

### III. The Massachusetts Magazine

F. A. Gardner, M.D. (Dr. Frank) with sister, Lucie, and friends published *The Massachusetts Magazine* for over a decade. One series of articles provided information about the regiments that were at the Siege of Boston in 1775. Other subjects included historical views, Pilgrims and Planters, biographies, and some coverage of current topics. The first issue was in 1908; publication continued until early 1918.

#### A. Introduction

The first **Massachusetts Magazine** (MM) began to publish after the War of Independence and supported authors like Benjamin Franklin and Judith Sargent Murray. This MM ran from 1789 to 1796. It was also known as the **Monthly Museum of Knowledge and Rational Entertainment** and specialized in "poetry, music, biography, history, physics, geography, morality, criticism, philosophy, mathematics, agriculture, architecture, chemistry, novels, tales, romances, translations, news, marriages, deaths, meteorological observations, etc. etc." It was intended as "a kind of thermometer, by which the genius, taste, literature, history, politics, arts, manners, amusements and improvements of the age and nation, may be ascertained."<sup>1</sup> The MM was founded by Isaiah Thomas who "performed the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence" at Worcester, MA.

In 1908, F A Gardner (our Dr. Frank), C A Flagg, and A W Dennis, started publishing, quarterly, **The Massachusetts Magazine** (TMM) with T F Waters as editor. In his **The Essex Antiquarian**, Sidney Perley said that the periodical was intended to be the organ of several colonial societies. The last issue was in 1918. In each issue, Dr. Frank provided an article on the regiments of Massachusetts during the War of Independence; his Regiments were those present at the Siege of Boston. His sister, Lucie, wrote of "Pilgrims and Planters" and provided genealogical information. Last year, the TGS blog provided an image of the Table of Contents for all of the issues. Too, there was a review of several of Dr. Frank's articles. This effort will get more attention by our research team. All of the issues are available in digital format via archive.org and its repository.

First volume editors were the following:

- Thomas Franklin Waters (Ipswich, MA) - noted New England researcher and author. Thomas wrote *Ipswich in the Massachusetts Bay Colony*.
- Frank A. Gardner, M.D. (Salem, MA) – noted author of the Gardner books. Dr. Frank was a practicing physician. He organized the Old Planters Society who meetings were report in the TMM.
- Charles A. Flagg (Washington, D.C.) - of the Library of Congress. Charles contributed articles about Massachusetts citizens who pioneered out west.
- John N. McClintock (Dorchester, MA) - publisher of *The New England Magazine* (1884 through 1917), known as *Bay State Monthly* from 1884 through 1886.
- Albert W. Dennis (Salem, MA) - early publisher of *Who's Who*.

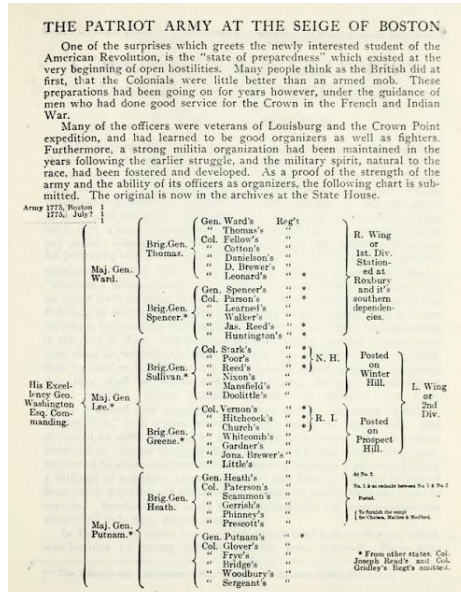


Figure 1 Siege of Boston

<sup>1</sup> "Massachusetts Magazine" Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts\_Magazine)

- Thomas Wentworth Higginson (Cambridge, MA) - noted Unitarian minister and abolitionist.
- George Sheldon (Deerfield, MA) - led one of the first preservation societies in the United States.
- Luci M. Gardner (Salem, MA) – sister of Dr. Frank. Lucie was co-editor of the TMM. She was a regular contributor to the magazine. Lucie served as Secretary of the Old Planters Society. The Society's minutes indicated that they wanted to cover the whole breadth of New England. The initial members were of illustrious families. Lucie was a graduate of Tufts College.

