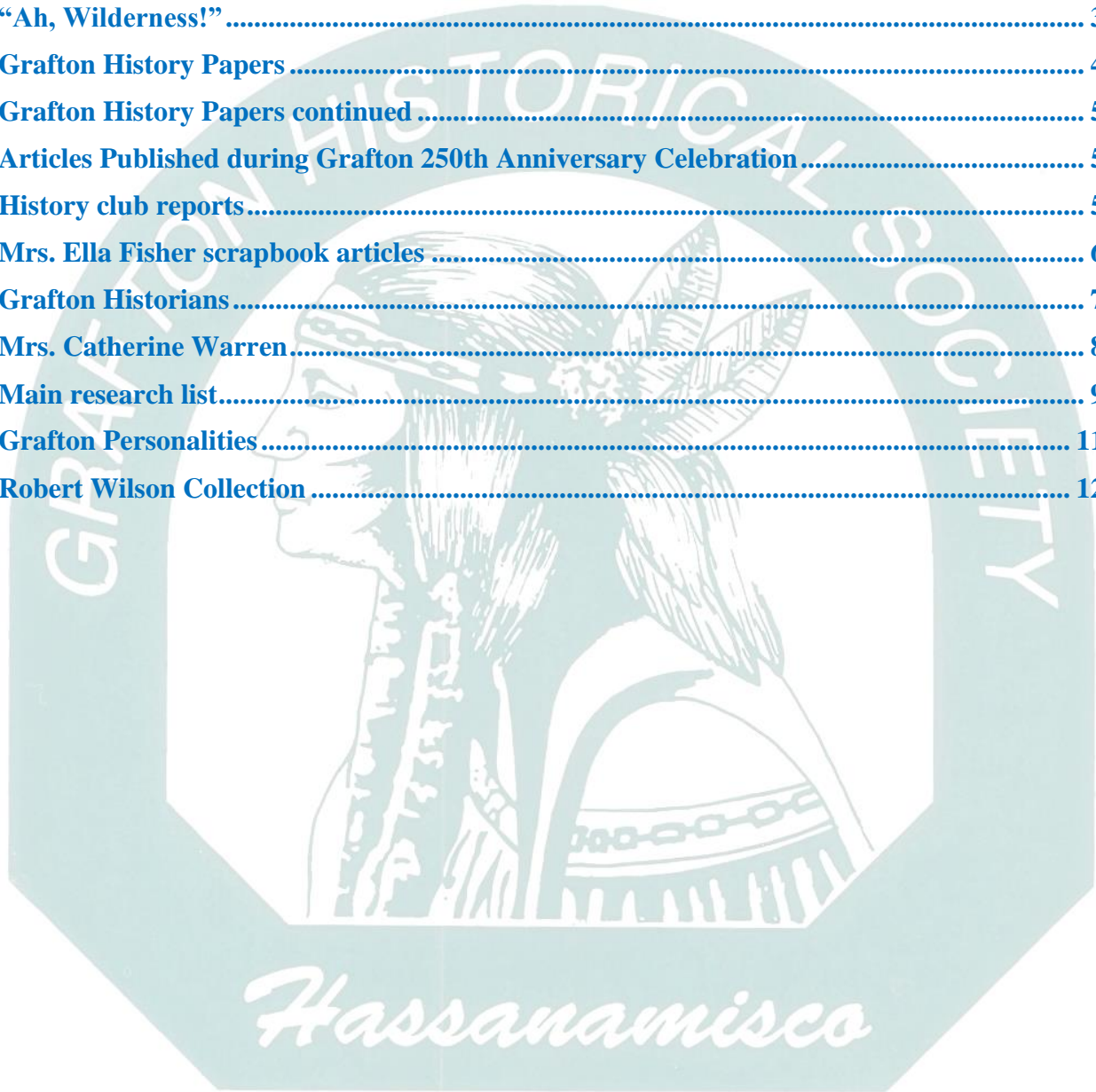


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Aspects of Grafton history

HISTORY OF GRAFTON

- ✚ Reports researched and written by Social. Studies Classes at
- ✚ Grafton High School in the late. 1940's, covering these fourteen topics:
 - Grafton Geographically and Geologically
 - Indians of Grafton
 - Brigham Hill Road
 - Town History
 - Defending Freedom
 - Old Houses, Landmarks, and Milestones
 - Industries
 - Schools
 - Churches
 - Horse and Buggy Days
 - Colonial Cupboard
 - Town Government
 - Sons of Grafton
 - Library

