

Municipal Ledgers and Books Collection

Cambridge Historical Commission

831 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Provenance: Primarily unknown. Alcohol Log Book donated by Cambridge License Commission, 1998.

Collection ID: CHC 028

Dates: 1855-1941, bulk 1855-1900

Extent: 23 volumes, 3 linear feet

Location: Library

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Access: Collection is available for research under the CHC rules of use.

Collection Description:

This collection consists of 23 volumes pertaining to various functions of the Cambridge municipal government. All volumes are hand-written. Included are notebooks kept by municipal employees detailing land use, sewers and drains, railroads, alcohol licenses, and parks. One item of note is the diary of T.P. O'Neill, father of 47th Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill. T.P. O'Neill, Sr. was Inspector of the Parks Department and later Superintendent of Sewers.

Also included are volumes of certificates for Cambridge workers and business owners.

Subjects:

Alcohol -- Vendors and purchasers -- Records

Building trades -- Employees -- Plumbers

Deeds

Land use

Land titles

Logbooks

Married women -- Employment

Married women -- Legal status, laws, etc. -- Massachusetts

Municipal engineering

Railroads

Sanitary engineering

Sewerage

Shelf List:

Item #	Description	Date
1	Alcohol Logbook (License Commission)	1855-1856
2	Catalogue of Certificate Holders: Journeymen	ND
3	City lands abstracts of sundry deeds	1849-1882
4	Land survey field book	1861-1862
5	Land survey field book	1865-1868
6	Land survey field book	1882-1886
7	Index to deeds	ca. 1878
8	Railroad track survey field book	1881
9	Sewer and Sidewalk Assessments, ordered by the board of Mayor and Aldermen, Volume 1. ("Copies of Taxes")	1845-1857
10	Sewer and Sidewalk Assessments ("Bridges and"), ordered by the Mayor and Aldermen, Volume 2. ("Index to Drains")	1857-1874
11&12	Records of the Committe[e] on Sewers and Drains, Municipal Year 1870. Commencing Dec. 1 st 1869, ending Nov. 30 th 1870. (2 copies.)	1869-1870
13	Sewers: Construction, No. 1, Municipal Year 1870. Commencing Dec. 1 st 1869, ending Nov. 30 th 1870.	1869-1870
14	Sewers. Construction, No. 4	1887
15	Violation Records (Sewers)	1894-1903
16	Sewer Inspector's note book, no. 13 (various notes tucked in dated later)	1964-1867
17	Sewer Inspector's notebook (?)	ca. 1866-1867
18	Sewer Inspector's note book	ca. 1868-1886
19	Sewer Inspector's field book ("Sewer Inlets(?) #14")	[1909?]
20	Sewer Inspector's field book ("Inlets(?) #15")	[1909-1911?]
21	Plumbers registration book, Department for the Inspection of Buildings	ND
22	Diary of T.P. O'Neill, Inspector for the Parks Department	1908
23	Certificates of Married Women, Vol. 3	1922-1931

The following volumes have been removed from the collection and integrated into the CHC Research Library:

Book of Ordinances, 1912, with updates from 1912-1941

The Revised Ordinances of 1812 of the City of Cambridge, 1914. (Note: This is a duplicate copy and is located with Library Duplicates in storage.)

List of Jurors, 1907. (Board of Registrars of Voters).