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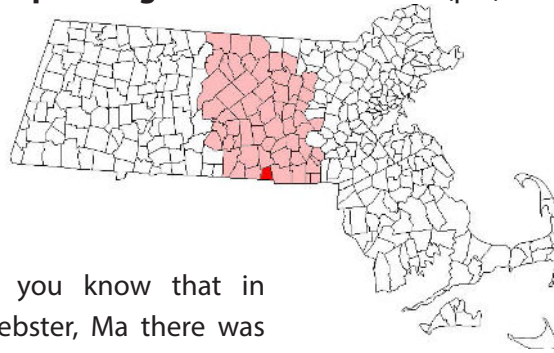
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Newsletter

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We have a renewed fervor for outreach. Our team at the Worcester Registry Deeds is working with Register of Probate Fatman to visit senior centers. We have been fine tuning our road-show over the last five or six months. We have visited several centers and have many more on our calendar. We have found that we each provide a small introduction about our self and our office and the questions come pouring out of the participant-pants. The most frequent questions include: Do I need a will? Does a will include my home? Can I deed my home to a family member now? Should I? Is a Trust the same as Will? What things pass through Probate? Do I need a Lawyer? We are thrilled to help our residents of Worcester County. We make an effort to provide easy to understand information. We hope to see you in a local senior center soon!

Did you know that in Webster, Ma there was once a record manufacturing plant? Donald H Gabor started his record company (Continental Records Inc.) in the early 1940's. In the beginning the records were pressed in a Scranton, PA record manufacturing plant, which was one of the largest in the US at the time. The records were made with shellac which was costly material and difficult to come by. In August 1947 Gabor founded the Record Corporation of New England, located at 35 Chase Avenue in Webster, Ma. You will find the assignment of Lease for

the record company on our website in Book 4645 pages 14 & 15.

Gabor started experimenting to come up with another mixture. He succeeded in creating "websterlite" a combination of shellac and plastic.

Gabor decided he would be in charge of the new pressing plant so he could monitor the entire production. It was a success. Not only was it less expensive to make, it lasted longer and the production time was quicker and the cost of the records

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Community Statistics

- 145** Number of Recordings in March 2023
- \$356K** Median Home Value
- 60%** Homes Owned vs. Rented
- 7,554** Total Housing
- 604** Density (Houses per Square Mile)



Town Spotlight

Webster

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went down and the company grew.

The Webster Factory had 42 presses and started making 45 RPM 7" records in 1949. When the long playing records were introduced, Gabor began a trial to find a substitute for two reasons. There was a shortage of plastic and he wanted to keep prices low.

The Webster plant was not just a record pressing factory. The mill had also a department where the record covers were printed. The front and back were cut to size and then glued together. Donald Gabor kept the price of manufacturing low three ways.

One, not having contracts with top-price artists, two the use of vinylite, and three he had a limited staff of sales people and managers to distribute the records.

Aiming at mass distribution,

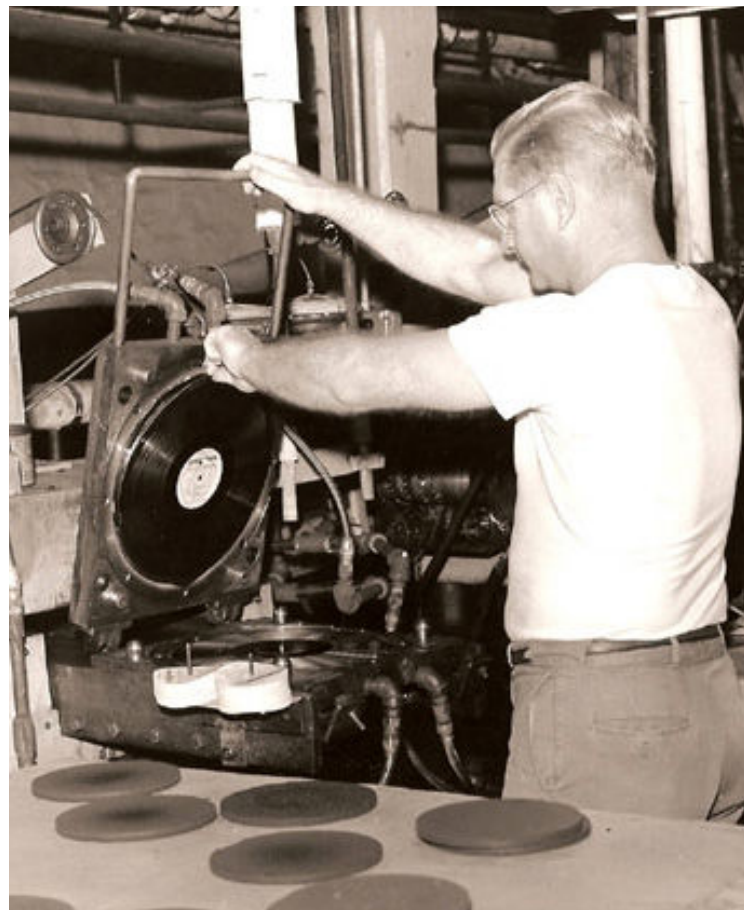
he persuaded Macy's Department Store to place a trial order for 20,000 records. They were sold in a single day, and Macy's became Gabor's largest customer. After that Gabor was able to obtain large record orders from R. H. Macy & Co., W. T. Grant Co. and Sears, Roebuck & Co. Business was going well, but in 1955 the plant was flooded. After reopening in the fall of 1955 it was only working at 75 percent of the plant's capacity. Following the flood Gabor sold his record operation in 1959 to Thompson Record Corporation.

