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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the Town, Village and City Archives of Vermont is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on Historical Records Survey projects of the Work Projects Administration. The inventory of the archives of the towns of Rutland County is number 11 of the Vermont series. The publication herewith presented, Town of Castleton, is volume III of the Rutland County series.

The Historical Records Survey program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the town, and also the needs of lawyers, businessmen, and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey program attempt to do more than give merely a list of records - they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the town or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the governmental agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of the Historical Records Survey program, even in a single town, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey program was organized by Dr. Luther H. Evans in January 1936 and has been directed by Mr. Sargent B. Child since March 1, 1940. It operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Community Service Programs, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

This inventory of the town records of Castleton is one volume in a series bearing the title Inventory of the Town, Village and City Archives of Vermont. It is anticipated that eventually in such series will be listed the records of every governmental unit in the State. Copies of this volume and of every publication of the Vermont Historical Records Survey are distributed to prominent libraries of the nation and to the larger and more centrally located libraries of Vermont. A limited number of copies are available for free distribution to other institutions and individuals, upon receipt of a written request at the Survey Office in Montpelier.

The prime purpose of this series is to provide an inventory of records, and the historical sketch furnishes a background for the records. The brief description of the various town offices are included for the same reason. These latter will eventually be supplemented by a key volume which will treat each office in detail. Already much of the ground work for such a key volume has been completed. For purposes of compression and easy reference the records are described in entries the style of which is formalized to give in each case the following information: title of record; dates for which available; quantity and labeling of volumes or containers; variant titles; description of record contents; manner of arrangement; indexing; nature of recording; size of volumes or containers; and location. Cross references are inserted where they would appear helpful, and the index has been carefully prepared.

The program for this work is sponsored by the Vermont Public Records Commission and conducted by the Vermont Historical Records Survey. This Survey operates under the auspices of the Division of Community Service Programs of the Work Projects Administration. This particular inventory has been prepared under the direction of Gerald Pryor, supervisor of the town records unit of the Vermont Historical Records Survey. George E. Hyde prepared the historical sketch and took general charge of production. The field research was done by Mary Carvey, Harry Morris, Charles Considine, and the chief burden of the editing was borne by Martha Parsons.

From the sponsoring commission and other public officials and private citizens the Survey has received hearty and helpful cooperation. Particularly to be noted among those assisting with both technical advice and financial support are the State of Vermont, the educational institutions of the State, and the Vermont Historical Society. These Vermont friends have provided the funds to meet the cost of rent, heat, light, paper, and other necessary non-labor items. Labor funds have been furnished by the Work Projects Administration.

The Survey appreciates the various forms of assistance which have made this work possible and hopes that as time goes on the intrinsic value of the work itself and the quality of its accomplishment may more and more justify the support which it has received.

Henry Howard Eddy
State Supervisor
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Abbreviations

alph.	alphabetical(ly)
approx.	approximately
arr.	arranged, arrangement
aver.	. . . . .	average
ch.	. . . . .	chapter
chron.	. . . . .	chronological(ly)
co.	. . . . .	company
ed.	. . . . .	editor
<u>et al.</u>	. . . . .	<u>et alii, et aliae</u> (and others)
etc.	. . . . .	et cetera (and so forth)
<u>et seq.</u>	. . . . .	<u>et sequentes, et sequentia</u> (and the following)
hdw.	. . . . .	handwritten
<u>ibid.</u>	. . . . .	<u>ibidem</u> (in the same place)
No(s).	. . . . .	number(s)
<u>op. cit.</u>	. . . . .	<u>opere citato</u> (in the work cited)
p., pp.	. . . . .	page(s)
pub.	. . . . .	published
sec(s).	. . . . .	section(s)
viz	. . . . .	videlicet (namely)
vol(s).	. . . . .	volume(s)
Vt.	. . . . .	Vermont, Vermont Reports

Symbols

--	. . . . .	to date
x	. . . . .	by (in dimension items)
'	. . . . .	feet (following numerals)
"	. . . . .	inches (following numerals)
:	. . . . .	equivalent to
%	. . . . .	per cent
***	. . . . .	denotes omission in quoted matter

Explanatory Notes

This inventory of the archives of the town of Castleton lists all the records kept by the town officers, and by the officers in Fire Districts Nos. 1 and 2. A historical sketch and governmental organization essay of each political unit has been written; short essays of each of the offices and other supplementary material as shown in the table of contents have been prepared.

