Weston Town Records

Preservation and Classification
Why Request CPC Funding?

- State law
- Preserve historical treasures for future generations
“Every original paper belonging to the files of the commonwealth or of any county, city or town, bearing date earlier than the year eighteen hundred and seventy, every book of registry or record, except books which the supervisor of public records determines may be destroyed, every town warrant, every deed to the commonwealth or to any county, city or town, every report of an agent, officer or committee relative to bridges, public ways, sewers or other state, county or municipal interests not required to be recorded in a book and not so recorded,  

shall be preserved and safely kept...”
Currently No System in Place
Hazardous for Records

- Water infiltration
- Mold and mildew
- Risk of further damage if sprinkler activated
Solution? Vault Construction

- Cost effective
- Utilize existing space
- Provide a secure environment
- Preserve documents
New Basement Configuration
Method

- Expertise of Town librarians under Director’s supervision
- Consultation with Historical Society and Commission
Outcome

Model for Town employees to follow, to store and access any document as needed.
## Projected Costs

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Did You Know?

Shortly after Weston was incorporated, it cost...

- 12 pence for every verdict
- 2 shillings for every bail
- 6 shillings and 6 pence for every jury that was called
- 12 pence per page for copies of Town records
Resource

- Acts and Laws of His Majesty’s Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England
- Published in 1726
- Found on a shelf in the basement