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# Guide to the City Council Committee on the Extension of Faneuil Hall Market records

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**Quantity:** 0.5 Cubic feet (2 document cases)

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## Historical note

Mayor Josiah Quincy, in the first month of his administration, addressed the inadequate conditions of the space for stalls in the market at Faneuil Hall. Upon consultation with the Board of Aldermen, he decided to improve the conditions. A joint committee of the City Council with Mayor Quincy as chairman was established to investigate the matter. The Committee obtained from the Legislature on 21 February 1824 an “act authorizing the extension of Faneuil Hall Market in Boston.” On 5 March 1824, the City Council passed five resolutions regarding the plans for the market, the fifth authorizing the Committee to carry them into effect. On 9 March 1824, the City Council appointed a committee on the extension of Faneuil Hall Market and the Committee held its first meeting on 16 March 1824. The committee appointed was responsible for the purchase of estates and for the funds from the sales of purchased estates, rents and other incidentals to cover the costs of the construction of the new market.

The Mayor approved the plan of the market, as built, on 5 October 1824. The cornerstone of the new market was laid on 27 April 1825. Construction was completed in 1826 and the new market house opened on 26 August 1826.

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## Scope and Contents note

The records of the Committee on the Extension of Faneuil Hall Market span the years 1823-1828 with the bulk of the material from 1824-1826. The collection is divided into three series: Records, Proceedings, and Account Book.

The records of the Committee were previously stored in bundles. The titles of the groups of records, taken from the wrappers of the bundles, were retained and used at the subseries level. The Records series is broken down into 9 subseries. Loose material was filed chronologically where appropriate. The records include correspondence, reports, certificates of stock, proposals, agreements, notes and applications relating to the purchase of estates and construction of the market. Also included are applications for rental of the new stalls. One item of significance is the letter requesting employment of 1824 from Alexander Parris, the architect of Faneuil Hall Market.

The Proceedings of the committee consist of two volumes recorded by Josiah Quincy which cover the period 9 March 1824 to 13 November 1826. The proceedings record the matters discussed and decided at each meeting of the committee.

The Account book, 24 June 1824 to 13 November 1826, details the funds under the control of the committee used for purchasing estates and for construction costs.

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## Restrictions

### Conditions Governing Use note

This collection is open for research.

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## Related Material

### Materials filed with the Docket Documents of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

- (1826-0110-A1) Mayor's answer to Isaac Waters, 27 April 1826
- (1826-0110-A2) Report on Greenough's petition to be permitted to sell land near Merchants Row, 1 March 1826
- (1826-0110-A3) Curtis letter on his charges, 4 March 1826
- (1826-0110-A4) Mayor's letter to Harris Warden of State Prison, 4 March 1826
- (1826-0110-A5) Isaac Waters answer to the Mayor, 29 April 1826
- (1826-0110-A6) Isaac Waters letter, 27 April 1826
- (1826-0110-A7) Report of the Committee on the final settlement with D. Greenough for the land sold to him by the City, 19 May 1826
- (1826-0110-A8) Mayor's letter to D. W. Child, 1 May 1826
- (1826-0110-A9) D. W. Child's letter asking instructions, 15 June 1826
- (1826-0110-A10) D. W. Child wishes information relative to employ of watchman, 8 July 1826

- (1826-0110-A11) Report of sub committee for appraising the stalls, 1 August 1826
- (1826-0110-A12) Mayor's letter on leasing of stalls, 2 August 1826
- (1826-0110-A13) Advertisement put up in new market house specifying terms and prices, 3 August 1826
- (1826-0110-A14) Report of committee for appraising cellars, 14 August 1826
- (1826-0110-A15) Report of a committee on applications for the stalls, 14 August 1826
- (1826-0110-A16) Report of committee appraising cellars under new market, 15 August 1826
- (1826-0110-A17) Stall holders in old vegetable market reservations, 19 August 1826
- (1826-0110-A18) Waters letter, 10 October 1826
- (1826-0110-A19) Receipt, 28 November 1826
- (1826-0110-A20) Alexander Parris letter, 26 October 1826
- (1826-0110-A21) Mayor's letter to Joseph M. Dorr, 4 November 1826
- (1826-0110-A22) D. W. Childs letter stating the closing of all bills, 9 November 1826
- (1826-0110-A23) Alexander Parris letter, 9 November 1826

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**Series I: Records, 1823-1828 (Bulk, 1824-1826) (1 document case)**

