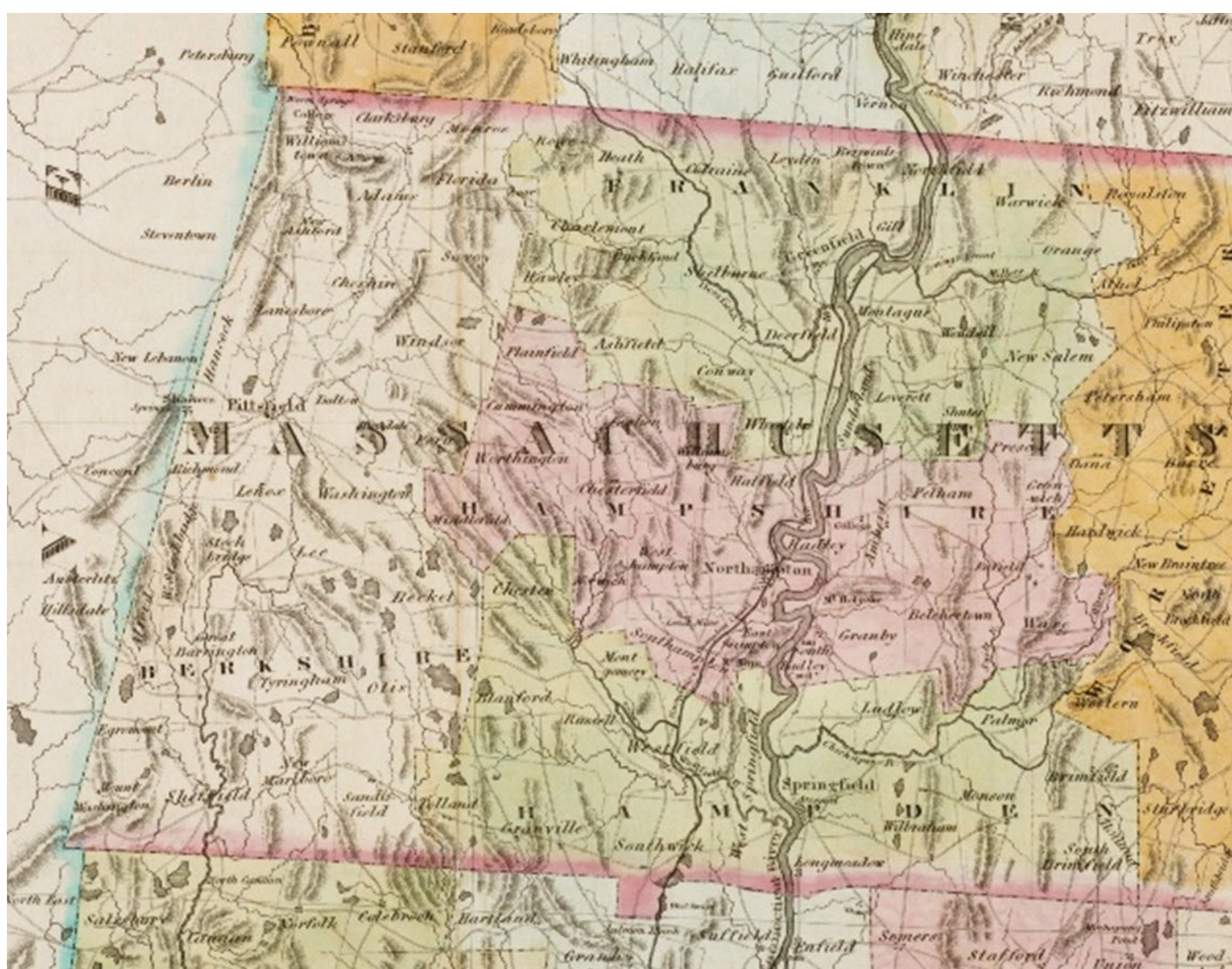


# Pioneer Valley

Massachusetts

# Locality Guide



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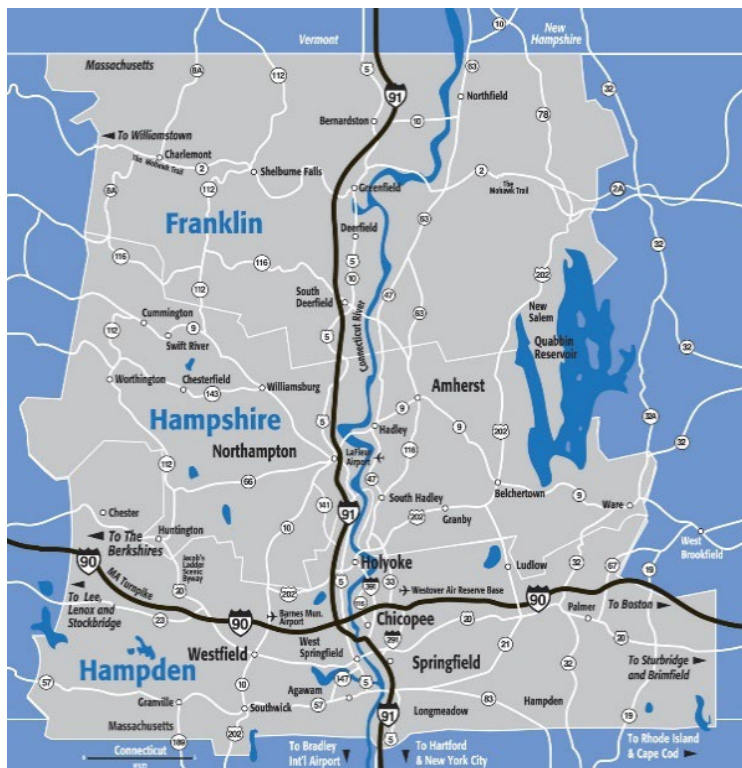
### Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley

The Pioneer Valley is the region around the Connecticut River valley in Western Massachusetts. It is a very diverse travel destination, featuring urban, college town, and natural areas. It consists of three counties: Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire.

Hampshire County originally comprised the entire western part of Massachusetts Bay Colony. It encompassed lands that are currently in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Worcester counties in Massachusetts as well as portions of northern Connecticut. Over time towns came into being, populations grew, boundaries disputed as a result of which portions of Hampshire County split off into existing or newly created counties.

The county redistricting /splits are significant for genealogical research because in some cases the records for the counties were split by type rather than location. For example, deeds for Hampshire County prior to the creation of Hampden County are located in Springfield while the probate records are in Northampton.

In researching Western Massachusetts ancestors, it is necessary to understand the dates in which ancestors lived in order to identify the appropriate repository in which to look for information. All of these repositories are within 50 miles of each other connected by I91. However, the varying hours of operation of each of them would make visiting all of them in one trip rather tricky.



### Massachusetts Counties

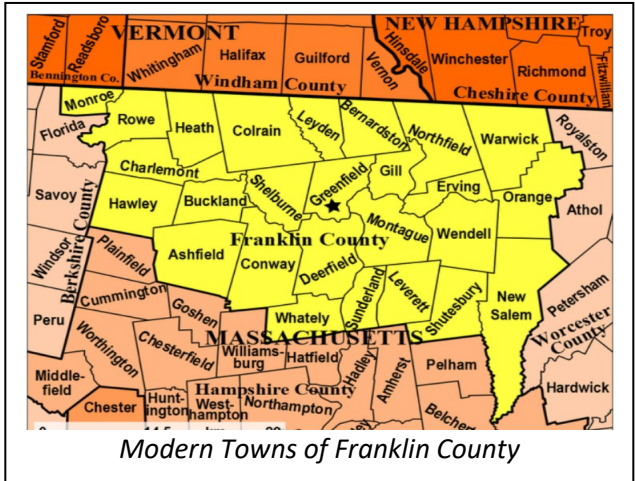
Between 1997 and 2000, Massachusetts abolished eight of its 14 county governments, leaving five counties with county-level local government (Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Norfolk, Plymouth) and one, Nantucket County, with combined county/town government. Vestigial judicial and law enforcement districts still follow the old county boundaries in the counties where county-level government has been disestablished, and the counties are still generally recognized as geographic entities if not political ones, along with continuing to provide geographical demarcation for National Weather Service weather warnings. Many records of historical and genealogical significance are found in the county seats or “shire towns” of the counties.

#### Sources

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_counties\\_in\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_counties_in_Massachusetts)

## Franklin County

Franklin County, named after Benjamin Franklin, is a nongovernmental county located in western Massachusetts. It was created on 24 June 1811 from Hampshire County (see p. 18). As of the 2020 census, the population was 71,029, which makes it the least-populous county on the Massachusetts mainland, and the third-least populous county in the state. Its traditional county seat and most populous city is Greenfield. Its largest town by area is New Salem.



### Boundary Changes

- Parent County: Created from Hampshire County, December 2, 1811. (Mass. Acts 1811, ch. 61/p. 467)
- County Seat: Greenfield
- [Interactive Map of Massachusetts County Formation History \(1790-1897\)](#) - animated maps illustrating Massachusetts county boundary changes
- [Franklin County, Massachusetts Historical Boundary Changes](#) - list of all boundary changes by county provided by Newberry Library

### County Courthouse

43 Hope Street  
 Greenfield, MA 01301  
 Phone: 413-775-7400  
 Franklin County Website

### Records

#### Beginning dates for Major County Records

Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
at town creation	at town creation	at town creation	1811	1787	1812	1779

\* Statewide registration for births and deaths started in 1841. General compliance year unknown. See also [Town Record](#)

### Vital Records

Franklin County Town Clerks has copies of vital records (birth, marriage, divorce and death records). Clerks respond to inquiries regarding vital records, since most have indexes available. They also have tax lists that may still be available at the town office. Earlier taxes for the towns exist as well.

Digitized vital records includes:

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Database	Repository
• American Marriages Before 1699	Ancestry
• Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800, Vol. 1, Vol. 2, Vol. 3, Vol. 4	Ancestry
• Early Vital Records of Massachusetts, From 1600 to 1850 at The Massachusetts Vital Records Project	American Ancestors
• Marriages performed by three Rabbis in Boston, Chicago and Massachusetts, 1861-1956	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Deaths, 1844: Vol. 8, Barnstable to Hampshire; Vol. 9, Middlesex to Worcester	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Deaths, 1969-2020	FindMyPast
• Massachusetts Marriages 1841-1915	Family Search
• Massachusetts Vital Records To 1850	FindMyPast
• Massachusetts Vital Records, 1620-1915 at Fold 3	
• Massachusetts, Birth Index, 1840-1910	MyHeritage
• Massachusetts, Birth Index, 1860-1970	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Births and Christenings, 1639-1915	Family Search, NEHGS
• Massachusetts, Births, 1636-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Compiled Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1700-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Compiled Marriages, 1633-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1840-1910	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901-1980	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1970-2003	Family Search, Ancestry, American Ancestors
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1970-2003	Family Search, Ancestry, American Ancestors
• Massachusetts, Deaths and Burials, 1795-1910	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Delayed and Corrected Vital Records, 1753-1900 — index & images	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1784-1840	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Marriages, 1695-1910, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Marriages, 1695-1910, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, State Vital Records, 1841-1920	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Birth Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Towns Records, 1626-2001	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Town Death Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Marriage Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Vital Records, 1841-1910	MA State Archives
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850	American Ancestors
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1911-1915	American Ancestors
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1916-1920	American Ancestors
• New England Marriages Prior to 1700	Ancestry
• United States Marriages	FindMyPast

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### Census Records

There are many types of census records for Franklin County:

- Federal Population Schedules are available for 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 (free index), 1890 (fragment), 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940.
- Franklin Co. Mortality Schedules can be obtained for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.
- Franklin Co. Industry and Agriculture Schedules can be found for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.
- Franklin Co. Union Veterans Schedules can be found for 1890.
- Massachusetts state censuses exist for the years 1855 and 1865.

### Probate Records

Franklin County Clerk of Probate Court has Probate Records from 1812. Probates before 1812 for towns now in Franklin County are at Northampton in Hampshire County. The County Clerk of Probate Court has many responsibilities which include the administration of estates, probate of wills, and the appointment of guardians, have been under the jurisdiction of the courts since the 1630s. County courts and later, county judges of probate, were responsible for these functions until 1783, when the probate courts were established. In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the probate and family courts were given jurisdiction over adoptions, divorces, name changes, and domestic relations.

Probate records are held at:

Franklin County Clerk of Probate Court  
Franklin County Probate Court  
43 Hope Street  
P. O. Box 590  
Greenfield, MA 01302  
Phone: 413-774-7011

### Naturalization Records

No information has been found concerning naturalization records for Franklin County.

### Land Records

Land records since the creation of Franklin County in 1811 are held at:

Franklin County Register of Deeds  
30 Olive Street - Suite 2  
Greenfield MA 01301  
Phone 413-772-0239  
Email: [franklinrod@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:franklinrod@sec.state.ma.us)  
Website: <https://www.franklindeeds.com/>

Franklin County Register of Deeds has Land Records from 1787. Earlier deeds for land now in Franklin County are at Springfield (see Hampden County). Abstracts of these deeds recorded at the Springfield registry from 1663—1786 are at Greenfield. Deeds for 1787-present are in Greenfield; between 1787—1812 they were recorded at the Deerfield registry, which was transferred to Greenfield in 1812. Probates before 1812 for towns now in Franklin County are at Northampton in Hampshire County. The County Register of Deeds is the place where all transactions of a Real Property nature are recorded so that the public is made aware of their existence. Deeds, mortgages, tax liens, water liens, declaration of

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homestead and many other kinds of documents regarding the title and ownership of real estate are noted permanently in official records.

The Franklin County Registry of Deeds has made the following information available online with both scanned documents and indices at its [website](#) for a subscription fee.

- Online Grantor/Grantee Index I - 1984 forward and continues to expand to include earlier records.
- Indexes from 1838 to 1983 have been scanned into the database in their original form and are searchable by name and the original index pages. (W400TXT2)

### Court Records

Franklin County Clerk of Courts has Court Records from 1812. The County Clerk of Courts has jurisdiction over all civil, criminal, and equity cases.

### Cemetery and Church Records

Information about burials in cemeteries located in Franklin County can be found online at:

Database	Repository
• Massachusetts Cemetery Research Guide	RAOGK.ORG
• Hampshire Co., Massachusetts Graves	Find A Grave
• Hampshire County Tombstone Transcription Project	usgwtombstones.org
• Hampshire Co., Massachusetts Cemeteries	Internment.net
• Hampshire Co., Massachusetts Cemetery Books	Amazon.com
• Massachusetts Church & Bible Research Guide (raogk.org)	RAOGK.ORG
• Historical catalogue of the Northampton First Church, 1661-1891	Family Search

### Record Loss

There is no known history of courthouse disasters in this county.

### History

Pocumtuck Indians first settled and originally inhabited the Greenfield area. Native American artifacts found in the area have been dated between 7,000 and 9,000 years BCE. The Pocumtucks planted field crops and fished local rivers. Some sources claim that they were wiped out by the Mohawks in 1664 and that the land was left unoccupied. Other sources show that the Pocumtucks joined the Wampanoag chief Metacom in August of 1675 in the fight against English encroachment, indicating a continued presence in the area. The Pocumtuck also played an important role in the Battle of Great Falls / Wissantinnewag - Peskeompskut on May 19, 1676, and tribal oral tradition indicates that following the battle, elements of the Pocumtuck fled to and were incorporated into the Abenaki people to the north and the Mahican people to the west.

The area was colonized as part of Deerfield by the English in 1686.

In 1753, Greenfield, named for the Green River, was incorporated as a separate town from Deerfield.

In 1795 the South Hadley Canal opened, enabling boats to bypass the South Hadley falls and reach Greenfield via the Connecticut River. Located at the confluence of the Deerfield and Green rivers, and not far from where they merge into the Connecticut River, Greenfield developed into a trade center. The Falls provided waterpower for industry, and Greenfield grew into a prosperous mill town. John Russell

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established the Green River Works in 1834, hiring skilled German workers at what was the country's first cutlery factory. The Connecticut River Railroad was the first of several railways to enter the town, replacing the former canal trade. During the 19th and 20th centuries, Greenfield was one of the most important American centers of the tap and die business and was the home of Greenfield Tap & Die Company (GTD).

### Historical Events

The **Raid on Deerfield** took place February 29, 1704, during Queen Anne's War (1702-1713). For extensive information on this event see: <http://1704.deerfield.history.museum/index.html>.