Vinyl records became popular in the 1950s and 1960s because they were lighter and cheaper to produce than shellac records. By the 1970s, vinyl was the standard format for music recordings.

Vinyl records have been

making a comeback over the last few years. Today, artists are releasing their music on vinyl again and it is bringing back that nostalgic sound which many of us grew up with. In addition more and more people are collecting vinyl records. Thus record stores are making a strong comeback.

Not only do vinyl records give a nostalgic sound, it allows music lovers to physically hold the record and study the artwork of the covers. Artists believe that the vinyl records sound superior to the digital formats. Thank you to Donald Gabor for bringing vinyl music to life in Webster.



70's Music Word Search

W Q C N I B A V Y E L S E R P S I V L E P H K U
J R A L D E A G F T S J V I B A D N Y E N F P X
L O R E G A Y D D G M N V C U B X Z F E J W P H
R L L V S T G J B Q R Z D S I Z L T I V Z W B T
E L Y S X L N L Z P I O J N T M I L R M F U E R
M I S Y S E X N C E L P Y V R C D O M J C M V C
M N I F F S K T H L L R T Z S I C U U O K F I N
U G M S S V H Y Y O L B K Q A S S F Y T A Q F T
S S O K N M P P Z B J L R M I B V R L Z Q F N A
A T N B R C A D G A X N O D M L S J A L E T O B
N O X X Y R L U G N M N O R L Z L H H B K U S U
N N E K T O L L P A D M Z T D S T E X O B S K G
O E M O F E O N D E D Y N N W N L T R L R A C Q
D S N I O O D I A N A R O S S E A C J B E M A E
Y N P N H I S E U L B Y D O O M N K S H X B J B
K R K F L E E T W O O D M A C D H A C H S C O K
H H N E F X M J C H D K Z G N A D X I O R A H O
A N J H F U Y J X D Q R F C O T T X A V R T I Z
T Y H D B B R E D N O W E I V E T S F B I D C I
P P L R D N A S I E R T S A R A B R A B A L B B
C W E M T B E E G E E S P W R F C B R R I A O U
T A G Q A X M V X O P E Y Z N W I Z F X P L W X
D R E N R U T A N I T F X W E R E X S U Z O Q K
O K W X E Y E D D X B X L G Q J N N M G W E K W

Abba
Bee Gees
Diana Ross
Donna Summer
Jackson Five
Olivia Newton John
Rolling Stones
Barbara Streisand
Bread
Disco
Elvis Presley
Moody Blues
Radio
Stevie Wonder
Beatles
Carly Simon
Dolly Parton
Fleetwood Mac
Neil Diamond
Rock and Roll
Tina Turner

Bands That Have Played At Indian Ranch

There are too many bands to list them all, but here are just a few.
Are any of these ones you went to or just enjoy there music?

Willie Nelson

The Charlie Daniels Band

Three Dog Night

The Beach Boys

Buddy Guy

38 Special

Kansas

Loretta Lynn

Keith Urban

KC & the Sunshine Band

ZZ Top

Wynonna Judd

Upcoming Speaking Events

Monday, April 24, 2023, 12:30pm — Shrewsbury Senior Center
98 Maple Ave, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Friday, May 12, 2023, 10:30am — Grafton Senior Center
30 Providence Rd., Grafton, MA 01519

Thursday, May 18, 2023 — Millbury Senior Center
1 River Street, Millbury, MA 01527

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 11:00am — Leicester Senior Center
40 Winslow Ave, Leicester, MA 01524

If there are any other Senior Centers or organizations that would like to have Katie Toomey come and do a presentation with questions and answers, please email me at margaret.freeman@sec.state.ma.us or call 508-368-7000

Katie would gladly accommodate your group.

Consumer Notification Service

Get notified when documents are recorded.

This service alerts you by email whenever a new document is recorded for your property. If you made this change, you don't need to do anything. If you did not, you should contact your local Registry of Deeds office.

Who can set up an account?

This service is provided at no cost to Massachusetts residential property owners. You can set up an account and register up to 3 properties. This service is not available for commercial properties. Create a new account by visiting the link below.

cns.masslandrecords.com

Special Notice: Regarding Registered Land Recording

Effective January 1, 2023

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Registered Land documents that you intend to submit to us for registration must first be emailed to us for pre-approval. Send your fully executed documents to worcester.deeds@sec.state.ma.us. We will review the documents and email our determination that the documents may be submitted to us as is or we will specify any changes that must be made before sending the documents to us.

Beginning January 1, 2023, original Registered Land documents will be returned to customers once the recording process is completed.

A return envelope with postage will be required so that we can return the documents to you via the USPS.

Thank you – Register Kathryn A. Toomey