

Groton History: Annotated Bibliography

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Butler, Caleb. *History of the Town of Groton: Including Pepperell and Shirley, from the First Grant of Groton Plantation in 1655, with Appendices, Containing Family Registers, Town and State Officers, Population, and Other Statistics.* Boston: T.R. Marvin, 1848. (call number: 974.44 BUT)

History of Groton, Pepperell and Shirley with an appendix of vital records.

Green, Samuel Abbott, ed. *Early Records of Groton, Massachusetts, 1662-1707.* Cambridge: University Press, 1880. (call number: 974.44 EAR)

Transcribed documents from the earliest records of the town.

Green, Samuel Abbott. *Epitaphs from the Old Burying Ground in Groton, Massachusetts: With Notes and an Appendix.* Boston, Mass.: Little, Brown, 1878. (call number: 929.5 GRE)

Spine title: Groton Epitaphs. Transcribed epitaphs from the cemetery on Hollis Street with a history of the Old Burying Ground, notes on the people and an index of the names and the grave location by section.

Green, Samuel Abbott. *Groton during the Indian Wars.* Groton, 1883. (call number: 973.2 GRE)

Covers the 17th- and 18th-century period from King Philip's War through the French and Indian War. Includes extracts of documents, accounts of attacks on Groton and captivity narratives.

Green, Samuel Abbott. *Groton during the Revolution: With an Appendix.* Groton, 1900. (call number: 973.3 GRE)

Includes the military rolls of Groton companies as well as extracts of town records during the Revolution and an appendix of Groton military history unrelated to the Revolution.

Green, Samuel Abbott. *Groton Historical Series: A Collection of Papers Relating to the History of the Town of Groton, Massachusetts.* 4 vols. Groton, 1877-1899. (call number: 974.44 GRE)

Four volume history of Groton written as a compilation of articles and documents, including some of the earliest records of Groton (earlier than those in *Vital Records of Groton*). Also included: church records, information about early settlers, and accounts of events and people. Index at end of Vol. IV (see explanation at beginning of Index as Vol. I does not have continuous pagination).

May, Virginia A. *A Plantation Called Petapawag: Some Notes on the History of Groton, Massachusetts.* Groton: Groton Historical Society, 1976. (call number: 974.44 MAY)

Spine title: *Groton Plantation*. Notes on Groton history written by May, curator of the Boutwell House from 1945-1970, and compiled by members of the Historical Society. Includes a timeline for the town from 1655-1969, as well as maps of early land grants, trails and roads.

May, Virginia A. *Groton Houses: Some Notes on the History of Old Homesteads in Groton, Massachusetts.* Groton: Groton Historical Society, 1978. (call number: 974.44 MAY)

This second volume of May's profiles many of the older houses in Groton, and includes photos and a section on the Groton Inn.

Murray, Barbara, Deborah E. Johnson and Jayme Lulesz, eds. *Groton at 350: The History of a Massachusetts Town, 1655-2005.* Groton: Town of Groton, 2005. (call number: 974.44 GRO)

A good place to start your research on the history of Groton. *Groton at 350* provides the most current scholarship on the history of Groton, drawing from the work of earlier historians, updated with new research. It presents full coverage of the town's history with extensive photo illustrations.

Sawyer, Helen McCarthy. *People and Places of Groton.* Littleton: Sherwin and Dodge, 1987. (call number: 974.44 SAW)

Collection of articles originally published in the Groton Herald, includes short biographical essays, as well as articles about local institutions, businesses and places. Not indexed.

Sawyer, Helen McCarthy. *More People and Places of Groton.* Littleton: Sherwin and Dodge, 1987. (call number: 974.44 SAW)

A second volume of articles published in the Groton Herald. Not indexed.

***Tercentenary, 1655-1955, Groton, Massachusetts.* Groton: Groton Tercentenary Committee, 1955. (call number: 974.44 TER)**

Booklet published for the 300th anniversary of the town, includes a timeline and a history of the town, schools, churches and organizations. This is a good source for anyone who is interested in a brief Groton history.

***Vital Records of Groton, Massachusetts, to the end of the year 1849.* 2 vols. Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1926-1927. (call number: 929.3 GRO)**

Two volumes: vol. I: Births, vol. II Marriages and Deaths. The beginning of each volume lists dates on which portions of Groton were annexed by other towns, and the population of Groton at various periods from 1765 until 1920. Use these volumes to use to start a Groton genealogy research before 1850.