## B. Commentary

The first issue of TMM (Vol I - January, 1908) included articles by Thomas F Waters, Alice May Douglass, Charles H Pope, William H Manning, and more. Lucie M Gardner wrote of “Pilgrim and Planters” which section continued throughout the publication period. At the time, an Old Planters Society had been formed which included illustrious citizens.

Dr. Frank wrote of the American Revolution which was his special research project. Dr. Frank wrote:

One of the surprises which greets the newly interested student of the American Revolution, is the “state of preparedness” which existed at the very beginning of open hostilities. Many people think as the British did at first, that the Colonials were little better than an armed mob. These preparations had been going on for years however, under the guidance of men who had done good service for the Crown in the French and Indian War. <sup>2</sup> (see Figure 1)

In the article on Col. John Glover's Marblehead Regiment, Dr. Frank presented the first part of an ongoing series on units that were at the siege of Boston in 1775. John Glover was born in Salem, MA. He had been active in the militia for years prior to the Revolution. In 1775, he received the rank of lieutenant colonel of the 21<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts that was from Marblehead. Col. Glover served with General George Washington in Massachusetts, Long Island, and New York. Col. Glover was, for a while, in command of Fort Arnold near West Point. He reached the rank of Brigadier General.

In the first part of the article, Dr. Frank identified the men who were members of the Regiment. As well, he provided an overview of activity and engagements. In the second part (Vol I, No 2), Dr. Frank included a brief sketch of the officers. Throughout the series, the articles followed a similar format.

The following pages provide the cover page from the first four volumes. We can determine the year, volume, number, and titles; each issue has a monogram by Dr. Frank. As, both Dr. Frank and Lucie contributed several articles in some volumes. This effort by Dr. Frank is still being cited as can be seen by the website for the 13<sup>th</sup> Continental Regiment, Rehoboth Minutemen, Timothy Walker's Regt. They have reproduced Dr. Frank's report at this site.

Another series of articles was titled, Department of the American Revolution (1775-1782), in which Dr. Frank gathered an assortment of material related to that time. For instance, he wrote of privateers, discussed events leading up to the Revolution, reviewed diaries that had pertinent information, published town lists, and a lot more.

As well as providing publication notice about historical writings, each TMM issue reported on Criticism & Comment. Additionally, there were sections dealing with pioneers out of Massachusetts who ventured west. In Vol I, No 1, the state was Michigan. There was a list of pioneers as well as a

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<sup>2</sup> The Massachusetts magazine : devoted to Massachusetts history, genealogy, biography (1908) Salem Press Co

partial bibliography which included newspaper articles, books, and more. Another section provided biographical sketches of Massachusetts Historical Writers. And, there were Editorial Pages.

In Vol II, No 3 (pg 230), Dr. Frank wrote about the George Gardner House which was still standing in 1907 and which was visited by attendees of the “first reunion of the Gardner Family Association” which was held on August 14, 1907.

In Vols III thru V, there were contributions by R. A. Douglas-Lithgow, M.D., LL.D. R.A. was a member of several illustrious societies and a prolific writer. He wrote books on Nantucket’s history and its people. Too, he wrote about prominent New Englanders and their houses. But, before he came to America, he was a well-known physician in London. He contributed several articles to the TMM. In the Nantucket book, R. A. wrote well of John Gardner was invited to live on the island and became the chief magistrate. John’s brother, Richard, was a resident of the island, too.

### C. Continuing work

The review work will continue. For instance, we need to organize material about Dr. R.A. Douglas-Lithgow and his life. He was quite prolific. TMM had many other authors. We will be looking at each of the editors and contributors, in detail, including their work with the TMM. Rev. Thomas Franklin Waters was the original editor-in-chief. He was a noted New England author; we will create a bibliography for him. For one thing, he wrote of John Winthrop, Jr. who had a scientific bent.

In the 1909 Volume, Rev. Waters mentioned an essay by James Russell Lowell<sup>3</sup> and remarked about genealogists. However in that same essay, Lowell wrote this: They can never appreciate the immense amount of silent work that has been done here, making this continent slowly fit for the abode of man, and which will demonstrate itself, let us hope, in the character of the people. While reading Lowell and Waters, one cannot help but consider how their concerns apply today. Particularly, we can be looking in this regard: what exactly is that American character to which we all ought to strive? and, what can we bring to fore from the experiences of New England families over the centuries?

