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Pamphlet Collection Finding Aid
July 3, 2003

Kingston Town Anniversaries
(150th in 1876, 200th in 1926, 250th in 1976, and 275th in 2001)

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10 Boxes (72.5 linear inches) (*3 boxes house scrapbooks and may be located on a different shelf than the majority of the Collection*)

Biographical sketch: In 1717, the North Precinct of Plymouth petitioned separate from Plymouth and be acknowledged as the separate Town of Kingston. The Town of Kingston was officially incorporated in 1726.

In 1876, Kingston celebrated its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. To celebrate this event, the Town hosted a number of programs including a parade, fireworks, music, a formal dinner and the presentation of a historical sketch by Dr. Thomas Bradford Drew, curator of Pilgrim Hall, in Plymouth. In celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Town of Kingston, the town published a pamphlet, which was a report documenting various events which took place. The pamphlet was titled: *The Report of the Proceedings and Exercises at the Celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Kingston, Mass., June 27, 1876*. E.B. Stillings & CO., 15 Spring Lane, Boston, MA printed the report in 1876.

In 1926, Town residents celebrated the Kingston's two hundred anniversary by hosting a number of events. These events included a parade, a pageant at the Bradford House, a Colonial Ball, a baseball game, band concerts and fireworks. Special exhibits depicting Kingston's unique history were also set up. These exhibits included a historical exhibit, an industrial exhibit, a marine exhibit and the exhibit of the "Ye Old Store" (in the Joseph Holmes House). In cooperation with the Town's anniversary, Sarah Bailey and Emily Drew published *Civic Progress* and *Industries of Kingston*. These two books in one provide a comprehensive account of Kingston's past and its development. *The Civic Progress of Kingston* was written by Sarah Y. Bailey (1865-1932), while *A History of Her Industries*, was written by Emily F. Drew (1881-1950). Both sections were published under the title *The Civic Progress of Kingston*, in 1926 by the Two Hundred Anniversary Committee of the Town of Kingston, in collaboration with The Memorial Press, of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

In 1976, Kingston again celebrated another Town Anniversary: its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary. Again events were hosted including a parade, a historical exhibit, the dedication of Jones River Park, a five-mile road race and a re-dedication of the Faunce School. *Civic Progress* and *Industries of Kingston* were re-released.

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(Historical sketch continued...)

In 2001, Kingston celebrated its two hundred and seventy fiftieth anniversary. The 275th Anniversary Committee organized a number of events including a parade, dinners, concerts, exhibits, teas, reenactments and road races. In cooperation with the Committee, the Local History Room of the Kingston Public Library also published in the Arcadia series *Images of America: Kingston* by Dr. Norman Tucker.

Scope and Content Note:

Many items within this Collection focus on the planning and actual Town Anniversaries for Kingston, including three scrapbooks containing clippings, photographs, etc... documenting the 275th Town Anniversary. There are also a number of copies of *The Report of the Proceedings and Exercises at the Celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Kingston, Mass., June 27, 1876*, which contains the following sections:

Officers of the Day	page 3
Introduction	pages 5-16
Oration by Rev. Joseph F. Lovering	pages 17-37
Poem by George C. Burgess, Esq.	pages 38-42
Historical Sketch, by Dr. T. B. Drew	pages 43-63
After Dinner Speeches	pages 64-149
Speeches and Responses of:	
Hon. George B. Loring, of Salem	pages 64-67
Hon. E.S. Tobey, Post-Master of Boston	pages 67-69
Hon. Henry B. Pierce, Secretary of State	pages 69-70
Hon. William T. Davis, of Plymouth	pages 70-73
Hon. Joseph R. Chandler	pages 73-83
Rev. William A. Drew, of Augusta, M.E.	pages 83-94
Ellis Ames, Esq., of Canton	pages 97-107
Hon. Francis M. Johnson, of Newton	pages 107-110
Hon. John B.D. Cogswell, of Yarmouth	pages 112-116
Hon. Henry S. Washburn, of Boston	pages 118-125
Charles F. Washburn, Esq., of Worcester	pages 125-132
Rufus R. Cook, Esq., of Boston	pages 132-133
Hon. George B. Holmes, of Providence, R.I.	pages 133-136
George G. Lobdell, Esq. of Wilmington, Del	pages 136-138
Dr. Frederic W. Bartlett of Buffalo, N.Y.	pages 138-141
T.D. Stetson, Esq., of New York, N.Y.	pages 141-145
Richard Holmes, Esq. of Boston	pages 145-149
Mrs. E. M. C. Walsh	pages 149
Volunteer Toasts	pages 150-151
Philander Cobb, Esq.	
Alden Sampson, Esq., Charlestown, MA	
Capt. Frank A. Jameson	
George C. Burgess	