### Cities and Towns

Ashfield (1765)	Bernardston (1762)	Buckland (1779)
Charlemont (1765)	Colrain (1761)	Conway (1775)
Deerfield (1677)	Erving (1838)	Gill (1793)
Greenfield (1775)	Hawley (1792)	Heath (1785)
Leverett (1774)	Leyden (1809)	Monroe (1822)
Montague (1775)	New Salem (1775)	Northfield (1723)
Orange (1810)	Rowe (1785)	Shelburne (1775)
Shutesbury (1761)	Sunderland (1714)	Warwick (1763)
Wendell (1781)	Whately (1771)	

### Genealogy and Historical Societies

Society	Address	Contact Information
Ashfield Historical Society	457 Main Street Ashfield, MA 01330	413-628-0001 <a href="http://www.ashfieldhistorical.org/">http://www.ashfieldhistorical.org/</a>
Bernardston Historical Society, Powers Institute	20 Charles Street Bernardston, MA 01337	413-648-3511 Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/people/Bernardston-Historical-Society/">https://www.facebook.com/people/Bernardston-Historical-Society/</a>
Buckland Historical Society	P. O. Box 88 Buckland, MA 01338	413-625-9763 <a href="https://www.bucklandmasshistory.org/">https://www.bucklandmasshistory.org/</a>
Charlemont Historical Society	157 Main Street Charlemont, MA 01339	413-339-4037 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/charlemonthistoricalsociety/">https://www.facebook.com/charlemonthistoricalsociety/</a>
Colrain Historical Society	P. O. Box 45 8 Main Street Colrain, MA 01340	413-624-3710 <a href="https://www.colrainhistoricalsociety.org/">https://www.colrainhistoricalsociety.org/</a>
Conway Historical Society	P. O. Box 174 50 Main Street Conway, MA 01341	413-369-4224 <a href="https://conwaymasshistory.org/">https://conwaymasshistory.org/</a>
Historical Society of Greenfield	43 Church St. Greenfield, MA 01301	<a href="http://www.historicalsocietygreenfieldma.org/help-us/">http://www.historicalsocietygreenfieldma.org/help-us/</a>
Heath Historical Society	P.O. Box 698 Heath, MA 01346	<a href="https://www.heathhistsociety.org/">https://www.heathhistsociety.org/</a>
Leverett Historical Society	Moore's Corner Schoolhouse, North Leverett Rd. Leverett, MA 01054;	<a href="http://www.leveretthistorical.org/">http://www.leveretthistorical.org/</a>
Swift River Valley Historical Society	40 Elm Street New Salem, MA 01355	978-544-6882 <a href="https://swiftrivermuseum.org">https://swiftrivermuseum.org</a>



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Society	Address	Contact Information
Orange Historical Society	41 North Main Street Orange, MA 01364	978-544-3141 <a href="http://orangehistoricalsocietyma.org/">http://orangehistoricalsocietyma.org/</a>
Rowe Historical Society and Kemp-McCarthy Memorial Museum	282 Zoar Road Rowe, MA 01367	413-339-4238 <a href="http://www.rowehistoricalociety.org/">http://www.rowehistoricalociety.org/</a>
Shelburne Historical Society	P.O. Box 86 33 Severance Street Shelburne Falls, MA 01370	413-625-6150 Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/people/Shelburne-Historical-Society/100067183909359/">https://www.facebook.com/people/Shelburne-Historical-Society/100067183909359/</a>
Warwick Historical Society	6 Athol Road Warwick, MA 01378	978-544-7363 Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WarwickHistoricalSociety/">https://www.facebook.com/WarwickHistoricalSociety/</a>
Whately Historical Society	P.O. Box 7 218 Chestnut Plain Road Whately, MA 01093	413-665-0054 <a href="http://www.whatelyhistorical.org/">http://www.whatelyhistorical.org/</a>

### Repositories

The repositories for **Franklin** County included in this location guide are:

- Greenfield Public Library (page 8)
- Greenfield, Town Clerk's Office (page 10)
- Henry N. Flynt Library (page 12)
- Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association (page 15)

### Sources

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin\\_County,\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin_County,_Massachusetts)  
[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Franklin\\_County,\\_Massachusetts\\_Genealogy](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Franklin_County,_Massachusetts_Genealogy)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenfield,\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenfield,_Massachusetts)  
<http://www.genealogyinc.com/massachusetts/franklin-county/>  
<http://www.franklincountydeedsme.com/ALIS/WW400R.HTM?WSIQTP=SY00>  
<https://www.cyndislist.com/us/ma/counties/franklin/>

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### Greenfield Public Library

**Description**            The Greenfield Public Library serves as a public center for enrichment, entertainment, access to technology, self-directed learning and the exploration of ideas. The Library serves all members of the community, regardless of age, income, education, religious or political beliefs and makes no judgment on the nature of individual inquiry.

The GPL is currently housed in the Leavitt-Hovey House which was designed by Asher Benjamin, the writer of the first architectural pattern book published in America. Built in 1797 for Atty. Jonathan Leavitt, it was later owned by George Hovey, a local area merchant. In 1907 the Town of Greenfield purchased the building for the purpose of renovating it to become a public library. While the exterior was preserved, the wings needed to be rebuilt. The library opened on January 11, 1909 with close to a thousand people in attendance. (Kellogg, History of Greenfield 1900 – 1929).

**Address**                    402 Main Street  
Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
Exhibits	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Library	Closed	9:30a.m. to 8:00 pm	9:30a.m. to 8:00 pm	9:30a.m. to 8:00 pm	9:30a.m. to 5:00 pm	9:30a.m. to 8:00 pm	9:30a.m. to 2:00 pm

Check the website for holiday closings. There are lots.

<b>Cost for Entry</b>	Free
<b>Family Search</b>	Yes
<b>Affiliate Library</b>	NOTE: it is listed among the Affiliate libraries but not on the map.
<b>Phone</b>	413-772-1544
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://greenfieldpubliclibrary.org/">https://greenfieldpubliclibrary.org/</a>
<b>Facebook</b>	
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:librarian@greenfieldpubliclibrary.org">librarian@greenfieldpubliclibrary.org</a>

### Collection

<b>Focus</b>	Our local history collection houses a complete microfilm collection of the Greenfield Newspapers, as well as selected local town histories, directories, other local historic topics and genealogy resources. The collection is available for use whenever the library is open.
<b>Periodicals and Newspapers</b>	The <b>Greenfield Recorder</b> ( <a href="https://infoweb.newsbank.com/signin/GreenfieldPublicLibrary/GMRB">https://infoweb.newsbank.com/signin/GreenfieldPublicLibrary/GMRB</a> ) allows you access to full-text articles from the Greenfield Recorder (coverage from 1997- present, with selected issues 1987-1996). Requires Library Card to access online.
<b>Online Catalogs</b>	YES: <a href="http://bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home?loc=209">http://bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home?loc=209</a>
<b>Digital Collections</b>	Link to Digital Commonwealth ( <a href="https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/">https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/</a> )
<b>Requesting Resources</b>	Information Services: 413-772-1544, option 6

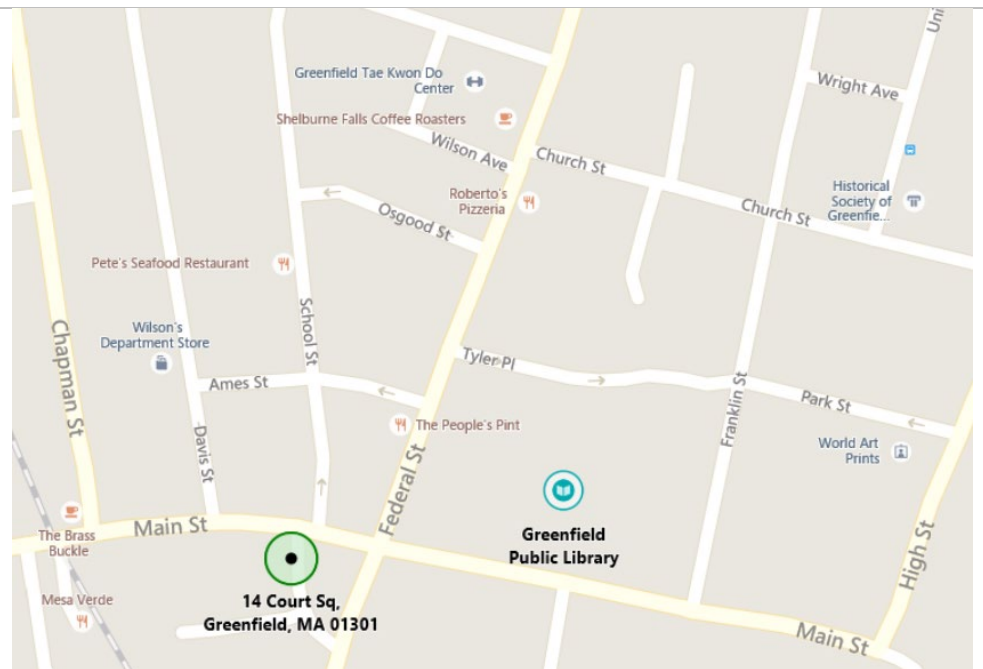
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### On-Site

Internet Access	Free Wi-Fi throughout library
Printing	\$.10 per page. Only from in-house computers
Photocopying	---
Digital Images	---
Photography	---
Reproduction Services	---

### Getting There, While You're There

#### Location



Parking	On street parking; parking lot adjacent to Library
Restaurants	Several restaurants nearby—see above map
Nearby Organizations	Greenfield, Town Clerk's Office (page 10) Historical Society of Greenfield

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### Greenfield, City Clerk’s Office

Address	Greenfield City Hall 14 Court Square, Room 104 Greenfield, MA 01301							
Hours		<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
	By phone	Closed	8:30 am to 5:00 pm	8:30 am to 5:00 pm	8:30 am to 5:00 pm	8:30 am to 5:00 pm	8:30 am to 5:00 pm	Closed
	In Person	Closed	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Closed
Cost for Entry	Free							
Phone	413-772-1555 x6162							
URL	<a href="http://greenfield-ma.gov/p/16/Town-Clerks-Office">http://greenfield-ma.gov/p/16/Town-Clerks-Office</a>							
Contact	Deborah Tuttle, Town Clerk: <a href="mailto:townclerk@greenfield-ma.gov">townclerk@greenfield-ma.gov</a>							

### Collection

Focus	<p><b>Birth Certificates:</b> Birth records are available if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The birth occurred in Greenfield.</li> <li>A parent was living in Greenfield at the time of the birth, and requested the record be made available in Greenfield.</li> </ul> <p>When requesting a Birth Certificate please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The name of the person on the record being requested.</li> <li>The person's date of birth.</li> </ul> <p><b>Death Certificates:</b> Death records are available if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The death occurred in Greenfield.</li> <li>The decedent died in another Massachusetts community and listed Greenfield as their residence at the time of death.</li> </ul> <p>To order a death record, you will need to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A request with the name of the decedent.</li> <li>The date of death.</li> </ul> <p><b>Marriage Records:</b> The Clerk's Office can provide certified copies of marriage licenses for people who applied for their marriage intention here; we do not have records of marriages that occurred in Greenfield if the intention was not taken here. If you have questions about obtaining a copy of a marriage license, please contact the office at 413-772-1555 or by email.</p>
Fees	Certified copies: \$10 each if obtained in person; \$11 plus bank charges if ordered online.
Requesting Resources	<p>Please note: all vital records (birth, death, and marriage certificates) that will be picked up or mailed need to be requested at least 24 hours in advance.</p> <p>Greenfield holds birth and death records for people who were born or died here. We also have some records if the parent(s) or person was living in Greenfield at the time of the event. In Massachusetts, some vital records are only available to those listed on the record; when requesting a record, you may be required to provide a state-issued ID. If you have any questions regarding obtaining your birth, death, or marriage certificates, please contact the city clerk’s office at 413-772-1555, ext. 6162. These records are each \$10 if obtained in the office.</p>

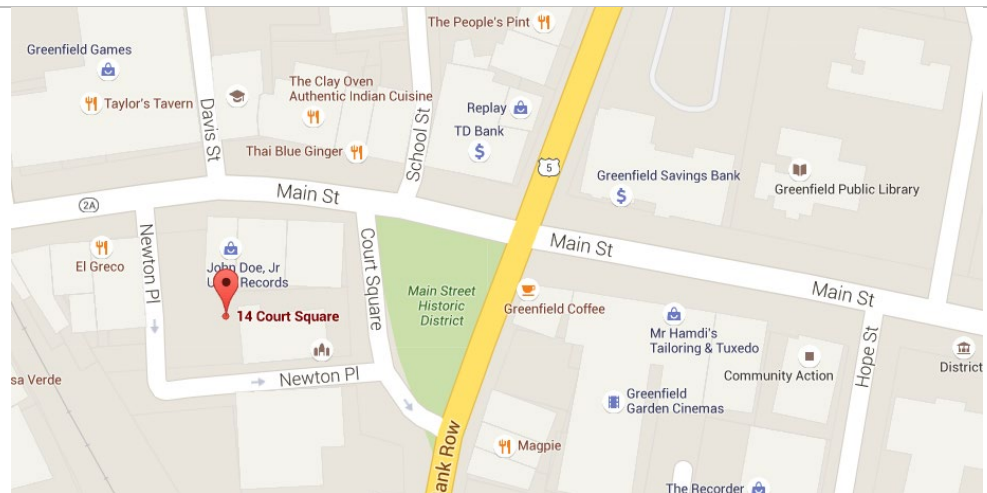
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There are four ways to request a vital record; please make sure to check the appropriate section below for the specific requirements for the type of record you wish to order:

- **In person** at the City Clerk's Office, Room 104, City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., other than posted holidays. Check the appropriate section below for requirements.
- **By phone** at 413-772-1555. If we are unable to take your call, please leave a message with the following information:
  - The date of the birth, death, or marriage.
  - The name(s) on the record.
  - Your phone number in case we need to contact you. Please bring a valid photo ID when you come to pick up your document.
- **Online** at the [Online Payment Center](#). Select "Town Clerk" then the type of record you wish to order. **Documents ordered online will be mailed; they cannot be picked up at City Hall, emailed, or faxed.** Your online order will be processed within 48 business hours of our office receiving all required information.; please keep an eye on your email, including in your spam folder as we will email you if additional information is necessary. The cost to order vital records online is \$11. There is also a service fee associated with online payment; the amount of the fee depends on your method of payment.
- **By mail** by sending [the request form you can download here](#), signed, and the necessary information (see below). Send your request; a check or money order for \$10 per certified copy, payable to City of Greenfield; and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the City Clerk's Office, 14 Court Sq., Greenfield, MA 01301. You can also leave your request in the City Hall drop box next to our accessible side door.

### Getting There, While You're There

#### Location



Parking	Available near the Greenfield Public Library
Nearby restaurants	Several nearby; see map.
Nearby Organizations	Greenfield Public Library (page 8)

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### Henry N. Flynt Library (Historic Deerfield Research Library; Memorial Libraries)

Description	Historic Deerfield operates a research library with the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, together known as the Memorial Libraries. The libraries are open to visitors who have an interest in early New England life, local history, and decorative arts.						
Address	6 Memorial Street Deerfield, MA 01342						
Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
Exhibits							
Library	Closed	Closed	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5 pm  NOTE Saturday of the month
	The library is open from April through November. Closed all state and federal holidays						
Cost for Services	For researchers unable to visit the library, limited assistance is available by phone, email, or US mail, as time permits. Reproduction services (photocopies, scans, and digital images for publication) are available to researchers depending on the condition and size of material. Staff will determine a reasonable amount per collection or title and fill requests as time permits. Contact the library for fees and payment information.						
Family Search Affiliate Library	NO						
Phone	413-774-7125						
Email	library@historic-deerfield.org						
URL	<a href="https://www.historic-deerfield.org/libraries/">https://www.historic-deerfield.org/libraries/</a>						
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/HistoricDeerfield">https://www.facebook.com/HistoricDeerfield</a>						

### Collection

Focus	The Henry N. Flynt Library serves primarily as a research center for Historic Deerfield's collections and programs. Holdings are particularly strong in the decorative arts, architecture, and material culture of early New England, and include approximately 23,000 printed volumes, numerous periodicals, and important collections of manuscripts accessible through an online catalog. The Stephen L. Wolf Collection of books on paint, varnish, and the history of color provides a remarkable degree of depth on those subjects.
Maps	Housed in the Flynt Center of Early New England Life and the Memorial Libraries, and the historic houses (particularly the Ashley House), the collection focuses on prints and maps known to have been owned in Deerfield and the Connecticut River Valley, the collection's strengths include portraits (New England), landscapes, political and allegorical prints, and depictions of historical events.

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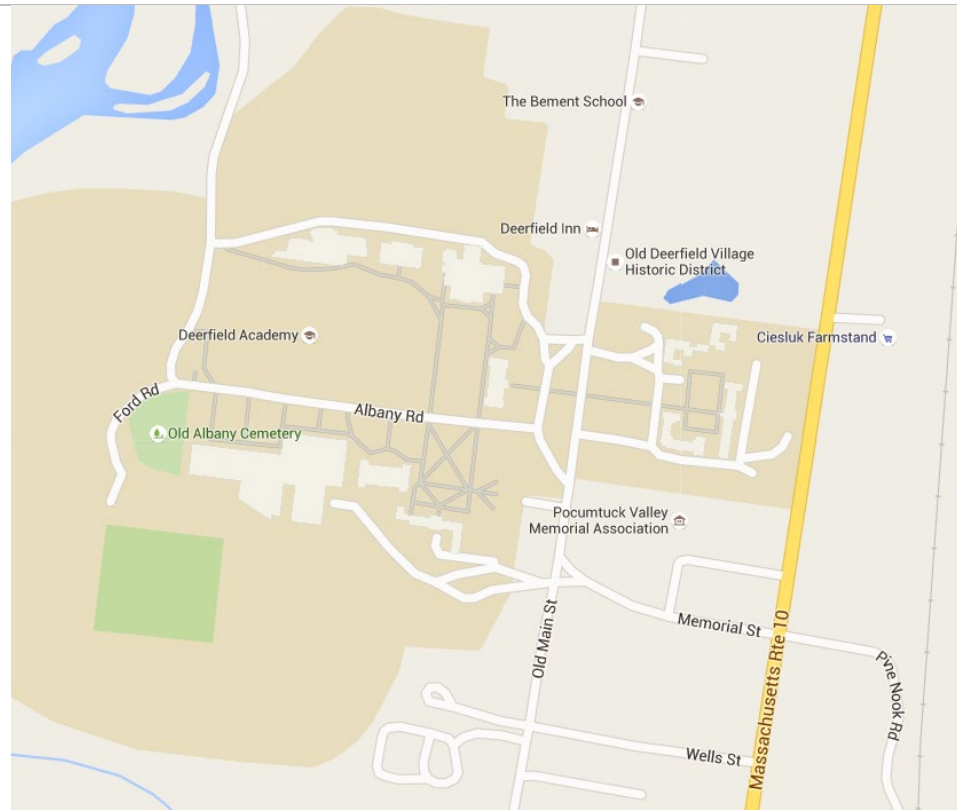
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Manuscripts	Champney Papers, Colton Family Papers, Dwight Family Genealogy Papers, Mary Earle Gould Papers, William H. Guthman Papers, Epaphras Hoyt Sketch-book Collection, Julia D.S. Snow Papers, Taylor Family Papers, the Women’s History Sourcebook, the A.L. Avery General Store Records, the Reginald and Rachel French Collection, and the Pease-Hyde Papers.
Online catalog	YES: <a href="http://library.historic-deerfield.org/eg/opac/home">http://library.historic-deerfield.org/eg/opac/home</a>
Finding Aids	<p>The following finding aids are available online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Abbott Family Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Catamount Hill Association Collection</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Colton Family Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Oliver Edwards and Sons Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Mary Earle Gould Papers Arthur Hoyt Family Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Pease-Hyde Papers Julia D.S. Snow Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">A.L. Avery General Store Records</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Champney Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Dwight Family Genealogy Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Reginald and Rachel French Collection</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">William H. Guthman Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Epaphras Hoyt Sketch-book Collection</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Porter Family Papers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Taylor Family Papers</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">View transcriptions of 18th and early 19th-century Deerfield probate records, wills, and related documents</a>; originals are held in local county courthouses.</p> <p>Subject Guides to the following collections at the Memorial Libraries can be downloaded (PDF format) from the Memorial Libraries <a href="#">page</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• American Revolution</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Foodways</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Animals</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Hospitality</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Apprenticeship and Indentured Servitude</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Illness and Mental Health</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Civil War Guide</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Leisure and Recreation</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Courtship</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Travel</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Death and Mourning</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Violence and Crime</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Disability History Guide</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• War of 1812</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Education</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Women’s History Sourcebook 2022</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Enslavement</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• World War I and II</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Foodways</li> </ul>
Exhibits	Regular schedule of events and happenings: <a href="https://www.historic-deerfield.org/events">https://www.historic-deerfield.org/events</a>
Requesting Resources	Priority is given to assisting researchers who use the library in person, making it advisable to do so whenever possible. When contacting us regarding your research question, please specify all sources you have already consulted, including titles and authors of books when applicable. This will ensure the most efficient use of our time, thus helping to minimize the cost to you.
<b>On-Site</b>	
Access restrictions	No information provided online
Internet Access	Throughout facility
Photocopying	---
Digital Images	---
Photography	--
Reproduction Services	---

