

## ~ Carlisle Historical Society Research Guide ~

### *Descriptions of Useful Carlisle Research Materials*

The following materials can all be accessed through the links on our research pages.

#### ***Martha F. Wilkins Notebooks***

The Wilkins Notebooks (*Old Houses and Families of Carlisle*, 1941) include 25 volumes, all researched, written, and assembled by Carlisle's Martha F. Wilkins (1879-1963). The Notebooks represent over a decade of research and are perhaps the best and most complete resource for researching Carlisle history. In 2012 the Boston Public Library received a grant to digitize the Wilkins Notebooks, so all 25 volumes – along with several indexes (by street address, by family name, and by selected genealogies) - are now available online through the Internet Archive.

#### ***Historical Photographs of Carlisle's People and Places***

These photographs from the Wilkins Notebooks were digitized along with the Notebooks' written material. The digital photographs are high resolution and easy to search, and they are available online through the Digital Commonwealth.

#### ***History of the Town of Carlisle, Massachusetts, 1754-1920***

Published in 1920, this book by Carlisle resident, Sidney A. Bull (1847-1950), provides readers with an in-depth history of the town of Carlisle.

#### ***The History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts (Volumes 1 & 2)***

Written by Samuel A. Drake (1833-1905) and published in 1880, *The History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts* includes historical information on Carlisle, as well as all of the surrounding towns. The volumes are organized alphabetically by town, and Carlisle can be found in the first volume.

#### ***Historical Guide to Carlisle Massachusetts***

This pamphlet was prepared by the Carlisle Bicentenary Commission in 1975. It provides a brief history of the town, along with a listing of 50 historic sites and a brief description of each property. Each site is numbered and can be located on the pamphlet's map. This guide is perfect for those interested in exploring historical sites in town.

#### ***Historical Maps of Carlisle (1779-1875)***

These maps are an important resource for historical and geological property research. They list Carlisle's residents, along with the roads present in town, for the year each map was created.

#### ***History of the Establishment of the First Parish in Carlisle***

Published in 1879, this pamphlet is based on a sermon delivered by Reverend James J. Twiss on February 23<sup>rd</sup> of that year. It provides a concise history of the First Religious Society of Carlisle.

**A history of the town of Concord, Middlesex County, Massachusetts: from its earliest settlement to 1832: and of the adjoining towns, Bedford, Acton, Lincoln, and Carlisle, containing various notices of county and state history not before published.**

*A History of the Town of Concord* was written by Lemeul Shattuck (1793-1859) and was published in 1835. The book includes a chapter on the history of Carlisle that presents a great deal of statistical information, as well as an ecclesiastical history of the First Religious Society.

**Vital Records of Carlisle, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849**

*Vital Records of Carlisle* was compiled in 1918, and it is a quick way to access genealogical information from the 1700s up through 1849. The index is ordered alphabetically by surname.

**Concord, Massachusetts Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1635-1850**

This collection of vital records includes the births and deaths of many Carlisle Residents before Carlisle officially became a town in 1805. Many early records, which cannot be found in the *Vital Records of Carlisle* are listed here, with some records dating back to the 1630s.