



## THE MASS. MEMORIES ROAD SHOW

### TAKE YOUR PLACE IN MASSACHUSETTS HISTORY

***Your story is Lexington's story – Share it with us!***

January 27, 2013

Dear Friend, Neighbor, Colleague –

I would like to invite you to contribute to a very special and important community event happening at Lexington High School on March 16, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. -- Lexington's Mass. Memories Road Show. This gathering presents an opportunity for all of us to become a part of Massachusetts history by sharing photos and personal stories with the Mass. Memories Road Show's state-wide digital archive based at UMass Boston.

#### ***What kind of contributions can you make?***

Please consider bringing up to three photos that represent you, your family, your community, in recent or past times – as long as they are meaningful to you personally. While any photos are welcome, here are some ideas to start you thinking:

- snapshots and candid;
- shots of special occasions like family reunions and weddings;
- shots of civic life such as military service and community involvement;
- shots of meaningful events, such as club meetings, community celebrations, etc.

Bring your old or new photos in their original format. If they are prints, we prefer you bring them unframed. If your selected photos are digital image files, you may bring them on a CD or a thumb drive.

#### ***What can you expect when you come to the Mass. Memories Road Show?***

Your photos will be scanned onsite, and the originals immediately returned to you. There will also be a video area where you can tell a brief story about your photos on camera. Professionals will be on hand from the New England Archivists to advise you on how to care for and protect your family artifacts. All scanned photos will become part of the archives at UMass Boston and online at <http://openarchives.umb.edu>.

***Why is it so important to participate in Lexington's Mass. Memories Road Show?*** This program is about more than documenting history – it's a shared event that validates and celebrates each person's family history and contribution to the Lexington community—whether they have lived there for generations or just moved to town. The MMRS aims to bring together Lexingtonians of all ages, ethnicities, and

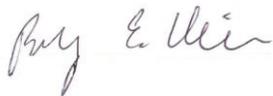


backgrounds in one place at one time. Every resident's personal story is a part of Lexington's story. I hope that you will come and be a part of the event. I also encourage you to share this invitation with your own friends, colleagues, family, and neighbors in Lexington.

***The Mass. Memories Road Show is coming to Lexington during the high point of nine months of celebration of Lexington's 300 years as an incorporated town.*** The 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee has included MMRS in LexCelebrate! Incorporation Weekend because the program is a perfect fit for our town's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Mass. Memories Road Show, combined with the 300<sup>th</sup>, provides a way to connect the different groups and perspectives in town. It is a natural and important piece of our celebration, allowing all of our citizens an opportunity to not only learn about history, but help create it themselves. We hope that both the event and the digital archive we'll build with everyone's contributions will make our community stronger.

I hope you will consider joining us for this special community program. Please get in touch with me, or the person who relayed this letter to you, if you would like more information on any aspect of the Lexington Mass. Memories Road Show at Lexington High School on March 16, 2013.

Sincerely,



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More information on LexCelebrate! Incorporation Weekend and other 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events can be found at the Lexington 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration website: <http://www.lexington300.org>.



The MMRS is based in the University Archives & Special Collections Department at the Joseph P. Healey Library, UMass Boston and is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.