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Parking	Off street parking is available
Nearby restaurants	Limited Champney's Restaurant and Tavern at the Deerfield Inn
Other Repositories	Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Library—PVMA (page 15) Old Deerfield Village Historic District



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### Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association (PVMA) Library (Memorial Libraries)

Description	The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association (PVMA) of Deerfield, Massachusetts is a non-profit, membership-based cultural and historical organization incorporated by an official act of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1870.						
Address	P. O. Box 428 10 Memorial Street Deerfield, MA 01342						
Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
Library	Closed	Closed	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5 pm on 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month
The library is open from April through November. Closed all state and federal holidays							
Cost for Entry	--						
Family Search Affiliate Library	NO						
Phone	413-774-7476						
URL	<a href="http://deerfield-ma.org/about/library/">http://deerfield-ma.org/about/library/</a>						
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=pocumtuck%20valley%20memorial%20association">https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=pocumtuck%20valley%20memorial%20association</a>						
Email Contact	<a href="mailto:pvmaoffice@deerfield.history.museum">pvmaoffice@deerfield.history.museum</a>						

### Collection

**Focus**

The PVMA Library collection, part of the Memorial Libraries, represents the life and thought of one small town and its environs from the close of the 17th century through the 20th century. Together they embody three centuries of reading fare—literature, sermons, history, travel, biography, periodicals, and works on agriculture, animal husbandry, and domestic economy—many of which exist in rare imprints.

The library owns more than 600 account books and daybooks of local origin, ranging in date from the late 17th to the mid-20th century. Kept by merchants, professionals, farmers, craftsmen, and business firms, these ledgers yield valuable material for studies in economic and local history.

Manuscript sermons document the work of various local ministers, occasionally in considerable depth. Included are the writings of the Reverends Jonathan Ashley (1712-1780), Samuel Williams (1743-1817), and Edward Hitchcock (1793-1864). Each offers an opportunity to study religious life and thought in rural New England. Records of churches in Deerfield and surrounding towns have also been preserved.

More than 200 diaries provide an intimate and often detailed view of life in an earlier day. Represented are the writings of 90 individuals; men, women, and children who recorded their personal and family concerns, and their activities as farmers, politicians, artists, physicians, ministers, craftsmen, and travelers.

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Of particular interest to social historians is the library’s collection of records of voluntary societies in Deerfield and surrounding towns. An extensive miscellany of 17th- to 19th-century Deerfield town records and documents from other western Massachusetts towns provide additional research opportunities.

Manuscripts	<p>PVMA Library manuscripts include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The library owns more than 600 account books and daybooks of local origin, ranging in date from the late 17th to the mid-20th century which were kept by merchants, professionals, farmers, craftsmen, and business firms, these ledgers yield valuable material for studies in economic and local history.</li> <li>• Manuscript sermons document the work of various local ministers, occasionally in considerable depth. Included are the writings of the Reverends Jonathan Ashley (1712-1780), Samuel Williams (1743-1817), and Edward Hitchcock (1793-1864). Each offers an opportunity to study religious life and thought in rural New England. Records of churches in Deerfield and surrounding towns have also been preserved.</li> <li>• More than 200 diaries provide an intimate and often detailed view of life in an earlier day. Represented are the writings of 90 individuals; men, women, and children who recorded their personal and family concerns, and their activities as farmers, politicians, artists, physicians, ministers, craftsmen, and travelers.</li> <li>• Of particular interest to social historians is the library’s collection of records of voluntary societies in Deerfield and surrounding towns.</li> </ul>
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Finding Aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive collection of <b>Family Papers</b> available online <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Numerous <b>Diaries</b> available online <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Business, Association, and Church Records</b> available online <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Broadsides, Handbills, and Posters</b> <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Research Collections</b> <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• <b>List of Account Books</b> <a href="#">Account-books-in-PVMA</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Deerfield Town Papers</b> <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
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Online resources	<p><b>American Centuries: View from New England</b> (<a href="http://www.americancenturies.mass.edu">www.americancenturies.mass.edu</a>): Consists of over 2,000 items from Memorial Hall Museum and Library comprising artifacts, documents, maps, photographs and books from New England. The Collection spans a vast sweep of history: from the area’s earliest Native American inhabitants to modern times. In addition, special exhibits focus with more detail on specific historical events or topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turns of the Centuries</li> <li>• Raid on Deerfield: The Many Stories of 1704</li> <li>• Shays’ Rebellion and the Making of a Nation</li> <li>• Map to African American Historic Sites</li> </ul>
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**Raid on Deerfield: The Many Stories of 1704** ([www.1704.deerfield.history.museum](http://www.1704.deerfield.history.museum)): in-depth coverage of the raid on the English settlement at Deerfield, MA by French and Native allies. The site attempts to tell the story of this event from all perspectives.

Exhibits	Regular schedule of events and happenings: <a href="http://deerfield-ma.org/happenings/">http://deerfield-ma.org/happenings/</a>
Requesting Resources	--

### On-Site

Access restrictions	No information provided online
Internet Access	----
Photocopying	---

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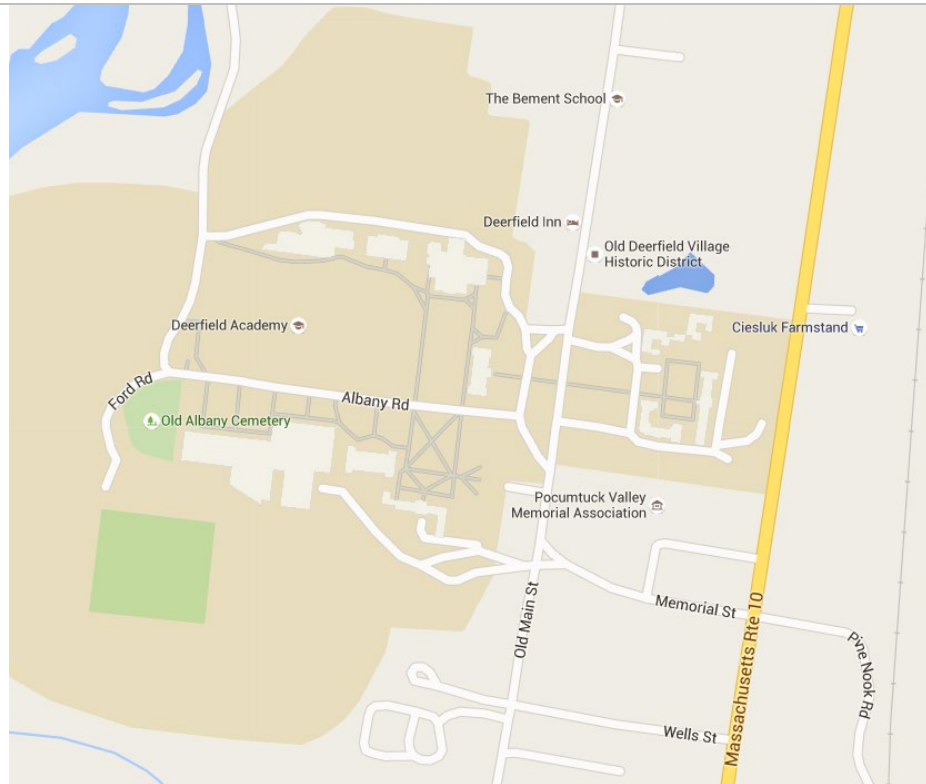
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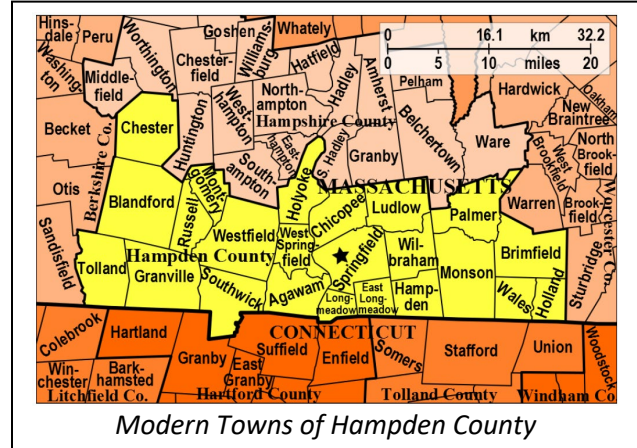
Parking	Off street parking is available
Nearby restaurants	limited
Nearby Organizations	Henry N. Flynt Library (page 12)

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## Hampden County

Hampden County is a non-governmental county located in the Pioneer Valley in western Massachusetts. It is the most urban county in Western Massachusetts with a population of 463,490 as of the 2010 census. Its traditional county seat is Springfield, the Connecticut River Valley's largest city, is its traditional county seat.

Hampden County was split from Hampshire County in 1812, because Northampton, Massachusetts was made Hampshire County's "shire town" in 1794; however, Springfield—theretofore Hampshire County's traditional shire town, dating back to its founding in 1636—grew at a pace far quicker than Northampton and was granted shire town-status over its own, southerly jurisdiction. It was named for John Hampden, an English patriot involved in challenging the authority of Charles I in the period before the English Civil War.



### Boundary Changes

- Parent County: Created from Hampshire, on August 1, 1812.[7]
- County Seat: Springfield[8]
- [Interactive Map of Massachusetts County Formation History \(1790-1897\)](#) - animated maps illustrating Massachusetts county boundary changes
- [Hampden County, Massachusetts Historical Boundary Changes](#) - list of all boundary changes by county provided by Newberry Library

### County Court House

Hampden County Courthouse  
 50 State Street  
 Springfield, MA 01102  
 Phone: 413-735-6016  
 Hampden County Website: <https://www.hampdenma.gov/>

### Records

Beginning dates for Major County Records

Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
at town creation	at town creation	at town creation	1812	1636	1812	1779

\* Statewide registration for births and deaths started in 1841. General compliance year unknown. See also [Town Record](#)

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### Vital Records

Generally vital records are located in the individual towns.

Digitized vital records:

Database	Repository
• American Marriages Before 1699	Ancestry
• Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800, Vol. 1, Vol. 2, Vol. 3, Vol. 4	Ancestry
• Early Vital Records of Massachusetts, From 1600 to 1850 at The Massachusetts Vital Records Project	American Ancestors
• Marriages performed by three Rabbis in Boston, Chicago and Massachusetts, 1861-1956	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Deaths, 1844: Vol. 8, Barnstable to Hampshire; Vol. 9, Middlesex to Worcester	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Deaths, 1969-2020	FindMyPast
• Massachusetts Marriages 1841-1915	Family Search
• Massachusetts Vital Records To 1850	FindMyPast
• Massachusetts Vital Records, 1620-1915 at Fold 3	
• Massachusetts, Birth Index, 1840-1910	MyHeritage
• Massachusetts, Birth Index, 1860-1970	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Births and Christenings, 1639-1915	Family Search, NEHGS
• Massachusetts, Births, 1636-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Compiled Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1700-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Compiled Marriages, 1633-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1840-1910	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901-1980	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1970-2003	Family Search, Ancestry, American Ancestors
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1970-2003	Family Search, Ancestry, American Ancestors
• Massachusetts, Deaths and Burials, 1795-1910	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Delayed and Corrected Vital Records, 1753-1900 — index & images	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1784-1840	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Marriages, 1695-1910, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Marriages, 1695-1910, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, State Vital Records, 1841-1920	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Birth Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Towns Records, 1626-2001	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Town Death Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Marriage Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Vital Records, 1841-1910	MA State Archives
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850	American Ancestors

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Database	Repository
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1911-1915	American Ancestors
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1916-1920	American Ancestors
• New England Marriages Prior to 1700	Ancestry
• United States Marriages	FindMyPast

### Probate Records

Probate records prior to the creation of Hampden County in 1812 reside in Hampshire County. Those from 1812 are available at the Hampden County Clerk of Probate Court

### Digitized probate records

Database	Repository
<a href="#">Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records 1635-1991</a>	Ancestry.com
<a href="#">Probate Records of Hampden County and City of Springfield, 1806-1919</a>	FamilySearch: Hampden County Probate Court
<a href="#">Probate Records, 1809-1881</a>	FamilySearch: Hampden County Probate Court
<a href="#">Probate Docket Books, 1812-1916, Indexes, 1812-1867</a>	FamilySearch: Hampden County Probate Court
<a href="#">Probate Records Index, 1812-1986</a>	FamilySearch: Hampden County Probate Court
<a href="#">Probate Records, 1814-1929</a>	FamilySearch: Hampden County Probate Court
<a href="#">Court Records, 1816-1914</a>	FamilySearch: Hampden County Judicial Court
<a href="#">Affidavits of Trust of Administrator Appointments, 1900-1901</a>	FamilySearch: Hampden County Register of Probate

### Census Records

There are many types of census records for Hampden County:

- Federal Population Schedules are available for 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 (free index), 1890 (fragment), 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940.
- Hampden Co. Mortality Schedules can be obtained for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.
- Hampden Co. Industry and Agriculture Schedules can be found for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.
- Hampden Co. Union Veterans Schedules can be found for 1890.
- Massachusetts state censuses exist for the years 1855 and 1865.

### Naturalization Records

Naturalization records were created on a variety of governmental levels from the Federal down to the city at the same time.

#### *Online Naturalization Indexes and Records - Covering Multiple Courts*

Database	Repository
Massachusetts, United States Naturalization Records, 1871-1991	FamilySearch
Massachusetts, Naturalization Records, 1906-1917	FamilySearch
Massachusetts, U.S., State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1798-1950	Ancestry

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See the [Hampden County, Mass. article](#) in FamilySearch Wiki for additional sources of naturalization records.

### Land Records

Hampden County holds all the original deeds of Hampshire County from its beginning in 1662 to the creation of this county in 1812. Original records are available at the Registry of Deed in Springfield:

Hampden County Registry of Deeds  
Hampden County Courthouse  
50 State Street  
Springfield MA 01103  
Phone 413-755-1722

Records from 1950 to the present can be searched online at Hampden County Public Search by name, parties to the transaction, document types, date range, town, year, and date range (<http://registryofdeeds.co.hampden.ma.us/>).

Digitized land records:

Database	Repository
<a href="#">Massachusetts Land Records, 1620-1986</a>	FamilySearch
<a href="#">Land Deeds, 1628-1867; Grantee and Grantor Indexes, 1636-1869</a>	FamilySearch
Grantee and Grantor Indexes, 1870-1909, Land Records, 1866-1902, 1699-1856, and Land Record Abstracts, 1634-1830, 1699-1909	FamilySearch
Hampden County Commissioner Books, v. A; 1-31	Hampden County Registry of Deeds
Court Records, 1816-1914, v. 1-11 [Hampden County, Massachusetts	FamilySearch
Grants of Property, 1881-1894 Hampden County Massachusetts	Family Search
Recorded Land	Hampden Registry of Deeds
Land Court	Hampden Registry of Deeds
Recorded Land Plans	Hampden Registry of Deeds; search by book and page
Deeds, v. 1-238 (1638-1867), indexes: 1636-1800, 1800-1849, 1850-1869,	American Ancestors
Deeds, v. 239-630 (1866-1902), indexes: 1870-1889, 1890-1899, 1900-1909; also Deeds, A-Z (1738-1762); also Springfield deeds, 1634-1664)	American Ancestors

Published land records:

- Harry Andrew Wright, *Indian Deeds of Hampden County: being copies of all land transfers from the Indians recorded in the county of Hampden, Massachusetts, and some deeds from other sources together with notes and translations of Indian place names* (Springfield, Mass., 1905), 194 pp.

Available at WorldCat (Other Libraries); FHL book 974.426 R2w.

Digital versions at Internet Archive, Google Books and Ancestry.com

Full text: <https://books.google.com/books?id=Wq7j8EoY-m8C&printsec=frontcover&dq=harry+andrew+wright+indian+deeds+of+hampden+county&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj->

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## Cemetery and Church Records

Information concerning burials in Hampden County can be found online at:

Database	Repository
• Massachusetts Cemetery Research Guide	RAOGK.ORG
• Hampden County Tombstone Transcription Project	usgwtombstones.org
• Hampden Co., Massachusetts Cemeteries	Internment.net
• Hampden Co., Massachusetts Cemetery Books	Amazon.com
• Massachusetts Church & Bible Research Guide	RAOGK.ORG
• Hampden County, Massachusetts Church Books	Amazon.com

## Record Loss

There is no known history of courthouse disasters in this county.

