

**Kingston Public Library: Local History Room**  
**Manuscript Collection Finding Aid**  
**November 15, 2001**

**George C. Burgess Papers**  
**1831 – circa 1910 – 1920**  
**Bulk dates: 1845 - 1912**  
**Manuscript Collection, MC-19**

1 Box (3 linear inches)

**Biographical sketch:** Since the date of George Burgess' death has not been determined, no obituary found, and accordingly, biographical details are sketchy. According to the *Vital Records of Kingston, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, a George Canning Burgess was born on December 9, 1831, the son of Charles and Anne Burgess. Some of Burgess papers mentioned childhood recollections of Kingston and Kingston residents, so it's reasonable to suppose that his early years were spent in the town. By 1882 Burgess was a resident of Brookline, Massachusetts, and continued to have a Brookline mailing address through 1912, which is the last year in which correspondence from him appears in the Local History Room collection.

According to the 1910 census, Burgess resided in Brookline with his wife Emma and their children George and Caroline. The census lists the Burgess's as having been married for 47 years and George's occupation as a bank accountant. The 1920 census does not show George Sr., or Emma, but does list George and Caroline, therefore the assumption can be made that George died between 1910 and 1920.

**Scope and Content Note:** This Collection consists primarily of unpublished papers about Kingston and Kingston residents by George Burgess unless otherwise noted.

**Box and Folder List:**

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |                                                                                                                                     |
|------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1          | 1             | Correspondence between Burgess and Emily Drew during 1912 regarding Kingston history: primarily Patuxet Hill and Smelt Brook areas. |
|            | 2             | "History of Stony Brook." Notebook, 1845 - 1850                                                                                     |
|            | 3             | "Notes on the Patuxet Hill Burial Ground" by Emily F Drew, 1926                                                                     |
|            | 4             | "Old House of Kingston" 1922                                                                                                        |
|            | 5             | "The Prince Family of Kingston"                                                                                                     |
|            | 6             | "Quotations from a Paper by George Burgess on the Graveyard by the Patuxet House" 1881                                              |
|            | 7             | Certificate of Appointment of Thomas Beal as Justice of the Peace, 1829                                                             |
|            | 8             | Kingston Furnace, listing of owners by stock (circa late 1760s – 1810)                                                              |
|            | 9             | "Account of Captain Simeon Sampson from Giles Memorial"                                                                             |
|            | 10            | "The Diverting History of John Gilpin" Broadside (date on back 1819 – handwritten)                                                  |
|            | 11            | Copies of five deeds                                                                                                                |
|            | 12            | Receipts (Nineteenth-century) and intention of marriage between Cephas Cobb and Adeline Bryant (Plympton) 1829                      |

**Acquisition:** Retrospective.

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