

Kingston Public Library: Local History Room
Manuscript Collection Finding Aid
January 20, 2000

Walter H. Faunce (1832-1930)
Diaries (1855, 1857, 1859-1861, 1863, 1865)

Manuscript Collection, MC-6

1 Box (5 linear inches)

Biographical sketch: Walter H. Faunce was born in Kingston, Massachusetts on November 16, 1832, son of Charles C. and Amelia (Washburn) Faunce. He died of "Arterio Sclerosis" on June 16, 1930.

His obituary, published in the June 20, 1930 edition of the *Old Colony Memorial*, notes that "he served two terms as Representative to Legislature, the first time in 1880, and again in 1924, when in his 92nd year. For over fifty years he was a member of the Kingston Board of Selectmen, most of which time he served as chairman of the board. . . He was a justice of the peace for seventy years." During his early adult life, he worked as a schoolteacher in Kingston.

At various times he served on the Board of County Commissioners and the Republican State Committee. He was a member of the Corner Stone Masonic Lodge, the First Parish Church of Kingston, the I.O.O.F., the Marshfield Agricultural & Horticultural Society, and the Plymouth Agricultural Society.

He was married twice, but his two children predeceased him, and he died without descendants.

Scope and Content Note: Walter Faunce's diaries are the "pocket diary" type. Entries generally contain very terse accounts of daily activities and occasionally the weather. The Kingston Public Library has volumes covering the years: 1855, 1857, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1863, and 1865. The Jones River Village Historical Society owns another volume covering the year 1858. Also included in this Collection is a handwritten manuscript believe to have been written by Faunce.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Biographical sketch of Faunce
	2	Obituary and death notices of Faunce
	3	Faunce family genealogy
	4	Faunce and Boston Post Cane
	5	Paper presented by Faunce to Jones River Village Club when he was 90 in 1922
	6	Newspaper articles on Faunce regarding his age and his accomplishments
	7	Research on Kingston conducted by Faunce Thoughts on early residents Old Kingston Traditions Questions from Emily Drew regarding Kingston history

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| 8 | Notebook containing history of Kingston including town offices held and minutes from early Town meetings |
| 9 | Walter Faunce Diaries: 1855, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1863, and -1865. |

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Processor: Archivist Andre Pollock processed and created the finding aid for this Collection. Volunteer Dorothy Garfield created an index of the diaries in 2004.