## Historical Events

**Shays' Rebellion**, an armed uprising in Massachusetts in and around Springfield took place during 1786 and 1787. Revolutionary War veteran Daniel Shays led four thousand rebels (called Shaysites) in rising up against perceived economic injustices and suspension of civil rights (including multiple eviction and foreclosure notices) by Massachusetts, and in a later attempt to capture the United States' national weapons arsenal at the U.S. Armory at Springfield. Although Shays' Rebellion met with defeat militarily against a privately raised militia, it resulted in to call for a stronger national government to suppress future rebellions, resulting in the U.S. Constitutional Convention and according to historian Leonard L. Richards, "fundamentally altering the course of U.S. history." For additional information on this event see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shays%27\\_Rebellion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shays%27_Rebellion).

## Cities and Towns

Agawam (1855)	Blandford (1741)	Brimfield (1731)
Chester (1765)	Chicopee (1848)	East Longmeadow (1894)
Granville (1775)	Hampden (1878)	Holland (1835)
Holyoke (1850)	Longmeadow (1783)	Ludlow (1775)
Monson (1775)	Montgomery (1780)	Palmer (1775)
Russell (1792)	Southwick (1775)	Springfield (1636)
Tolland (1810)	Wales (1775)	West Springfield (1774)
Westfield (1669)	Wilbraham (1763)	

## Genealogy and Historical Societies

Society	Address	Contact Information
Chester Historical Society	Town Hall 15 Middlefield Street Chester, MA 01011	<a href="http://www.chestermass.com/">http://www.chestermass.com/</a>
Irish Cultural Center of Western New England	429 Morgan Road West Springfield, MA 01089	413-333-4951 <a href="https://www.irishcenterwne.org/">https://www.irishcenterwne.org/</a>
Longmeadow Historical Society	697 Longmeadow Street Longmeadow, MA 01106	413-567-3600



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Society	Address	Contact Information
		<a href="http://www.longmeadowhistoricalsociety.org/">http://www.longmeadowhistoricalsociety.org/</a>
Polish Genealogy Society of Massachusetts (Polskie Towarzystwo Genealogiczne w Massachusetts)	P. O. Box 835 Chicopee, MA 01014	413-586-1522 <a href="https://www.pgsma.org/index.html">https://www.pgsma.org/index.html</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Polish-Genealogical-Society-of-Massachusetts-171275172961018">https://www.facebook.com/Polish-Genealogical-Society-of-Massachusetts-171275172961018</a>
Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society	P.O. Box 418 West Springfield, MA 01090	<a href="https://westmassgen.com/">https://westmassgen.com/</a>
Westfield Historic Commission,	59 Court Street Westfield, MA 01085	413-572-6200 <a href="http://history.cityofwestfield.org/">http://history.cityofwestfield.org/</a>

### Repositories

The repositories for **Hampden County** included in this location guide are:

- Chicopee Public Library (page 24)
- Chicopee, City Clerk's Office (page 27)
- Holyoke Public Library (page 29)
- Holyoke, City Clerk's Office (page 33)
- Springfield History Library and Archives (page 35)
- Springfield, City Clerk's Office (page 38)
- The Westfield Athenaeum --Westfield Public Library (page 40)
- Westfield, City Clerk's Office (page 43)

### Sources

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hampden\\_County,\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hampden_County,_Massachusetts)  
[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Hampden\\_County,\\_Massachusetts\\_Genealogy](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Hampden_County,_Massachusetts_Genealogy)  
<http://www.genealogyinc.com/massachusetts/hampden-county/>  
<http://registryofdeeds.co.hampden.ma.us/Homestead.html>  
<https://www.cyndislist.com/us/ma/counties/hampden/>

## Chicopee Public Library

**Description** The Chicopee Public Library is the public library for the city of Chicopee, Massachusetts. A member of the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, the Chicopee Public Library participates in resources sharing and collaboration with all other libraries in the WRMLS system. The Chicopee Public Library owns approximately 109,000 books according to the 2005 IMLS Public Library Report. Additionally they have 4,200 media items and send and receive over 35,000 interlibrary loan requests.

**Address** 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020

Hours	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Library	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	9:00 am to 9:00 pm	9:00 am to 9:00 pm	9:00 am to 9:00 pm	9:00 am to 9:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Check website for holiday closings.							

Cost for Entry	Free
FamilySearch Affiliate Library	YES
Phone	413-594-1800
URL	<a href="https://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org/">https://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org/</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/chicopeelibraryma">https://www.facebook.com/chicopeelibraryma</a>
Contact	Research Librarian: 413-594-1800 x103
Newsletters	Wowbrary: weekly newsletter

### Collection

Focus	The Chicopee Room at the Chicopee Public Library contains materials relating to the history of Chicopee and the surrounding cities/towns in Hampden County. The primary purpose of the Chicopee Room is to promote the study of local history and genealogical research.
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published books related to Chicopee History, including local biographies, industry histories, geological and environmental overviews, as well as books about surrounding cities and towns.</li> <li>City directories (for Chicopee, the directories begin in 1875-76) 1875-1901, 1906, 1911-12, 1916, 1919-33, 1935-38, 1940, 1942-43, 1945, 1947-48, 1950-58, 1960-71, 1974-78, 1980, 1984, 1986-89</li> </ul>
Maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicopee Maps (various 1855-1916)</li> <li>Chicopee Sanbourne Fire Insurance Maps 1915</li> <li>Springfield (1897-1972)</li> <li>Hampden County (1857)</li> </ul>
Periodicals and Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hampshire Federalist (10 issues 1806-1811)</li> <li>Hampden Federalist (24 issues 1813-1816)</li> <li>Hampden Journal (44 issues 1813-1824)</li> <li>Cabotville Chronicle and Chicopee Falls Advertiser (8 issues from 1839-1845)</li> <li>Cabotville Mirror (4 issues 1847, 1849)</li> <li>Chicopee Telegraph (3 issues 1849-1851)</li> <li>Chicopee Journal (18 issues 1857-1880)</li> <li>Olive Leaf (mill newspaper, 1843)</li> <li>The Weekly Journal (2 bound volumes, 1853-1856)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisk Bulletin (from the Fisk Athletic Club and Social Association, 1917 - 1920)</li> <li>• Westover Flier (Westover Air Base newspaper, 1955 - 1970)</li> <li>• Chicopee Highlights (1958-1971)</li> <li>• Chickuppy Magazine (1977-1987)</li> <li>• Skipmunk Magazine (Winter 1977-Summer 1981)</li> <li>• A few select issues are available from The Oracle, Chicopee Herald, Chicopee Times, Springfield Daily Homestead, Springfield Daily News, Springfield Republican, and Springfield Union. Please call, text or email the Reference Department for specific issue dates.</li> </ul>
Manuscripts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicopee Municipal Reports (1848-1977)</li> <li>• Chicopee Soldiers Record– Handwritten ledger containing the name, address, and occupation of the 600 men from Chicopee who served in the Civil War.</li> </ul>
Online databases	Chicopee Archives Online: <a href="http://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org/archives/about">http://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org/archives/about</a>
Online Catalogs	Yes -- <a href="http://bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home?loc=174">http://bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home?loc=174</a>
Microfilm	Vital Records: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Index to births: 1848 – 1909</li> <li>• Register to Births: 1848 – 1903</li> <li>• Index to Intentions of Marriage: 1848 – 1890</li> <li>• Register of Marriage Intentions: 1848 – 1903</li> <li>• Index to Marriages: 1848 – 1909 Last page of M’s</li> <li>• Index to Marriages: 1891 – 1909 (P – Z)</li> <li>• Register of Marriages: 1848 – 1890</li> <li>• Index to Deaths: 1848 – 1912</li> <li>• Register of Deaths: 1848 - 1906</li> <li>• Republican Newspaper: 1982-Present</li> </ul>
Digital Collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisk Tire Company</li> <li>• Charles H. Tracey Documents</li> <li>• Chicopee City Directories</li> <li>• The Olive Leaf and Factory Girl’s Repository</li> <li>• Chicopee Weekly Journal</li> <li>• Soldier’s Record, Town of Chicopee</li> <li>• 1922 Willimansett Floor Postcards</li> </ul>
Other Formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrapbooks - WWII Chicopee Soldiers, Operation “Little Vittles” (WWII), Chicopee City Baseball League (1950)</li> <li>• Street Listings (from voter lists, 1939 – present)</li> <li>• Vertical Files - Newspaper clippings and pamphlets related to people and events in and around Chicopee organized by topic, including historical homes files compiled by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.</li> <li>• Veterans' Grave Registration - Colonial Era to Vietnam War</li> <li>• Yearbooks - Chicopee High School (1942-2001), Chicopee Comprehensive (1964-2002)</li> </ul>
Requesting Resources	--

### On-Site

Internet Access	<p>Free Wi-Fi. Wireless users agree to abide by the Library's Internet Policy while using the library's wireless network.</p> <p>The wireless signal is accessible in all public areas of the building, although signal strength may vary. The library provides filtered Internet access.</p>
Printing	Remote printing for card holders from any Internet connected device.

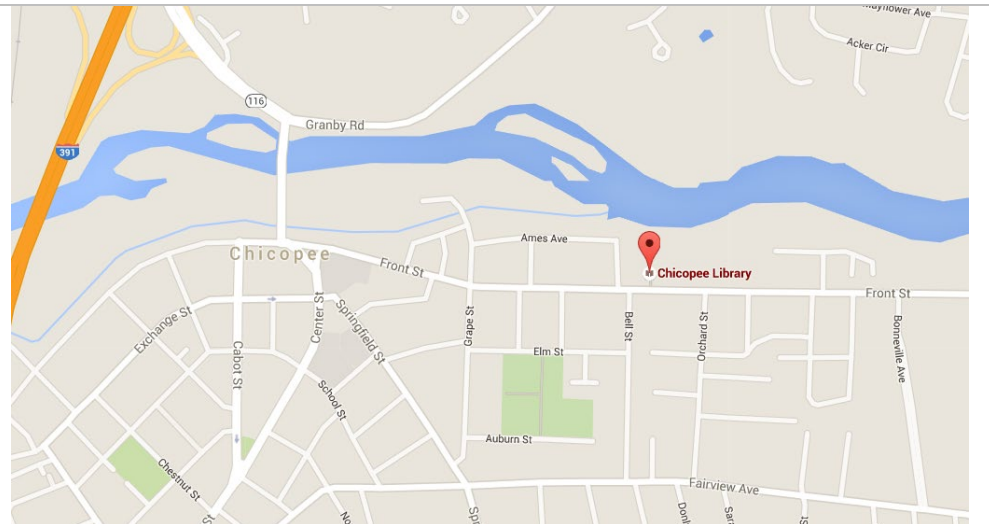
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Digital Images	--
Photography	--
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### Getting There, While You're There

#### Location



Driving Directions	Check on Google Maps
Parking	Off street parking available
Restaurants	None within walking distance
Other	City of Chicopee, Clerk's Office (page 27)
Repositories	Springfield History Library and Archives (page 35)
Places of Interest	Springfield Armory National Historic Site Elms College Springfield College Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield)

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### Chicopee, City Clerk's Office

Address                    Chicopee City Hall  
 17 Springfield Street, Room 100  
 Chicopee, MA 01013

Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
City Hall	Closed	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Closed
Counter Genealogy Research Hours	Closed	Closed	10 am to noon	Closed	10 am to noon	Closed	Closed
◦At certain times of the year genealogy hours may be suspended without notice.							
Cost for Entry	Free						
Phone	413-594-1466						
URL	<a href="http://chicopeema.gov/180/City-Clerk">http://chicopeema.gov/180/City-Clerk</a>						
Facebook	@cityofchicopee						
Contact	Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk						

### Collection

Focus	<p>Vital records for the City of Chicopee from 1848 to the present. Records are open for viewing, except non-public records. As the state archives the vital records, more records will become available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Birth Record</i>: Date of birth, name of child, sex, address, child's birthplace, father's occupation (certain years), father's birthplace, mother's birthplace and date of record and registered number.</li> <li>• <i>Marriage Record</i>: Date of marriage, place of marriage, groom's name, bride's name, ages, which marriage this is, residences, occupations, birthplaces, date of record.</li> <li>• <i>Death Record</i>: Date of death, name of the deceased, sex, marital status, date of birth, age, cause of death, spouse, residence, occupation, place of death, place of burial, place of birth, name of father and mother and their birthplaces. Current death records will have social security number and veteran information.</li> </ul>
Fees	<p>The genealogy search fee is \$15.00 It is good for 3 months.            Certified copies of all records are \$10.00 each. Non-certified copies are \$5.00 each.</p>
Requesting Resources	<p>Birth, marriage or death index cards are available for research during genealogy hours. The limit is 1 set at a time.</p> <p>The Chicopee Library has several old city directories that may help locate families in Chicopee. Please be aware that our old records list addresses only as the City of Chicopee, with no street addresses.</p> <p>If more than 2 certified copies are required, a request will need to be made. They may be picked up at a later time or may be mailed to you.</p> <p>A request must also be made for non-certified copies or for specific information. There is a limit of 4 records per request. The cost for non-certified copies is \$5.00 each.</p> <p>If specific information is needed from a record, a request can be made in writing stating what you are looking for.</p>

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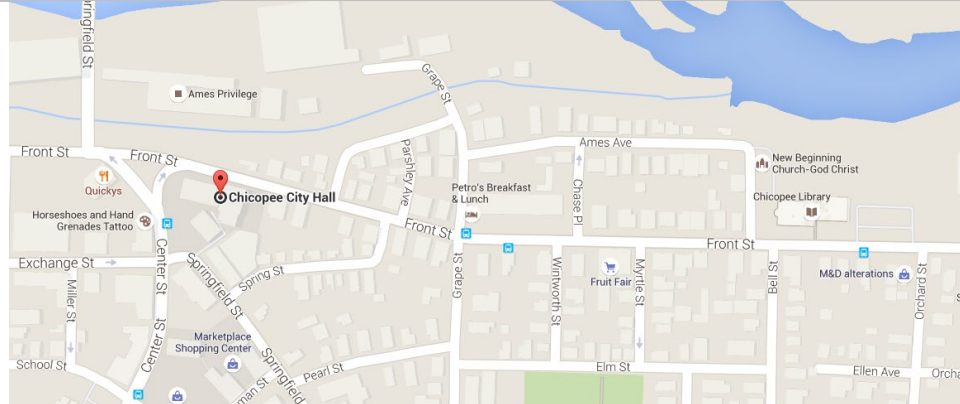
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If multiple certified copies (more than 5) are requested, and you are a non-resident, a money order or cash is required at the time of request.  
All orders must be paid for at the time of each request.  
Forms are available for additional information, and for requests for copies, through the clerk.

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### Getting There, While You're There

#### Location



Driving Directions	Check on Google Maps
Parking	Off street parking available
Restaurants	Munich Haus Petros Breakfast and Lunch
Other Repositories	Chicopee Public Library (page 24) Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History Library and Archives (page 35)

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### Holyoke Public Library

Description	The mission of the Holyoke Public Library is to provide the citizens of Holyoke with the tools and opportunities to improve themselves and their quality of life while promoting literacy, the enjoyment of reading and life-long learning through the provision of equal access to library materials, services, facilities, technology, up-to-date resources and programs to meet the educational, informational, social, cultural, and recreational needs for residents of all ages and abilities in the City of Holyoke and surrounding areas.						
Address	250 Chestnut Street Holyoke, MA 01040						
Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
Library and Holyoke History Reading Room: Sept-May	Closed	8:30 am to 8:30 pm	8:30 am to 8:30 pm	8:30 am to 8:30 pm	8:30 am to 8:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:00 pm	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Library: June-July	Closed	8:30 am to 6:00 pm	8:30 am to 6:00 pm	8:30 am to 6:00 pm	8:30 am to 6:00 pm	8:30 am to 6:00 pm	Select dates
Holyoke History Reading Room: June-July	Closed	Closed	10:00 am to 6:00 pm	12:00 pm to 6:00 pm	10:00a.m. to 4:00 pm	Closed	Select dates
If the Holyoke Public Schools are closed for inclement weather, the Holyoke Library is also closed.							
Cost for Entry	Free						
FamilySearch Affiliate Library	NO						
Phone	413-420-8101						
URL	<a href="http://www.holyokelibrary.org/">http://www.holyokelibrary.org/</a>						
Facebook	@holyokelibrary						
Contact	library@holyoke.org						
Newsletters	Beyond the Stacks, published quarterly						

### Collection

Focus	Books and materials that relate principally to Holyoke and regional history, including local biographies, industry histories, geological and environmental overviews, pictorial works, as well as books about surrounding western Massachusetts towns.  Photographic images and illustrations depicting Holyoke landmarks, buildings, streets, industries, organizations and a wide variety of other subjects.
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holyoke City Directories: 1869, 1873-76, 1882-1991; Holyoke Street Lists (print) 1986-2011</li> <li>• Town Reports/Municipal Registers (1850-1968): detailed annual reports from all town department heads:</li> <li>• Holyoke High School Yearbooks: 1915 to the present. Some pre-1915 materials available.</li> </ul>
Maps	Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farms bought by Hadley Falls Co. 1846-1849</li> <li>• Richard's Atlas of Holyoke 1911</li> <li>• Sanborn Map of Holyoke 1895</li> </ul>

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Periodicals and Newspapers	Newspapers (on Microfilm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holyoke Transcript 1882-Jan. 1926</li><li>• Holyoke Telegram 1912 to 1922</li><li>• Transcript-Telegram 1926 to 1993</li><li>• Springfield Union News and Springfield Republican 1993-Ongoing</li><li>• La Justice (French) 1909 to 1944</li><li>• Hello Holyoke</li><li>• The Holyoke Sun (incomplete collection)</li></ul>
Archival Collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holyoke Street Railway Collection</li><li>• Holyoke Gas &amp; Electric Department</li><li>• Holyoke High School Yearbooks (1915 to present)</li><li>• Holyoke Range Collection</li><li>• Holyoke Water Power Company Collection.</li><li>• Junior League of Holyoke, Inc., Head Start Program Collection</li><li>• Holyoke Visiting Nurses Association Collection</li><li>• National Blank Book Collection</li><li>• John Olsen Collection</li><li>• Parsons Paper Collection</li><li>• Second Congregational Church Collection</li><li>• Valley Players Collection</li><li>• White &amp; Wyckoff Collection</li></ul> <p>See <a href="http://www.holyokelibrary.org/historycollection.asp">http://www.holyokelibrary.org/historycollection.asp</a> for more detailed description of these collections</p>
Photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photograph and Image Collection</li><li>• Holyoke Postcard Collection: Over 500 postcards from Holyoke's past.</li><li>• Holyoke Street Railway Collection</li><li>• Ella Merkel DiCarlo Collection: This collection includes 8500 note cards on Holyoke historical topics.</li></ul>
Biographical and Subject Files	Comprised largely of news clippings and short publications on Holyoke events, community organizations, government, churches, businesses, neighborhoods and more, these files can be a useful starting point for research. A separate alphabetical file contains materials on individuals and families.
Online Catalogs	--
Microfilm	Newspapers
Digital Collections	<p><u>Maps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Richards Atlas of Holyoke (1911)</li><li>• George Walker Atlas of Holyoke (1884)</li><li>• L.J. Richards Company Atlas of Hampden County (excerpts only) (1894)</li></ul> <p><u>Digitized Books (PDF format):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holyoke Today: penned and pictured – 1887</li><li>• Illustrated and Descriptive Holyoke</li><li>• Holyoke Past and Present, circa 1895</li><li>• Picturesque Hampden - Part II : West – 1891</li><li>• Picturesque Hampshire 1890</li><li>• Holyoke Daily Transcript Special Industrial Edition - circa 1897</li><li>• Report of the History and Present Condition of the Hadley Falls Company - 1853</li><li>• Holyoke Old and New... 1873-1923</li><li>• Holyoke Past and Present Progress and Prosperity ... Souvenir 1910</li><li>• The Story of Holyoke, Massachusetts in Painting and Prose (Holyoke Public Library Murals)</li><li>• Holyoke Centennial Program - 1973</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Story of Holyoke by Wyatt E. Harper</li> </ul>
Other Formats	Site contains a good list of other resources for researching in Western Massachusetts: <a href="http://www.holyokelibrary.org/historyadditional.asp">http://www.holyokelibrary.org/historyadditional.asp</a>
Exhibits	The William Jefferson Crosier Collection: a collection of documents, photographs, artifacts, and publications documenting the life of Major William Jefferson Crosier (1860-1938) and his service in the Spanish-American War in 1898.
Requesting Resources	Reading Room collections are available for use without an appointment. Most archival collections, however, must be retrieved from storage for which at least 24 hours advance notice is needed.

