

Watertown Free Public Library

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Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

Local History Collection

**Town of Watertown
Special Committee on the Athletic
Field records, 1920**

TW103

Summary

Collection name: Town of Watertown Special Committee on the Athletic Field records, 1920

Collection number: TW103

Repository: Watertown Free Public Library (Watertown, Massachusetts)

Creator: Town of Watertown Special Committee on the Athletic Field

Extent: 0.02 cubic feet (2 folders)

Language: English

Provenance: The immediate source of this collection is unknown.

Processing information: This finding aid has been adapted from the catalog records for HIST 333.78 VIC 1920. It was created by Caroline Littlewood in 2020.

Conditions governing access: Collection is open for use in the Local History Room, Watertown Free Public Library.

Preferred citation: Town of Watertown records of the Special Committee on the Athletic Field, TW103, Watertown Free Public Library Local History Collection, Watertown, Mass.

Historical Note

During and immediately after World War I, the Town of Watertown School Committee expressed interest in developing land near the high school as an athletic field. On December 23, 1919, the town meeting moderator appointed a Committee on Athletic Field [sic], to be chaired by George N. Chamberlain. The Committee produced a report recommending a site for the field, listing the features it ought to include, and proposing that the field be dedicated to the local men and women who took part in World War I. The town accepted the report and empowered the Committee to proceed with a call for bids. Construction commenced in 1921. The field, named Victory Field, was formally dedicated in May 1922.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of bid specifications for the construction of Victory Field and related loose records.

Access Points

Subjects:

Athletic fields

City and town life

Construction contracts

World War, 1914-1918—War memorials