



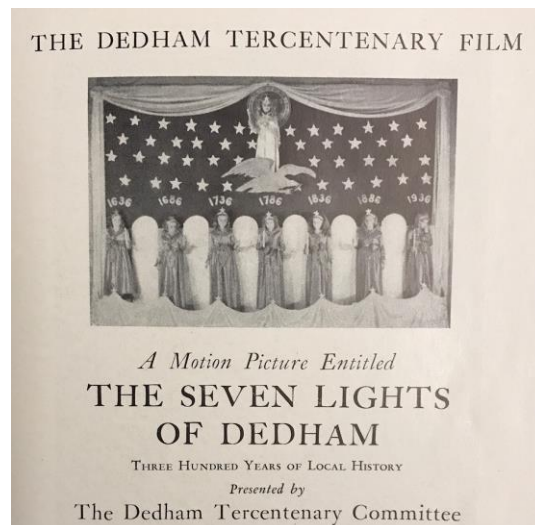
Dedham Savings Community Foundation

Dedham Historical Society & Museum Receives a Dedham Savings Community Foundation Grant

The Dedham Historical Society & Museum (DHSM) is thrilled to announce that we are the recipients of a Dedham Savings Community Foundation Grant. The \$19,148.00 grant focuses on needs associated with the DHSM archives, among the most important in New England.

The grant has three components.

- The first is digitization of the microfilm collection, which consists of material that dates from the 1700s through the mid-20th century. The microfilm includes rare publications, local newspapers, genealogical material, surveyors' plans, and more. Conveying the history of Dedham, they are particularly relevant to uncovering information about communities underrepresented by traditional forms of documentation such as immigrant mill workers, shop keepers, and people of color.
- The second component is the digitization of the only surviving reels of the motion picture film, *The Seven Lights of Dedham* (see illustrations), a three-hundred-year history of the Town produced for Dedham's Tercentenary in 1936. Many early films are already lost to history as the acetate film degrades over time. Preserving this record of Dedham's history through digitization is critical to its survival.
- The third component is reinforcing shelving in the archives to ensure the best care and preservation of the manuscript collection.



Still image from *The Seven Lights of Dedham*, a Tercentenary motion picture film. Published in the *Official Commemoration and Chronicle, Dedham 1636-1936* (Tercentenary Committee, 1936); collection of the DHSM.

Dedham Historical Society & Museum is most grateful to the Dedham Savings Community Foundation for recognizing the importance of the archival materials in DHSM's collection and making it possible for significant materials to be accessible to the public. Additionally, DHSM is grateful to Dedham Savings Community Foundation for being a partner in preserving, saving, and sharing Dedham's history. Please join DHSM in thanking Dedham Savings Community Foundation for their support of our collective interest in "Saving History for the Future."

For information about the Dedham Savings Community Foundation visit www.DedhamSavings.com/community. For information about Dedham Historical Society & Museum and/or to become a member and add your support, visit www.dedhamhistorical.org.

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