### On-Site

Access restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use only pencils while working with materials.</li> <li>• No food or drink allowed in the Reading Room</li> <li>• Specific handling guidelines must be carefully followed.</li> <li>• Materials must be appropriately supported while in use.</li> </ul> <p>Patrons using any archival collection must complete a short patron registration form. Copies of the complete guidelines are available in the Reading Room.</p>
Personal Belongings	Personal items and coats must be stored in the locker area of the Reading Room
Internet Access	Wi-Fi available throughout the building
Printing	--
Photocopying	Photocopy orders \$.25 per page Microfilm printing \$.25 per page Newspaper items (including obituaries, if we mail or email to you) \$2.00 per scan Image scans (JPG, TIFF): \$5.00 per scan Images burned to CD or DVD (if too large to email):\$5.00 per disc
Digital Images	--
Photography	With some exceptions, patrons may use non-flash photography to copy research materials. Staff will assist you in this process. We do not permit the use of portable scanners.
Reproduction Services	Except in the case of oversize, extremely fragile items, or tightly bound items, our staff can provide copies or PDF scans of needed material. We cannot generally offer same day service on scans or large copy orders.

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Location



**Parking** Off street parking available 1 block away

**Nearby restaurants** Limited

**Nearby Organizations** Holyoke, City Clerk Office (page 33)  
Volleyball Hall of Fame  
Holyoke Heritage State Park

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### Holyoke, City Clerk's Office

Address City Hall  
536 Dwight Street, Room 2  
Holyoke, MA 01040

Hours		<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
City Hall	Closed	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	Closed
Genealogy Research	Closed	Closed	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Closed	Closed

Cost for Entry Free

Phone 413-322-5520

URL <http://www.holyoke.org/departments/city-clerk/>

Contact [clerks@holyoke.org](mailto:clerks@holyoke.org)

### Collection

Focus Vital records for the City of Holyoke.

Fees \$10 each plus bank fees if paying online

Requesting Resources **NEW – ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION!**

If you would like to order a birth, death or marriage record, please click on the links below and fill out the form and payment area. PLEASE NOTE IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE AN UPLOAD OF A VALID PHOTO ID, AND YOUR RECORD IS RESTRICTED, WE WILL HAVE TO ISSUE A REFUND.

- Birth Certificate – <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com?key=holyoke.ma.us&type=BC>
- Death Certificate- <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com?key=holyoke.ma.us&type=DC>
- Marriage Certificate- <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com?key=holyoke.ma.us&type=MC>

#### MAIL OPTION: DOWNLOAD FORM

If you need to request a birth, marriage or death record, please download the appropriate form or submit a request in writing to the office, do not request this via email. The address is City Clerk, 536 Dwight St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

Downloads:

- Birth Certificate Request Form: <http://www.holyoke.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/BIRTH-CERTIFICATE-REQUEST-FORM1.pdf>
- Marriage License Application: <http://www.holyoke.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/MarriageCertificateFinal1.pdf>
- Death Record Request Form: <http://www.holyoke.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/DeathRecordFinal1.pdf>

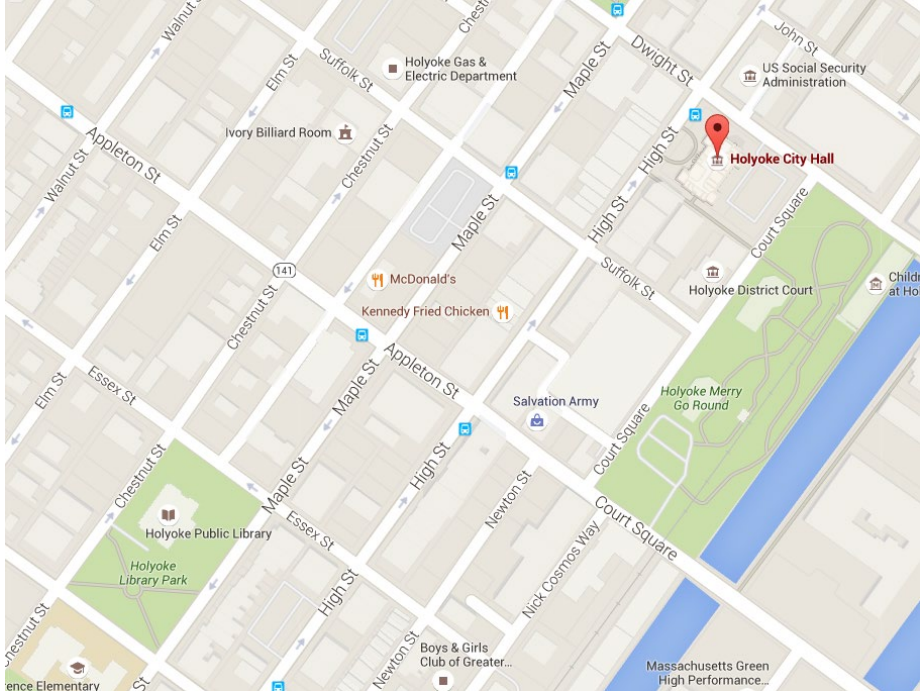
Instructions for requests:

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The fee for birth, marriage and death records is \$10.00. Download and fill out the appropriate form listed above or submit a letter with your name (including birth name), date of birth and photocopy of your driver’s license or state issued id and the certificate will be mailed to you. **Note:** The Holyoke City Clerk’s office only accepts checks over \$25.

### Getting There, While You’re There

Location	 <p>The map shows the downtown area of Holyoke, Massachusetts. A red pin marks Holyoke City Hall at the intersection of High Street and Court Square. Other labeled streets include Walnut, Elm, Suffolk, Maple, High, and Court Square. Landmarks include Holyoke Gas &amp; Electric Department, US Social Security Administration, Holyoke Public Library, Holyoke Library Park, Holyoke District Court, Holyoke Merry Go Round, and the Massachusetts Green High Performance Center. Restaurants like McDonald's and Kennedy Fried Chicken are also visible.</p>
Parking	Ernest E. Proulx Municipal Parking Garage, Dwight Street Court Square Parking Facility,
Nearby restaurants	Limited, see map above
Nearby Organizations	Holyoke Public Library (page 29) Volleyball Hall of Fame Holyoke Heritage State Park

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### Springfield History Library and Archives

Description	One of the premier genealogy and local history research facilities in western Massachusetts.						
Address	Lyman and Merry Wood Museum of Springfield History 21 Edwards Street Springfield, MA 01103						
The Springfield History Library and Archives are located on the lower level.							
Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
Exhibits	11 am to 5 pm	Closed	10 am to 5 pm	10 am to 5 pm	10 am to 5 pm	10 am to 5 pm	10 am to 5 pm
Library	Closed	Closed	12 pm to 4 pm	12 pm to 4 pm	12 pm to 4 pm		12 pm to 4 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month
Cost for Entry	Entry to all museums: Adults-\$18, Seniors-\$12 Entry to Library and Archives: \$9.00						
FamilySearch Affiliate Library	NO						
Phone	413-263-6800						
URL	<a href="https://springfieldmuseums.org/galleries/springfield-history-library-archives/">https://springfieldmuseums.org/galleries/springfield-history-library-archives/</a>						
Facebook	@SpringfieldMuseums						
Email Contact	Cliff McCarthy Archivist		<a href="mailto:cmccarthy@springfieldmuseums.org">cmccarthy@springfieldmuseums.org</a>				
	Margaret Humbertson Head of Library & Archives		<a href="mailto:mhumbertson@springfieldmuseums.org">mhumbertson@springfieldmuseums.org</a>				
Newsletters	Yes, for all Springfield Museums, join via Facebook						
Blogs	<a href="https://springfieldmuseums.org/blog/">https://springfieldmuseums.org/blog/</a>						

### Collection

Focus	In addition to a large collection of French-Canadian records, the library has indexes to the Ellis Island passenger records, the Loiselle Index, over 20,000 genealogy books, 6,000 microforms, 25,000 photos and 1.3 million archival documents, as well as diaries, deeds, account books, land transfer documents, corporate documents and photographs. Formerly located in the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, its collections reflect the history of Springfield area from its founding in 1636 to the present.
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Histories of Springfield</li> <li>• Yearbooks of all Springfield high schools both public and private</li> <li>• Registers of all French-Canadian parishes (Registers) giving births, deaths and marriages</li> <li>• City directories for Springfield and surrounding towns</li> <li>• Published genealogies of prominent Springfield families</li> <li>• American Biographical Genealogical Index (AGBI)</li> <li>• Passenger &amp; Immigration Lists Index</li> <li>• Vital records for New England States through 1850</li> </ul>
Maps	Historic maps of Springfield neighborhoods and surrounding areas, laminated and freely accessible

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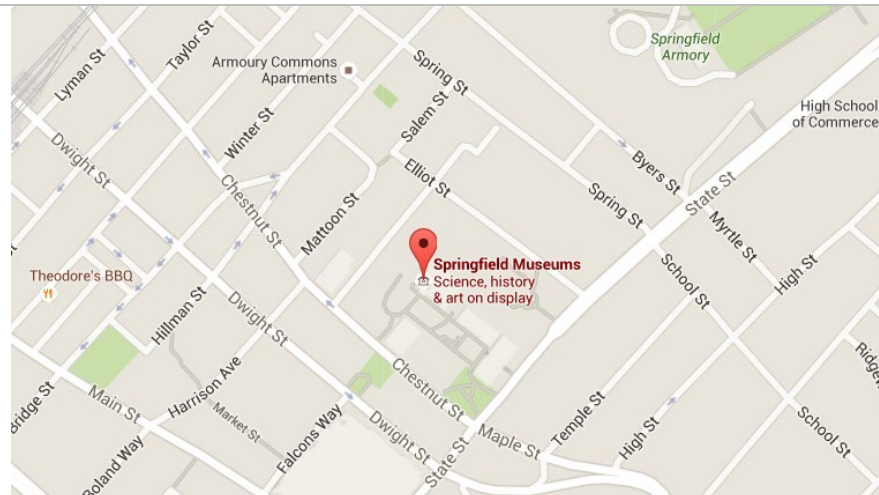
Periodicals and Newspapers	Springfield Newspapers on fiche Clipping scrapbooks with index; organized alphabetically by name and topic
Journals	Many including: NEHGS Register, Mayflower Quarterly, American Genealogist, NY Genealogical and Biographical index
Other Formats	School cards through 1953 of all students in Springfield Public Schools Index cards of voting registration in Springfield
Finding Aids	Multiple card indexes
Published Sources	--
Requesting Resources	Identify the material. Ask the staff

### On-Site

Access restrictions	No food or drink; no place within the library where you can eat food from outside
Personal Belongings	No restrictions, though purses and backpacks have to be left near worktables. Laptops are recommended but no electrical plugs available at the worktables
Micro Text facilities	Microfiche and microfilm readers are available
Research Computers	3 for public use
Internet Access	Available
Photocopying	Allowed for all textual documents; images require special permission and are discouraged
Digital Images	---
Photography	allowed
Reproduction Services	n/a

### Getting There, While You're There

#### Location



**Parking** Free parking is available in the lots on Edwards Street, as well as our lot on State Street (across from the City Library).

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Accessible parking is located in our two Edwards St. lots and the lot next to the G.W.V. Smith Art Museum. All patrons should proceed to the Welcome Center in the Science Museum for Admission.

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Nearby  
restaurants

Blake House Café across the street

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Nearby  
Organizations

Chicopee Public Library (Page 24)  
Basketball Hall of Fame  
Springfield Armory Historic Site

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### Springfield, City Clerk's Office

Address                    Springfield City Hall  
 City Clerk's Office  
 36 Court Street, Room 123  
 Springfield, MA 01103

Hours		<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
City Hall	Closed		8:30 am to 4:00 pm	8:30 am to 4:00 pm	8:30 am to 4:00 pm	8:30 am to 6:00 pm	8:30 am to 4:00 pm	Closed
Genealogy Research	Closed		9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	Closed

Cost for Entry        Free  
 Phone                 413-736-3111  
 URL                    <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/cos/clerk-vital>  
 Facebook            @CityofSpringfield  
 Contact                ---  
 Newsletters         n/a

### Collection

Focus	<p>Vital records for the City of Springfield from 1850 to the present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Birth certificate</b> for any birth that occurred within the city limits of Springfield, MA or if the parent was a resident of Springfield when the child was born.</li> <li>• <b>Marriage certificate</b> for any marriage that took place within the city limits of Springfield, MA prior to February 1980 or for any marriage that took place on an Intention of Marriage filed at Springfield City Hall since February 1980.</li> <li>• <b>Death certificate</b> for any person whose death occurred within the city limits of Springfield, MA and for any Springfield resident who passed away in any other Massachusetts community.</li> </ul>
Fees	<p><u>Certified copies</u>: \$20.00 payable in cash, money order or bank check (payable to City of Springfield). Additional bank charges for on-line payments.</p>
Requesting Records	<p>You may order a certified copy of a birth, death or marriage by visiting the City Clerk's Office during office hours.</p> <p>-OR-</p> <p>You may order a certified copy of a birth, death or marriage record online using your credit card through <a href="http://www.vitalchek.com">www.vitalchek.com</a>. An additional fee is charged by VitalChek for using this service, and all major credit cards are accepted, including American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or Visa®.</p> <p>Request forms available online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Birth Certificate Request Form</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Marriage Certificate Request Form</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Death Certificate Request Form</a></li> </ul>

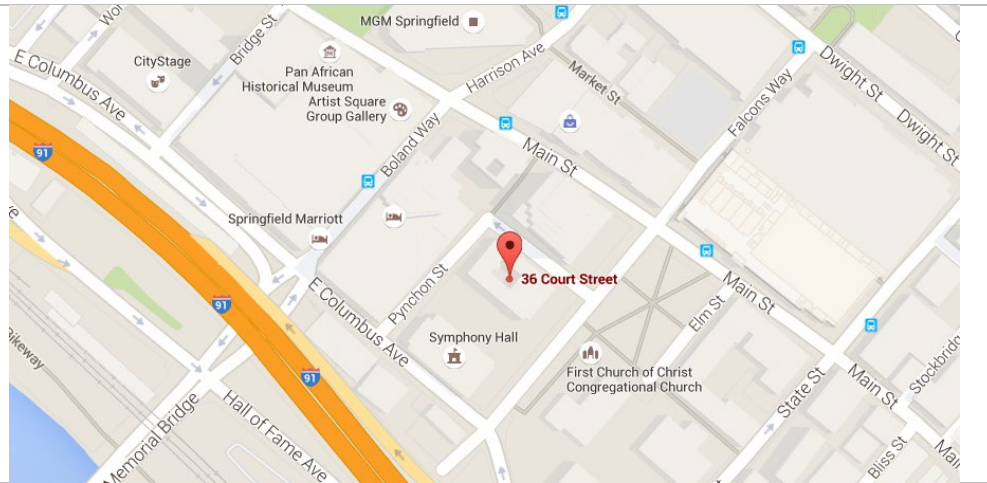


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### Getting There, While You're There

#### Location



#### Parking

On street, metered parking  
Public Garage located near Springfield Marriott on Boland Way

#### Nearby restaurants

Many restaurants located on Main Street in Springfield

#### Nearby Organizations

Springfield History Library and Archives (page 35)  
Basketball Hall of Fame  
Springfield Armory National Historic Site  
Elms College  
Springfield College

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### The Westfield Athenaeum (Westfield Public Library)