THE TOWN OF GRAFTON

- ✚ Report for a class in United States Local History written by Karl Doane in 1991.
- ✚ Q & A book: A "little book" written in 1831 by Charles Brigham, Jr., to give the children of Grafton "a more thorough knowledge of their town."
- ✚ Report of the committee on common schools for the year 1839.
- ✚ An alphabetical listing of all the teachers from the early 1850's through the 1930's (Narrative history of the Grafton Schools filed with the "Grafton History Papers»)

GRAFTON HISTORY

- ✚ Framework for the study of Grafton History in school Grades 1-8 with a list of study topics prepared by Mrs. Caroline Pfau during the 1980's and 90's.
- ✚ Collection of topics, activities, projects, and resources for Grafton Heritage Week developed during the late 1990' s by the Social Studies Department of the Grafton Schools for Grades 1-8.
- ✚ Narration for a slide presentation by Mrs. Phyllis Keith prepared for Grafton's 250th Anniversary.

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“Ah, Wilderness!”

✚ INTRODUCTION (with synopsis of play)

✚ REPORTS AND PICTURES FROM DAILY NEWSPAPER

✚ GENERAL ARTICLES

- "Ah, Wilderness!" and Way Down East
- "Ah, Wilderness!" in Beautiful Screen Play
- "Ah, Wilderness!" in Films has Slightly "Rustic" Premiere
- Director Lauds "Post" Series on Making Movies
- Assistant Film Director Enjoys Articles in "Post"
- Good for Grafton
- A Generation Ago
- Graftonites Recall "Ah, Wilderness!"
- Lights...Camera...Grafton!
- "Notes" of Interest
- Little Did Grafton Realize
- We Never Thought It Would Be Like This
- When Grafton Got the Hollywood Treatment

✚ ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

- "Ah, Wilderness!": Cast, Plot, Characters, Adaptations
- Production Archives, Summaries, and Reviews
- "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam"
- Eugene Gladstone O'Neill: Biography, Major Works, Assessment, Complete Works
- Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett
- Clarence Brown: Early Life and Career, Filmography, Mainstream Director of Stars
- Eric Linden: Biography
- Cecelia Parker: Biography and Career, Photos

✚ AFTERWARD

- Local Premiere at Loew's Palace Theater, Worcester, on December 6, 1935.
- "Ah, Wilderness!" Costume Ball in Grafton Town Hall on November 26, 1937.
- Grafton Women's Club and Grafton Bicentennial Committee Presentation of "Ah, Wilderness!" in J. F. K. Memorial Auditorium of G.H.S. on March 12, 1976.

Grafton History Papers

They were written by members of the Grafton History Club and the Old Oak Chapter, D.A.R., from the 1920's through the 1950's.

HASSANAMESIT

1. Hassanamesit: Royal capital of the Nipmucks
2. History of the Hassanamisco or Keith Hill
3. Last of the Aborigines

HISTORY OF GRAFTON

4. History of Grafton
5. (History of) Grafton
6. Development of Grafton
7. Bits of Grafton History
8. Reminiscences of Grafton

HOME LIFE

9. Changes in Home and Home Lite
10. Pioneer Homes: Equipment and Activities

HISTORIC HOMES AND PLACES

11. Historic Homes of Grafton
12. Old Houses and Historic Places
13. Some Houses on South Street

HISTORY OF NORTH GRAFTON

14. Notes on North Grafton
15. North Grafton Settlers

HISTORY OF SOUTH GRAFTON

16. Farnumsville
17. Fisherville
18. Saundersville

PLACES OF INTEREST

19. Brigham Hill
20. Keith Hill and Our Neighbors
21. Great Treil
22. Quinsigamond River
23. Roads of Grafton
24. Riverside Cemetery

