

**Kingston Public Library: Local History Room**  
**Newspaper Collection**  
**December 9, 2002**

**Newspaper Collection**  
**Bulk dates: 1978 - present**  
**Pamphlet Collection, PC - 19**

**Hard copies of newspapers are located in the back storage area and are available upon request. Microfilmed newspapers are located in the microfilm cabinets in the reference department.**

**Historical Sketch:** Kingston did not have its own newspaper until the late 1800s, though many residents may have received their news through a Plymouth paper begun in 1822.

The Silver Lake News began as an advertisement flyer (a penny-sever) by a Pembroke resident in the mid-1950s. In 1961 Silver Lake News was purchased by Robert Melville and a partner and ran as a paper printing information about town on goings in Kingston, Plympton, Pembroke and Hanson. The paper was sold in the late 1970s to Memorial Press Group

In 1984 the Memorial Press Group began publishing the Kingston Reporter as a local paper focusing on life in Kingston. The Kingston Mariner followed shortly as another local paper, running stories and covering news that specifically related to Kingston.

Editor Bernard Marvin started *The Kingston Voice and Journal Opinion*, later known as *The Voice*, in October of 1976. Dan Sapir began *The Independent* in February, during the Blizzard of 1978. Jim Farrel bought *The Voice* from Marvin and Farrel and Sapir merged papers in 1982 to form *The Independent Voice*. Sapir eventually sold out his interests in the paper and formed *The Observer*. *The Observer* was first published in late 1987 and ran until 1991, when Sapir closed the paper due to his political activity in Kingston. In December of 2001 *The Observer* was resurrected and continues to be published today both in print and on the web at [www.kingstonobserver.com](http://www.kingstonobserver.com).

**Scope and Content:**

**Hard copies** are available at the Kingston Public Library for the following newspaper collections (see following charts for the specific dates available):

- *Kingston Reporter* 1984 – 2002
- *Kingston Mariner* 1998 – 2002
- *The Kingston Voice and Journal Opinion* 1976 – 1981
- *The Independent* 1978 – 1981
- *The Independent Voice* 1981, 1984 – 1986

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**Microfilm** is available and located at the Kingston Public Library as follows:

<b>Draw</b>	<b>Roll</b>	<b>Covering</b>
		<i>The Kingston Voice and Journal Opinion</i>
1	1	October 6, 1976 – December 29, 1977
	2	January 19, 1978 – December 14, 1978
	3	May 3, 1979 – February 26, 1981
	4	March 5, 1981 – April 30, 1981
		<i>The Kingston Independent</i>
	1	February 16, 1978 – December 28, 1978
	2	January 4, 1979 – December 27, 1979
	3	January 3, 1981 – April 30, 1981
		<i>The Kingston Independent Voice</i>
	1	May 6, 1981 – December 23, 1981
	2	January – December 1982
	3	January – December 1983
	4	January – December 1984
	5	January 1985 – October 29, 1986
	1	November 5, 1986 – June 1987
	2	July – December 1987
	3	January – December 1988
	4	January – December 1989
	8	January 1993 – February 9, 1994
		<i>Kingston Reporter</i>
2	1	February 9, 1984 – June 1984
	2	July – December 1984
	3	January – June 1985
	4	July – December 1985
	5	January – June 1986
	6	July – December 1986
	7	January – June 1987
	8	July – December 1987
	9	January – June 1988
	10	July – December 1988
	11	January – April 1989
	12	May – August 1989
	13	September – December 1989
	14	January – April 1990
	15	May – August 1990
	16	September – December 1990
	17	January – June 1991
	18	July – December 1991
	19	January – June 1992
	20	July – December 1992
	21	January – June 1993

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**Microfilm listing continued...**

	22		July – December 1993
	23		January – December 1994
	24		January – June 1995
3	25		July – December 1995
	26		January – December 1996
	27		January – June 1997
	28		July – December 1997
		<i>Kingston Mariner</i>	
	1		February 16, 1994 – June 1994
	2		July – December 1994
	3		January – December 1995
	4		January – December 1996
	5		January – December 1997
	6		January – December 1998 (2 copies)
	7		January – June 1999
		<i>Kingston Observer</i>	
4	1		November 6, 1987 – October 1, 1991

**Local History Room:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	1

**Covering**

*Old Colony Memorial*, August 27, 1926.  
*The Kingston Sun*. December 15, 1927.  
*Old Colony Memorial*, March 30, 1939.  
*Old Colony Memorial*, April 13, 1939.  
*Old Colony Memorial*, October 24, 1940.

**Additional Note:**

The following newspapers have been **microfilmed** and available for access through the Boston Public Library's Massachusetts Newspaper Collection Project:

*Kingston News*  
1912

*Kingston Sun*  
1927-1930

*Kingston Voice*  
(*Kingston Voice and Journal-Opinion*)  
1976-1981

*Kingston Independent*  
1978-1981

*Kingston Independent Voice*  
(*Independent Voice*)  
1981-1989

*Kingston Observer*  
1987-1991  
2001- present

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*Kingston Reporter*  
1984 - present

*Kingston Mariner*  
1996- 2006

**Acquisition:** The Kingston Public Library has been collecting newspapers for patron usage for a number of years. In addition, newspapers were also donated by June Ballinger (in 2002) to fill in gaps (caused by missing issues)

**Access:** The collection is unrestricted. However papers may be photocopied only with the Archivists consent.

**Copyright:** As copyright DOES NOT belong to the Local History Room and the Kingston Public Library, the patron is responsible for obtaining copyright permission from the newspaper in question.

**Processor:** Archivist Carrie Elliott composed the finding aid, while volunteers Charlie Kelly and Ruth Ryan sorted newspapers.