



# Grafton History Guide to Printed Resources

## Notebooks found in shelves under front window – left to right

**Worcester Airport Scrapbook Collection:** Five volumes of news clipping and photos from 1927 – 1952 about the airport on Brigham Hill Road (after Rt. 90 known as Airport Road).

**Mrs. Ella Farnum Fisher Scrapbook:** Collection of acknowledgments for community service as well as textile business information and letters.

**Scrapbook from 1880 – 1912:** New clippings reflecting the Victorian period.

**Scrapbook from 1930's :** News clippings covering town government and personal stories.

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**Scrapbook from 1940's – 1950's:** News clippings covering town government and personal stories.

**Grafton State Hospital:** News clippings about the activities and management of Grafton State Hospital.

**Book – In This Quite Valley 1941 - 1945:** Story about life in the Blackstone Valley.

**Notebook - Grafton Oral History Project:** A list of Grafton residents that were interviewed by Linda Marean Casey. DVD's of thirty individuals recalling their memories of living in Grafton can be found in Annex area under train display.

Garfield Atchue, Joseph & Rita Aldrich, Nora Riggs Belfay, Walter Bertrand, Charles Bolack, Lillian Roche Boucher, Barbara Bryant, Dorothy Christensen, Robert Croteau, Donald Davison, Lillian Dziembowski, Virginia Ainsworth Engvall, Hazel Esten Foto, Jean Peterson Harvie, Madeline Harnois Hawes, Roger Isabelle, Raymond & Viola Johnson, Charles Jordan, Jane Kelly-Lewis, June Lufkin, Richard Perron, Dexter Pond, Robert Prout, Herbert Therrien, June Prout Whitney, Walter Wojnar, George Carroll, Rachel Costello, Philip Gauthier, Donald Petrie.

**Frank O'Hara:** Poetry and photos from 1926 – 1966 on the life of Frank O'Hara.

**Historical Trail Markers:** Photos and explanations about the multiple Historic markers in Grafton.

**Scrapbook, Graftonia I:** News clipping and photos from 1900 - 1992

**Scrapbook, Grafton – Vol II:** News clippings and photos from 1800 - 1989.

**Scrapbook, Graftonia – Vol III:** News clippings and photos from 1927 - 1988

**Scrapbook, Graftonia –Vol IV:** News clippings and photos from 1933 – 1990.

**Scrapbook, Graftonia –Vol. V:** News clippings and photos from 1890 – 1992.

**Scrapbook, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Newspapers, program information and more from the celebration of this important anniversary.

**Ah, Wilderness Collection:** Copies of the 1935 collection of news articles and photos describing the filming by MGM producing this movie on Grafton common and South Street.

**The Nipmucs of Hassanamesit:** News clippings and photos of life and important times of the Nipmuc tribe.

**The Great Hurricane of 1938:** News clippings, personal stories and photos of Grafton Center & South Grafton after the damage in 1938.

**Jean Deschenes – Grafton Center project:** Working files including photos for making a diorama of Grafton Center in 1887.

**Jean Dechenes –The Mill Villages Project:** The working files and photos used to do models of the three South Grafton Mills, Fisherville, Farnumsville, and Saundersville.

**Savers Cooperative Savings Bank:** Photos and news clippings about the bank.

**Ethan Allen – Gun maker:** Printed volume of the gunsmith's travels and profession, including his time in Grafton and his business on Waterville Street.

**Scrapbook: Fountain:** Photos and documents pertaining to the restoration of the Grafton Town Common fountain for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**Grafton in Verse:** Poetry by notable Grafton residents.

**Book – Honor Day – South Grafton:** Documents about World War I and the veterans that were given special honors

**Book: Ninth Division Artillery Story:** Published book following the service of the 9<sup>th</sup> division of artillery.

**Scrapbook: Support Saga - World War II:** Photos, maps and assorted articles about World War II.

**Scrapbook: Edward Joseph Such:** Information about Mr. Such's service with the US Pacific fleet, during his service in World War II.

