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Margaret Warnsman Papers
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8 Box (25 linear inches of document boxes – 3 curator boxes of china in storage)

Biographical sketch:

Margaret Justine (West) Warnsman was born on January 18, 1911 in Kingston. She is the daughter of Henry S. West and Annie E. Washburn and a descendant of the Drew Family. Warnsman attended Kingston schools and graduated Kingston High School on 1929. Upon graduation, Warnsman went to work at Stoddard and Johnson in Plymouth and continued to work there for 16 years.

Margaret married Edward Warnsman and had two daughters: Judith in 1941 and Carola in 1946. Margaret Warnsman is well known for her active participation in Town affairs. She was a Library Trustee from 1978 – 2002 and listed as the Town Historian from 2002 – on. Warnsman is also a member of the First Parish Church and its Woman’s Alliance, where she is also actively participating as their historian.

Scope and Content Note:

The Warnsman Collection focuses on Kingston history, events, places and people. Of specific note in this Collection are documents that explore the history Kingston families, as well as documents that focus on Kingston neighborhoods and houses, such as the houses on Bridgewater Road (1:5), the Forge Pond District (1:4) and the Stony Brook neighborhood history (1:6). Of other interest may be the collection of newspaper clippings, many of which focus on the 200th birthday celebration of Kingston in 1926 (3:26). Also within the collection of newspaper clippings are obituaries of notable Kingston residents dating back to 1890. The Warnsman Collection additionally contains a number of photographs (box 4) that explore the development of Kingston in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Early History of Kingston (two unpublished manuscripts)
		<i>Houses</i>
	2	Houses: Information on owners, builders, etc...
	3	Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey, 1998 (forms filled out)
	4	Forge Pond District: Houses, characters and events by Helen Woods, 1932
	5	Houses on Old Bridgewater Road, by Abby Jones, 1867
	6	Stony Brook Neighborhood History, by Margaret Warnsman, 1966
	7	“ <i>What I heard the East Room Say,</i> ” by Flora Brewster, 1904 – 5 (possible description of the Wrestling Brewster House)
	8	Deeds: seventeenth and eighteenth-century of Kingston property
	9	Sketch of Allerton House

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| | | <i>Places</i> |
| | 10 | Remembrances of Kingston places, by Emily Marvin Drew |
| | 11 | History of Town Church (First Parish Unitarian Church), 1965 and inscriptions on tombs located at the Old Burying Ground |
| | 12 | “Stage Coach and Tavern Days” |
| | 13 | “A Brief Account of the Holmes Ship Yard in Kingston,” 1964 |
| | 14 | History of Sony Brook Landing Place and the Bradford brick yard |
| | 15 | Place names in Kingston |
| | | <i>People</i> |
| 2 | 1 | Names listed in the 1790 Census, with additional facts |
| | 2 | Family records and loan receipts: Brewster, Drew and Foster |
| | 3 | John Farrington obituary and Harriet Holmes Drew obituary, 1925 |
| | 4 | Cornelius A. Bartlett’s diary (1833 – 1860) as transcribed by Emily Fuller Drew |
| | 5 | Remembrance / Obituary pamphlet: Captain Fred Bailey, 1877 - 1955 |
| | 6 | Cobb family Papers (including Civil War enlistment) |
| | 7 | Cook family births (of William and Susan) |
| | 8 | Cushman family records |
| | 9 | Correspondence from Seth Drew (1820s) |
| | 10 | “Major Seth Drew and his official hat” |
| | 11 | Notes on Emily Fuller Drew |
| | 12 | Copy of the correspondence between the Fletcher sisters, 1632 |
| | 13 | H. K. Keith and Company: receipts, bills, account statements |
| | 14 | Biography of Elizabeth B. Sampson, by Margaret Warnsman |
| | 15 | Extracts possibly from a diary 1852 |
| | 16 | “How Polly Hall came to Woodside,” by Edith P. Singsen |
| | 17 | “A Parson Willis Story,” as told by John G. Nichols |
| | 18 | Historical Address by Walter H. Faunce at the observance of the 200 th anniversary of the First Parish Church of Kingston, 1917 |
| | 19 | Appraisal of the estate of Miss Julia Cunningham, 200 Main Street, Kingston |
| | 20 | List of names of Kingston tradesmen |
| | 21 | Correspondence from Elspeth Hardy, 1973 |
| | 22 | Composition book: “Auld Lang Syne,” 1932 - Correspondence from Miss Rose |
| | 23 | Wadsworth Family, 1883 |
| | 24 | Court Summons: 1794 Isaac Smith representing James Raymond against Lothrop Shurtliff, |
| | 25 | Correspondences: Burgess and Brook family, Sever family, Foster family, Chandler family |
| | 26 | Bank Note: William L. Dunforth notary for (Sic) L. Morissey, 1877 |
| | 27 | Genealogical notes on Robert and Abigail Cook; Sarah Tilden; Frances and Elizabeth Hay; Reuben Delano; Jacob and Dumar (Hopkins) Cook; George Hepburn; Richard Warren; Robert Heck; George Lewis; Stephen Bryant; Ezekiel Holmes; Robert Bartlett; Naham Sampson |
| | 28 | Mayflower information (basic) |