**Subseries A: Records relative to negotiation about the new market House, 1824-1825 (2 folders)**

Box	Folder	
1	1	Vote and agreement of the Proprietors of Long Wharf, 1824 May 5
1	1	Isaac Winslow to Josiah Quincy, 1824 July 28
1	1	Elijah Loring, Clerk of Proprietors of Long Wharf to Josiah Quincy, 1824 July 29
1	1	Isaac Winslow to Josiah Quincy, 1824 July 30
1	1	"A copy from the Records of the Town of Boston vol. 2, fol. 118", undated
1	1	Elijah Loring to Josiah Quincy, 1824 August 17
1	1	Contract of Long Wharf Proprietors, 1824 October 22
1	2	Elijah Loring to Josiah Quincy, 1824 October 26
1	2	Josiah Quincy to Elijah Loring, 1825 January 6
1	2	Jonathan Mason to Josiah Quincy, 1825 January 7
1	2	Josiah Quincy to Elijah Loring, 1825 January 13
1	2	Jonathan Mason to Josiah Quincy, 1825 January 15?
1	2	Agreement with Proprietors of Boston Pier or Long Wharf, 1825 March 21

**Subseries B: Records relative to dispute with the Savages, 1823-1824 (1 folder)**

Box	Folder	
1	3	Savage's contract, 1823 October 30
1	3	James Savage to Josiah Quincy, 1824 June 11
1	3	William Savage to Josiah Quincy, 1824 June 11
1	3	Josiah Quincy to James Savage, 1824 June 12
1	3	William Savage to Josiah Quincy, 1824 June 22
1	3	Josiah Quincy to William Savage, 1824 June 29

**Subseries C: Records relative to negotiation and final settlement with Charles Miller, Esq. relative to the triangular building and land of his north and at the head of the town dock, 1823-1824 (2 folders)**

Box	Folder
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1	4	Charles Miller to Josiah Quincy, 1823 November 3
1	4	Josiah Quincy to John Codman, Josiah Quincy to Charles Miller, 1824 March 17
1	4	Josiah Quincy to Charles Miller, Jonathan Goodhue, 1824 April 12
1	4	Jonathan Goodhue to Josiah Quincy, undated
1	4	Contract between Josiah Quincy and Charles Miller sent on to Jonathan Goodhue, 1824 April 20
1	4	Josiah Quincy to Jonathan Goodhue, 1824 April 20
1	5	Jonathan Goodhue to Josiah Quincy, 1824 April 22
1	5	Charles Miller's contract, 1824 April 22
1	5	Jonathan Goodhue to Josiah Quincy and Quincy's reply, 1824 May 18
1	5	Jonathan Goodhue to Josiah Quincy, 1824 May 17
1	5	Josiah Quincy to Jonathan Goodhue, 1824 June 8
1	5	Jonathan Goodhue to Josiah Quincy, 1824 June 11

**Subseries D: Records relative to negotiation with the Long Wharf Proprietors relative to Brays and D. Spear's wharf and dock, 1824-1825, 1828 (1 folder)**

Box	Folder	
1	6	Josiah Quincy to Elijah Loring, 1824 July 28
1	6	Isaac Winslow to Josiah Quincy, 1824 August 2
1	6	Brimmer to Josiah Quincy, 1824 September 6
1	6	Brimmer's claim for "T" Wharf, 1824 September 8
1	6	Jonathan Mason to Josiah Quincy, 1824 December 24
1	6	Jonathan Mason to Josiah Quincy, 1824 December 28
1	6	Josiah Quincy to Elijah Loring, 1825 January 13
1	6	Notes from meetings of committee on filling up of wharf east of Faneuil Hall Market, 1828 October-November

**Subseries E: Records of Faneuil Hall Market Committee for the year 1824, 1824-1826 (2 folders)**

Box	Folder	
1	7	Thomas Lewis to Mayor and Board of Aldermen on his plan for improvements, 1824 January 13
1	7	Agreement of submission, 1824 August 12
1	7	Josiah Quincy to John Bellows, 1824 August 16
1	7	Referees in John Newell's case, 1824 August 16, 20
1	7	Notes on Newell's case, undated
1	7	Notes rough draft of award, undated
1	8	Report of committee on "what is to be done previous to sale of such part of the City's land that shall not be wanted for the...market house", 1824 July 2
1	8	Administrator's right to sell interest of Spear's minor heirs, 1824 August 26
1	8	Report of subcommittee on elevation of new market house, 1824 September 1
1	8	George Brindley to Josiah Quincy, 1824 September 28
1	8	Agreement of Daniel Hastings for sashes for new market house, 1824 December 17
1	8	Alexander Parris to Committee, 1824
1	8	Certificates of stock no. 78, 79, 80 paid 1825 July 1, 1824

