institute would be open to everyone, free of charge. By the time of his death in 1869, George Peabody would have donated over \$217,000 just to the Peabody Institute.

The architect chosen for the Peabody Institute was Richard Bond (1797-1861). A well-known New England architect of the day, Bond was also responsible for Salem City Hall, the Essex County Courthouse and Gore Hall at Harvard University. Franklin Merrill of Danvers, and Russell & White of Salem were the contractors for the project.

The Peabody Institute Library opened on October 18, 1854. Fitch Poole had been chosen as the first Librarian on January 3, 1854. His participation in founding the Danvers Mechanic Institute in 1841 and his work with it until it closed in 1855 made him a natural choice. He was instrumental in selecting many of the original books for the library, as well as organizing it. He resigned just before the library's opening on September 27, 1854. Eugene B. Hinckley was then elected Librarian and he served until May of 1856. Upon his resignation, Fitch Poole once more became Librarian, continuing his work with the Peabody Institute until his death in 1873.

The Library would expand in 1977-1978 and in 2001 the Library would start the Local History Resource Center where the archival material is held.

Scope and Content

This collection features local newspaper and newspaper clippings from Peabody, Danvers and Salem area. Many of the newspapers are bound while some single issues are loose and newspaper clippings are boxed. Topics range from murder trials, the Civil War, local elections in Peabody among other topics.

Arrangement

- Series 1. Full Newspapers and Newspaper Pages 1830-2015
 - Subseries 1.1 Unbound & Single Issue Newspapers, 1830-2015
 - Subseries 1.2 Bound Newspapers, 1845-1868
- Series 2. Digitized Newspapers, 1844-1919
- Series 3. Newspaper Clippings, 1886-2010

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:

[Identify the item], Peabody Newspaper Collection 1790-2015, Local History Resource Center, Peabody Institute Library, Peabody Massachusetts.

Provenance: Some newspaper were purchased by the Library archivist, Erik Bauer; others were purchased by Library staff, while others were donated at different points of the Library's history many are considered "found in collection."

Acquisition Information: Found in collection.

Processing: The papers were reviewed and sorted in 2016 and processed in June 2016.

Processing Information: Jeffrey Valente Spencer, intern, under the supervision of archivist Erik R. Bauer, 2016.

Access Rights: Collection is open for research.

Physical Access Restrictions: None

Technical Access Restrictions: None

Copyright: All copyrights belong to the Peabody Institute Library, Peabody, MA. All requests for permission to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted in writing to the archivist. Permission for publication is given on behalf of the Local History Resource Center as the owner of the physical items and is not intended to include or imply permission of the copyright holder, when applicable, which must also be obtained by the researcher. This does not apply to items where the copyright has expired.

Conservation Work: Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper and the originals were destroyed. Newspapers went under deacidification and fragile newspapers were encapsulated to preserve them.

Related Collections: Additional newspapers and newspaper clippings may be found in the Peabody Institute Collection; City of Peabody Collection, and Franklin Parker Papers.

Separated Material: None

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

Boston Globe
Daily Evening Item
Danvers Courier
Danvers Eagle
Danvers Fire Fly
Danvers Gazette
Danvers Monitor
Danvers Whig
Harpers Weekly
Peabody Enterprise
Peabody Star
Peabody Times
Salem Gazette
Salem Evening News
Salem News
Salem Observer
South Danvers Wizard

Today
Vernal Visitor

Genre(s)

Peabody (Mass.)
Peabody (Mass.)—History
Peabody (Mass.)—Social Life & Customs
Peabody (Mass.)--Local Government
Essex County—Massachusetts

Personal Name(s)

Peabody, George, 1795-1869

Subject(s)

Newspapers
Newspaper Clippings

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Full Page and Bound Newspapers, 1790-2015

Series contains full newspaper and bound volumes from Peabody's past. The newspapers cover Peabody's Golden Jubilee, Civil War and local events among other topics.

Series 1.1: Full Newspapers and Newspaper Pages, 1790-2015

Box contains full newspapers and pages from newspapers. Some newspapers are out of print like the Danvers Fire Fly and Harpers Weekly while some are still running like the Salem Evening News and Boston Globe. Some of the articles in these newspapers discuss the items that the Peabody Institute Library has in their collection (Salem News June 2015) to George Peabody's 100th birthday celebration (Boston Sunday Globe Feb. 1895).