EDUCATION

25. History of Grafton Schools
26. Elementary Schools

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

27. Industry and Manufacturing
28. Leather/Shoe Industry in Center
29. Pump-Tools /Jonathan Stow Fisk
30. Banking
31. The Pound
32. Water Supply
33. Transportation - G&U Railroad

LIBRARY

34. Grafton Libraries

MILITARY

35. Military Participation
36. War Memorials

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

37. Grafton History Club
History Club as I Remember
38. Clubs for Men and Women
Clubs of S. Grafton / Grange
39. Clubs for Men
Grafton Farmers Club
Franklin Lodge / K of C
40. Clubs for Women
District Nursing Association
King's Daughters Society
Old Oak Chapter, D.A.R.
Women's Foreign Missionary

CHURCHES

41. Early Church of Christ
42. Congregational Church
Evangelical Congregational
Saundersville Congregation
43. Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
Second Baptist Church
Freewill Baptist Church
44. Saint Andrew's Episcopal
45. Methodist Church
46. Roman Catholic Church
Saint James Church
Saint Philip Church
47. First Unitarian Church
48. Search for Sartell Bible

Grafton History Papers continued

FAMILIES

49. Brooks
50. Farnum
51. Fowler
52. Keith
53. Joseph Merriam
54. Rawson
55. Wadsworth
56. Willard

CELEBRATED CITIZENS

57. Daniel Hubbard
58. Eider John Leland
59. Dr. Robert Lilley
60. Rev. Solomon Prentice
61. Rev. William Scandlin
62. Robert B. Thomas
63. Jerome Wheelock

Articles Published during Grafton 250th Anniversary Celebration

- ✚ Grafton History
- ✚ Historic District
- ✚ Take a Walking Tour of Grafton Sites
- ✚ This Was Nipmuck Country
- ✚ Town Roads Have a Rich and Colorful History
- ✚ Grafton Dedicates Korea and Vietnam Monument
- ✚ "Ah, Wilderness!" Movie and Local "Cast" Graftonites Recall "Ah, Wilderness!"
- ✚ This Trio Remembers South Grafton's Heyday Arthur Boutiette, South Grafton's "Agebuster"
- ✚ Grafton Built on Water Power before Lake Ripple Existed
- ✚ Tinkers Brought on Element of Fear and Mystery
- ✚ Grafton's Airfield Rich in Memories When "Lucky Lady" Spurned Grafton
- ✚ A Look at a Few Traditional and Historical Civic Organizations
- ✚ Jerome Wheelock, Hard Man to Forget
- ✚ Who Began Valentines in America?
- ✚ Ethan Allen Triggered Today's Collection
- ✚ It's Ali in the Family at the Grafton Inn
- ✚ Clock's Pulse Ticks at Willard House
- ✚ Blackstone Valley Opens Campus of Quinsigamond and Worcester State College Tufts University and Job Corps Neighbors on Hospital Grounds
- ✚ Lordvale: Home of Harry Worcester Smith

History club reports

The following reports were found among the papers of the Grafton History Club, which was founded in the early 1900's by a group of Grafton women for the purpose of studying world and national affairs, the culture of the time, information about Grafton history, and other topics of interest. The members researched their topics, wrote a paper, and read the paper at one of the monthly meetings. The reports on Grafton history are filed as the "Grafton History Papers." The six reports in this collection, all on "other topics," are the only such papers that have been found.