1	8	Certificate of stock no. 81 paid 1825 July 1, 1824 June 30
1	8	Certificate of stocks no. 82-89 paid 1825 July 2, 1824 June 30
1	8	Certificate of stock no. 90 paid 1825 July 9, 1824 June 30
1	8	Certificate of stock no. 91 paid 1825 July 9, 1824 June 30
1	8	Certification of payment of 15 stock certificates to Samuel Learned, undated
1	8	Schedule of notes delivered over to City Treasurer, 1826 November 13
1	8	Notes on final settlement of purchases made by Committee, undated

**Subseries F: Records relative to claim of John Codman for rent and taxes, 1824-1826 (1 folder)**

Box	Folder	
1	9	Copy of memorandum on back of John Codman's house, 1824 June 15
1	9	Henry Codman to Committee on John Codman's claim for rent and taxes, 1824 October 20
1	9	Henry Codman to Josiah Quincy, 1825 February 7
1	9	Davis Parker's certificate of rent due, 1826 January 10
1	9	Davis Parker to Josiah Quincy, 1826 May 9
1	9	Samuel D. Torrey's certificate of rent due, 1826 May 9
1	9	Josiah Quincy to Henry Codman, 1826 May 20
1	9	Josiah Quincy to John Codman, 1826 October 20
1	9	Henry Codman to Josiah Quincy, 1826 October 26
1	9	Henry Codman to Josiah Quincy with Quincy's reply, 1826 December 4

**Subseries G: Records of Faneuil Hall Market Committee for the year 1825, 1825 (2 folders)**

Box	Folder	
1	10	Edward Miller to Josiah Quincy, 1825 January 13
1	10	Copy of memorandum of agreement relating to store occupied by Thomas Winsor & Co., 1825 February 4
1	10	Copy of Mayor's contract given to John Bray, 1825 February 15
1	10	Report of subcommittee relating to Roebuck Passage, 1825 February 25
1	10	Application for extension of time for building of purchasers of store lots on South Market, 1825 March 31
1	10	B. Russell to Josiah Quincy, 1825 April 24
1	10	John Child claim, 1825 May 12
1	10	Agreement with William Foster, 1825 May 13
1	10	Agreement with Thomas Winsor, 1825 May 16
1	10	C.P. Curtis to Josiah Quincy, 1825 May 18
1	10	David W. Child to Josiah Quincy, 1825 May 20
1	10	Memorandum of agreement between Committee and David Greenough, 1825 May 25
1	10	Report of committee authorized to contract with superintendent..., 1825 May 25
1	11	Agreement of Ezra Hawker relating to lead pipes, 1825 June
1	11	C.P. Curtis to Josiah Quincy, 1825 June 24
1	11	Henry Wood to Josiah Quincy relating to proposal for edging stones, 1825 June 25
1	11	Robert Lyon to Josiah Quincy, 1826 July 16
1	11	Thomas Harris, Warden of State Prison, to Josiah Quincy, 1825 July 22

1	11	Josiah Quincy on whether coving should be wood or stone, 1825 July 25
1	11	Josiah Quincy to Committee relating to coving, undated
1	11	Samuel M. Johnson to Josiah Quincy relating to granite column imperfection, 1825 August 11
1	11	Diagram of column, undated
1	11	R. Sullivan to Josiah Quincy, 1825 August 19
1	11	Jonathan Whitney to City Council, 1825 August 28

**Subseries H: Faneuil Hall Market records, 1826-1827 (2 folders)**

Box	Folder	
1	12	Records relating to Long Wharf and Mercantile Wharf, 1826-1827
1	13	Notes relating to Mercantile Wharf, 1826-1827
1	13a	Alexander Parris to Josiah Quincy, 1827 April 26

**Subseries I: Applications for stalls in the New Market House, 1826 (6 folders)**

Box	Folder	
1	14	Beef and pork stalls, 1826
1	15	Early fruits, flowers and vegetable stalls, 1826
1	16	Fish stalls, 1826
1	17	Mutton stalls, 1826
1	18	Pork stalls, exclusively, 1826
1	19	Vegetable stalls, 1826

**Subseries J: Final report of Committee on the Extension of Faneuil Hall Market, 1826 November 13 (1 folder)**

Box	Folder	
1	20	Report, 1826 November 13

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**Series II: Proceedings, 1824-1826 (2 volumes)**

Box	Volume	
2	1	1824 March 9-1826 May 18
2	2	1826 June 12-November 13

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**Series III: Account book, 1824-1826 (1 volume)**

Box	Volume	
2	3	1824 June 24-1826 November 13

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