

Where to find old business/industry information in the Local History Room

Vignettes of Reading History

(Red binding, fourth shelf on left of Reading Section in LH Room)

Put together for the tercentenary (1944) by the Historical Committee. Eight essays about Reading's History. Chapter 3 Industrial and Economic Development of Reading pp. 39 – 54. This book has an added index, which is pretty good for Names, Business Names and industry types (under industry).

250th Anniversary of the Ancient Town of Redding Proceedings 1644-1894

aka The Memorial Volume

(Various color bindings, second shelf on left of Reading Section in LH Room)

Although not indexed, there is a table of contents and a section titled INDUSTRIAL pp. 311-362, with some subheadings in the table of contents.



West side of Main Street 1914

Bound Directories 1894 to 1940's (some gaps)

(Various color bindings, next to bottom shelf on left of Reading Section in LH Room)

Listing by Town (Wakefield, Stoneham, Reading, and later editions Lynnfield and North Reading) of residents alphabetically by name. Businesses are listed toward the back of each town's section by category as well as listed alphabetically among the residents. Some years directories include occupation of resident as well as address. Ads are usually indexed at the very back.

Business File

Top left-hand drawer of file cabinet in Reading end of room. (Right as you enter – mnemonic - Reading/Right)

Vertical file of clippings on selected businesses – mostly closed. Articles from the Chronicle – some before indexing. Group of folders on right end of drawer have other articles that are arranged in alphabetical groupings by name of business. Some faded and hard to read. Don't count on this as the whole collection of information if you find a folder on the business/industry that you are looking for.

Advertisements in Bound Volumes

RHMS Yearbooks have numerous sponsor ads in the back, as does the *History of the Reading Fire Department* 1974.