- ✚ "Economic Aspects of the Movement for the Constitution"

- ✚ "George Washington in Massachusetts" by Mrs. Frank Warren
- ✚ "Letter to Julia from Clara Barton"
- ✚ "Old Manuscripts" by Miss Lucy Biscoe
- ✚ "The Re-creation of Anne Parrish" by Miss Christine Noyes
- ✚ "Saratoga Battlefield and Vicinity" by Mrs. Stiles of Worcester

Mrs. Ella Fisher scrapbook articles

- ✚ Acknowledgments to Mrs. Fisher
- ✚ Obituaries of George W. Fisher
- ✚ Fisher Manufacturing Company Dedication of Grafton Town Hall
- ✚ Order of Exercises of 150th Grafton Anniversary Celebration
- ✚ Grafton Indians
- ✚ Saint James Church
- ✚ Union Congregational Church
- ✚ Farnumville Free Baptist Church
- ✚ Grafton Politics
- ✚ Acceptance of Nelson Property
- ✚ Taxes
- ✚ Hassanimisco Water Company
- ✚ Daniel B. Hubbard Scandal
- ✚ Cashier Wing Scandal
- ✚ Wheeler Mills Sale
- ✚ Court Case of lawyer John B. Scott against Amos Getchell
- ✚ First National Bank Sensation
- ✚ Important Tax Payers of Town
- ✚ Webster Norcross Musicale
- ✚ Anniversary Party for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fisher
- ✚ Series of Letters Regarding Gift to Yale University
- ✚ Biography of George W. Fisher
- ✚ Poems for Various Occasions

Grafton Historians

MILDRED AND BENJAMIN BEAN

- Newspaper clippings
- Mildred Bean's Notes: Grafton Center, North Grafton,
- South Grafton, General Aspects of Grafton History

EMMA J. GODDARD

- Newspaper clippings
- "The Changing American Home"
- "Some Customs of Our Ancestors"
- "Changes in America"
- Grafton Churches

FREDERICK C. PIERCE

- Biography
- Notes on Genealogies: Field, Foster, Pierce
- Notes on *History of Grafton*

NORMAN TAFT AND ROSE TAFT

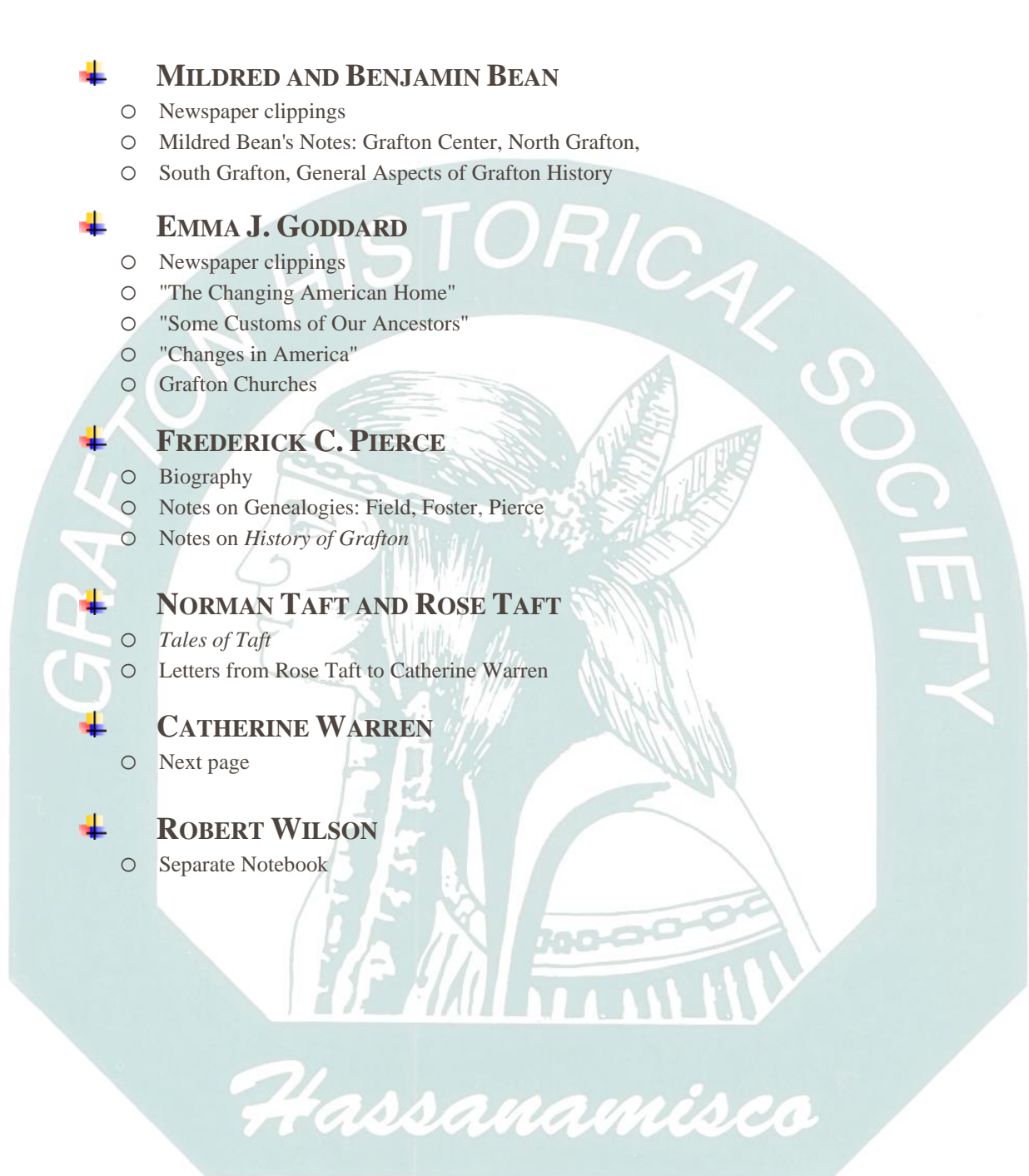
- *Tales of Taft*
- Letters from Rose Taft to Catherine Warren

