


# Hampshire Council of Governments Records

1677-1961

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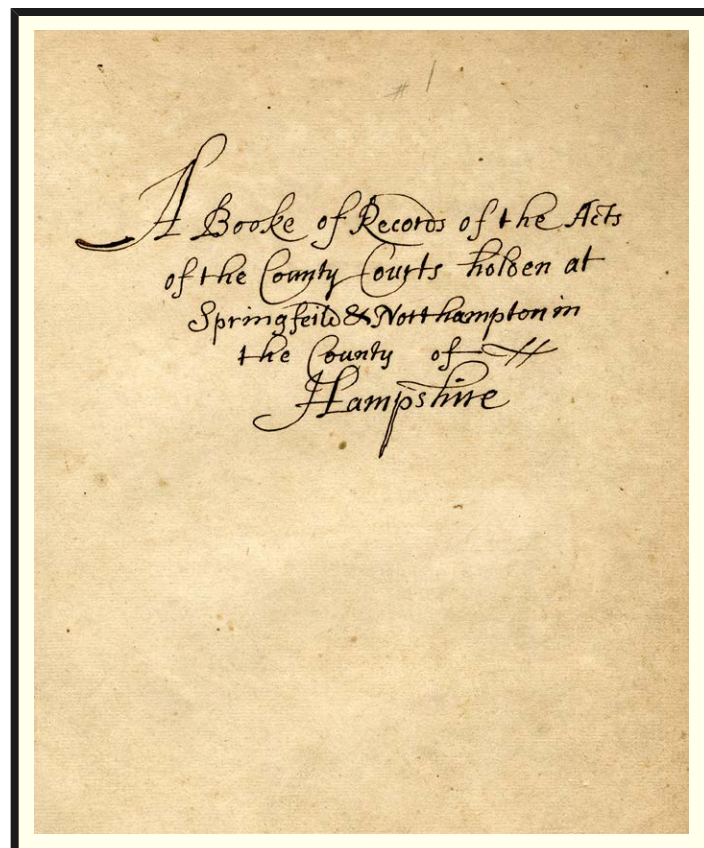
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## Background on Hampshire Council of Governments

From the mid-1630s, European settlement of western Massachusetts progressed northward up the Connecticut River Valley, spreading gradually to the east and west. Under the authority of the General Court in Boston, Hampshire County was established in 1662 with courthouses in the two largest settlements, Springfield and Northampton, assuming jurisdiction over most of the current-day Commonwealth west of Worcester. Civil authority was administered through a three-tiered system in which magistrates (later justices of the peace) dispensed justice at the local level, above which sat a system of county-level courts and the General Court and Court of Assistants in Boston (later the Governor and Council).

County-level courts bore much of the responsibility for regional



administration, ranging from laying out highways, roads,

ferries, dams, and bridges to licensing taverns, inns, and retailers; keeping jails; and maintaining local order. Civil suits exceeding 40 shillings but less than ten pounds were heard in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, while the Court of General Sessions, composed of a quorum of local justices, heard most non-capital criminal cases. For more serious crimes, including capital offences, cases were referred to the Superior Court of Judicature, a circuit court established in 1692 that met in each county as designated by the legislature.

As the population of western Massachusetts increased, Hampshire County was divided several times into smaller, more manageable bodies. The eastern part was separated out as Worcester County by act of the legislature on April 2, 1731, followed by the separation of the west into Berkshire County on April 21, 1761. Sandwiched in between Worcester and Berkshire, the remains of Hampshire County were further divided horizontally into thirds, with the northern portion becoming Franklin County (June 24, 1811) and the southern, Hampden County (Feb. 25, 1812) in which Springfield served as county seat.

The political evolution of the Commonwealth led to other changes in the system of county courts and administration, particularly after the state constitution of 1780 mandated a complete separation of legislative, judicial, and executive functions. In 1821, Massachusetts established a state-wide Court of Common Pleas and within three years, all judicial powers of the Court of General Sessions were transferred to that Court and the administrative powers were delegated to a newly created body of County Commissioners and Commissioners of Highways. After the Court of General Sessions was abolished in 1827, the County Commissioners in Hampshire County assumed responsibility for the administrative functions of the General Sessions as well. Ultimately, the Court of Common Pleas was abolished altogether during further reorganization in 1859, with most of its trial functions delegated to the new, state-wide Superior Court.

