



## GUIDELINES FOR THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

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# THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM IN THE WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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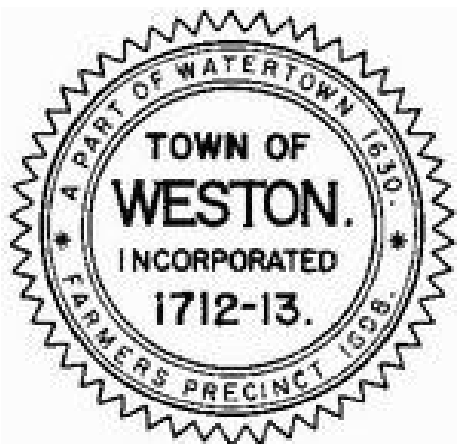
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## BRIEF HISTORY OF WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Weston was settled in the late 1600's by farmers who moved westward from Watertown, MA. Originally known as Watertown Farms, Weston was incorporated as a town unto itself in 1712-1713. Weston remained primarily an agricultural community until the middle of the 1800's when several prominent Boston families acquired large tracts of land on which they built summer homes. The rural heritage of Weston was further changed during the 1950's and 1960's with the construction of the Massachusetts Turnpike and Route 128. The town of Weston is now a tree-lined suburb of Boston.



## SELECTION OF WESTON LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES

*American Ancestors* (current five years)

Cemetery listings for Central, Farmers, Linwood (partial) and South Burying Grounds

Genealogies of some local families

*Golden Ball Tavern Grapevine*, 1970-

*New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (current five years)

Vertical File of supplementary materials

Weston High School Yearbooks, 1946-

*Weston Historical Society Bulletin*, 1964-

*Weston News Review*, 1939-1951

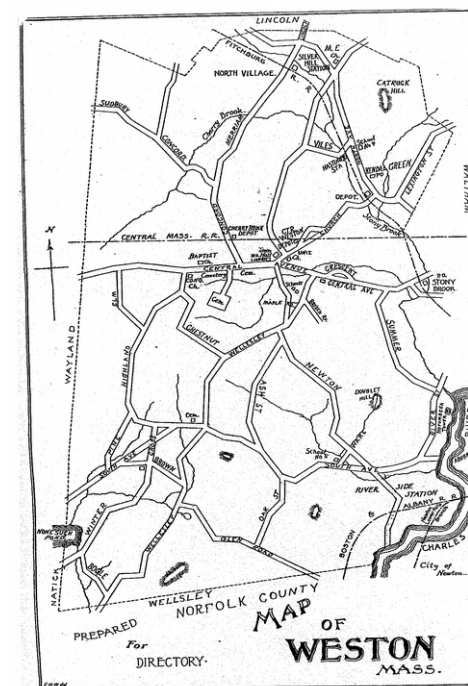
Weston Street Lists, 1964-

Weston Telephone Books, 1901-

*Weston Town Crier*, 1955-

Weston Town Reports, 1861-

Weston Vital Records, 1707-current



## PROFILE OF THE COLLECTION

The Local History Room houses books and other items in various formats ranging in scope from audio recordings to zoning maps, from cemetery lists to vital records. All of these items pertain in some way to the people and history of Weston, MA, as the town has evolved from a farm town of 1,000 inhabitants to a Boston suburb of more than 11,000 residents. In addition, three genealogical databases, Ancestry.com, Americanancestors.org and HeritageQuest.com are available for use in the library.