

MARION ROZELL GOSLING

October 17, 1912-January 23, 2004

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marion Rozell, long time Marblehead historian, was born in 1912 and was brought up and educated in Paterson, New Jersey. She earned her teaching certificate and briefly taught kindergarten before marrying James Gosling. The couple lived in Greenwich Village in New York City before moving to Marblehead in 1947 following James' discharge from the service. They settled in the historic Nicholson house on Mugford Street. Her subsequent research of John Nicholson, who built the house in 1754, ignited her interest in Marblehead history. She went on to research more families which led her to become a volunteer with the Marblehead Historical Society for more than 50 years,

Mrs. Gosling's contribution to her adopted town were numerous and included the following:

- Organized the Marblehead Red Cross Blood Drive for 40 years
- Became the first woman president of the Marblehead Historical Society in 1971 after 73 years in existence
- Served as secretary and Executive Board member of the Historical Society from 1973 to 1990
- Sorted, organized, and preserved Marblehead's historical archives dating back to the town's establishment many of which were stored in boxes in the Abbot Hall basement
- Served as a weekend tour guide at Abbot Hall during the tourist season and was known as Keeper-of the "Spirit of 76" painting on display in the Selectman's room
- Was in charge of preserving and greeting guests at the G.A.R. room in the Old Town House where Civil War veterans met until they died out in the 1930s
- Was honored with the "Marblehead Forever" award as Person of the Year by the Marblehead Chamber of Commerce in 2001 for keeping the spirit of Marblehead alive

Marion Gosling died January 23, 2004 at the age of 91. She was survived by two children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This content contains the files of Marion Gosling which she accumulated during her 50-year association with the Marblehead Historical Society. It includes results of her personal research, pertinent newspaper articles, historical events, and men and women who contributed to the history of Marblehead. In addition, there are many personal correspondences which document her detailed attention to the many requests received from people researching their Marblehead genealogical roots.

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