

**Kingston Public Library: Local History Room**  
**Manuscript Collection Finding Aid**  
**April 26, 2005**

**Emily Fuller Drew Collection**  
**(1881 - 1950)**  
**Manuscript Collection, MC-16**

4 Box (20 linear inches)

**Biographical sketch:** Historian and photographer, Emily Drew is most remembered for the enormous amount of work she contributed to preserving the history of the town of Kingston. Leaving an unsurpassed collection of more than 700 lanternslides, she photographed existing images that were decaying to preserve the informational content. Emily also photographed a variety of houses, buildings, events, and people of Kingston. Kingston history was a passion for Emily and she recorded it not only visually, but also in her numerous unpublished essays and notes. She gave frequent talks on behalf of the historical committee of the Jones River Village Club, was an important part of the process to obtain and restore the Bradford House and an author in her own right, publishing in 1926 “A History of Her Industries.”

Emily was born in 1881 in Kingston, the only daughter of Harriet Holmes and Charles H. Drew. She graduated from Kinston High School and went on to further her education graduating from Smith College. Emily worked as a teacher for Kingston High and for the high school in Essex, New Hampshire. Though she had the education and knowledge to teach, feeling that she couldn't connect to the students, she soon gave up her teaching career.

Emily's next career move was to become the bookkeeper for the C. Drew and Company, the family business, famous throughout the country for its fine quality tools. From this point on she remained in Kingston for the remainder of her life. Her love of history – and there is much of it in Kingston – drove her passion for recording and writing Kingston history. Emily also well known for her gardening skills, and often grew enough to supply her neighbors with the surplus. She was the driving force behind the purchase of the Major John Bradford House, initially using her own money for the purchase and later being reimbursed by the Jones River Village Club. Without her constant efforts much of Kingston history would today be forever lost.

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection mainly consists on unpublished essays and notes on the history of houses, places, and events relating to Kingston before the 1930s. The collection is a minor sampling of the lifelong work Drew accomplished. Many of her contributions can be found in other Local History Room Collections, especially MC- 29, the Jones River Village Historical Society Collection. Part of this Collection also includes images that belonged to Emily Fuller Drew. These images can be found in the LHR Image Collection: Drew Collection.

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**Box and Folder List:**

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	<p><i>Early Kingston</i></p> <p><i>Stories of Old Kingston</i>, by Emily Fuller Drew  1628 – 1728 – 1828 – 1929. <i>Three Hundred, Two Hundred, One Hundred, Years Ago</i>, by Emily Fuller Drew,  December 8, 1928</p> <p><i>Town Incorporated in 1726</i>, by Emily Fuller Drew</p> <p><i>A Century of C. Drew and Company</i>, by Emily Fuller Drew,  1937</p> <p><i>A Sketch of Kingston Massachusetts</i>, by Rev. Zephaniah  Willis, February 14, 1815</p> <p><i>Kingston, Massachusetts</i>, by Ethel Hobart (published in the  New England Magazine, July 1905)</p> <p>Copies of magazine or newspaper clippings owned by Miss  Mary W. Drew or Mrs. Jane Foster McLauthlen,  1925</p> <p><i>The Moderator at an Early Town Meeting</i>, author unknown</p> <p><i>The French and Indian War</i>, by Emily Fuller Drew</p> <p><i>Manners and Customs of Early Days</i> (notes from the  Mayflower Descendants), by Emily Drew</p> <p>The Men of Kingston in 1867: a list copied from the directory  of Plymouth County.</p> <p>Stories (collection of short and anecdotes)</p>
	2	<p><i>Houses</i></p> <p><i>The Center of Kingston, Massachusetts, as it was One hundred  Years Ago: 1832 – 1932. With the history of the  houses then standing and the changes, which have  taken place in those one hundred years</i>, by Emily  Fuller Drew, 1932</p> <p><i>Location of Houses of Some of the Early Settlers of Kingston</i>,  by Thomas Bradford Drew, with notes by Emily  Fuller Drew</p>
	3	<p>Notes on houses in Kingston</p> <p>Notes on houses in Kingston</p> <p>Notes on Black Water Swamp</p> <p>Notes on Woodside, 18 Brewster Lane</p> <p>Notes on Willet House, 27 Wapping Road</p>
	4	<p><i>Place Names</i></p> <p><i>Local Place Names</i>, by Emily Fuller Drew</p> <p>Index to local place names</p> <p>Bildad Washburn lands</p>
	5	<p><i>Maps</i></p> <p>Map – wharves and landings at Long Reach on Jones River,  1818</p> <p>Map – plan of woodland deeded by Francis Adams to John  Fuller and Ezra Fuller, April 9, 1827</p>