CATHERINE WARREN

- Next page

ROBERT WILSON

- Separate Notebook



Mrs. Catherine Warren

INTRODUCTION

- ✚ Brief biography /residences
- ✚ Notes on members of Warren family
- ✚ Small "Patchwork" booklet 1884

SETS OF NOTES ON GRAFTON HISTORY

- ✚ Correspondence with Mr. Vaudrell, which illustrates Mrs. Warren's methods of gathering information
- ✚ Pageant for Grafton's anniversary celebration in 1935
- ✚ Petition to Senate and House of Representatives to confirm certain school money and other money toward ministry according to vote of inhabitants
- ✚ Report of sale of school lot (1783)
- ✚ Report on committee to make final settlement with Dr. Darling regarding doctoring of Daniel Bruce (1783)
- ✚ Bill regarding payment for work framing the great bridge (1783)
- ✚ Certificate of Marriage of Ezra Phillips and Anna Wheelock and Intention of
- ✚ Marriage between Isaac Stone and Lydia Brigham (1811)
- ✚ Report in regard to use of money for sale of school lot (1783)
- ✚ Agreements made at annual town meeting (1783)
- ✚ Places of interest in Grafton
- ✚ "Colonel's Lady," play by Isabelle Nason
- ✚ Original notes hand-written on back of blank checks with typed copy on
- ✚ History of Grafton

NOTES ON HISTORY OF GRAFTON

- ✚ Address to G.H.S. Class of 1960
- ✚ Random Collection of notes
- ✚ Brigham Hill notes for D. A. R.
- ✚ Business and Shops in Center
- ✚ David Fisk / Sarah Boston
- ✚ Houses and businesses
- ✚ Old houses, trails, Indians,
- ✚ Indians and Proprietors
- ✚ Places of Interest / Individuals
- ✚ Letter about North Grafton
- ✚ Ministers of First Church
- ✚ Miscellaneous notes / Clippings
- ✚ Historic topics
- ✚ Old Houses / Schools
- ✚ Poem by William Ayres

Main research list

ARTIFACTS

Hats
Rifles (Ethan Allen, Edward Wesson)
China
Daguerreotypes
Fans
Magic lanterns
Samplers
Valentines