Address	5 Elm Street Westfield, MA 01085						
Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
Exhibits							
Library	Closed	9 am to 8 pm	9 am to 8 pm	9 am to 8 pm	9 am to 8 pm	9 am to 5 pm	9 am to 5 pm
Edwin Smith Historical Museum	Currently Closed						
Donald Blaire Research Center	<p>The Donald Blair Research Center of the Westfield Athenaeum preserves unique materials on Westfield history. The Westfield Athenaeum Archives has over 500 linear feet of maps, drawings, papers, manuscripts, stereoscopes, mayoral papers, diaries, business ledgers, and ephemera.</p> <p>Appointments are required to archival materials. To make an appointment, email a reference librarian (<a href="mailto:reference@westath.org">reference@westath.org</a>) or call the Reference Desk at (413) 568-7833 x 4.</p>						
Cost for Entry	Free; remote patrons are asked to remit a \$5.00 donation						
FamilySearch Affiliate Library	NO						
Phone	(413) 568-7833						
URL	<a href="http://www.westath.org/">http://www.westath.org/</a>						
Facebook	@westauth						
Email Contact	Kate Deviny ( <a href="mailto:kdeviny@westath.org">mailto:kdeviny@westath.org</a> )						
Newsletters	Athenaeum Columns (published quarterly)						

### Collection

Focus	<p>The place now known as Westfield has a deep and interesting history. In pre-colonial times, the Woronocos of the Pocumtuc tribe thrived in this area. During colonization, the early town stood as the western frontier of Massachusetts. Later, there came retailers, industrialists, teachers, and many others, all leaving their mark as part of the community.</p> <p>Our local history collection has books, photographs, maps, and other materials related to the history of Westfield and its people. We welcome you to stop by or contact us to start your research.</p> <p>Westfield History Room contains the local history collection and is available anytime the library is open, with no appointment needed. Please see a reference librarian to request materials. Items in the local history collection may only be used in the Reference Room.</p>
Periodicals and Newspapers	<p>Western Massachusetts Newspapers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Advocate 02/10/2010-Current</li> <li>• Amherst Bulletin 01/07/1994-Current</li> <li>• Berkshire Eagle 12/31/2003-Current</li> <li>• Daily Hampshire Gazette 01/03/1994-Current</li> <li>• North Adams Transcript 11/25/2003-Current</li> <li>• The Recorder 03/05/1997-Current</li> <li>• The Republican 06/13/1988-Current</li> <li>• Springfield Advocate 09/26/1996-04/12/1998</li> </ul>

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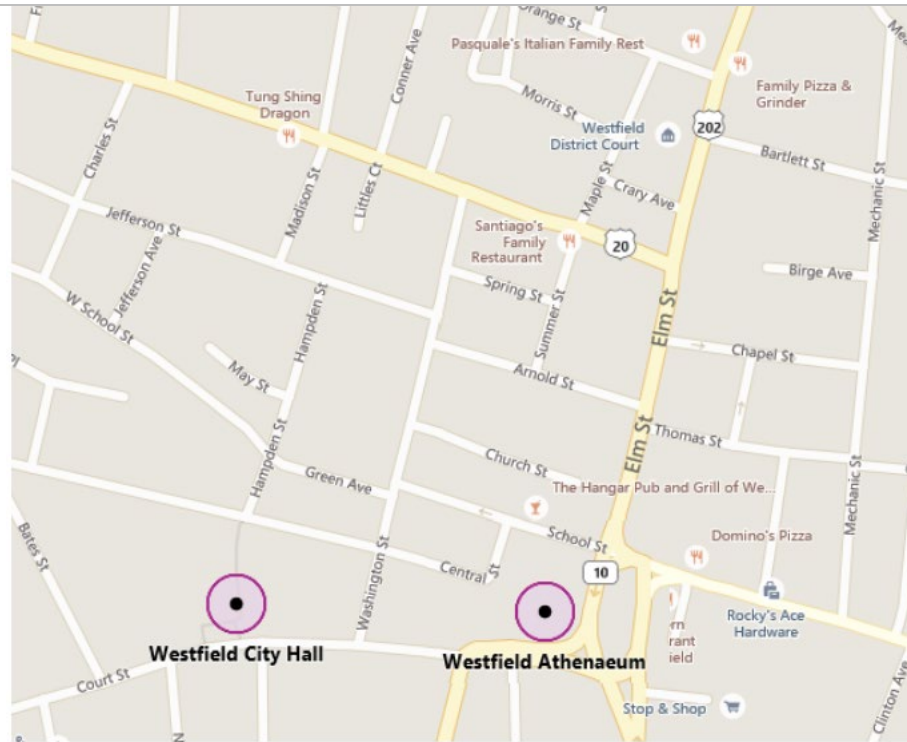
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Springfield Examiner 01/14/2011-Current</li><li>• The Valley Advocate 09/26/1996-Current</li></ul>
Online resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Edwin Online</a> – our online archival collection</li><li>• <a href="#">Westfield Newspapers 1/1/1855 – 12/31/1923</a></li><li>• <a href="#">See all Westfield Athenaeum history &amp; genealogy resources</a></li></ul>
Online Catalogs	YES: <a href="https://bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home?loc=315">https://bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home?loc=315</a>
Digital Collections	Edwin Online: <a href="http://edwin.westath.org/">http://edwin.westath.org/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small amount of information available on the Woronoco Indians</li><li>• Early maps</li><li>• Joseph D. Bartlett's copies of the Proprietor Records and other early documents (no longer extant) that describe the first settlers from Connecticut</li><li>• Minister's diaries from the First Congregational Church</li><li>• Diaries and daybooks from other Westfield citizens</li><li>• Correspondence to General William Shepard and his day-book under General John Glover.</li></ul>
Archives	Collection includes but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Westfield newspapers on microfilm 1782 – present</li><li>• Miscellaneous Westfield records on microfilm 1658 - 1850</li><li>• Westfield Directories and Street Lists</li><li>• Westfield Annual Reports</li><li>• Westfield historical maps</li><li>• Westfield histories</li><li>• Genealogical information - vital records, family histories, cemetery records</li><li>• Selected residential building information</li><li>• Business and industry information</li><li>• High School Yearbooks</li><li>• Historic Westfield photographs</li><li>• Area town histories</li><li>• Diaries and Journals</li><li>• Church Records</li></ul> <p>Full list of content of archives can be browsed at: <a href="http://www.westath.org/archives-a-z">http://www.westath.org/archives-a-z</a></p>
Research Assistance	<p>The Westfield Athenaeum welcomes your genealogy and local history research requests by telephone, email, or mail. Please contact the Reference Desk at (413) 568-7833 x 4.</p> <p>If your project is extensive, we're happy to help you get started. Research assistance is typically limited to 1 to 2 hours per patron. If more research is required, we can provide you with a list of genealogical resources.</p>
On-Site	
Internet Access	Wi-Fi is available for laptops and portable devices. No password.

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### Getting There, While You're There

Location



Parking	Of street parking behind Westfield Athenaeum
Nearby restaurants	See map
Nearby Organizations	Westfield City Clerk's Office (page 43)

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### Westfield, City Clerk's Office

Address                    City Hall - Room 210  
 59 Court Street  
 Westfield, MA 01085

Hours		<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
	City Hall	Closed	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Closed
	Genealogy Research	Closed	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	Closed
Cost for Entry	Free							
Phone	413-572-6235							
URL	<a href="https://www.cityofwestfield.org/138/City-Clerk-Elections">https://www.cityofwestfield.org/138/City-Clerk-Elections</a>							
Facebook	@CityofWestfieldMA							
Contact	---							
Newsletters	n/a							

### Collection

Focus                    Types of Certificates:

**Birth:** The Westfield City Clerk's Office issues certified copies of birth records for a child who was born in Westfield or whose parents resided in Westfield at the time of the child's birth.

**Death:** The Westfield City Clerk's Office issues certified copies of death records of any person who died in Westfield or if the person was a resident of Westfield at the time of their death and died in another community in Massachusetts.

**Marriage:** The marriage record is registered in the city where you filled out your "Marriage Intention" paperwork.

\*Some birth and marriage records are not public documents and a picture ID is required in order to obtain the record. Therefore, this type of transaction cannot be processed electronically. You can call the City Clerk's office at (413) 572-6258, to check on a record at any time.

Fees                    Certified copies: \$10.00 payable in cash, check or online through City Clerks Online Payment Center. Additional fees are incurred when paying online.

Requesting Records                    Certified copies of birth, marriage and death certificates are \$10.00 per copy and can be ordered at any time through one of three ways:

1. In Person by coming into City Hall at 59 Court Street, City Clerk's Office, 2nd floor, and requesting it in person.
2. By mail by sending a request to  
 City Clerk's Office  
 59 Court Street  
 Westfield, MA 01085.  
 Please include in the request the name, the date of the birth, death, or marriage; and also send a self-addressed stamped envelope where you would like the certificate sent back to. The fee is \$10.00 per copy, please make check payable to the City of Westfield for the appropriate amount.

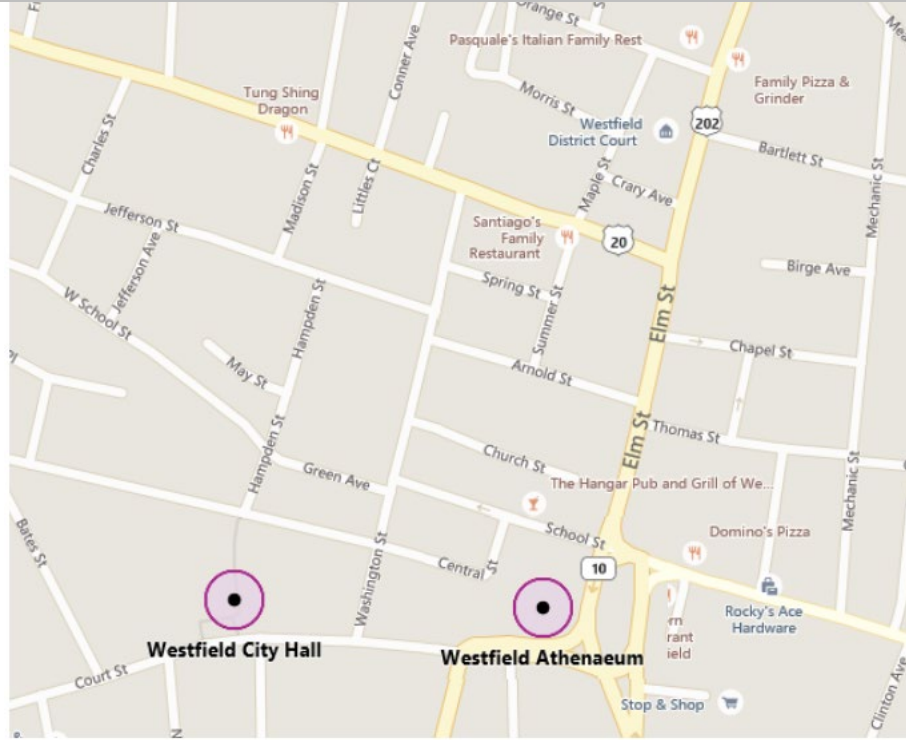
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3. Online by using the City Clerks Online Payment Center:  
<https://unipaygold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx>. Confirm with the Clerk’s Office that records are available before using the online system to order vital records.
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Location

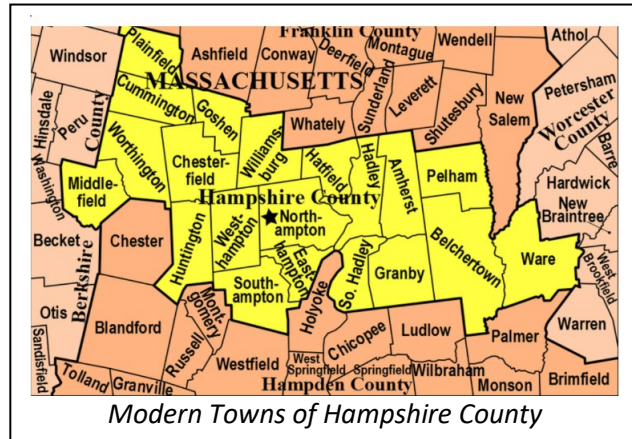


Parking	Off street parking is available
Nearby restaurants	See map
Nearby Organizations	Westfield Athenaeum (page 40)

### Hampshire County

Hampshire County is a non-governmental county located in western Massachusetts. As of the 2010 census, the population was 158,080. Its most populous municipality is Amherst, and its county seat is Northampton. The county is named after the county Hampshire, in England. Hampshire County is notable for the presence within its borders of the "Five Colleges": Amherst College, Amherst; Hampshire College, Amherst; Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley; Smith College, Northampton; and, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst.

Hampshire County was constituted in 1662 from previously unorganized territory comprising the entire western part of Massachusetts Bay Colony. Migration was from the east up the Connecticut River. It included the original towns of Springfield, Northampton, and Hadley. The original Hampshire County included territory that is now in modern-day Hampden County, Franklin County, and Berkshire County, as well as small parts of modern-day Worcester County. By 1683, three new towns (Westfield (now Southwick), Suffield, and Enfield) had been incorporated south of Springfield. These towns were partly or wholly in the modern state of Connecticut at the time of their incorporation and resulted in a border dispute between the Connecticut Colony and Massachusetts Bay Colony.



In 1731, Worcester County was created, which included the original town of Brookfield (incorporated in 1718 as part of Hampshire County). More territory was lost to Worcester County in 1742 when the town of Western (now Warren) was created and added to Worcester County. Further territorial losses occurred in 1749 when the towns of Enfield, Somers (split off from Enfield in 1734), and Suffield unilaterally joined Connecticut Colony. In 1761, Berkshire County was created resulting in even more territorial loss for Hampshire County. In 1811, Franklin County was split off from the northern part of Hampshire, and in the following year, Hampden County was split off from the southern part of Hampshire.

Additional genealogical information about Hampshire county can be found in the FamilySearch Wiki: [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hampshire\\_County,\\_Massachusetts\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hampshire_County,_Massachusetts_Genealogy).

#### Boundary Changes

- Parent County: Hampshire was Created from a non-County area, 7 May 1662[6]
- County Seat: Northampton
- [Interactive Map of Massachusetts County Formation History \(1790-1897\)](#) - animated maps illustrating Massachusetts county boundary changes
- [Hampshire County, Massachusetts Historical Boundary Changes](#) - list of all boundary changes by county provided by Newberry Library

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### County Courthouse

Hampshire County Courthouse

15 Gothic Street

Northampton, MA 01061

Phone: 413-584-5810

Website: <https://www.courtreference.com/Hampshire-County-Massachusetts-Courts.htm>

### Records

#### Beginning dates for Major County Records

Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
at town creation	at town creation	at town creation	1677	1600s	1660	1779

\* Statewide registration for births and deaths started in 1841. General compliance year unknown. See also [Town Record](#)

### Vital Records

Generally vital records are located in the individual town and cities.

Digitized vital records include:

Database	Repository
• American Marriages Before 1699	Ancestry
• Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800, Vol. 1, Vol. 2, Vol. 3, Vol. 4	Ancestry
• Early Vital Records of Massachusetts, From 1600 to 1850 at The Massachusetts Vital Records Project	American Ancestors
• Marriages performed by three Rabbis in Boston, Chicago and Massachusetts, 1861-1956	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Deaths, 1844: Vol. 8, Barnstable to Hampshire; Vol. 9, Middlesex to Worcester	Ancestry
• Massachusetts Deaths, 1969-2020	FindMyPast
• Massachusetts Marriages 1841-1915	Family Search
• Massachusetts Vital Records To 1850	FindMyPast
• Massachusetts Vital Records, 1620-1915 at Fold 3	
• Massachusetts, Birth Index, 1840-1910	MyHeritage
• Massachusetts, Birth Index, 1860-1970	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Births and Christenings, 1639-1915	Family Search, NEHGS
• Massachusetts, Births, 1636-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Compiled Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1700-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Compiled Marriages, 1633-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1840-1910	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901-1980	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1970-2003	Family Search, Ancestry, American Ancestors



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Database	Repository
• Massachusetts, Death Index, 1970-2003	Family Search, Ancestry, American Ancestors
• Massachusetts, Deaths and Burials, 1795-1910	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Delayed and Corrected Vital Records, 1753-1900 — index & images	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1784-1840	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Marriages, 1695-1910, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Marriages, 1695-1910, 1921-1924	Family Search
• Massachusetts, State Vital Records, 1841-1920	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Birth Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Towns Records, 1626-2001	Family Search
• Massachusetts, Town Death Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Town Marriage Records, 1620-1850	Ancestry
• Massachusetts, Vital Records, 1841-1910	MA State Archives
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850	American Ancestors
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1911-1915	American Ancestors
• Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1916-1920	American Ancestors
• New England Marriages Prior to 1700	Ancestry
• United States Marriages	FindMyPast

### Census Records

There are many types of census records for Hampshire County:

- Federal Population Schedules: 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 (free index), 1890 (fragment), 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940.
- Hampshire Co. Mortality Schedules can be obtained for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.
- Hampshire Co. Industry and Agriculture Schedules can be found for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.
- Hampshire Co. Union Veterans Schedules can be found for 1890.
- Massachusetts state censuses exist for the years 1855 and 1865.

### Probate Records

The old probate records reside in Hampshire County, but the early deeds will be found in Springfield, Hampden County. Original probate records are available at:

Hampshire County Clerk of Probate Court  
Hampshire County Courthouse  
15 Gothic Street  
Northampton, MA 01061  
Phone 413-586-5810

Digitized probate records:

- 1635 – 1991 Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records 1635-1991 at Ancestry.com — index and images, \$

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### Land Records

Hampshire County deeds were recorded in its Southern Deed Registry at Springfield prior to 1812. Today they still reside in Springfield, now the county seat of Hampden County.

Hampshire County Register of Deeds  
Hampshire County Courthouse  
33 King Street  
Northampton, MA 01060  
Phone 413-584-3637

Hampshire deeds and land transfer information from 1/1/1948 are available online at Hampshire District Recorded/Registered Land

(<http://www.masslandrecords.com/Hampshire/Default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>).