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- Map – Black Water Pond and swamp
- Map – plan of land bought of Elisha Bradford at different times by L. Willis, 1923
- Map – houses off of Wapping Road near Stephan Bradford pot works and grist mill
- Map – the last part of the Massachusetts Bay Path
- Map – Landmarks and local names in Kingston, Mass., by Thomas Bradford Drew, extracted from Hurd's History of Plymouth County (with Emily Drew's additions and corrections)
- Notes – Jacob Mitchell's grant 1705, Ephraim Little at horseneck 1706, Charles Little way, maps of Kingston at State House, posting notices 1720, Isaac Kings grant 1705, Plymouth officials from Kingston.
- Map – Plymouth County (1 copy and 1 tracing), no date
- Map – layout of Landing Road, 1836
- Map – Maple Street before 1900 (location of businesses)
- Map – Millgate Grist Mill, no date
- Map – Duke's Hole Road, Indian Pond Road, Russell Pond, Sylvia Place Road, no date
- Map – Mill Lane area (now Elm Street), land ownership
- Map – Pembroke Street
- Map – Wapping Road (Stephen Bradford Place)
- Map – Mills on Jones River (Mill Pond and Jones River)
- Map – The Landing, 1865 (similar to 1836 map)
- Map – Brookdale Avenue, Dennett's Mill (sawmill) and Howard's Tack Factory
- Map – Plympton – Kingston town lines (old and new orientated to railroad tracks)
- Map – Samuel West property (to Waterman of Halifax), no date
- Map – Millgate Road survey, 1925
- Map – Reservoir lots (E. F. Gould and Cushman's to town, roadway from Pond Street)
- Map – Stephen Drew's, Summer and Center Street
- Map – Landing Road area (Jones River, poorhouse, Sever House, Stephen Drew)
- Map – Land ownership, corner River, Border and Park Street, 1927
- Map – Elm Street, Indian Pond Road area (detailed map of homes and waterways)
- Map – Triphammer, Wapping Road (Stephen Bradfords), Stetson's Tide Mill, Pumping Station
- Map – Ring Road, South Street

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Map – Marshfield upper lands, mills on Jones River  
Map – Mill Pond  
Map – Smelt Brook at the creek  
Map – pilgrimages: early sites in Kingston  
Map – Duxbury, near Duck Hill, Hiram Barstow, Simms Farm  
Map – Elder’s Spring  
Map – traced copy of 1879 Kingston map (village only)  
Map – from Jones River ferry to Stephen Tracy’s (Parks Place)  
Map – Stony brook neighborhood showing Bradford houses north of Brook  
Map – Summer Street from Dead swamp to Library  
Map – Summer Street from to Tremont Street, showing Miramar, Tussock Brook, Maple Street  
Map – Elisha Brewster’s land  
Map – Tussock Brook area  
Map – “on present highway” Ahdenah / River Street area

2      1      *Roads and highways*

Massachusetts Bay Path  
Highways of 1637 of Plymouth Colony  
Old Roads (Fish, Holmes, Bryant)  
Highways 1637 – 1715  
Massachusetts Path and the Boston Road  
Old Roads: Chandler’s bog, Duxbury, Dead Swamp (Mile Brook)  
Way from Jacob Cooke’s to his son’s  
Old Roads near Brewster’s  
Notes on roads from Kingston records, Volume II  
The Old First Bridgewater Path  
Old Hanson Road  
The Old Indian Paths  
Old Roads and Trails  
Old Roads  
The Duke’s Hole Road, in Kingston  
Agreement re: cartway near Stony Brook gristmill  
How did the Bradfords of Stony Brook go to Plymouth and to Boston or Scituate?  
The Mill-Gate Road  
Traces of Old Mass Trail or some Early Highways  
Meeting House Lane (Green Street)  
Evergreen Street  
Asa Hammond, surveyor of highways, 1855 re: agreement made at Town Meeting for repair and snow removal from highways