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- 29 List of Kingston women who provided suitable clothing for the soldiers
of Massachusetts during the Civil War
- 30 Edward Willis Soap House
- Events, exhibits*
- 3 1 Yearbook: The Quill, 1929
- 2 Receipt (from Ralph L. Dowd) for dinner served to the High School
- 3 List of people who donated to the scholarship fund (printed on opium
order forms from 1915
- 4 Centre Primary School Order of exercises, 1888
- 5 Complete list of exhibitors for the Industrial Exhibit of 1910
- 6 Pamphlet on the Industrial Exhibit of 1910
- 7 Correspondence from Patriarche and Bell to Emily Drew re: tool
purchase, 1909 and the Industrial Exhibit
- 8 "Beginnings of the Jones River Village Club," 1967
- 9 Notes from Lantern Slide shows
- 10 "A Jones River Pilgrimage," Pamphlet for colonial houses in Kingston
- 11 "Trip Hammer March," sheet music written in 1926 by John H.
Densmore for the 200th Anniversary of Kingston
- 12 Grand Fair, Adams Lodge, 1901 (pamphlet of advertisers – Kingston
businesses)
- 13 Kingston pamphlets (for local events), 1879 – 1976
- 14 Report of the Proceedings and Exercises at the 150th Anniversary of
Kingston, 1876
- 15 Helen Adams Auction, 1962
- 16 "How the Revolution almost began in Marshfield"
- 17 "The French and Indian War and the French Neutrals in Kingston"
- 18 Pamphlets: Ordination of Frederic W. Smith at the First Church in
Duxbury, 1900 and A Sketch of the Ministry of Reverend Job
Cushman, 1877
- 19 Program: "The Ladies of Cranford," by Mary Barnard Home to benefit
the Bradford House
- 20 "Enjoying Antiques," by Polly Long for the Boston Herald
- 21 New England Potters clippings, 1968
- 22 Pilgrim Society Notes, 1982
- 23 The American Home, 1935
- 24 "A Swedish Christmas Smorgasbord," given by Doris Johnson, 1978
- 25 Village map of Kingston (photocopy of portion)
- 26 Newspaper clippings: Thanksgiving in Duxbury; Deacon and
Disappearing prints; How the Revolution almost began in
Marshfield; Historic Kingston Walk Winds Down, 1984
(Helen Foster reminisces); Obituary for Dr. William Gould,
1984; Diary provides glimpse of Kingston as it was in 1910,
1984; C. Drew building destroyed in fire, 1984; Collection of
Square-rigged ship pictures in view at Robert C. Vose
galleries, 1984; Five alarm blaze levels historic mill, 1980;
Shiverick Yachts Legends In World Sailing Circles, 1975