### Cemetery and Church Records

Information about burials in cemeteries located in Hampshire County can be found online at:

Database	Repository
• Massachusetts Cemetery Research Guide	RAOGK.ORG
• Hampshire Co., Massachusetts Graves	Find A Grave
• Hampshire County Tombstone Transcription Project	usgwtombstones.org
• Hampshire Co., Massachusetts Cemeteries	Internment.net
• Hampshire Co., Massachusetts Cemetery Books	Amazon.com
• Massachusetts Church & Bible Research Guide (raogk.org)	RAOGK.ORG
• Historical catalogue of the Northampton First Church, 1661-1891	Family Search

### Record Loss

There is no known history of courthouse disasters in this county.

### Cities and Towns

Amherst (1775)	Belchertown (1761)	Chesterfield (1762)
Cummington (1799)	Easthampton (1809)	Goshen (1781)
Granby (1768)	Hadley (1661)	Hatfield (1670)
Huntington (1775)	Middlefield (1783)	Northampton (1656)
Pelham (1743)	Plainfield (1807)	South Hadley (1775)
Southampton (1775)	Ware (1775)	Westhampton (1778)
Williamsburg (1775)	Worthington (1768)	

The following towns are extinct having been disincorporated in April 1938 when they were flooded to create the Quabbin Reservoir to supply drinking water for Boston:

Enfield (1816-1938)	Greenwich (1754-1938)	Prescott (1822-1938)
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### Genealogy and Historical Societies

Society	Address	Contact Information
Amherst Historical Society	67 Amity Street Amherst, MA 01002	413-256-0678 <a href="http://amhersthistory.org/">http://amhersthistory.org/</a>

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Society	Address	Contact Information
Chesterfield Historical Society of Massachusetts	P. O. Box 85 Chesterfield, MA 01012	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/people/Chesterfield-Historical-Society-Of-Massachusetts/100064537096333/">https://www.facebook.com/people/Chesterfield-Historical-Society-Of-Massachusetts/100064537096333/</a> 413-296-4750
Western Massachusetts Jewish Genealogy Society	Northampton, MA	413-268-2147 <a href="https://www.wmjgs.org/">https://www.wmjgs.org/</a> Contact: <a href="mailto:research@wmjgs.org">research@wmjgs.org</a>

### Repositories

The repositories for **Hampshire County** included in this location guide are:

- Forbes Library --Northampton Public Library (page 50)
- Northampton, City Clerk's Office (page 54)
- Jones Library – Amherst Public Library (page 56)
- Robert S. Cox Special Collections & University Archives Research Center (SCUA) (page 59)
- Amherst, Town Clerk's Office (page 63)

### Sources

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hampshire\\_County,\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hampshire_County,_Massachusetts)  
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<http://www.genealogyinc.com/massachusetts/hampshire-county/>  
<http://www.masslandrecords.com> Select Hampshire County.  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Massachusetts\\_Online\\_Genealogy\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Massachusetts_Online_Genealogy_Records)  
<https://www.cyndislist.com/us/ma/counties/hampshire/>

**Forbes Library (Northampton Public Library)**

Description	<p>Forbes Library, the public library for Northampton, Massachusetts, provides a wide range of information, materials and services to all of the people of Northampton and Massachusetts. The library’s magnificent building offers a friendly, welcoming physical environment which encourages the civic, intellectual, and cultural pursuits of the public. Forbes serves as a community meeting place in which curiosity, free inquiry, and lifelong learning are supported and nurtured.</p> <p>The Forbes collections are large and varied including not only popular fiction and non-fiction, large arts and music and children’s departments, and an impressive art gallery, but also an extensive local history and genealogy collection for Hampshire County as well as the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum. Forbes also offers Northampton an array of programming and reference services for both children and adults, ranging from author readings to music and dance demonstrations, dramatic readings and performances, to writing workshops, book and poetry discussion groups, internet training workshops, knitting, chess, and story time.</p> <p>Forbes Library is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is governed by an elected Board of Trustees. It is funded by a combination of City appropriation, endowments, and other gifts and grants. Forbes Library is a member of the Massachusetts Library System and the CW MARS network of libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts.</p>																																						
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### Collection

Focus	<p>The <b>Hampshire Room for Local History</b> houses extensive resources in local history and genealogy including local church, town, and school records, account books and town papers, maps, manuscripts, the Sylvester Judd Manuscript, and Seth Pomeroy's Journal.</p> <p>The <b>Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library &amp; Museum (CCPLM)</b> collects, preserves and makes available for research materials documenting the public and private life of Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933). Manuscripts, artifacts and exhibits cover his political career from Northampton to Boston to the White House and his post-presidential years as a Northampton resident. The Collection also includes materials related to Grace Goodhue Coolidge (1879-1957) and sons John (1906-2000) and Calvin Jr. (1908-1924). The collection consists of manuscripts, speeches, letters, videos, recordings, microfilms, the official presidential papers and the personal papers of President Coolidge, tapes, off-the-record press conferences, photographs, paintings, scrapbooks, broadsides, artifacts, and the famous electric exercise horse.</p>
Books	Many published genealogies of local families—search catalog for complete list.
Maps	Northampton and Hampshire County
Photos and images	The Hampshire Room for Special Collections contains thousands of images documenting the history of Northampton, Florence and Leeds, including images of farms, factories, shops, schools, and local residents both well-known and anonymous. The Northampton image collection comprises prints, glass and film negatives, lantern slides, etchings and stereographs. Other collections include the Elbridge Kingsley, Robert Emrick and Walter Corbin Collections, and the Daily Hampshire Gazette negatives from 1954-2004.
Periodicals and Newspapers	On microfilm: local newspapers including the entire run of the Daily Hampshire Gazette on microfilm since its inception in 1786.
Journals	Seth Pomeroy's Journal
Manuscripts	Judd Manuscript (Sylvester Judd's invaluable compilation of documents of local interest (on microfilm)
Online resources	17th & 18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers (requires a Boston Public Library Card) American Ancestors (onsite only; from NEHGS)
Online Catalogs	Yes: <a href="https://northamptn.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home">https://northamptn.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home</a>
Digital Collections	<p>The Forbes Library Digital Gallery allows you to search for a portion of the library's special collections which have been digitized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grand Army of the Republic</li> <li>• Northampton State Hospital Photographs by Mark Majeski, 2001</li> <li>• Midnight to Midnight: Northampton's self-portrait in 48 hours</li> <li>• 150 Years of Northampton Photography</li> </ul> <p>Digital Collections are searchable and browsable.</p>
Requesting Resources	To ensure access to materials and the availability of staff to assist you, appointments are preferred when using the Hampshire Room for Local History or the Hampshire Room for Special Collections. Please call 413-587-1014 or email <a href="mailto:localhistory@forbeslibrary.org">localhistory@forbeslibrary.org</a>

### On-Site

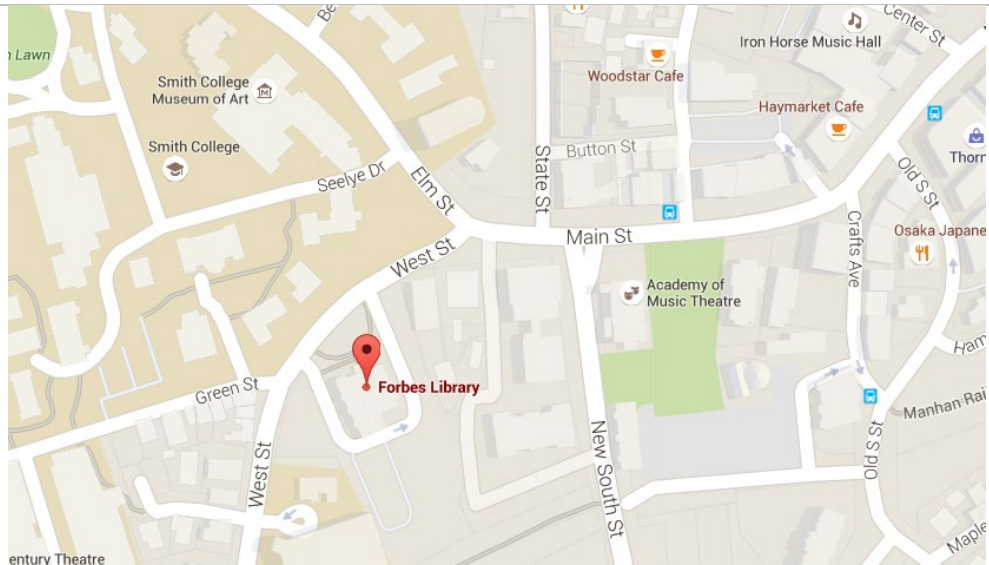
Access restrictions	---
Micro Text facilities	---
Research Computers	---

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Internet Access	Wi-Fi available throughout the Library
Photocopying	---
Digital Images	---
Photography	---
Reproduction Services	---

## Getting There, While You're There

### Location



### Parking

Forbes has a metered parking lot behind the building. Fee: \$.25 / hour with 2-hour limit. There are some 4-hour meters at the back of the parking lot. There are a limited number of 30-minute meters on the east side of the building which cost \$.25 for 30 minutes.

Most of the meters take nickels, dimes and quarters. A few take quarters only. ParkMobile cannot be used to pay for parking at the library at this time.

Day passes are available for \$3.00 per day. They are available at the library's circulation desk and the Children's desk.

There is a free 10-minute parking space on the east side of the building for book return only.

All money deposited in the meters goes to the library's book fund.

Handicapped parking is located on the east side of the building.

### Public

### Transportation

#### **Pioneer Valley Transit Authority**

Several busses stop at the Academy of Music, Northampton City Hall, and/or Smith College, which are all a short walk from Forbes Library. For maps and schedules, see the PVTA website For maps and schedules, see [the PVTA website](#) and click on the Northampton tab. Individuals with disabilities that prevent them from using these buses may be eligible for PVTA's [Paratransit service](#).

#### **Franklin Regional Transit Authority**

Buses stop at the Academy of Music, a short walk from the library. See the [FRTA website](#) for details.

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### Senior Dial-A-Ride

The [Dial-A-Ride Van Service](#) is a door-to-door transportation service provided by Northampton Senior Services, available to seniors 60 and older in Northampton, Florence, and Leeds.

### Amtrak and Peter Pan

Northampton is served by [Amtrak](#) trains and [Peter Pan](#) buses.

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Floor plans	See: <a href="http://forbeslibrary.org/info/floor-plans/">http://forbeslibrary.org/info/floor-plans/</a>
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Restaurants	Many restaurants located on Main Street in Northampton
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Nearby	Smith College
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Organizations	
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### Northampton, City Clerk's Office

Address City Clerk's Office  
210 Main Street, Suite 4  
Northampton, MA 01060

Hours	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
City Hall	Closed	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	Closed

Cost for Entry Free

Phone 413-587-1223

URL <http://www.northamptonma.gov/753/City-Clerk>

Contact Pamela L. Powers, City Clerk

Email [cclerk@northamptonma.gov](mailto:cclerk@northamptonma.gov)

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### Collection

Focus Vital records for the City of Northampton, Leeds and Florence, MA present.

Fees Certified copies: \$15 each + bank service fees for online payments

Requesting Resources PAY IN-PERSON & RECEIVE IN-PERSON

Requests for vital records can be made at the City Clerk service window located on the first floor of City Hall, 210 Main Street. Vital Records are \$15 per copy. Please visit during office hours to request a record.

IN-PERSON Payment Methods: Cash, Credit Card (Bank service fees apply). We do not accept personal checks.

**Please note:** Records prior to 1970 do not qualify for same day service in some cases. Certain vital records are restricted to only the parties listed on the record and may require presentation of a photo ID.

PAY ONLINE & RECEIVE VIA MAIL: Bank services fees apply for using this method. Requests for certain certified records made via online payment system are limited to only parties named on the record or an attorney representing a named party on the record. *All other requests, including genealogical records that require research, must be mailed and paid for as described in the section below titled "Pay by Mail & Receive via Mail."*

1. Click the correct link to fill out a digital request form:

[Birth Certificate Request Form](#)

[Marriage Certificate Request Form](#)

[Death Certificate Request Form](#)

2. PAY FOR YOUR RECORD using the Unipay Gold Online Payment System on the confirmation page.

3. Your record will be mailed to the address provided.

Please allow 10 business days to receive your records. Claims of non-receipt will not be honored after 30 days.

PAY BY MAIL & RECEIVE VIA MAIL

In order to process your request you must include in your envelope:

- A completed request form for the proper record type.

[Birth Certificate Request Form](#)

[Marriage Certificate Request Form](#)

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## [Death Certificate Request Form](#)

- A photocopy of your valid State ID, Federal ID, or school ID.
- \$15 CASH OR MONEY ORDER per copy (We do not accept personal checks! Money Orders should be made out to "City of Northampton.")
- Self-addressed & stamped envelope for us to send your record back to you. Be sure to include an accurate mailing address for us to send your records.

Please send your request addressed to:

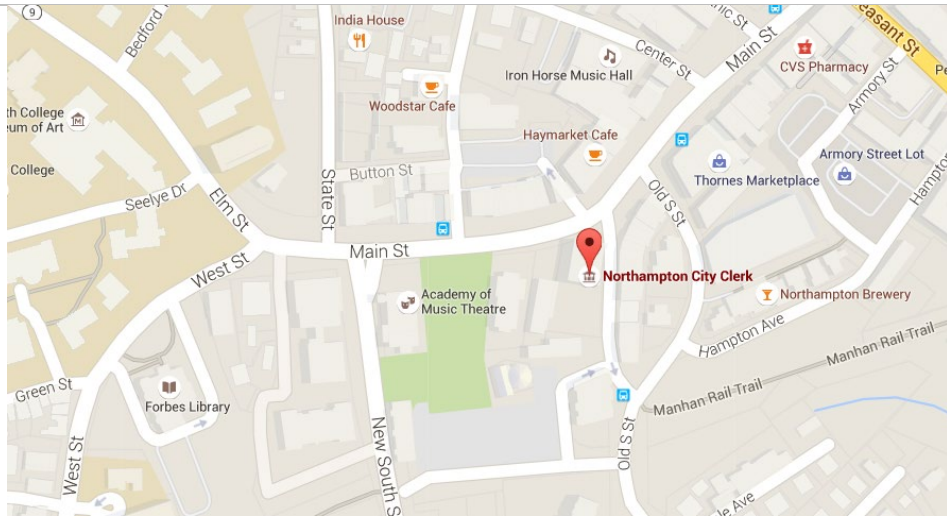
City Clerk's Office  
210 Main St, Room 4  
Northampton, MA 01060

Please allow 10 business days to receive your records. Claims of non-receipt will not be honored after 30 days.

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## Getting There, While You're There

### Location



### Parking

See downtown parking map:

<http://www.northamptonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/27>

- Short term parking (one-hour meters) line both sides of Main Street.
- Long-Term parking (up to ten hours) can be found at the municipal parking lots on Strong Avenue, at the Maplewood Shops, the Round House lot, and the John Gare Parking Garage.
- Smaller lots are also located off Masonic Street, Armory Street, and Pleasant Street, and metered parking runs along the side streets that run off Main Street.
- Parking meter rate on Main Street is \$0.75 cents per hour (quarters only).
- Parking meter hourly rate is lower in the long-term lots and parking garage.

### Nearby

#### restaurants

Many restaurants located on Main Street in Northampton

#### Other Institutions

Forbes Library--Northampton Public Library (page 50)  
Smith College

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### Jones Library (Amherst Public Library)

Description	Jones Library is the main public library for Amherst, Massachusetts.						
Address	43 Amity Street Amherst, MA 01002						
Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
Library	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:15 pm	9:00 am to 8:15 pm	9:00 am to 5:15 pm	9:00 am to 8:15 pm	9:00 am to 5:15 pm	9:00 am to 5:15 pm
Special Collections Reading Room			1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Cost for Entry	Free						
FamilySearch	Yes						
Affiliate Library							
Phone	413-259-3097 or 413-259-3096 (Reference Desk)						
URL	<a href="http://www.joneslibrary.org">www.joneslibrary.org</a>						
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/joneslibrary">https://www.facebook.com/joneslibrary</a>						
Email Contact	<a href="mailto:Specialcolletions@joneslibrary.org">Specialcolletions@joneslibrary.org</a>						

### Collection

Focus	<p>The Boltwood Local History and Genealogy Collection is primarily a repository of the Town of Amherst's history, but also includes maps, manuscripts, and publications for all of Massachusetts, with a focus on the Pioneer Valley, and selected New England material. Associated materials include the Amherst tax records dating from the mid-eighteenth century and Amherst newspapers dating from 1786.</p> <p>Initially created by Lucius Manlius Boltwood, the genealogical collection features family history of Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. Included in the collection are family histories, vital records, census records, and genealogical notes and clippings.</p>
Books	Our local history and genealogy books are searchable in the <a href="#">library catalog</a> .
Maps	---
Photos and images	---
Periodicals and Newspapers	<p>The Jones Library has an extensive collection of local newspapers from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries on microfilm and paper. Click <a href="#">here</a> to see the complete list.</p> <p>Periodicals available at the Jones Library include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Genealogist (1932-current)</li> <li>• Historical Journal of Massachusetts (1980 – Current)</li> <li>• Historical Journal of Western Massachusetts (1947-1980)</li> <li>• New England Ancestors (2000-current)</li> <li>• New England Historic and Genealogical Society (1847-current)</li> </ul>
Manuscripts	<p>The major manuscript collections, some with links to finding aids include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amherst Writers &amp; Artists (AWA)</li> <li>• Ray Stannard Baker Collection, 1881-1996</li> <li>• Lucius Manlius Boltwood Papers</li> </ul>

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- Broad/Brown/Gaskill Family Collection
- John and Ruth Burgess Collection
- The Winthrop S. Dakin and Janet Wilder Dakin Papers
- Emily Dickinson Collection, 1809-2015
- Dziekanowski Farm Papers, 1933-2001
- Field Family Papers, 1820-1949
- First Congregational Church of Amherst Collection, 1735-2012
- Fort River Elementary School Khmer Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) Program Records
- Robert Francis Collection, 1915-1987, undated
- Robert Frost Collection
- Garden Club of Amherst Records
- The Goodell/Goodale Family Papers, 1750-1905
- Louis Greenbaum Papers, 1977-2015
- Donald E. Hardy Papers
- Howland Family Photographs
- Helen Hunt Jackson Collection, 1837-1999
- Clifton Johnson Collection
- Jones Family Collection
- Jones Library Collection
- Kanegasaki Sister City Committee Records
- Arnold Kenesth Collection
- Edward Landis Papers
- Robert M. McClung Papers, 1925-1997
- Nutting Family Papers, 1833-1857
- South Congregational Church Collection
- Frederick L. Stone Family Papers
- Kanegasaki Sister City Committee Records
- Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst, Records, 1894-

This list is by no means exhaustive; hundreds of smaller collections, not listed here, are indexed and described in a card catalog in the Special Collections department.

