



COVID-19 Stories Project

A collection of primary sources
from the Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts
during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Summary

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History

In December of 2019, the coronavirus, or COVID-19, was first identified in Wuhan, China. By mid-March 2020, the virus had been declared a pandemic, and many U.S. states including Massachusetts made the decision to shut down and put its citizens into a period of sheltering-in-place. Soon after, the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth created the COVID-19 Stories Project in order to document the wide range of experiences of those living and working in the Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts. On May 18th, in accordance with the Baker-Polito Administration's phased plan to reopen Massachusetts, the Town of Yarmouth began to reopen businesses and

relax regulations. The first interview was conducted on April 29th, 2020, and many more were conducted in the following months.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of recorded (audio and audio/video) interviews paired with transcripts, as well as photographs from the COVID-19 Pandemic. The interviews were conducted by intern Lucy Pollock, a public history major at Suffolk University, over a series of months during the Pandemic.

Interviews and their corresponding transcripts cover topics such as:

- Unemployment during the pandemic
- Online schooling (high school, college)
- Travel in the beginning months of the pandemic
- The Black Lives Matter Protests and following riots
- The 2020 Presidential Election
- The reopening of Massachusetts under the Baker-Polito Administration
- Adaptations made by local businesses/organizations
- Doctors and dentists visits during the pandemic
- Transgender activism during the pandemic

Photographs consist generally of:

- Signage put up by local businesses and schools
- Posted statements and guidelines from the Town of Yarmouth and/or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Social distancing measures taken by businesses
- Free school lunch programs and outdoor dining

Restrictions

Access Restrictions: Interviews and transcripts are available for research in the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth Archives. Written permission must be obtained prior to publishing quotations, excerpts, clips or images from any materials in this collection

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

“[Interview Title],” *COVID-19 Stories Project*. Courtesy of the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth, Yarmouth Port, Mass.

Acquisition Information

Interviews taken by HSOY with consent from interviewees

Photographs taken by HSOY

Arrangement

Interviews are arranged in chronological order by date
Photographs are arranged chronologically by date and time

Inventory

Audio Recordings and Transcripts:	Gavin Pelletier (4/29/20) Julie Pelletier (4/29/20) Duncan Oliver (5/15/20) Frank Tardo (5/15/20) Noah Pelletier (5/25/20) Gayle Leaversuch (5/26/20) Bill Ray (6/3/20) George Slama (6/5/20) Sara Porter(6/5/20) Jane Cain (6/8/20) Susan Vaughn Harris (6/10/20) James Stefanski (6/11/20) Mary Jo Bossoletti (6/11/20) Katherine Sanborn (6/12/20) Robert Kelley (6/12/20) Daniel Anthony (6/16/20) Laurel Gabel (6/16/20) Anne Grammer (6/17/20) Jamie Bohlin (6/17/20) Levi Cooper (6/18/20) Carlene Veara (6/19/20) Bill Lickfield (6/22/20) Alex Pendleton (6/24/20) Chris Macort (6/24/20) Cathay Flanagan (6/26/20) Kristofer Hansen (6/26/20) Elaine Tammi (6/30/20) Kerry Moore, Rick Smillie (6/30/20)
Photographs:	TBA