

**George W. Cushman Collection PC25**  
**1 document case (slim)**

**Biographical sketch**

Known as "Mr. Kingston," George William Cushman served as Town Clerk for almost 60 years, as well as filling many other Town positions over his long tenure. His obituary in the *Boston Globe* on Dec. 21, 1993, gave this sketch of his life:

Mr. Cushman was born in Braintree [May 24, 1910] . He graduated from Kingston High School and Bentley College.

Mr. Cushman was town clerk in Kingston from 1932 to 1990. He also was town treasurer and tax collector from 1932 to 1983 and served on the water board for 51 years. He had also been town burial agent and registrar of voters.

He served on the Silver Lake Regional School Committee for 31 years and had been a member of the advisory committee of the Sacred Heart School in Kingston. He also was a justice of the peace who officiated at more than 1,000 weddings.

He was an incorporator of the Plymouth Five Cent Savings Bank.

He was a member of the National Association of Public Accountants and the Plymouth County Salvation Army advisory committee. He had been president of the Kingston Evergreen Cemetery. He was also a Shriner and a member of the Cornerstone Lodge of Masons in Duxbury.

Mr. Cushman died on Dec. 17, 1993, and is buried in Kingston's Evergreen Cemetery.

**Scope and Content Note**

Made up for the most part of published materials, this small collection includes programs from Old Home Day celebrations, the Town Fairs held to raise funds for the Kingston Playground; pamphlets and programs for the Silver Lake Regional Schools; and a 1926 report on the Town's accounting system, along with original petitions from residents to the Commonwealth requesting the same.

**Box and Folder**

1.1 Town events

Dedicatory Exercises of the Frederic C. Adams Public Library, Town Hall, August 4, 1898; Historical Address by Walter H. Faunce at the Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the First Parish of Kingston, November 4, 1917; Fourth Annual Field Day, American Legion, Plymouth Cordage Grounds, Labor Day, 1924; 150th Town Anniversary Report, June 27, 1876

1.2 Old Home Day and Town Fairs

Kingston Old Home Day, July 24, 1937; First Annual Town Fair for the benefit of the Kingston Playground, August 25, 1923; Second Annual Town Fair for the benefit of the Kingston Playground, August 9, 1924; Third Annual Town Fair for benefit of the Kingston Playground, August 1, 1925

1.3 High Schools

Kingston High School Exercises, May 10, 1867; "The Silver Lake Regional School Story;" Dedication Program of the Silver Lake Regional High School, September 11, 1955; Commencement Exercises, June 8, 1958; Commencement Exercises, June 12, 1960; Commencement Exercises, June 7, 1964

1.4 Town Government

Petition of Kingston voters for installation of accounting system, March 1926; Report of an Audit of the Accounts and the Installation of an Accounting System for the Town of Kingston, September 15, 1926

1.5 Other

Article on the Frederic C. Adams Public Library opening; "Kingston" [gray photo book]; article "The Old Auger Shop" on Drew and Company, December 1988; trade card for "The Ladies Blacking," George Walter Cushman, dealer in Boots, Shoes, and Rubbers.

Wooden bracket, white paint cracked. 18" x 8" x 9.5". Reported to be from Kingston High School. Donated "in memory of George W. Cushman."

*See separate listing in control file for yearbooks, Annual Reports, "Persons Listed..." and postcards.*

Acquisition: Acc1996-459, gift of the family of George W. Cushman; Acc2018-26 – wooden bracket

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