



City of Boston Archives and Records Management Division

Guide to the Town of Hyde Park records

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Repository:	City of Boston Archives and Records Management Division
Title:	Town of Hyde Park records
Collection No.:	1600.001
Dates:	1868-1912
Quantity:	49.0 Cubic feet (263 volumes, 9 boxes, 8 flat boxes and 3 flat file drawers)

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Historical note

The Town of Hyde Park was created from lands ceded from Dorchester, Milton and Dedham. A group called “the Twenty Associates” led by Alpheus Perley Blake began the development of Hyde Park during the 1850s-1860s with the purchase of 100 acres on Fairmount Hill overlooking the Neponset River. Hyde Park was incorporated as a town on April 22, 1868. The population of the town grew quickly due to its surroundings and convenience to Boston by rail. Hyde Park became home to many manufacturing

companies along the Neponset River. In 1912, Hyde Park became the last town to annex to Boston. The population of Hyde Park had dramatically increased due to the influx of immigrants to work in the mills. The City of Boston wanted the tax revenue from the factories located in Boston. The act of annexation was accepted by the residents of the town of Hyde Park on November 7, 1911 and annexation to Boston took effect on January 1, 1912.

Source: "Images of America: Hyde Park" by Anthony Mitchell Sammarco and "Planning a City on a Hill: Boston since 1630" by Lawrence Kennedy

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Scope and Contents note

The records of the Town of Hyde Park span the years 1868-1912 and are divided into eight series: Town Clerk records; Voter registration and election records; Assessor records; Collector records; Treasurer records; Town Engineer records; School Committee records; and Publications. Records include town papers which document the activities and decisions of the town, tax records, financial records, voter registration records, filings and annual reports.

The volumes are numbered chronologically within each series. The boxes are numbered chronologically within the entire collection except for the oversized flat boxes which are numbered separately. Restrictions have been placed on a portion of the collection due to the fragility of the records. The Town Papers are extremely fragile because of the poor quality of paper used at the time. The oversized land plans are in extremely poor condition and will require repair work. The Archivist will make the determination of what may be accessed. Additional records of the Town of Hyde Park are currently stored in the Boston Public Library Rare Books and Manuscripts Division.

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Restrictions

Conditions Governing Access note

Records in poor condition are restricted.

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Series I: Town Clerk records

Town Papers, 1868-1911 (3 record cartons)

Box

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|---|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Agreements and contracts |
| 1 | Applications to Boston Trade High for Girls |
| 1 | Bonds |
| 1 | Bylaws and Rules and Regulations |
| 1 | Deeds |

1	Dog returns and warrants
1	Militia returns
2	Miscellaneous town records
2	Perambulation of boundaries
2	Railroad locations
2	Registrars appointments in force
2	Reports
2	Street laying-out orders
2	Streets
2	Town Officers and Railroad Police
3	Warrants
3	Water
3	Advisory committee
3	Town Meeting records, 1909-1911

Committee records, 1875, 1894-1895 (2 volumes)

Volume

I-1	Committee regarding bridge and railroad crossing, 1875 June 7-1875 July 31 (1 volume)
I-2	Committee on Water Supply, 1894 November 28-1895 March 2 (1 volume)

Board of Health proceedings, 1881-1890 with gaps (3 volumes)

Volume

I-3-4	1881-1885 (2 volumes)
I-5	1888-1890 (1 volume)

Mortgages of personal property, 1879-1910 with gaps (7 volumes)

Volume

I-6-7	1879-1882 (2 volumes)
I-8-10	1885-1890 (3 volumes)
I-11-12	1907-1910 (2 volumes)

Index to mortgages of personal property, etc., 1868-1911 (4 volumes)

Volume

I-13	1868-1883 (1 volume)
I-14	1883-1897 (1 volume)
I-15	1897-1908 (1 volume)
I-16	1909-1911 (1 volume)

Property transfer records, 1868-1901 with gaps (7 volumes)

Volume

I-17	1868-1870 (1 volume)
I-18	1892-1893 (1 volume)
I-19-23	1896-1901 (5 volumes)

Index to deaths, 1877-1881 (1 volume)

Volume

I-24	1877-1881 (1 volume)
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Record of wills, 1908-1911 (1 volume)

Volume

I-25 1908-1911 (1 volume)

Index to business certificate filings, 1907-1911 (1 volume)

Volume

I-26 1907-1911 (1 volume)