Office Sketches. These sketches, written from information secured from the records, are only brief histories of the offices. The officers' duties are established by law and do not vary from town to town. All the Vermont Statutes, beginning with the origin of the State are being carefully read. Eventually the duties assigned at one time or another to each of the officers will be listed and publications showing the history of each office will be issued.

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Titles of Records. Titles are shown exactly as found on volumes, file drawers, boxes, bundles, or other containers. The current or most recent title of a series is used as the exact title of the entry. Variations to the entry title are listed in the title line. An exact title appears in upper case. An assigned title, which appears only when the record has no exact title, is written in upper case and enclosed in parentheses. An explanatory title which is used in conjunction with an exact title when the title is vague or misleading, appears in lower case and is enclosed in parentheses.

The same theory is applied to subentries, which are numbered with roman numerals within an entry. A subentry will never have an exact title, but when it bears a title cross reference to some other entry in the inventory, it appears under the title of the entry to which it is cross-referenced whether that title is actual or assigned. If the title of the entry to which a subentry is title cross-referenced is exact, it appears with initial letters in upper case; if it is assigned, it appears with the initial letters in upper case and is enclosed in parentheses. For subentries which are not title cross-referenced, we have used the title by which the record is commonly known in Vermont.

Dates of Records. The dates that appear directly after the title are the earliest and latest dates found within the entry. Dates shown in the body of the entry or following subentries are the dates of that particular item; where dates are not given for individual items the dates of that item are identical with those in the title line.

Quantity. The exact number of volumes, boxes, file drawers, or other containers is shown in each entry.

Labeling of Records. Letters or numbers placed in parentheses directly following the quantity indicate the exact labeling. If no labeling is indicated, it may be assumed that there is none.

Description of Records. The titles themselves partially describe the records. Following the title line, such descriptive details are given as might guide the reader to more particular information.

Indexes. Where an entry is served by a separate index, a separate entry covering the index is given immediately following the record. Where an index covers more than one entry, it is given immediately following the last entry that it serves and cross references are made between the index entry and the entries it serves.

Condition of Records. Unless otherwise noted in the inventory records are in good condition.

Dimensions. Dimensions of volumes are given in order of height, width, and thickness; dimensions of file boxes and drawers in order of height, width, and depth. All dimensions are given in inches, unless otherwise specified, and the symbol for inches is omitted.

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Location of Records. The general location of the records at the time the inventory was completed is given in the essays on Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records which will be found immediately preceding the first entry of the inventory of each political unit. Exceptions are specifically noted in the individual entries.

Cross References. In the case of records diversely located but actually related and members of the same series, cross references have been freely used to show the fundamental relationship. Where material definitely related to a given series occurs in a miscellaneous book, the material is listed in the body of the entry with a cross reference to the series under whose title it would logically belong. Where material is missing from a series where it would naturally occur but is located elsewhere in a miscellaneous volume, a cross reference in the title line of the series makes clear its location. To call attention to records which are related but not definitely part of the same series a special cross reference is set up as a third paragraph of the entries concerned. The carefully prepared index makes clear a variety of interrelationships and renders the use of more extensive cross references unnecessary.

TOWN OF CASTLETON

1761

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The town of Castleton is located in the western central part of Rutland County. It is bounded on the north by Hubbardton, on the east by Pittsford, West Rutland, and Ira, on the south by Poultney, and on the west by Benson and Fair Haven. Lake Bomoseen covers more than 2000 acres in the western part of the town. The lake has an outlet into the Castleton River which traverses the southern part of the town. The present area of the town is 23,360 acres. The land west of the lake is suited only to forestation. The remainder is suited to dairy farming and motorized machinery can be used in the valley of Castleton River.¹ The town contains the hamlets of Castleton, Castleton Corners, West Castleton, and Hydeville.

Lake Bomoseen, variously designated as Bombazon, Bombazine, or Bomozeen, is reported to have been discovered in 1609 by a party sent out by Samuel de Champlain.² A tract near the southern end of Lake Bomoseen near the hamlet of Hydeville is known as the "Indian Fields." There are many evidences of periodic occupancy by the Indians but the absence of burial grounds is considered as indicating that they used the territory as a hunting ground rather than as a permanent settlement.