In that same volume, Lucie M. Gardner reported, as Secretary, on the Old Planters Society. Earlier, in a blog post, we looked at those who helped organize the Society. Some of the supporters were William Crowninshield Endicott, Jr, Henry Cabot Lodge, Francis Ellingwood Abbot. Their first meeting was 1899. This report is 10 years later. Another thing in particular will be to get more information about the Gardner Family Association that first met in 1907.

Frank A. Gardner, M.D. is first cousin of Ann Gardner Switlik of the Thomas Gardner Society, Inc. The Society, via Gardner Research, sponsored this work of John M. Switlik who is President / Researcher of TGS, Inc. (see [thomasgardnersociety.org](http://thomasgardnersociety.org)).

LOWELL'S acute essay on “a certain condescension of foreigners” might be followed, if the genial but critical essayist were still with us, by another on “the presumption of genealogists.” The time is ripe. The dimensions of the genealogical quest have expanded within a few years by leaps and bounds. Ancestor hunting is already a close second in popularity to the hunting of game with gun or fishing tackle. It has become a fine art with some, and is recognized as a professional employment, which entitles its practitioner to an ample fee. As for the amateur searcher of pedigrees his name is legion.

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<sup>3</sup> Lowell, JR (1914) “On a Certain Condescension in Foreigners” *The Oxford Book of American Essays*

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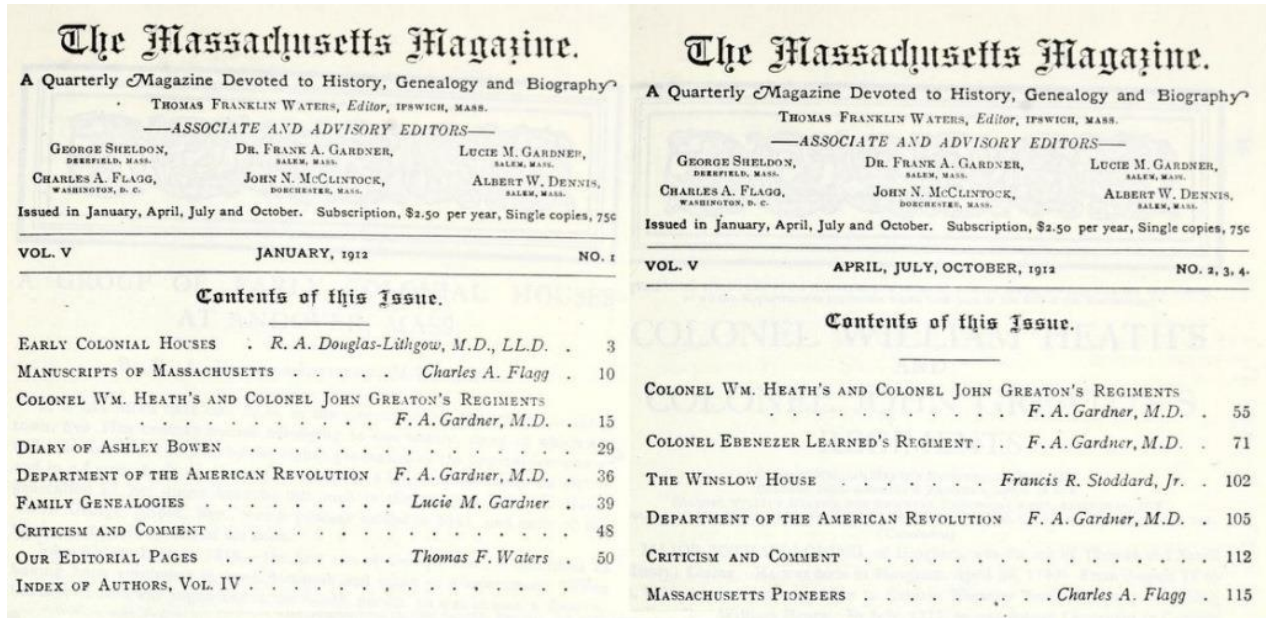


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