HASSANAMESIT

Nipmucs
This was a Nipmuck country

HISTORY OF GRAFTON

Grafton history
Historic district
Newspapers
Proprietors' records

HISTORY OF NORTH GRAFTON

HISTORIC HOMES

Clapp House (44 North Street)
Rockwell-Crater/Ferraro house (116
Brigham Hill Road)
29 Oak Street
Dunn-Robinson house (115 Old Upton
Road)
Tower Hill Farm (31 Sibley Street)
Keith-Coz house (10 South Street)
Adams Farm (114 Millbury Street)
Getchell House (41 North Main Street),
North Grafton
107 Main Street, South Grafton
Joseph Merriam House (George Hill Road)
Maxwell House (12 Cross Street), South
Grafton
Octagonal House (Maple Street), South
Grafton
Temple Farm (Carroll Road), North Grafton
Willard House

HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Cooperative Bank
Farnumsville Fire Station
House Christmas Decorations
Grafton Inn
Grafton Savings Bank
Grafton State Hospital
Howard Johnson Restaurant (Upton Street)
Old Town House
Little Bank
Wilson's Store (North Main Street), North
Grafton
Wyman Gordon Company
Grafton Airport

EDUCATION

Block print/6th graders
Dance cards/graduation program
Teacher list

INDUSTRY

Shoes industry

BUSINESS

Bertrand's Package Store
Bicknell lumber
Carriage Barn
Creeper Hill Orchard
Farnumsville Market
Grafton Country Store
Green Store-Henry Callendar and Company
Linen Thread Company
Lone Oak Dairy, N.G.
Pump making
Ice Harvesting
Ethan Allen Gun Shop, N.G.
Farnumsville Mills
Fisherville Mills
Gaudette Insurance
Mel's Sunoco, Upton Street
Mid-Hill Nursing Home, Millbury Street
Roney Funeral Home
Post Office Pub, N. G.
Shoe Industry

Sessions Funeral Home
Tupperware, S.G.
Washington Mills, N.G.

LIBRARY

Nelson Memorial Library

MILITARY

Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)
Korean war monument
Vietnam war monument

CLUB AND ORGANIZATIONS

DAR "Old oak Chapter"
District Nursing Association
Farmer club
Girl Scouts / Boys Scouts
Grafton Forest Association
Grafton Garden Club
Grafton Historical Society
Grafton History club
Grafton Land Trust
Grafton Riding/Driving Club
Grafton Taxpayer association
Goulet-Delisle American Legion
Kiwanis club
North Grafton Women's Club
Odd fellows
Senior Center

CHURCHES

Baptist
Second Baptist
Congregational
Methodist
St. Andrew's
St. James
St. Mary
St. Philip
Union Congregational
Unitarian

CEMETERIES

Fairview
Oak Street
Old Indian Burying Ground
Pine Grove
Saint Philip

FAMILIES

CELEBRATED CITIZENS

GRAFTON EVENTS

1942 Parade
1944 D-Day
Fire at Perry Hill
Lord Zachery's Inn Fire
Bank Robbery 1949
100th Anniversary Address
Grafton Bicentennial 1935
Grafton 250th 1985
U.S. Bicentennial 1915
Flood 1936
Flood 1939
Hurricane 1938
Trees Wood Sculptor
Yeast Factory Fire
Fire at 136 Old Upton Road 1993
Kidnapping/ Assault Robinson
Dirigible over Grafton
Town Seal Stolen 1975
Worcester Air Pageant 1927

MISCELLANEOUS

Town road have a rich and colorful history
Grafton cookbooks
Fire engine companies
Jail records
Rail road
Postmaster's accounts

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Grafton Personalities

(Located in the file cabinet)