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- North-West Kingston  
Plymouth Colony Highways, 1934 (The Mass Path, The King's Highway, the Boston Road)  
Miscellaneous notes on local roads and highways
- 2      *Mills (on Jones River)*  
          *Industries on Jones River*, handwritten manuscript  
          *Mill privileges on Jones River and its tributaries*, handwritten manuscript  
          *Activities of that part of Duxbury now Kingston, as written in "Notes on Island Creek,"* handwritten manuscript  
          *From George W. MacLauthlin papers describing Adam Wright's mill (Plympton)*, handwritten manuscript  
          List of questions regarding Kingston mills
- 3      *Local businesses*  
          Description of Hunt and Sampson store
- 4      *Shipyard notes*  
          *Kingston in shipbuilding days*  
          *Barnabus, Barnabus*  
          Notes on the figurehead Herculean
- 5      Rocky Nook  
          Kingston Lands: Rocky Nook – list of owners  
          Kingston Lands: Rocky Nook – Elder Thomas Cushman farm, Sunderland (ownership deeds)  
          Plymouth Colony Records (court orders) 1635/6 – 1639 (copies of)  
          Deeds of Rocky Nook land (hand copied pages)  
          Howland family information / deeds: also mentions Thomas Prince, A. Holmes, Cushman, Fuller (inc. Fuller family appeal in War of 1812)
- 6      *Ahdenah*  
          Rogers – Ferry keepers, 1634  
          Nook deeds, 1699 – 1731  
          Plymouth records (typed), 1692 – 1877  
          Wadsworth family – Island creek notes  
          Adams of Massachusetts, 1781: Captain Daniel Loring to command ship  
          Duxbury printed records, 1714 – to settle boundaries of Kingston and Duxbury
- 7      *Civic Progress*

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| 8 | <i>Deeds</i>                        | Emily Fuller Drew's copy – with notes – of Civic Progress<br>Notes justifying importance of old deeds<br>Copies of deeds copied<br>List naming location of curious old deeds<br>Notes on settlement of 1620<br>List of deeds regarding the land between the carding place on<br>the Jones River and the Meeting House<br>Notes on Bradford deeds<br>Sever family deeds |
| 9 | Lawsuits                            | Lawsuit: Stephan Bradford vs. Jediah Holmes Jr., 1830 –1835  |
| 3 | 1 <i>Genealogy</i>                  | Notes on Brewster estate, Brewster family<br>Notes on Joshua Delano<br>Notes on Sylvester and Hannah Cummings<br>Notes on Asa Hammond and Gertrude Yellott<br>Notes on the Bryant Family, written by Harriet Holmes Drew<br>Notes on the Cobb Family<br>Notes on the Cushman Family  |
| 2 |                                     | Notes on the Cook / Cooke Family<br>Notes on the Bearse Family   |
| 3 |                                     | Notes on (Joshua) Delano Family<br>Notes on the (Joseph) Holmes Family<br>Notes on the (John) Churchill Family<br>Notes on the (Edmund) Chandler Family<br>Notes on the (George) Soule Family<br>Notes on the (John) Everson Family<br>Notes on the (Jonathan) Mayhew Family   |
| 4 |                                     | Notes on the Drew Family   |
| 5 |                                     | Notes of (Martin) Parris   |
| 6 |                                     | Deaths in Kingston 1850 –1860 taken from Cornelius A.<br>Bartlett diary  |
| 7 | <i>Obituaries and announcements</i> | Tribute to Mary Drew, December 28, 1948<br>Tribute to Emily Fuller Drew<br>Copy of introduction to the <i>Arcadia book, Images of America:<br/>Kingston</i> . Published in 2001.   |

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Obituary of Emily Fuller Drew (from Newspaper), January 12, 1959

Announcement of Neal – Drew wedding (Norma L. Drew to John T. Neal)

Remarks re: Helen Holmes by Elizabeth Hammond Fillebrown, 1939

8      *EFD Correspondence*

Emily Drew's correspondence with Florence Cooke New bury, 1934 – 1935

Emily Drew's correspondence with Eliza Faunce, Sidney Robins, Francis Cook, Maria Kerr, Sarah Petter, Old Colony Memorial, George Cushman, Ruth Delano, Helen Holmes, Thomas Beal, 1930 – 1945

Emily Drew's correspondence with Henry A. Fish of Duxbury, 1920s re: Mass Bay Path and genealogical issues

Emily Drew's correspondence with George Houghton, 1937 re: Major Seth Drew letters

Emily Drew's correspondence with George E. Bowman, 1920 re: Bradford / Chandler lineage for Mayflower Descendants

Emily Drew's correspondence with William P. Bailey, 1938 re: Seth Washburn

Excerpts from the letters of M. Kerr, Sarah Petters and Charlotte DeForrest, January – March 1940 re: the affects of WWII (Hilter, Tokyo, Ireland)

