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Roxbury residents asked to share old photos, stories so material can be preserved digitally

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A series of activities will be held in Dudley Square on Saturday to celebrate the community's history, including a call for residents to bring old photos, documents and personal stories of life in Roxbury so that material can be digitized and published online.

The preservation effort is led by collection specialists at the University of Massachusetts Boston as part of the school's Mass. Memories Road Show, according to the [university's website](#) and the City of Boston website. The [public history project](#) has digitized more than 4,000 photos and stories from across the Bay State with the goal of collecting material from all 351 cities and towns statewide, according to the [project's website](#).

Current and former Roxbury residents are asked to bring old photos and other documents that have ties to the neighborhood so the material can be scanned, digitized and displayed online, the websites said. Documents shared with the project will be returned immediately to their owners.

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project will be returned immediately to their owners.

Attendees are also invited to share non-tangible stories and memories in brief video interviews about life in Roxbury.

To see Roxbury photos the archival project has collected so far, [click here](#).

Other events Saturday include a history scavenger hunt and a self-guided walking tour. Mayor Thomas M. Menino is scheduled to attend, officials said.

Organized by both city leaders and nonprofit agencies, the event series is called "Our Dudley Square: Discover, Explore, Celebrate!" and runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, rain or shine. All activities start and end at Hibernian Hall on Dudley Street. Refreshments and prizes will be available.

Sponsors include: the Boston Landmarks Commission, the city's Property and Construction Management Department, Madison Park Development Corporation, the Healey Library Archives at UMass Boston, Discover Roxbury, Nuestra Comunidad, Historic Boston Inc. and Dudley Square Main Streets.

For more information, visit www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks.

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