The town of Castleton was granted by Gov. Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire on September 22, 1761 to 65 grantees. The governor and several of the members of his council were among them. Samuel Brown headed the list of grantees and was designated by the charter to warn a meeting for the third Tuesday of the following month of October for the election of town officers.³ This grant was never interfered with by any land patents of the Province of New York.⁴

Early records of the proprietors of Castleton have not come to light but a meeting was held in Salisbury, Conn., on October 7, 1766,⁵ this being an adjourned meeting. Col. Amos Bird and Col. Noah Lee, both of whom had purchased rights in the town and were to play important parts in the settlement of Castleton, made a preliminary survey of the town in 1767.⁶ The fourth division of lots was made in 1770 and in that year Ephriam Buel, Eleazer Bartholomew, and Zadock Remington, with their families, arrived in the town.⁷

Ira Allen, accompanied by Remember Baker, "viewed" Castleton in 1770, during his first trip to what was to become Vermont.⁸ As a

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1. Land Classification Map, University of Vermont Extension Service.
 2. John McNab Currier, Discovery of Lake Bombazon by Samuel de Champlain, p. 1.
 3. New Hampshire Grants, pp. 79-82.
 4. Documentary History of New York, I, frontispiece, Sautier's Map.
 5. Abby Maria Hemenway, Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Orleans and Rutland Counties, pp. 502, 503.
 6. (Proprietors' Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), passim, see entry 1.
 7. Ibid., passim, see entry 1-ii.
 8. James B. Wilbur, Ira Allen, Founder of Vermont, I, 8.

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result of this trip, the Allens purchased four rights in Castleton and nearly half the rights in Hubbardton. In making a survey of these purchases in 1771, Allen found that in order to locate Hubbardton it was necessary for him to survey the west and north lines of Castleton.¹ His survey of the north line is still preserved.² Allen recorded that his survey cut off 1500 acres from Castleton much to the vexation of the proprietors of the town.³ The Allens disposed of their holdings in Castleton in 1773 to raise funds for the more extensive land speculations of the Onion River Company.⁴

Organization of the town was made in 1777. The first book of town meeting records is believed to have been destroyed by fire. Eli Cogswell is reported to have been the first town clerk and served until 1781.⁵ A complete record for 1781 is preserved and shows the following officers elected: Brewster Higley moderator and town clerk, Isaac Clark, Brewster Higley, and Reuben Moulton selectmen, Brewster Higley treasurer, and Alpheus Hall constable. Other officers elected were listers, tax collector, sealer of leather, grand juror, tythingmen, haywards, brander of horses, sealer of weights and measurer, fence viewer, and poundkeeper.⁶

Castleton was represented at the convention held in Dorset on January 16, 1766 by Capt. Joseph Woodward who was elected to preside.⁷ Capt. John Hall represented the town at the adjourned session of the convention of Westminster in January 1777.⁸ Castleton was not represented at the convention at Windsor in June of that year but sent a letter acquiescing to the formation of the new state.⁹ Zadock Remington, the representative of Castleton in the Assembly during the June sessions in 1778, was expelled under suspicion of being a Tory.¹⁰ The action against him was largely due to the activities of his brother, David Remington, who was arrested in September 1777 by order of the Council of Safety. David Remington's property was confiscated and he was ordered to be banished. These orders were revoked in October 1778 and he was permitted to take up his residence in Cumberland County.¹¹

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1. Wilbur, op. cit., I, 9.
 2. Surveyors General's Papers, Office of the Secretary of State, VII, 4.
 3. Wilbur, op. cit., I, 12.
 4. Ibid., I, 53.
 5. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 515.
 6. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 43, see entry 7-xii.
 7. Records of the Council of Safety and Governor and Council of the State of Vermont, I, 12, 13; hereinafter cited as Governor and Council.
 8. Ibid., pp. 38, 39.
 9. Ibid., p. 53.
 10. Journals and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, 1778-1781, part i, p. 25, hereinafter cited as State Papers of Vermont, III.
 11. Governor and Council, I, 165.