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Map of Kingston pages 15
Drawings include: Vicinity of Jones River, Old Meeting House, Kingston Village

Other Anniversary publications within this Collection include *Civic Progress of Kingston* and *A History of Her Industries*. The book provides an extensive look at Kingston's history from its founding up until 1926. There are approximately 63 photographs, depicting the Town of Kingston buildings and residents. The monograph also contains a map that notes homes of early notable residents and of industrial mills. Local History Room Volunteer, Julia Stair, created in 1996 an index for *The Civic Progress of Kingston*. The index contains a brief introduction, which focuses on Bailey, Drew, and Julia Stair written by B. Joyce Miller, Kingston Public Library Archivist. The index itself is an alphabetical subject index and is 29 pages in length.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Item
		<i>Photographs</i>
1		MC23PEO 020001 – MC23PEO 020007; MC23PLA 020001 – MC23PLA 020006; MC23EVE 020001 – MC23EVE 020007; (non-cataloged) pictures from 275th Anniversary parade and events (duplicates)
		<i>150th Anniversary</i>
	1	Programs, tickets and Report of the Proceedings of the 150 th Anniversary Celebration
		<i>200th Anniversary</i>
	2	Letters from applicants for service
	3	Executive committee and chairmen of various committee reports
	4	Newspaper clippings
	5	Pamphlets and addresses
	6	Statistics for <i>Civic Progress</i> and <i>Industries of Kingston</i>
2	1	Miscellaneous correspondence, lists, etc...
	2	Sheet Music <i>Triphammer March</i> by John H. Densmore
		<i>250th Anniversary</i>
	3	250 th Anniversary Committee Agreements
	4	Letters from applicants for service
	5	Letters from donations
	6	Commemorative medals and stamps
	7	Correspondence
	8	Booklets and maps 250 th Anniversary
	9	Town correspondence and notices
	10	Newspaper clippings
	11	Transportation Committee, trophies, etc...
	12	Committee Meeting Minutes

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3	1	Faunce School Renovations
	2	Lists of miscellaneous donations to the Anniversary Committee
	3	Bumper Sticker
	4	Commemorative Plaque Application Forms
	5	Historical Exhibition Pamphlets
	6	The Music Man Program
	7	Program of Events
4	1	Pamphlets and reserve forms for Major Bradford's Town by Doris Johnson
	2	Class letters (Kingston Primary School trying to contact other Towns named Kingston in the United States)
	3	United States National Bicentennial information
		<i>275th Anniversary</i>
	4	Memorabilia and preparation work including newspaper clippings, bumper sticker, pamphlets, etc...
	5	Forms documenting pictures used from LHR by 275 th Anniversary Committee
	6	Official Program and Guide for the 350 th Anniversary Celebration of Plymouth
	7	Negatives from pictures taken during the 250 th Anniversary
5	n/a	250 th Anniversary Scrapbook: maroon Broadside for the 250 th Anniversary Bicentennial Ball, held at the Knights of Columbus
6	n/a	275 th Anniversary Scrapbook: compiled by Creative Memories Team
7	n/a	275 th Anniversary Scrapbook: compiled by Creative Memories Team
8	n/a	<i>The Report of the Proceedings and Exercises at the Celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Kingston, Mass., June 27, 1876, (ten copies)</i>
9	n/a	<i>The Civic Progress of Kingston</i> , by Sarah Y. Bailey and <i>A History of Her Industries</i> , by Emily Fuller Drew (fourteen copies: inc. (2) Hardcover, red, (1) Hardcover, green (1) Hardcover, blue, (11) Soft cover, blue)
10	n/a	<i>The Civic Progress of Kingston</i> , by Sarah Y. Bailey and <i>A History of Her Industries</i> , by Emily Fuller Drew (continued inc. (4) Hardcover, red, (2) Soft cover, blue)
11	n/a	Sweatshirt from 275 th Anniversary (with Town of Kingston print on it)

Acquisition: Retrospective, with the exception of 275th Anniversary scrapbooks, compiled by Creative Memories, donated in 2002 by Marjorie Cronin, chair of 275th Anniversary Committee.

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