MASSACHUSETTS BIOGRAPHIES AND MEMOIRS

One of the best ways to understand people and past events is to read a biography of a man or woman who personally lived during tumultuous times or through historical events or came in contact with people who did. Reading the stories, biographies and memoirs of people who were there can be very informative and, in many cases, uplifting.

The books about Massachusetts men and women on this list are in the Library’s collection. The book call number is listed after each title. The Newton Free Library, as well as the Minuteman Library Network, has many books about men and women of Massachusetts of note. In total, the Library has over 10,400 volumes in the third floor Biography section. In addition, other biographies may be found throughout the Library collection. Examples – biographies of literature-related, music-related or sports-related individuals would be shelved with books on the subject (Poets, Opera, Rock and Roll, Basketball, Baseball, etc. Ask a librarian, if you need help in locating a title.

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