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Religious services were held in Castleton and a preacher paid by the inhabitants as early as 1775.¹ Rev. Mr. Everett was hired to preach by vote at a town meeting on January 1, 1781.² A Congregational Society was organized on June 7, 1784.³ The town handled its religious affairs in town meeting under the law of 1783 until the repeal of that act in 1807.⁴ Rev. Marris Casier, a graduate of Princeton, was installed as the settled minister of the Congregationalists on September 9, 1789 and was accepted by the town at a special meeting held on September 22.⁵ The right sequestered for the first settled minister was deeded to him.⁶ He continued to preach until December 13, 1792, when he was dismissed by vote of the town.⁷ He preached the election sermon on October 14, 1790, when the General Assembly met in Castleton.⁸

The town took over a storehouse which had been used by the garrison of the fort at Castleton during the Revolution. This was used both for religious and for town business until 1790.⁹ The town voted two dollars in 1785 to reimburse Reuben Moulton for what he had paid for the meeting house.¹⁰ A church structure was erected jointly by the town and the Congregational society near the east end of the "common" in 1787.¹¹ The present brick church was erected in 1832,¹² on land purchased by the society.¹³ The Congregational society continued active until 1902, when it joined the Methodist society to form the Federated church.¹⁴

A covenant was drawn up by the members of the Protestant Episcopal faith in August 1784.¹⁵ The organization formed was known as the First Grace Episcopal Church. Rev. James Nichols was the first pastor. A church structure was erected in 1899. The church became a diocesan mission under the name of St. Mark's in 1932, and is connected with St. John's Parish of Poultney. The organization still exists but is not active.¹⁶ St. James Church Mission, also Protestant Episcopal, was organized in 1849 at Hydeville. A building was erected in 1850 and con-

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1. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 525.
 2. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, back cover, see entry 2.
 3. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 527.
 4. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, passim.
 5. Ibid., p. 48.
 6. Ibid., p. 49.
 7. Ibid., p. 57.
 8. Governor and Council, I, 189.
 9. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 45.
 10. Ibid., p. 38.
 11. Ibid., pp. 41-44.
 12. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 526.
 13. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 7, p. 394, see entry 7.
 14. Corporation Files, vol. 9, p. 283, Office of the Secretary of State.
 15. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 72.
 16. Inventory of the Church Archives of Vermont, No. 1, The Diocese of Vermont, Protestant Episcopal, p. 117.

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separated in 1850 as St. James. It became a mission of St. John's Parish of Poultney in 1932.¹

A Methodist Episcopal class was organized in 1824.² Land for a building was purchased in 1826.³ This building was located west of Castleton. The society purchased land near the center of Castleton in 1838⁴ and the building was moved to it. The Congregationalists and Methodists federated in 1902. The building was sold in 1923 and now is used as a store.

The Calvinist Methodist Society was organized in the southwest part of town in 1862 and erected a building in 1868.⁵ This building was sold in 1880 to the Bomoseen Grange and later was torn down, the lumber being used to build cottages. This society was incorporated in 1896.⁶ The Society of Whitefield Methodists was organized in 1869 and erected a building south of Hydeville.⁷ Neither society is active at present.

The Catholics began holding services in Castleton about 1835. St. John the Baptist Parish was organized with Rev. Jeremiah O'Callaghan of Burlington as missionary pastor. The parish purchased a carpenter shop which was remodeled as a church. A building erected in 1868 by the Society of Liberal Christians was purchased in 1883.⁸ This building burned in 1893 and another was erected which was destroyed by fire in 1904. The present church was consecrated in 1905. St. Joseph's Mission was started at West Castleton in 1879 and built a church there. A chapel is maintained by the parish on the eastern shore of Lake Bomoseen.⁹

A Baptist society was organized at Hydeville in 1850 and the first services were held in the upper story of a gristmill. A church structure was erected in 1851.¹⁰ The society still is active.

