

Kingston Public Library: Local History Room
Manuscript Collection Finding Aid
November 12, 2002

Joseph Cushman Finney (1894-1970)
Joseph C. Finney Papers
Manuscript Collection, MC-11

1 Boxes (5 linear inches)

Biographical sketch: According to an obituary published in the Old Colony Memorial, Joseph C. Finney “was born of Feb. 2, 1894 in Kingston, the son of the late Stephen W. and Lucy (Cushman) Finney. At one time he lived in Plymouth . . . He was a member of the Mayflower Congregational Church in Kingston; past commander of the American Legion Post 108 in Kingston . . . His wife was the late Mary (Fries) Finney.”

He was a veteran of World War I and worked variously for the Brocton and Plymouth Street Railway Company and later for the Plymouth Cordage Company, where he was a foreman.

Scope and Content Note: The collection includes some of Finney’s World War I correspondence, material related to Finney’s role as commander of the American Legion Post 108 in Kingston, and some rare Kingston ephemera including a memorandum of the Kingston Civilian Defense Committee on air raid and blackout signals that were scheduled to be used locally (dated February 24, 1943).

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Pamphlet: “The Soldier-Citizen and His Hometown” Pin: Sacred Heart of Jesus Pamphlet: “Victory Song Book” Mirror, U.S. Army and Navy non-breakable service Mirror Newspaper Article: Major-General Duncan is Home on Sierra” Pamphlet: “New and Liberal Features of War Risk Insurance”, 1920 Coat of Arms Correspondence: U.S. Veterans Bureau, 1926 Correspondence: U.S. Treasury Department, 1935 Correspondence: Town of Kingston (air raids), 1943 Correspondence: Letter to Sister, 1918 Duty Status Leave Card, 1919
	2	Correspondence: American Legion, 1932 Correspondence: American Legion, 1932 Correspondence: American Legion, 1931 Newspaper Article: “Selectmen and Legion Post at War in Kingston”, 1933 Memorial Day Exercises (notes on), 1932

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| | Correspondence: American Legion re: Memorial Day, 1936 |
| 3 | Correspondence and Deeds (15+), 1930s and 1940s |
| 4 | Cordage Employee Identification
Pay stubs: Flower Land, 1959
Miscellaneous Receipts
Miscellaneous Insurance Policies
Miscellaneous Retirement Fund
Brockton and Plymouth Street Railway Pass, 1918 |
| 5 | Book: Local Autograph Collection of Lucy Cushman, 1880s |
| 6 | Pamphlet: "Constitution and By-Laws of the Evelyn Rebekah Lodge, 1922 |
| 7 | Registry of Motor Vehicle, 1935
Newspaper Clipping
Death Record of Ella Finny, 1918
Marriage Invitation of Margaret Augusta to Harry Fries, 1919 (includes photograph of Margaret as a toddler)
Obituary: Joseph C. Finney, 1970 |
| 8 | Kingston pamphlets, fliers, etc... (Focus on Finney's interests, memberships, invitations, Holiday cards, etc...) |
| 9 | World War II: Ration books
Genealogy |
| 10 | Ladies Handkerchief |
| 11 | Small book: "A Souvenir Guide to Caunterets", 1919
<i>Dere Mable: Love Letter of a Rookie</i> , by E. Streeter
Small red address book
Pamphlet: "Absent Treatment for Inebriety"
Pamphlet: "Young's Portable Poultry Houses" |

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