[Return to the Series List](#)**Series II: Voter registration and election records, 1877-1911 (11 volumes, 2 record cartons, 2 document cases and 3 flat file drawers)****Male voters, 1877-1911 (8 volumes)**

Volume

II-1 1877-1882

II-2 1877-1884

II-3 1884-1891

II-4 1884-1896

II-5 1897

II-6 1900

II-7 1907

II-8 1911

Female voters, 1889-1911 (1 volume)

Volume

II-9 1889-1911

Applications, 1884 (2 document cases)

Box

4 A-R (1 document case)

5 S-Z (1 document case)

Voter lists, 1880-1911 (1 volume, 2 record cartons and 2 flat file drawers)

Volume

II-10 List of Registered Male Voters for use at the State Election in the Town of Hyde Park, 1911 November 7 (1 volume)

Box

6-7 Certified voter lists, 1880-1911 (2 record cartons)

Drawer

1-3 Voter lists, circa 1884-1911 (3 flat file drawers)

Caucus records, 1906-1911 (1 volume)

Volume

II-11 Republican town committee proceedings, 1906-1911 (1 volume)

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Volumes

III-1-2 Proceedings, 1879-1911 (2 volumes)

Valuations, 1869-1906 with gaps (35 volumes)

Volume

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Street books, 1883-1912 with gaps (36 volumes)

Volume

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Valuation lists, 1868-1911 with gaps (28 volumes and 8 oversized flat boxes)

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III-98	1893
III-99	1894
III-100	1895

Flat Box

1	1896
1	1897
2	1898
2	1899
3	1900
3	1901

Volume

III-101	1902
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Flat Box

4	1903
4	1904
5	1905
5	1906
6	1907
6	1908
7	1909
8	1910
8	1911

Assessors' notebooks, 1871-1873 (9 volumes)

Volume

III-102-110	1871-1873 (9 volumes)
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Betterments, 1900-1912 with gaps (4 volumes)

Volume

III-111	Street Watering assessments, 1903-1911 (1 volume)
III-112	Sewer apportion, 1900-1901 (1 volume)
III-113-114	Sewer, street construction and edgestones assessments, 1912 (2 volumes)

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Series IV: Collector records**Taxes, 1868-1911 with gaps (35 volumes)**

Tax volumes recording amount of tax and when tax paid or abated.

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IV-33	1909
IV-34	1910
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Sewer assessments, 1899-1911 (6 volumes)

Volume

IV-36	Collector's List, 1899-1902 (1 volume)
IV-37	Ledger, 1902-1911 (1 volume)
IV-38	Ledger, 1908-1911 (1 volume)
IV-39-41	Cashbook, 1899-1908 (3 volumes)

List of Polls and Paid taxes, 1886-1911 with gaps (12 volumes)

Volume

IV-42-47	1886-1891 (6 volumes)
IV-48	1905 (1 volume)
IV-49-53	1907-1911 (5 volumes)

Cash books, 1878-1911 with gaps (26 volumes)

Volume	
IV-54	1878-1879 (1 volume)
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Volumes	
V-1-2	Ledgers, 1873-1911 with gaps (2 volumes)
V-3-20	Cashbooks, 1878-1911 (18 volumes)
V-21-25	Selectmen's Expenditures, 1906-1911 (5 volume)
V-26-28	Accountant's record, 1907-1909 (3 volumes)
V-29	Sewer Commissioners' receipt book, 1896-1904 (1 volume)

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Oversize	
1-2	Land plans, circa 1867-1906 (2 oversized volumes)

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Series VII: School Committee records

Volume	
VII-1	Proceedings, 1901-1911 (1 volume)

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8	Annual report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Hyde Park including the reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, 1868 (1 volume)
8	Annual report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Hyde Park including the reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, 1870-1874 (5 volumes)

- 8 Annual report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Hyde Park including the reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, 1876-1882 (7 volumes)
- Volume
VIII-1 Annual report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Hyde Park including the reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, 1883-1893 (1 volume)
- Box
9 Annual report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Hyde Park including the reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, 1907-1908 (2 volumes)
- 9 Annual report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Hyde Park including the reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, 1910 (1 volume)
- 9 Municipal Register of the Town of Hyde Park, 1875 (1 volume)
- 9 Report of the Board of Health of the Town of Hyde Park, 1890 (1 volume)
- 9 Annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners for the Town of Hyde Park, 1910 (1 volume)

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