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Kingston parade celebrates town's 250th birthday, 1976; Jones River Landing Shipbuilding Landmark in Kingston, 1970; Painstaking 'Dig' Searches Cellar of 17th Century Pilgrim Dwelling, 1966; Kingston's Industrial Growth Had its start as Shipbuilding Center, 1963; Pictures from Bradford House, 1946; Old and The New – Sketch of Kingston's Railroad Station; Pictures of 1941 fire; Historical Exhibition of Kingston's 200th Anniversary, 1926; Kingston's 200th Celebration This Month, 1926; Historic Houses and Sites of Kingston to be marked for 200th Celebration, 1926; Governor Fuller to Attend as Guest at Birthday Party, 1926; Kingston to Celebrate its Bicentennial as a Town Next Week, 1926; Labor and Refreshment in Ye Olden Days at Kingston, 1926; Kingston's 200th Anniversary, 1926; Plymouth Recaptures its Pilgrim's Progress, 1926; Kingston begins celebration of her 200 years; Kingston's Check on Fire Hazard, 1926; Thousands Attend Kingston's 200th Birthday Celebration, 1926; He Unearths Pilgrim Past (Deetz article); Killed by Kingston Chief While Trying to Rob Store, 1927; \$35,000 Fire at Kingston; Article on Kingston fox brushes and John T. Smith; Death takes Supt. Barker, 1913; Horatio Adams, Holder of Boston Commuting Record, 1911; \$100,00 left to Hospital by Mrs. Cole, 1911; Obituary of Horatio Adams, 1911; Obituary of Joseph Adams, 1911; Obituary of Martin Thayer, 1911; Obituary of Henry Dix, 1909; Obituary of Marion Burgess, 1909; Obituary of Theodore Bliss Cunningham, 1909; Joseph Adams Old time Boston Bell Ringer Celebrates 90th Birthday, 1908; Obituary of Seth Drew; Obituary of Lydia T. Adams, 1908; Obituary of Captain John C. Dawes, 1908; Obituary of Harrison Loring, shipbuilder, 1907; Obituary of Soloman Davie, 1905; Obituary of John N. Drew, 1905; Obituary of Captain George H. Bonney, 1903; 80th Birthday Celebrated for Samuel McLauthlen, 1902; Delegate at 22, Philander Cobb has been in Politics Ever Since, 1894; Obituary of Peleg T. Brooks, 1897; Obituary of Eli Cook Drew, 1897; Obituary of Nahum Bailey, 1898; Obituary of Leander S. Cole, 1890

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| 27 | Newspaper clippings: <i>Then and Now</i> articles |
| 28 | Scrapbook: contains newspaper articles on Kingston and surrounding towns (mostly human interest stories) |
| 29 | Seth Drew account book 1784 – 1809 |
| 30 | Plimoth colony Samplers, by Mary M, Davidson, 1974 |
| 31 | Warren's new primary geography (schoolbook), 1878 |
| 4 | 1 <i>Ancient Estate of Governor William Bradford</i> , by Thomas Bradford Drew, 1897 |
| 2 | <i>My Sea Voyages, 1880 – 1890</i> , by Helen M Bailey |

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| 3 | | <i>Apprenticeship and Indentured Service in the Plymouth Colony</i> , by Carlton West, 1945 |
| 4 | | Account booklet of H. O. Bonney in account with Dr. B. Parker of Plympton, 1874 - 1876 |
| <i>Image Collection</i> | | |
| 5 | | Photo album green cover, black pages: contains 190 photographs mostly pertaining to sailboats (racing), local Kingston buildings and people
Contains images MC30 PEO 03 0001 – MC30 PEO 03 0034; MC30 HOU 03 0001 – MC30 HOU 03 0006; MC30 PLA 03 0001 - MC30 PLA 03 00013; MC30 EVE 03 0001 – MC30 EVE 0005 (see LHR Image Collection database for specific descriptions) |
| 6 - 7 | n/a | Souvenir china (boxes in storage – pieces also on permanent display in Local History Room) |
| 8 | n/a | Scrapbooks (see index in box) |

Acquisition: Donated by Margaret Warnsman over a period of time dating from 2001 until 2004.

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