By the last decade of the twentieth century, many county governments had become little more than vestiges of their former selves, with judicial and administrative functions having been absorbed by operations of the towns or by the state government. When Middlesex County reached a point of near insolvency in June 1997 and dissolved, it set off a period of three years in which eight of the fourteen county governments in Massachusetts were laid down and others were substantially reorganized.

Hampshire County was officially abolished on Jan. 1, 1999, and many of its responsibilities were reorganized under the Hampshire Council of Governments as a voluntary association of cities and towns. Chartered under Massachusetts

General Law 34B, S20(b), the Hampshire Council is a body politic and corporate that oversees basic services for its member communities, including roadways, the electricity supply, building inspection, tobacco control, and cooperative purchasing.

## Contents of Collection

The Hampshire Council collection contains a dense record of county-level governance in western Massachusetts from the colonial period through the mid-twentieth century with extensive documentation of the actions of the County Commissioners, and before them the Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions. Rich in documenting the development of the transportation infrastructure of western Massachusetts, the collection offers detailed information associated with the planning and construction of highways, canals, ferries, and railroads, but the early records offer a broad perspective on the evolution of the legal and cultural environment, touching on issues from disorderly conduct (e.g., fornication, Sabbath breaking) to the settlement of estates, local governance, public works, and politics. Because of the intensely local nature of the records, the collection offers some insight into the daily lives of women as well as men, Native Americans and African Americans as well as whites, rich and poor, and urban and rural.

The collection is divided into four series: County Commissioners and Court Records, Dockets, Maps and Plans, and Microfilm. This finding aid contains only a preliminary listing of contents and will be added to as processing progresses. As materials are digitized, we will provide links to the online records through the inventory below.

## Series descriptions

### **Series 1. County Commissioners and Court Record Books**

1677-1961 50 vols.

The records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, the Court of General Sessions for the Peace, and the Hampshire County Commissioners are a remarkable, continuous record of county-level governance in western Massachusetts for nearly three centuries. Until 1812, Hampshire County administered most of the western half of the Commonwealth, and the records are consequently broad, geographically and culturally. Beginning shortly after the end of King Phillips War, they document the establishment of political and cultural order during the late 17th century, the period of the Second Great Awakening, the Revolution, Shays Rebellion, and War of 1812. The content relates to all aspects of the operations of county-level administration, including

licensure, building roads and infrastructure, and in early years, the record books document civil and occasionally criminal infractions.

Until 1828, each bound volume contains the interspersed records of meetings of both the Court of General Sessions and Inferior Court of Common Pleas. When the Courts of General Sessions were abolished in Feb. 26, 1828, the corresponding volume records that the legislature "transferred the powers and duties lately rested in and exercised by" that court to the newly formed County Commissioners, and from that point onward, the volumes are restricted to the Hampshire County Commissioners, and are correspondingly narrower in scope.

## **Series 2. Dockets**

1677-1961 17 boxes

The dockets are comprised of filings relating to proceedings documented in the record books (Series 1). Consisting primarily, though not exclusively, of original letters and associated documents, these often provide greater detail than the record books. Overwhelmingly, the dockets center on road construction in the early years.

## **Series 3. Maps and Miscellaneous Materials**

1839-1969

The County Commissioners maintained working maps of the towns and counties to document the creation, extension, relocation, alteration, or discontinuance of county roads through the various towns, as well as similar maps for railroad routes (including lands taken and location of route), dams, and bridges. Each proposed action was accompanied by a map documenting the changes, usually a relatively detailed technical drawing with little embellishment. The Commissioners also maintained commercial maps and atlases of the county and towns.

The vast majority of maps in the series date from the mid- to late-twentieth century, however most of the railroad maps correspond to an earlier period of expansion and extend back as far as the establishment of the first rail lines through the region. Dams and bridges are less well documented, although a series of reports on dam inspections between the 1920s and 1950s include valuable detail. A few items in the series are worthy of particular note, including a broadside proclamation from Governor James Bowdoin, Feb. 17, 1787, regarding persons who had been disqualified for taking part in Shays Rebellion; an early atlas containing manuscript maps of county highways (1759-1838); and two volumes relating to the reconstruction of Williamsburg after the Mill River flood of 1874, the Plan for a Proposed Dam at the Williamsburg Reservoir and Williamsburg Road Plans.