Abbott, Peter	Gage, Nicholas	Moroney, Adele
Allen, Roy	Gallerani, Victor	Murray, Helena
Allen, Ethan	Girouard, R. P.	Naylor, Burton
Anderson,	Goddard Emma J.	Nelson Family
Frederick/Allison	Goddard, Perley	Norcross, Webster
Anderson Family	Goddard, Perley (Mike)	Norton, Betsy
Axtell Family	Goulet, Edward	O'Hara, Frank
Bean, Ben & Mildred	Greene, Henry 1818	Panin, Ivan
Brige, Anna Harlow	Grioner, Roberta C.	Peterson, George, Jr.
Bicknell, John F.	Harrington Hannah	Peterson, Geroge Sr.
Blanding, Harry (Bob)	Harvie, Marion	Piirainen, Holly
Bolack, Charles	Hersom, Family	Platt, Marsha
Boutiette, Lawrence	Hogan, Michael	Prescott, Francis
Bourcier, Col.Charles	Holbrook, Hannah G.	Radinsky, Stasia
Bourcier, Mignonnette M.	Holbrook. Herbert	Riggs, Henry M.
Brigham, Charles	Jalbert, Edward	Robie, Stephen
Brigham, Margaret	Howe, M/M Edwin	Scandlin, William
Brigham, William, ESQ	Jordan, George	Scobie, Gordon
Brooks, George	Jordan, Ray	Skehan, Everett
Brown, Susan	Kearnan, James	Smith, Harry W.
Casey, Linda	Keith, Royal	Tebo, Charles
Chase, Duane	Knowlton, Marshall	Teixeria, Olive
Chase, Isaac	Kowal, Marshall	Thomas, Robert
Clapp, Frank, M.D.	Leland, John	Taft, Norman & Rose
Cleveland, Roger P.	Leland, Levi N.	Smith, J. Thomas
Corey, Bernard	Leonard, Robert	Tompkins, Robert
Davenport, Searns L.	Lincoln, Warren	Usher, Edward
Delisle Family	Lojko, Walden	Warren, Catherine
Deschenes Family	Lucier, Lou – baseball	Warren, Horace
Drury, Col. Luke	Macker, Dean	Warren, Katherine
Ekblaw, Elmer	Martin, Doak	Wesson, Edward
Emsly Family	Matrin, Rita	Wesson, Susan
Fiske, David	Martin, Seth	Wheeler, Jonathan
Fiske, Ella	McCormick, Sarah	Wheelock, Jerome
Fiske, William	McGuinness, Jack	Willard Family
Fletcher, William	McNamara, Henry Jr.	Wilson, Robert

Robert Wilson Collection

GRAFTON PAST

“GLIMPSES OF HISTORY

VOLUME I

Wilson Store
Malcolm Midgley
Nelson grounds and mansion
Fire at yeast factory
'Ah, Wilderness!'
Nelson Memorial Library 1963
Airport
Grafton State Hospital 1963
Quinsigamond House
Indian Reservation
Old N. Grafton postcards
1924 by-laws
1862-63 School report
Center churches
Air view of N. Grafton
Saint Mary 25th Anniversary
1940 High School faculty
Basketball team 1940
Horseshoe team
High School pictures
Perry Hill 1950
Indian pictures
Hooker Trail signs
Baptist Bridge
Date of Grafton
Early 1900 businessmen
1961-62 cartoons
1939 sports teams
Historical reference sources
Map of New England Village

GRAFTON PAST

“GLIMPSES OF HISTORY

VOLUME II

Historical Society
N. Grafton Couples Club
"Memories of Grafton" Alden Guild
"Ah, Wilderness!" pictures
Grafton Airport picture
Grafton Oak pictures
1935 pageant pictures
"Valley Greens" from "Boston Globe"
Norman Taft
Businessmen's booklet 1889
Lithograph of N. Grafton 1887
Wilson's Grocery Store
Sarah Cisco Brough obituary
Irish Dam pictures
Chenevert's Garage pictures
Retirement of Chief Kearnan
1990 Grafton phone directory
Picture cards of N. Grafton
Shops in N. Grafton
N. Grafton map 1831
First valentine
Ethan Allen and guns
Walking tour of N. Grafton
Willard Clock Museum

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**GRAFTONIA SCRAPBOOK
VOLUME I (1985-1987)**

Creeper Hill Road
Essex Saunders picture
Grafton State Hospital 1930
High School seniors 1941
Advertisements
Basket/baseball teams 1938/1940
Wilson's Grocery Store
Independence Day 1985
Ray Johnson property 1938
250 Anniversary PO pictures
Polselli Company
Anna Mays and native Americans
George Jordan
Nelson and Son Company
History of Easton Hall
"Ah, Wilderness!" notes/pictures
Historic District expansion oppos
250 Celebration final report
Grafton, York County, VA
250th Celebration
Walter Vickars, sachem picture
Axtell family bus run
G & U article (Hopper)
Soviets in Grafton 1986

