



Town of Yarmouth Annual Reports

An inventory of annual published reports of the Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts

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Summary

Creator: Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, USA
Title: Town of Yarmouth Annual Reports
Dates: 1841-2017 with gaps
Size: 6 boxes, 1 oversize folder
Abstract: Annual printed reports for the Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts
Language: English
Repository: Archives
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History

At the annual meeting of the Town of Yarmouth on 2 Mar 1840 the following was voted: "Voted that the selectmen shall publish or cause to be printed at the expense of the town an account of all charges and expenses of said town the ensuing year." The first annual report of the town was for the year ending 3 February 1841. It, like the reports for the next several decades, was a broadside report. It is currently a report of more than 300 pages and since 2009 has been available online. The Annual Report has had several titles over the years including: Expenses of

the Town of Yarmouth; Report of the Selectmen of Yarmouth; Financial Report of the Town of Yarmouth; and most recently the Town of Yarmouth Annual Report.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of broadsides from 1841 through 1865, and printed reports from 1897. It is an incomplete collection but other institutions on Cape Cod hold copies including a number at the South Yarmouth Library, and in the Nickerson Room at Cape Cod Community College. The West Yarmouth Library and the Yarmouth Port Library each hold one or two copies. The basic report contains:

- Annual Reports of the various Committees within the Town of Yarmouth
- List of Town Officers
- List of Voters
- Registers of Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Burials
- Annual Meeting, Annual Town Meeting Warrant, Annual School Report
- Many named individuals listed within Committee reports such as Schools, Assessor, Health, Treasurer, Road Commission, etc.

The 1860 report is available online from the Massachusetts State Library at <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/bitstream/handle/2452/805354/Yarmouth-1860.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

Digital versions of reports beginning with 1869 are available online at the Town of Yarmouth website at <https://lf.yarmouth.ma.us/WebLink/Welcome.aspx?cr=1>

Restrictions

Access Restrictions: non-circulating, reference only

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:

Annual Reports of the Town of Yarmouth, Mass. [or title of specific report].
Courtesy of the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth, Yarmouth Port, Mass.

Acquisition Information

Majority found in HSOY Collections, original source unknown
Several donated by Mark Loewen
One donated from the Diana Wolffe and Les Peat Collection

Arrangement

Reports are in chronological order by year

An index is available for the Vital Records for each of the following years: 1900-1944, 1947

Inventory

Folder 1	Expenses for the Town of Yarmouth: 1841-1843, 1845-1855, 1857, 1861, 1865
Box 1	Financial Reports: 1841-42, 1897-98, 1900-1912
Box 2	Financial Reports: 1913-1919
Box 3	Financial Reports: 1920-1926
Box 4	Financial Reports: 1930-1939
Box 5	Annual Reports: 1940-1944, 1947-1948, 1957, 1960-1961
Box 6	Annual Reports: 1962, 1965-1968, 1971, 2017 Warrant and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, March 1969

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