

Scrapbook of Hingham High School Class of 1937 Memorabilia, 1934-1962

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Provenance

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Historical Note

Hingham High School first opened in September 1872 at Cold Corner on Central Street; prior to its opening, Derby Academy had served as a high school for the town's older students. The establishment of Hingham High School coincided with the strengthening of state laws regarding education and child labor, and with a decrease in education provided at home or in family businesses.

In the mid-1920s plans were put in motion to build a new, updated high school, a costly project that many residents resented. While construction of the new school was in progress the old school burned down, meaning that high school students attended Lincoln School for a year. The second Hingham High School opened in September 1928 in the building on Central Street that currently houses the Town Hall. Enrollment continually expanded, and in the late 1930s about three quarters of Hingham High School students completed all four years. The school was also home to several successful athletic teams and other extracurricular programs.

As high school enrollment continued to grow the Central Street building became more and more crowded, until finally Hingham High School moved again in 1954 to its current location on Union Street.

Scope and Content Note

This collection is made up of materials relating to Hingham High School's class of 1937. It includes a partial copy of the 1937 Hingham High School yearbook, programs for class events, newspaper articles, photographs, and pages of student autographs. The collection also includes a full photocopied version of the original scrapbook, which has been rehoused from its binder for preservation purposes.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into the following three series:

- Series I. Class of 1937 Memorabilia, 1934-1962
- Series II. Hingham High School Yearbook, 1937
- Series III. Copy of Original Scrapbook

Series I. Class of 1937 Memorabilia, 1934-1962

Folder 1

This series includes programs for the 1937 Class Day and Graduation; an invitation to the Senior Class Reception at Agricultural Hall; several pages of student autographs; a class emblem; a photograph of the class taken in 1934 and one of 1937's Junior Class (the Class of 1938); the obituary of class member Joseph Lahage; and a newspaper photograph of class members Clarence Jermyn, Karsalie (Jones) Rhuland, Linda (Taurasi) Shannon, Dick Carnes, and Ed Hornstra planning their 25th reunion in 1962.

Series II. Hingham High School Yearbook, 1937

Folder 2

This series includes pages from the 1937 Hingham High School yearbook. The scrapbook's creator chose to include only certain parts of the yearbook, which are the cover and dedication pages; faculty pictures; pictures of the Student Government, Dramatics members, Spelling Bee participants, Junior Red Cross members, Outstanding National Forensic League Contestants, members of musical organizations, dancers, and athletic teams; and a page of photographs of "Freak Day."

Series III. Copy of Original Scrapbook

Folder 3

This series is comprised of photocopies that were made of each page of the original scrapbook, which are provided in the collection so that interested researchers can view the materials as they were originally arranged.