Other denominations which have had organizations in Castleton in the past, include the society of Liberal Christians, composed mostly of Unitarians and Universalists, 1867-1883 and the Christian Society, organized in 1860 and taken over by the Advent Christian Church in 1921.¹¹

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1. Inventory of the Church Archives of Vermont, No. 1, The Diocese of Vermont, Protestant Episcopal, pp. 144, 145.
 2. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 528.
 3. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 6, p. 442, see entry 7.
 4. Ibid., vol. 9, p. 150.
 5. H. P. Smith and W. S. Rann, History of Rutland County, Vermont, pp. 544-547.
 6. Corporation Files, vol. 3, p. 400, Office of the Secretary of State.
 7. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 514.
 8. Smith & Rann, op. cit., pp. 544, 547.
 9. Directory of Churches and Religious Organizations in the State of Vermont, p. 63.
 10. Smith & Rann, op. cit., pp. 544-547.
 11. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 34, p. 379.

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The latter society was incorporated in 1923.¹ This incorporation was to enable the society to dispose of its property, which was donated to the Woman's Club to be used as a community center. The Millerites were very active from 1850 to 1860 and at one time numbered 90 converts.

Such early records of the town as are still to be found in the town clerk's office do not contain the reports of the beginning of schools. It is reported in secondary sources that a school house existed in 1777 at the crossroads of the Hubbardton and the east and west roads. A skirmish between the inhabitants and a detachment of British troops took place at this point.² The town voted in 1785 to divide the town into school districts.³ Several committees were appointed during succeeding years to make the division and it was not until 1792 that trustees were elected for seven districts.⁴ The number of districts was increased to meet the needs of the town. When it became optional with the town to abolish the district system for a single town district in 1871, Castleton voted to retain the old system.⁵ After the town system became obligatory in 1892, the town had nine legal schools with an attendance of 498 pupils.⁶

The town district now operates the following schools: Village, Hydeville, Corners, Meadowbrook, Breton, West Castleton, and Pencil Mill. The enrollment for the school year 1939-40 was 295. The town pays tuition to Fair Haven and Rutland for 78 pupils and efforts have been made for several years to have approval voted for a junior high school but without success.⁷

The Rutland County Grammar School was established by an act of the Assembly in October 1787⁸ having its origin in what was known as the Gambrel-roof School House, which had been erected by private subscription the previous year.⁹ The name was changed to Vermont Classical Seminary in 1828 but was changed back to the old designation in 1830. Rev. Oliver Hurlburt was the first preceptor. The school continued until 1874, when the trustees were empowered to transfer all property of the institution.¹⁰ The school had been merged with the State Normal School at Castleton in 1867 but the two were run as separate schools under one roof until 1874. Harriet N. Haskell was principal of the school from 1862 to 1867, being one of the earliest women principals

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1. Corporation Files, vol. 9, p. 250, Office of the Secretary of State.
 2. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 513.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 40, see entry 2.
 4. Ibid., p. 55.
 5. Ibid., vol. 2d3, p. 328.
 6. Commissioner of Education, Thirty-third Vermont School Report, 1893/94, pp. 214, 219.
 7. Annual Report (of Town Officers), 1940, p. 62, see entry 3.
 8. Laws of Vermont, 1787, p. 1.
 9. Vermont Historical Society Proceedings, new series, IV, 143.
 10. Laws of Vermont, 1874, No. 119.

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in the history of Vermont academies.¹ The Castleton Normal School now functions under State supervision for the training of teachers.

The Castleton Medical Academy was established in February 1818 by Selah Gridley, Dr. Theodore Woodward, and John DeConte Cazier, the principal of the Rutland County Grammar School, and was incorporated by act of the Assembly in October of that year.² This was the first medical school in Vermont actually to give instruction and at that time the only one in New England not connected with an established college. By the terms of its charter, the school could not confer degrees. An agreement was entered into in 1820 with Middlebury College to confer M. D. degrees on certified students who, however, were to present a dissertation at Middlebury. Degrees were conferred in 1820 on Dan Pond and Franklin Shaw. They were the first to receive medical degrees in Vermont.