Most of the maps are tightly rolled and many are in poor condition, embrittled, and often torn and chipped. All require special care in handling.

## **Series 4. Microfilm**

1839-1969 116 reels

In addition to microfilm of the volumes comprising Series 1, the collection includes microfilm of materials held elsewhere. Included are indexes to the county records, records of civil actions in the Superior Court (1856-1908), records of the Supreme Judicial Court (1797-1954), the Registry of Probate (1660-1820), a small sampling of records from the Registry of Deeds (1859-1860), and naturalization records (1849-1934).

The records appear to have been filmed on more than one occasion and duplicate reels have not been inventoried.

## Collection inventory

Series 1. County Commissioners and Court Record Books	1677-1961
Court of General Sessions and Inferior Court of Common Pleas Records	1677-1837
. . . <input type="checkbox"/> County Court, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 01	1677-1728 Cab. 10
. . . <input type="checkbox"/> Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace: Record A, Vol. 02 (Lib. A)	1728-1735 Cab. 10
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. . . <input type="checkbox"/> Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 04 (Lib. C) Includes lists of executions, 1716-1765.	1741-1745 Cab. 10
. . . <input type="checkbox"/> Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 05 (Lib. D)	1746-1757 Cab. 10
. . . <input type="checkbox"/> Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 06 (Lib. E)	1758-1762 Cab. 10
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...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 11 (Lib. I)</b>	1770-1773	Cab. 10
...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 12 (Lib. K)</b>	1773-1780	Cab. 10
...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 13 (Lib. M)</b>	1771-1781	Cab. 10
...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 14 (Lib. L)</b>	1776 May-1790 Jan.	Cab. 10
...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 15 (Lib. N)</b>	1782-1783	Cab. 10
...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 16 (Lib. O)</b>	1783-1784	Cab. 10
...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 17 (Lib. P)</b>	1784-1785	Cab. 10
...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 18</b>	1785 Aug.-1788 Sep.	Cab. 10
...	Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace. Vol. 19 not scanned due to fragility of original		Cab. 10
...	<b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 20</b>	1715-1790	Cab. 10

Includes lists of writs of execution, 1715-1764, pp.1-80.

... <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 21 (Lib. S)</b>	1791-1794	Cab. 10
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... <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Vol. 24 (Book W)</b>	1797-1798	Cab. 10
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... <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Court of General Sessions of the Peace; Commissioner of Highways; County Commissioners, Vol. 26</b>	1824 Mar.-1837 Apr.	Cab. 11

#### **County Commissioners Records**

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## Series 2. Dockets

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### Series 3. Maps and Miscellaneous Materials

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#### Atlases

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11 titles

. . . Highway Plans, County of Hampshire, vol. 1	1759-1838	Du Bois Room
Manuscript maps depicting early roads in Hampshire County. Labeled vol. 1 (all that is present).		
. . . Atlas of Hampden County (Beers, 1870)		Cab. 1:6
. . . Atlas of Hampshire County (Beers, 1873), rebound	1873	2 copies Cab. 1:11
. . . Atlas of Hampshire County (Beers, 1873). Note: poor condition, use rebound copies	1873	2 copies Cab. 1:6
. . . Atlas of Massachusetts (Walker, 1891)	1891	Cab. 8: top
. . . Atlas of Northampton and Easthampton	1895	Cab. 8: top
. . . Atlas of Northampton City	1884	Cab. 8: top

