

**Maryellen V. Fitzgerald
Cambridge 350th Anniversary Collection**

**Donated to the Cambridge Historical Commission
By Maryellen V. Fitzgerald
In 2006**

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Description

This collection, primarily of photographs, records the events and activities surrounding the 350th Anniversary Celebration of the City of Cambridge, 1980-1981, as seen through the eyes of the donor of the collection, Maryellen V. Fitzgerald.

The 350th Anniversary Celebration was sponsored, financed and directed by the Cambridge City Council. The Council appointed a committee, of ever changing, ever growing members, to oversee the undertaking, and named Ann Roosevelt to be its chairman. A lifelong resident of Cambridge, Mrs. Roosevelt is the wife of James Roosevelt, grandson of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Maryellen Fitzgerald was named Coordinator of the celebration, with Betty Mahoney as her Assistant; office space was made available for them in City Hall.

Three major events were planned for the 350th Anniversary. Two of these were Founders Day events. The first of these events was held on Saturday, October 4, 1980, when a small flotilla of ships came up the Charles River, the founders disembarked, proceeded up John F. Kennedy Street (Boylston Street) to Winthrop Square and reenacted the establishment of Newtowne in 1630. The second Founders Day event was a large parade on Sunday, October 5, 1980, led by Thomas P. O'Neill, resident of Cambridge, Congressman from the Eighth District, and Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. This parade started in the parking lot of Lechmere Sales on First Street, proceeded on Cambridge Street and Prospect Street to Mt Auburn Street, and then up to Winthrop Square. An unexpected strike of all city workers on the day of the parade called for crisis management by Ms. Fitzgerald, who saved the situation by bringing in the Cambridge Auxiliary Police Force and the foremen of the Department of Public Works. All proceeded without a hitch. The third and final event was the "Salute to Cambridge" dinner at MIT's Kresge Hall on January 17, 1981

Scope and Content

The Maryellen V. Fitzgerald Cambridge 350th Anniversary Collection consists primarily of twenty-eight photographs. Also found in the collection are Mayor Francis Duehay's proclamations announcing the Founders Day celebrations, several mayoral commendations including two of Ms. Fitzgerald, four publications on the history of Cambridge, a program of the final celebratory dinner, "Salute to Cambridge," and memorabilia – two 350th buttons.

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15. Mayor's Proclamation	Founders Day	October 4, 1980
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18. Design		undated
19. Publication	"Founding of Newtowne"	undated
20. Publication	"1630 Newtowne-Cambridge 1980"	1980
21. Publication	"A Salute to Cambridge"	1980
22. Publication	"350 Years of Cambridge History"	undated
23. Program	"A Salute to Cambridge" Dinner	January 17, 1981
24. Letterhead	With list of 350 th Anniversary Committee Members	undated
25. Memorabilia	350 th Buttons	
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