**Scrapbook from World War II:** Serviceman Armand Louis Morin's collection of photos and memorabilia.

**Notebook: Women in World War I & World War II:** A compilation of information on women with a Grafton connection that served in World War I & World War II assembled by Corinne Tortai.

**Notebook: World War I:** Grafton's role in World War I, including details on the casualties.

**Notebook: World War II:** Grafton's role in World War II, including details on the casualties.

**Notebook: World War II Monument:** Detailed files for each military personal that died during World War II.

**Scrapbook: The Grafton Link I (1944 – 45) & II (1950 – 53):** Newsletters produced for local servicemen during World War II and the Korean War, updating them on the news from home.

**Notebook: Frederick Anderson Letters:** Letters of a Grafton Native written to his family from college in 1925 - 26

### **Notebooks stored in Poor House Cabinet – Under front window**

**Grafton History Club Papers:** Sixty Three written reports by members of the Grafton History Club and DAR from 1929 – 1950. Available in 4 green binders found in Poor House cabinet, also in folders stored under railroad cabinet in Annex area.

**Grafton History Club Papers – Book I:** Hassanamesit, History of Grafton, Home Life, Historic Homes/Places

**Grafton History Club Papers – Book II:** History of North Grafton, History of South Grafton, Places of Interest.

**Grafton History Club Papers – Book III:** Industry & Business, Library, Military, Clubs and Organizations.

**Grafton History Club Papers - Bok IV:** Churches, Families, Celebrated Citizens.

**School Photos:** North Grafton Elementary – Mr. Richard Howarth, Principal

**Volume I: 1960 – 1965:**

**Volume II: 1965 – 1967:**

**Volume III: 1967 – 1968:**

**Volume IV: 1968 – 1969:**

**Volume V: 1969 – 1970:**

**Old Burying Ground:**

**Mrs. Catherine Warren Grafton History Notes:** Biography of the Grafton Historian" and an indexed collection of her research, including reports written during the early 1900's.

**Oak Street Burial Ground 1731- 1800:** List of those interred in Grafton's earliest town cemetery with map showing grave locations. Photographs of significant gravestones are included.

**Grafton Greats:** News clippings of some of Grafton's most notable residents.

**Nipmucs:** News clippings and photos of the Sarah Cisco's family covering education and involvement in town politics, including stories about the Brigham Hill property.

**Masons:** Documents and News clippings regarding this organization.

**Slocumb Family History:** Details prepared by the family covering their prominent place in the shoe industry and the civic affairs of Grafton in the mid 1800's.

**North Grafton Women's Club:** Documents and news clippings about the women and their mission.

**Fashion Show – April 15, 1985:** Photographs from the fashion show during the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Wyman Gordan – 1883 – 1983:** A two volume series covering the development and day to day company business, including the major leaders of the company.

**Grafton History Club Reports:** A collection of papers on general topics of interest to club members.

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**Grafton Farmers Club:**

**Grafton Railroad, Vol I, II & III:** a collection of news articles and photos about the Grafton & Upton Railroad.

**John F. Tidman's Scrapbook:** a collection of letters to his mother Carol Fletcher Tidman throughout his college and military years.

**Appraisal of Town Property from 1945:** Photos of town owned buildings along with information about town property from 1945.

**Research Documentes on Churches of Grafton:** done by Burton Aldrich Robie, this book contains information on the formation and daily function of the churches.

**Nelson Library Scrapbook:** Photos and news clippings about the mansion and the fire.

**Gertrude Whitney Letters:** Personal letters written by Mrs. Whitney to friends and family, capturing daily life in a small New England town.

**Grafton Historians:** short stories about Mille & Ben Bean, Emma Goddard, Frederick Pierce, Catherine Warren, Norman & Rose Taft & Robert Wilson, Grafton residents who recorded the town's history.

**Printed Materials on shelves near office:**

**Grafton Inventory of Historical Homes and Structures:** History and architectural features of many older buildings through 1940. Done for the Grafton Historical Commission, and completed in 1990.

**Taxable Valuations:** From 1880's forward.

**Town Reports:** From 1880's forward.

**Street Lists:**