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### Online Catalogs

Yes

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### Digital Collections

Digital Amherst is a project of the Jones Library focused on developing a small but rich online collection of the historic and cultural stories about the town of Amherst and its influence in the Connecticut Valley and beyond. This project was initiated in celebration of Amherst's 250th anniversary in 2009. To date Digital Amherst contains the following collections:

- Jones Family Collection
  - Jones Library Collection
  - Robert Francis Collection
  - Clifton Johnson Collection
  - Amherst Record Photograph Collection
  - Amherst Tax Records Collection
  - John and Anthony Martin Photograph Collection
  - Joel Martin Halpern Photograph Collection
  - Lincoln Barnes Photograph Collection
  - Edgar Scott Postcard Collection
  - John L. Lovell Collection
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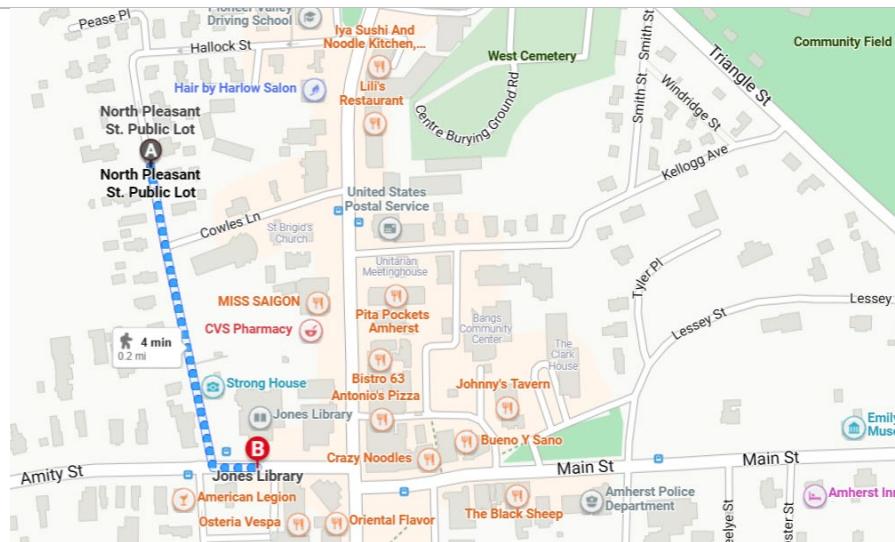
Requesting Resources	For those not able to visit the Special Collections in person, consultations via Zoom are available and are free.  Get started by filling out our easy <a href="#">Research Consultation form</a> . Once the form is received, a librarian will set up a Zoom session to go over what they have found or show you how you can search from home.  Depending on demand, we anticipate providing 1-2 hours of research followed by up to an hour of personal consultation.
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### On-Site

Access restrictions	---
Internet Access	Yes
Photocopying	---
Digital Images	---
Photography	---
Reproduction Services	---

### Getting There, While You're There

Location



Parking	Public Parking is available at the North Pleasant Street Public Lot.
Public Transportation	Amherst, MA, is located about 26 miles north of Springfield, MA. The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) provides bus service between Amherst and Springfield. To plan your trip, see the PVTA <a href="#">Trip Planner</a> .
Floor plans	See: <a href="http://forbeslibrary.org/info/floor-plans/">http://forbeslibrary.org/info/floor-plans/</a>
Restaurants	Many restaurants located on N. Pleasant and Main Streets in Amherst
Nearby Organizations	Amherst College Hampshire College Mount Holyoke College Smith College University of Massachusetts Amherst Robert S. Cox Special Collections and University Archives Research Center (page 59)

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### Robert S. Cox Special Collections and University Archives Research Center (SCUA)

Description	The <b>Robert S. Cox Special Collections and University Archives Research Center (SCUA)</b> inspires discovery through the collection and curation of cultural heritage materials for the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and beyond, contributing to the vital conversation between past and future. As part of a community dedicated to the values of diversity, social equity, and positive social change, SCUA acts through its collections, services, programs, and exhibitions to promote free inquiry; the production, exchange, and preservation of knowledge; and joy in learning.						
Address	W.E.B. Du Bois Library (25 <sup>th</sup> Floor) 154 Hicks Way Amherst, MA 01003						
Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
Academic Term		9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	
Summer Hours		10:00 am to 4:00 pm	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	
Cost for Entry	Free						
FamilySearch Affiliate Library	No						
Phone	413-545-7281						
URL	<a href="http://scua.library.umass.edu/">http://scua.library.umass.edu/</a>						
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/SCUA.UMass">https://www.facebook.com/SCUA.UMass</a>						
Email Contact	<a href="#">Contact SCUA archivists</a>						

### Collection

**Focus** The **Robert S. Cox Special Collections and University Archives Research Center (SCUA)** is a center for research into the history and impact of social change and the history and cultures of New England. Regardless of format, the collections in SCUA are richly interconnected, with particular depth for a suite of movements devoted to social justice. It has exceptional holdings for African American history and culture; organized labor; the peace, antiwar, and antinuclear movements; political and cultural radicalism; alternative societies; spiritual approaches to social change; and the history of agriculture, with an increasing emphasis on organic agriculture and sustainability.

SCUA houses approximately 40,000 rare books, hundreds of thousands of photographs, and nearly 45,000 linear feet of archives, including nationally significant manuscript collections and the official records of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. In addition to the major areas of collecting interest, SCUA is home to an eclectic assortment of materials documenting Revolutionary-era France and Belgium (1789-1848); the history of protistology; and the American study of Japan.

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	<p>The collections held by the Robert S. Cox Special Collections and University Archives Research Center (SCUA) are available at no cost to all researchers, regardless of affiliation.</p>
Books	<p>SCUA’s books and periodicals may be searched in the Library’s online catalog. Summary descriptions of discrete book collections, but not individual titles, are included in SCUA’s catalog, UMarmot.</p> <p><b>Notice:</b> A significant portion of SCUA’s collection of printed materials (books and periodicals) have been moved offsite until further notice with limited access. <a href="#">Contact SCUA archivists</a> for assistance.</p>
Manuscripts	<p>Among SCUA’s distinguished collections are the papers of civil rights pioneer W. E. B. Du Bois and Pentagon Papers whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, the records of the New England Yearly Meeting for Friends and the Hampshire Council of Governments, and hundreds of other collections documenting the lives and work of activists, reformers, and revolutionaries; innovators; political figures; spiritual leaders; and writers, poets, and photographers. Click <a href="#">here</a> to browse the manuscript collections.</p>
Online Catalogs	<p><b>UMarmot</b>, is an online “catablog” containing summary information about all manuscript and archival collections held by the Department of Special Collections and University Archives of the UMass Amherst Libraries (SCUA), as well as information about the Department and its activities.</p>
Photographs	<p>At the heart of SCUA’s growing visual collections are the archives of photojournalists and artistically-informed documentary photographers, particularly those identified with movements for social change. When possible, our goal is to preserve entire collections in their fullest integrity, rather than some subset of iconic images, and we prefer to represent the fullest range of a photographer’s work and career. Whenever possible, we plan for extensive digitization in the hopes of providing a broad, if not comprehensive overview of a photographer’s work.</p> <p>Among the noteworthy photographers represented in SCUA’s collections are: <a href="#">Jeff Albertson</a>, <a href="#">James Baker</a>, <a href="#">Tom Benedek</a>, <a href="#">Alton Blackington</a>, <a href="#">Kathy Borchers</a>, <a href="#">Burt V. Brooks</a>, <a href="#">Lionel Delevingne</a>, <a href="#">Roy Finestone</a>, <a href="#">Charles Frizzell</a>, <a href="#">Clif Garboden</a>, <a href="#">Diana Mara Henry</a>, <a href="#">Susan Kleckner</a>, <a href="#">Nancy Palmieri</a>, <a href="#">Rowland Scherman</a>, <a href="#">Peter Simon</a>, <a href="#">Thomas and Margaret Tenney</a>, <a href="#">Frank Waugh</a>.</p> <p>See: <a href="http://scua.library.umass.edu/overview/photos/">http://scua.library.umass.edu/overview/photos/</a> for additional details.</p>
Digital Collections	<p>See: <a href="https://credo.library.umass.edu/">https://credo.library.umass.edu/</a> for details.</p>
Requesting Resources	<p><a href="#">Contact SCUA archivists</a> for assistance.</p>
Research Guides	<p>SCUA staff have assembled a series of introductory guides to assist researchers in navigating through our collections. These guides provide a broad overview of our collections for the history of social change; labor, work, and industry; agriculture; and the regional history of New England, and intended for use in conjunction with the descriptions in UMarmot and our finding aids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">African American history</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Agriculture</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Daniel Ellsberg</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Japanology</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Labor, work, industry</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Literature and the arts</a></li><li>• <a href="#">New England</a></li></ul>

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- [Protistology](#)
  - [Social change](#)
  - [University Archives](#)
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### On-Site

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**Access restrictions** On your first visit, you will be asked to register and to provide name, institutional affiliation (when applicable), and current address, and to present a valid form of identification including a photograph. On each subsequent visit, you must sign in and out at the front desk. Upon leaving for the day, please notify the staff whether you are finished with your material or wish to place it on hold for a return visit.

Pencil and paper, laptops, cellphones, and USB drives are all permitted: lockers are available to store anything else. You may bring your cell phone into the reading room, but we ask you to set it to silent mode or switch it off; calls may be taken in the adjacent elevator lobby. Smoking, food, and drink are not permitted.

Researchers are asked to use care in handling manuscripts and books to prevent damage. Use only a single box of manuscript or archival material at a time and preserve the existing arrangement of the files.

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**Internet Access** Yes

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**Photocopying** Researchers may photograph items for research purposes, though must check with a staff member first. Scans and photocopies are made only by staff members in keeping with SCUA [copying policies](#).

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**Digital Images** ---

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**Photography** Allowed with permission of SCUA staff member

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**Reproduction** Free up to 400 photocopies per researcher, per month. See SCUA [copying policies](#).

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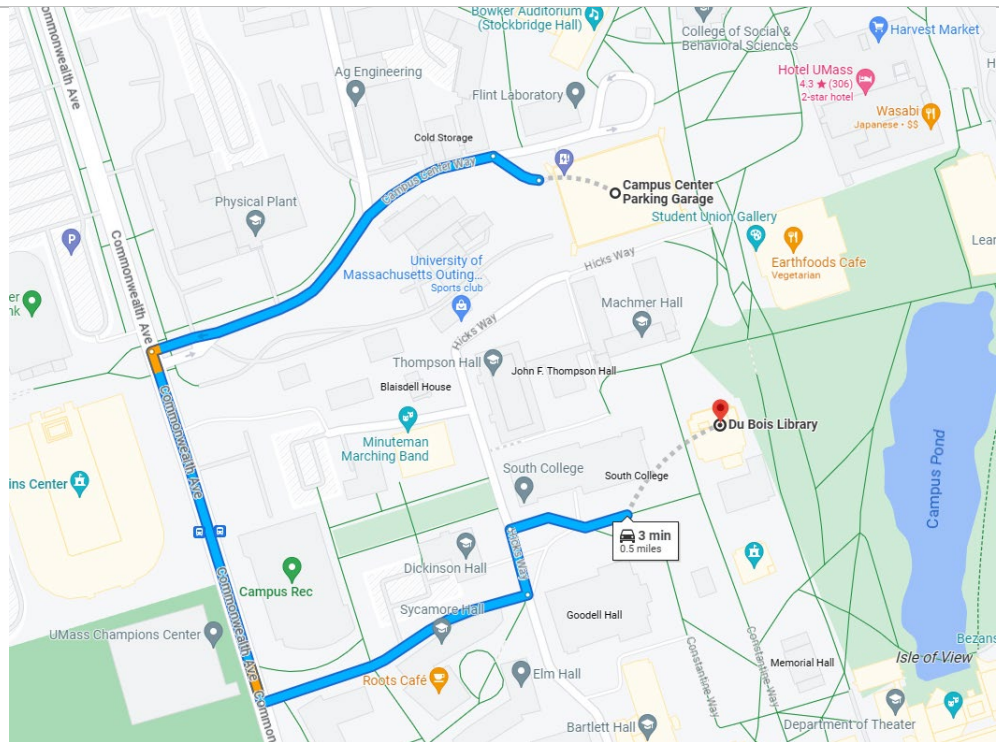
**Services** Individual copyright holders may retain the right charge fees.

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## Getting There, While You're There

Location



**Parking** Campus Center Parking Garage

**Public Transportation** Amherst, MA, is located about 26 miles north of Springfield, MA. The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) provides bus service between Amherst and Springfield. To plan your trip, see the PVTA [Trip Planner](#).

**Floor plans** ---

**Restaurants** Several restaurants located on campus and off-campus along Route 9N.

**Nearby Organizations** Amherst College  
Hampshire College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Smith College  
Jones Library (page 56)



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### Amherst, Town Clerk’s Office

Address	Town Hall 4 Boltwood Avenue Amherst, MA 01002						
Hours	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
	Closed	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	Closed
Cost for Entry	Free						
Phone	413-259-3035						
URL	<a href="https://www.amherstma.gov/80/Town-Clerk">https://www.amherstma.gov/80/Town-Clerk</a>						
Contact	Susan Audette, Town Clerk; Amber Martin, Assistant Town Clerk						
Email Contact	<a href="mailto:townclerk@amherstma.gov">townclerk@amherstma.gov</a>						

### Collection

Focus	Vital records for the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts.
Fees	Certified copies: \$10 each + bank service fees for online payments
Requesting Resources	Currently the Town of Amherst cannot provide certified copies of birth, death, or marriage records which are not filed in Amherst.

Please check the state procedures and requirements for obtaining certified copies of birth, death, and marriage records which did not occur in Massachusetts.

Certified copies of records of birth, death, and marriage may be obtained from the Town Clerk upon request during normal business hours at a cost of \$10 each (cash or check). They may also now be requested and paid for online by [clicking here](#).

Those unable to request a certified copy in person or online, may do so by mail. Mailed written requests must include:

- the name(s) and date of occurrence,
- a check made payable to the Town of Amherst for the appropriate amount, and
- a self-addressed stamped envelope.

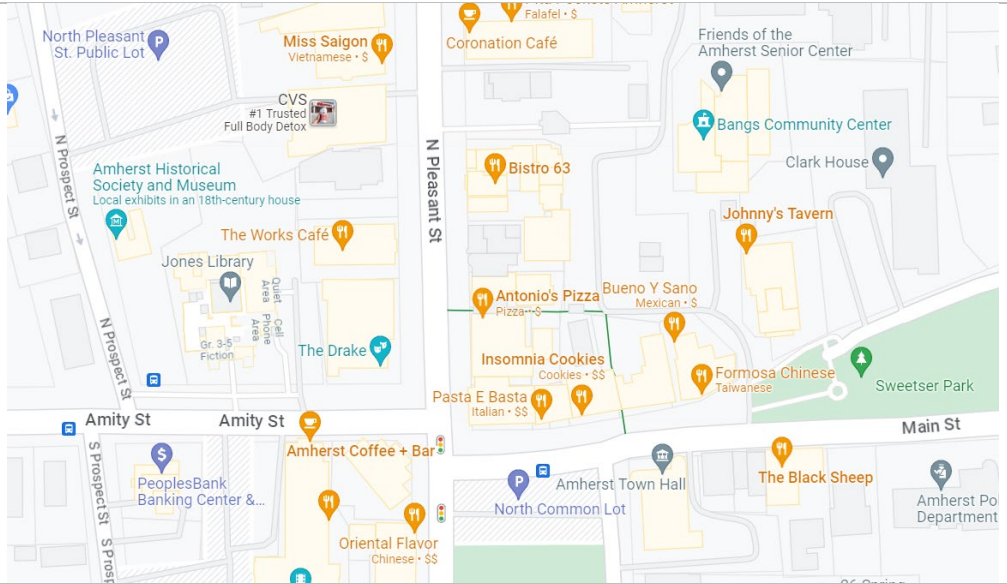
Only the parties named on a Restricted vital record may obtain certified copies of that record. Valid photo ID will be required for the Town Clerk to fill a request for a certified copy of a Restricted record.

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## Getting There, While You're There

Location



Parking	Public Parking is available at the North Common Lot and the North Pleasant Street Public Lot.
Public Transportation	Amherst, MA, is located about 26 miles north of Springfield, MA. The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) provides bus service between Amherst and Springfield. To plan your trip, see the PVTA <a href="#">Trip Planner</a> .
Floor plans	---
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## FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries

- Chicopee Public Library (page 24)
- Greenfield Public Library (page 8)
- Jones Library / Amherst Public Library (page 56)

## Recommended Resources

### Books

Galvin, William Francis. *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts*. Boston, MA: New England Historic Genealogical Society (AmericanAncestors.org), 1997.

Lambert, David Allen. *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Boston, MA: New England Historic Genealogical Society (AmericanAncestors.org), 2009.

McClure, Rhonda R. *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Boston, MA: New England Historic Genealogical Society (AmericanAncestors.org), 2022.

### Online Sites

Cyndi's List. <https://www.cyndislist.com/> : 2023.

FamilySearch Wiki. <https://www.familyserch.org/en/wiki> : 2023.

New England Historic Genealogical Society. <https://american.ancestors.org> : 2023.

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness. <https://www.raogk.org> : 2023.