9      *Envelopes*

Including logos of A.S. Burbank and John W. Lee, both of whom were Plymouth photographers

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1      *Essays*

*First train to Kingston, November 8, 1845*, by Emily Drew, 1945 (2 copies)

*This Hill*, by Emily Fuller Drew, 1919

*Stories of Old Kingston (The Burning of the Bradford House)*, by Emily Fuller Drew

*A Daniel Webster Story*

*Stories (regarding Walter Faunce and others)*

*The Magee Storm*

*Col. Sever's Air-tight stove*

*Church Yarns – the rival singers*

*The "watch-dog" of the money drawer*

*The little door*

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*Parson Willis*  
*John Holmes and Mrs. Lucas*  
*Christmas 1778*  
*How they traveled in the early days in Plymouth Colony*  
*The Flaxing Place*  
*Journey of Caroline Moore in 1833* (paper presented by EFD)

- 2      *Pamphlets*  
Small card with poem on it –images of family (hand colored),  
c. 1887  
Program: A Great Singing Meeting at the Hall of ye Towne,  
Thursday Evening, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1897  
Historical Address by Walter H. Faunce at the Observance of  
the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Parish of Kingston,  
Mass. Sunday Nov. 4, 1917  
Copies of magazine / newspaper clippings, 1925 re: tray made  
from apple tree at William Bradford’s orchard and  
short article on the most “homley” men in Plymouth /  
Kingston
- 3      *Jones River Village Club*  
*Presentation of the book, “Poems and Letters, By*  
*Cousin Benjy,”* written by Emily Drew  
Proposed Route of Tea-drive, Jun 8, 1946  
Emily Drew’s involvement with Club’s Village  
Improvement Committee and her work in improving the area  
around the Railroad Station in 1921  
Program planning, 1910  
Notes on history of Club
- 4      *Lantern Slide Library*  
A Library of Lantern Slides belonging to the Jones River  
Village Club, Kingston, MA. Begun in 1938 by the  
Committee on Local History: Miss Emily F. Drew,  
Chairman with Miss Sally F. Dawes.  
Emily Drew’s Index to Lanternslides  
Slides as yet unlisted, 1949  
Wanted! Photographs (Emily Fuller Drew’s notes on images  
needed for lanternslides.)
- 5      *Lists / Miscellaneous*  
Emily Fuller Drew’s notes and lists – not relating to specific  
subjects mentioned.  
History of Norwich, Connecticut, 1866 relating to John  
Bradford’s property there



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Flora Brewster story, 1933

- 6        *Duxbury*  
          Emily Drew's correspondence to the editor of the Old Colony Memorial, 1937 re: wrong information printed in paper about the history of Duxbury  
          *Bradford and Freeman notes on Island Creek*, 1814 (written by a Bradford, edited by Deacon Freeman)  
          *The Marshland Rivers of Duxbury and Green's Harbor*, from the collection of Henry A. Fish, 1925  
          *The Old Salt Works of Duxbury*, from the collection of Henry A. Fish, 1925
- 7        *Old Colony Days and Ways (by topic)*  
          Pilgrim voyage and landing  
          William Bradford; Rev. Ralph Patridge; Isaac Allerton  
          John Alden; Samoset  
          Samoset  
          Massasoit  
          William Brewster  
          Isaac Howland  
          Cut River  
          Fort Hill  
          Indians  
          Canoe Creek  
          Pilgrims leaving England  
          Colony of New Plymouth  
          Early Explorations  
          Early Settlers of Kingston  
          Burial Places  
          Ancient Ferries, Highways, and Bridges  
          Site of Pilgrim Houses  
          Notes on Jones River and the Jones River Neighborhood  
          Early land divisions  
          Pilgrim background  
          The *Charity*  
          Namaket / Namassket  
          Myles Standish Monument  
          Thomas Prence (Prince)  
          Rev. Ralph Smith; Thomas Pence (Prince)
- 8        John Sassamon (Indian Joe); Nathaniel Sowther  
          Winslow Family; Josiah Winslow; Thomas Faunce  
          *Mayflower*  
          Thomas Cushman

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Perigrine White; Thomas Cushman  
Rev. James Keith; Elizabeth Alden  
Kent Street, Scituate; *The Fortune*  
Pilgrim calendar; Notations from Winslow and Bradford  
Dr. Samuel Fuller  
*The Speedwell*

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