Difficulties arose with Middlebury over the matter of commencement dates and connection between the two institutions was severed in 1826. The academy changed its name to Vermont Academy of Medicine in 1822 and after 1826, through an amendment to its charter, was able to confer its own degrees. The academy continued until 1861 when the competition of the Medical School of the University of Vermont forced it to close. The attendance varied from 103 to 126 and was then the largest medical school in New England. The alumni of the institution included many distinguished medical practitioners of two generations.³

A committee to establish a public library was elected on March 3, 1896.⁴ An appropriation was voted the following year and a donation of books requested from the Free Public Library Commission.⁵ The Good Literature Club was formed in 1897 and secured two rooms for the library. Five hundred volumes were donated to it. A small bequest started a building fund which was increased by occasional donations. The Castleton Memorial Library Association was formed in 1916.⁶ Erection of a library building was started in 1927 and completed in 1928. It was opened as the Castleton Free Library.⁷ The library now contains 10,855 volumes.⁸

A road running through Castleton from Ira to Fairhaven was sur-

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1. Proceedings, IV, 143-145.
 2. Laws of Vermont, 1818, ch. V.
 3. Frederick C. Waite, Ph. D., Three Episodes in Medical Education at Middlebury College, passim.
 4. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 3, p. 116, see entry 2.
 5. Ibid., p. 130.
 6. Ibid., p. 487; Corporation Files, vol. 9, p. 35, Office of the Secretary of State.
 7. Annual Report (of Town Officers), 1940, p. 72, see entry 3.
 8. Free Public Library Commission, Twenty-second Biennial Report, (1938), pp. 22, 23.

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veyed in 1772.¹ This followed roughly the present line of United States Route 5.² Another road, called the Mill road, was surveyed in 1772.³ This followed approximately present State Route 30.⁴ A number of road surveys are recorded from 1776 to 1810.⁵ A military road was cut from Castleton, through Hubbardton, Benson, and Orwell to Ticonderoga in 1776 but was of little use to the settlers. A lottery to build a road from Castleton to Middlebury was authorized by the Assembly the same year.⁶ This was not a successful undertaking and relief to the organizers was voted by the Assembly in the fall of 1800,⁷ the manager having absconded with the proceeds from tickets already sold.⁸

The turnpike movement affected Castleton almost immediately. The Hubbardton Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1802 by act of the Assembly. The road took over the old Mill road along the eastern shore of Lake Bomoseen. This ran from Sudbury to connect with a road from Rutland to Salem, N. Y.⁹ The survey of this road was recorded in Castleton in 1807.¹⁰

Castleton was the headquarters for many of the stage lines operated over the turnpikes west of the Green Mountains before the advent of the railroads.¹¹ The Rutland Railroad and the Delaware and Hudson Railroad now have a junction in Castleton and operate trains into Rutland over the same tracks. The latter road has a station at Hydeville. There is only one feasible right-of-way into Rutland from the west and the two lines, under various names and charters, carried on a protracted controversy over it in which Oliver M. Hyde of Castleton, for 20 years president of the Rutland and Whitehall Railroad, took a leading part. The Rutland Whitehall road had built from Castleton west in 1848. The connection between the two lines was made in 1851 but the fight continued for some years until the lines came under their present management.¹²

Fort Warren was built in Castleton during the Revolutionary War as an outpost position and was used as headquarters by both British and Americans. The ruins may be seen east of the junction of United States

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1. Wilbur, op. cit., I, 34.
 2. Highway Map of the State of Vermont, 1940.
 3. (Proprietor's Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), pp. 7-10, see entry 1-iv.
 4. Highway Map of the State of Vermont, 1940.
 5. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, passim, see entry 2-xxx.
 6. Governor and Council, IV, 121.
 7. Ibid., 282.
 8. Anos Churchill, Sketches in the History of the Town of Hubbardton, p. 23.
 9. Laws of Vermont, 1802, ch. 106.
 10. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 106.
 11. Smith & Rann, op. cit., p. 531.
 12. Ibid., p. 522.

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Route 4 and the State-aid road running to East Hubbardton. Remains of the earthworks still can be seen between the highway and the railway line, although a part of the plateau has been cut away in the construction of the railway.

An electric railway was operated from Rutland to Fair Haven through Castleton from 1903 to 1924. A condemnation of property for a right-of-way was resorted to in Ira, Castleton, and Fair Haven.¹ A consolidation of several companies, including the one operating the railway, took place in 1906. A new charter was issued in 1908.² The stock books of this company were closed on December 20, 1924 and the company did not operate the following year.³

The first sawmill in the town was built at the outlet of Lake Bomoseen in 1772 by Col. Amos Bird, who had been a leader in the settlement of the town. Colonel Bird died partly as a result of his exertions in the building of this mill and the first boards sawed were used for his coffin. A gristmill was added the following year.⁴ A hamlet developed around the mills and became the present Hydeville.