**GRAFTONIA SCRAPBOOK
VOLUME II**

Common 1800's
1939-1940 ball teams
1940's High School faculty
"May Day" by Joan Gage
Kenneth Snow retirement
Wyman Gordon Press
1986 Ecumenical Choir
Alfred Almstead toys
Early 1900 flog pictures
Dr. Clapp retirement
1975-1976 Bicentennial Parade
Grafton libraries
Quinsigamnod House 1900
N. Grafton scenes
Old Grafton Oak
S. Grafton Fire Station
Ethan Allen

Town clerks
1985 selectmen
Grafton churches 1985
Fisherville Mill 1935
Town Hall restoration
Grafton Charter 1989

**GRAFTONIA SCRAPBOOK
VOLUME III (1987-1988)**

"Memories of Grafton" Aiden
Guild
Grafton High class of 1927
Hammer Award to Grafton Inn/Town
House
Honey Dew Club picture
Grafton High class of 1937
Surgery on moose at Tufts
Indian Fair 1987/ Wing
House
Air news of Grafton
Bicentennial Celebration of
Constitution
Coz land on Merriam Road
Heritage Homecoming
Week
Firefighters Monument
Atlas Yeast Company fire
Isabel Phelps 100 years
old
President Reagan congratulates N.
Gage
Walter Vickars/ Sarah Brough
Dan Morgado town administrator
Levi Nelson Leland articles
Town Hall pictures/ Selectmen
1988
Historical Society report 1987
Historical Society 1988
Dianne Carroll obituary
Chief Kearnan / Russell
Messier
Grafton Pharmacy champs
Grafton High class of 1938
Willard clock/ association/tea

GRAFTONIA SCRAPBOOK: VOLUME IV

Historical Society 1988-89
History of Town Hall
Aiden Guild 1988
Flag Day 1989
Nelson Park and Library
Washington Mills fire
Women's Building G.S.H. 1938
Knowlton fire
Grafton Bank robbery
Taft family
Richard Fleming obituary
Old Getchell House
Blackstone River
Peter Abbott 1990
Water District
Evolution of gas station
Forbush Shoe Factory 1933
R. Jordan/ G. Nault/ W. Nason
MBTA Con Rail 1991
Bicentennial Book 1935
Horse Show 1948
Perry Hill / Fred Hastings
Dam at Washington Mills

**GRAFTONIA SCRAPBOOK: VOLUME V
(1991-1992)**

Historical Society programs
Taft memorial lands
Otis Adams / Mildred Bean
Grafton Center 1890
S. Grafton firehouse
Grafton, VT anniversary
Bridge on Brigham Hill Road
Alice Holland age 100
Earl Tupper / Tupperware
N. Grafton walking tour
Old Knowlton barn
Isabel Phelps age 106
Obits: E. Phelps / Marion Harvie/
Obits: V. Shore, L. Bickford
Obits: M. Gordon
Willard Museum
"Good and Gracious Green"
Flag Day 1992
R. Jordan Square dedication

Blackstone Valley Heritage Project
Grafton Historical Society 1992

FOLDERS

Grafton Poor Farm
Leading Businessmen of N.
Grafton
Washington Mills
Aiden Bull
Dr. S.
Aiden
Guild
Paul Albert
Hartman
Steven
Brown
Robie
Harry Worcester Smith

LARGE SCRAPBOOKS

Articles in this collection of seven large scrapbooks were written by or about Robert Wilson during the years when he was a well-known and highly regarded Worcester news-paper reporter. Only a few articles relate to Grafton (An index of article related to Grafton is available upon request):

VOLUME 1 (1939-1965)**VOLUME 2 (1964-1966)****VOLUME 3 (1966-1967)****VOLUME 4 (1967-1968)****VOLUME 5 (1969-1970)****VOLUME 6 (1970-1980)****VOLUME 7 (MISC. CLIPPINGS)**