Box Number/Folder Title

**Folder
Number**

Box 1

Salem Gazette, April 6, 1790

Essex Register, August 19, 1830

Danvers Fire Fly, March 9, 1844

Harpers Weekly, April 9, 1864

Salem Evening News, January 1, 1893

Danvers Mirror (Special Issue), June 16, 1902

Salem Evening News, May 18, 1954

Peabody Post, February 10, 1955
Salem Evening News, September 30, 1966
Salem Evening News, October 4, 1966
Peabody Times, October 5, 1966
Peabody Times, October 5, 1966
Salem Evening News, October 10, 1966
Peabody Times, October 13, 1966
North Shore '71, December 11, 1971
North Shore '71, December 11, 1971
The Nashville Banner, December 10, 1971
The Tennessean, November 28, 1976
Daily Evening Item, March 12, 1990
Peabody Times, March 12, 1990
Banker and Tradesman, August 7, 1991
Salem News (Little League Special Section), August 21, 2009
Salem News, May 7, 2015
Salem News, June 9, 2015
Today, 1870

Oversize

Salem Observer, October 23, 1847
Salem Observer, November 18, 1848
Vernal Visitor, 1876
Salem Observer, November 20, 1880
Boston Sunday Globe, February 10, 1895
Peabody Union, September 25, 1897
Peabody Enterprise section 2, 1922
Peabody Enterprise section 3, 1922
Salem Evening News, May 17, 1954
Salem Evening News, October 3, 1966
Salem Evening News, October 11, 1966
Danvers Gazette, 1975

Salem Evening News, March 25, 1992

Subseries 1.2: Bound Newspapers, 1845-1868

This subseries contains newspapers that have been bound into book form. The bound newspapers are local newspaper in Peabody.

Box Number/Folder Title

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Box 2

South Danvers Wizard, 1859-1863

South Danvers Wizard, 1864

Box 3

South Danvers Wizard, 1865

South Danvers Wizard, 1866

Box 4

South Danvers Wizard & Danvers Monitor, 1867

South Danvers Wizard & Danvers Monitor, 1868

On Shelf

Danvers Courier, March 15, 1845-March 11, 1848

South Danvers Wizard, 1859-1860

South Danvers Wizard, 1859-1860

South Danvers Wizard, 1859-1860

South Danvers Wizard, 1859-1861

South Danvers Wizard, 1859-1863

South Danvers Wizard, 1860-1861

Danvers Monitor, 1871

Series 2: Digitized Newspapers,

This series contains newspapers that were in poor condition and not stable. They were digitized and made available on DVD or on the Internet.

Box Number/Folder Title	Folder Number
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Full Year

Danvers Eagle, 1844-1845

Danvers Whig, 1844

Peabody Press, 1881

Peabody Press, 1882

Peabody Press, 1883

Peabody Press, 1884

Peabody Press, March 1884-October 1, 1884

Peabody Press, October 15, 1884-December 24, 1884

Peabody Press, 1891

Peabody Star, August 5 to October 21, 1899

The Peabody Enterprise, 1913

Peabody Enterprise, 1919

Single Issues

The Peabody Press, November 5, 1879

The Peabody Union, September 25, 1897

Peabody Press, January 1, 1881

Peabody Press, March 19, 1884

Peabody Press, March 12, 1864

Series 3: Newspaper Clippings, 1886-2010

Box contains newspaper clippings. Most of the articles discuss the mayoral elections in the 1930s of Peabody and history about the city of Peabody. Some examples are the mayoral race between J. Leo Sullivan and Robert Bakeman, the high school football game between Peabody and Charleston S.C. in 1922 and the Sutton Home for woman.

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Box 5

The Second Flood, Feb. 17, 1886	1
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The Answer Book, Feb. 14, 1989	2
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Opening of Sutton Home, Nov. 29, 1890	3
George Peabody's Birthday, Feb. 18, 1895	4
The Great Celebration, Feb. 23, 1895	5
Peabody vs. Charleston S.C. Football Game, Nov. 6, 1922	6
Schools around Peabody Newspaper Clippings, 1926	7
Scant Attention to McVann, Dec. 1, 1930	8
Bakeman Defeated by Sullivan, Dec. 5, 1928	9
Sullivan Reelected Mayor of Peabody, Dec. 3, 1930	10
Peabody Paragraphs, Dec. 3, 1930	11
Recommendations by Mayor Sullivan, Jan. 10, 1931	12
Mayor Sullivan sees Year of Increasing Prosperity, Jan. 5, 1931	13
Text of Mayor Inaugural of Mayor James E. McVann, Jan. 12, 1934	14
Peabody and George Peabody Stamp Clippings, 1941	15
Peabody Municipal Primary, Oct. 7, 1959	16
Council Declines Tour, April 2, 1965	17
Peabody Honors Man whose Name City Took, 1967	18
Richardson House, March 4, 1968	19
Historical Dates of Interest, Sept. 6, 1968	20
George Peabody 175 th Birthday, Feb. 19, 1970	22
Library is now a Public Agency & Museum Announcements, Feb.9 1978	23
Times Change Old Friends Don't, March 1, 1979	24
Archaeologist Seeks Missing Revolutionary War Soldiers, Dec. 12, 2001	25
Rare Peabody Portrait, Sept. 21, 2010	26
Flag Pole Dedication, Date Unknown	27
Mayoral Newspaper Clippings, Date Unknown	28
A Priest of Many Tales, Date Unknown	29
Former Resident Recalls Boyhood Days, Date Unknown	30
Mis-153, Date Unknown	31
Alteration to Central Fire Station, Date Unknown	32