. . . Atlas of Surveys, Hampden County, Massachusetts (Richards, 1894)	1894		Cab. 8: top
. . . Atlas of the Boundaries...	1912-1915	4 vols.	Cab. 8: top
. . . County Roads in Hampshire County (one copy with blueprints laid in)	1922	3 copies	Cab. 8: top
. . . Guyot, Arnold, Johnson's New Illustrated Family Atlas of the World	1882		Cab. 8: top
. . . Town Atlas, Town of Amherst, Massachusetts	1969		Cab. 1:11
<b>Bridges, Buildings, and Dams</b>	<b>1870-1969</b>	<b>11 titles</b>	
. . . Bridges		2 drawers	Cab. 1
. . . Dam data			Cab. 6
. . . Dams (Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield)			Cab. 6
. . . Dams (Holyoke, Huntington, Middlefield, Northampton)			Cab. 6
. . . Dams (South Hadley)			Cab. 6
. . . Dams (Southampton)			Cab. 6
. . . Dams (Ware, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Worthington)			Cab. 6
. . . Plan for a Proposed Dam at the Williamsburg Reservoir	1875		Cab. 8: top
. . . Plans of the Parish House, Pliny Earle, Northampton	ca.1865		Cab. 8: top
. . . United States Geological Survey topographical maps			Cab. 8: top
. . . Williamsburg Road Plans	1874		Cab. 8: top
. . . Reports on County Dams: Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations	1961		Cab. 8: box 1
. . . Reports on County Dams: Inspection Reports on the Tighe-Carmody Reservoir of the Holyoke Water Works in Southampton	1963-1968		Cab. 8: box 1
. . . Reports on County Dams	1924-1928		Cab. 8: box 1
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<b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by his Excellency James Bowdoin, Esq., Governour of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, A Proclamation</b>	<b>1787 Feb. 17</b>	<b>Broadside</b>	
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Evans 20501. "Whereas by an act passed the sixteenth of February instant, entitled, 'An act describing the disqualifications, to which persons shall be subjected, which have been, or may be guilty of treason ... and to whom a pardon may be extended'... Given at the council chamber in Boston, this seventeenth day of February ... one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven."

<b>Highways, Roads, and Towns</b>	<b>1730-1947</b>		
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. . . Road indexes	1730-1902		Du Bois Room
. . . Road table: Index	1829	Mss	Du Bois Room
. . . General orders to the County Commissioners records for highway locations [index to county roads]			Du Bois Room
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. . . County Highways: County buildings (empty)			Cab. 4
. . . County Highways: County buildings 2			Cab. 4
. . . County Highways: Easthampton, Enfield			Cab. 2
. . . County Highways: Goshen, Granby, Greenwich			Cab. 2
. . . County Highways: Hadley			Cab. 2
. . . County Highways: Hatfield	1859-1976	35 items	Cab. 3
. . . Hatfield: Alteration, relocation, or discontinuance of portions of Prospect St. and No. Hatfield Road, King Street, and Straits road	1973 May 18		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Depot Road	1972 Mar. 31	4 sheets	Cab. 3(a)
Hatfield: Discontinuance of portion Prospect	1970 Oct. 09		Cab. 3(a)

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St. extension (formerly Pleasant St.)

. . . Hatfield: Dwight Street	1974 Nov. 22		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Elm Street	1924 July 01	3 sheets	Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Elm Street	1924 July 01	3 sheets, blueprint	Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Layout of Elm and Maple Street Bridge	1951 Feb. 20		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Layout, relocation, alteration, or discontinuance of Linseed Road (including Linseed Hill Road)	1972 May 18		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Map of section of streets between railroad and Conn. River	1870		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Mountain Road layout	1952 July 03		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Mountain Street (plan and description of taking)	1952 Aug. 15		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: No. 7 North Street	1914 Nov. 20		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of Bridge Street	1927 Nov. 30		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of Great Pond Road	1941 July 26		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of Jericho Road	1949 Apr. 25	2 sheets, blueprint	Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of location of Indian Hollow Road	1937 Oct. 01		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of location of Little Ponsett Road	1938 Feb. 19		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of location of Little Ponsett Road	1938 Feb. 19		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of location of Scotland Road	1938 Oct. 21		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of portion of Prospect Street	1940 July 01		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Plan of road opposite the residence of Melchior Kulesza on North Street	1940 July 01		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Proposed grade crossing at the NY, NH, and H RR on West Street	1940 Jan. 11		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Proposed relocation of highway near Pine Bridge	1902 Jan. 11		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Prospect Street... from Station 47 to 81+33.19...	1975 June 20		Cab. 3(a)
. . . Hatfield: Prospect Street	1975 Nov. 12	4 sheets	Cab. 3(a)

. . . Hatfield: Prospect, Bridge Street, and School Street	1976 July 23		Cab. 3(a)
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