

Joanne Loynd: A West Concord Life



Joanne (Edwardsen) Loynd was a life-long West Concordian. It was here that she lived, worked, worshipped, raised her family and devoted boundless time and energy to the community she called home. Born in Boston in 1941, Joanne graduated from Concord High School in 1959. She and her husband, Francis “Rod” Loynd, raised four children and ran several Concord businesses, including a building and remodeling concern, a car wash and an auto body shop.

The materials in this collection reflect Joanne’s interests, concerns, and investment in West Concord. They also make clear that she was as interested in its present and future as she was in its past, and especially in organizations and events that brought the community together.

A lifetime of volunteerism and community service included Scouts and youth sports in connection with her children, as well as a deep involvement in a number of programs and outreach through Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family Parish.

Her focus on community improvement and involvement was evident in her work with the West Concord Task Force, Warner’s Pond Stewardship Committee, and the West Concord Village Improvement Association, through which she was instrumental in organizing *Function in the Junction* and *West Concord Village Day*.

Joanne Loynd passed away at her West Concord residence on July 8, 2010. The *Joanne Loynd Papers Relating Primarily to West Concord, Massachusetts, 1830-2010 (bulk 1990-2010)* were donated through Marian Wheeler to William Munroe Special Collections at the Concord Free Public Library in January 2011.

Materials from the *Joanne Loynd Papers Relating Primarily to West Concord, Massachusetts, 1830-2010 (bulk 1990-2010)*



Top Shelf: Photograph of Joanne (Edwardsen) Loynd from Concord High School Yearbook, 1959.

Derby farm, built 1794 (current site of West Concord Plaza).

Second Shelf: Dedication of Kenneth J. Dunn Square, West Concord, Massachusetts, 23 May 1943.

Concord Fire Department Street Directory, 1994.

Postcard: Boston Harness Co., Concord Junction, Mass., ca. 1913.

Third Shelf: **The Midway Store/Jeff's Store.** Located at the corner of Main & Conant Streets, it was bought by Ernest Wilson from Elmer Styles in 1934. Ralph ("Jeff") Gerow worked there before and after serving in WWII, running it until 1959, at which time it was demolished. It was called the "Midway" because it was located half way between centers of Concord and Maynard.

Letter written by Joanne Loynd on behalf of Warner's Pond Stewardship Committee, 23 October 2009.

Pail Factory Bridge photographs by Joanne Loynd, undated.

Fourth Shelf: Letter written by Joanne Loynd related to "Function in the Junction," 1983.

Bluine label. Manufactured in West Concord, Massachusetts, ca. 1884.

Letter written by Joanne Loynd on behalf of the West Concord Village Improvement Association, 16 August 1982.

Bottom Shelf: **Broadside: Warner's Pond Presentation: Update on Pond Status.** Warner's Pond Stewardship Committee, Concord, Massachusetts, undated.

Map of Town of Concord. Prepared by photogrammetric methods from aerial photography in 1960 by Air Survey Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.