Travelers through Castleton shortly after the Revolutionary War report the existence at that time of iron forges in the town owned by a Mr. Arwin,⁵ (David Arwin).⁶

The quarrying of slate was started in Castleton about 1850 or 1851 on an extensive scale and quarrying to meet local demands began much earlier. At one time the plant manufacturing slate pencils was considered the largest of its kind in the world, turning out 100,000 pencils a day. Virtually every article made from slate has been manufactured in Castleton at some time.⁷ This industry continues to be the most important in the town.

Considerable interest was taken in the breeding of Morgan horses during the last decade of the nineteenth century. The Castleton and Hydeville Breeders Trotting Horse Association was incorporated in 1891. The incorporation was voided in 1906.⁸

The Bank of Castleton was organized in 1852 and was succeeded by the Mutual Bank of Castleton in 1859. The name of the bank was changed

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1. Railway Commissioners of Vermont, Report, 1904, p. 61.
 2. Laws of Vermont, 1908, Nos. 303, 304.
 3. Public Service Commission, Biennial Report, 1924-25, p. 105.
 4. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 503.
 5. F. A. Graham, LL. D., Descriptive Sketch of the Present State of Vermont, p. 79.
 6. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in 1790, Vermont, pp. 36, 37.
 7. Albert D. Hager et al., Report on the Geology of Vermont, II, 795-799.
 8. Corporation Files, vol. 2, p. 133, Office of the Secretary of State.

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to Castleton National Bank in 1867.¹ This bank continued operations until 1880.

The Vermont Statesmen was the first of the newspapers published in the town. It began publication in 1824 as a Whig organ and lasted only a few years. The Green Mountain Eagle was established in 1832 as an organ of the Anti-Masonic party and ceased publication when that party disbanded.²

The boundaries of Castleton remained unchanged from those established by a survey made in 1772 by Ira Allen,³ until 1904, when the legislature passed a special act annexing the north part of the town of Ira to Castleton.⁴ The annexation was approved by vote of the town at the annual town meeting in 1905.⁵ Acceptance of the annexation also was voted by Ira on the same date and certificates of this action were filed by the respective town clerks with the Secretary of State. A certificate was then issued by the secretary, fixing the last Tuesday in March 1905 as the date when annexation became effective.⁶ This was the fruition of a movement started 120 years earlier at a special town meeting held on June 2, 1785, when the town voted to accept the annexation of the northern part of Ira if the Assembly approved of a bill to that effect.⁷ This measure came up at the June session in 1785 and was referred to a committee.⁸ On recommendation of the committee at the October session, action was deferred until such time as the town of Ira should have paid its granting fees and received its charter.⁹ The granting fees of Ira never were paid and no charter was ever issued to the town, although it was represented in the General Assembly from the organization of the State.¹⁰

Purchase of land for a burying ground was voted by the town in 1795 and a survey of a lot for that purpose made.¹¹ The purchase was made the same year.¹² The remains of Colonel Bird were removed to this cemetery in 1842 with appropriate ceremonies and a monument was erected

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1. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 515.
 2. Ibid., p. 516.
 3. (Proprietors' Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), passim, see entry 1-i.
 4. Laws of Vermont, 1904, No. 264.
 5. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 3, pp. 276, 277, see entry 2.
 6. File 38, Acts of 1904, b, Office of the Secretary of State.
 7. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 40.
 8. State Papers of Vermont, III, part ii, 170, 171.
 9. Ibid., III, part ii, 202.
 10. Leonard Deming, Catalogue of the Principal Officers of Vermont, passim.
 11. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 92.
 12. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 509, see entry 7.

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by the town.¹ The cemetery is known as the Hillside cemetery and is cared for with funds voted by the town.

Early town meetings were held at the homes of private individuals.² During the period from 1785 to 1790, the old storehouse of the Castleton garrison during the War was shared by the town with the Congregationalists.³ When the Congregationalists built a new church in 1793 it also was shared with the town until 1836 when the selectmen were authorized to swap the rights of the town in the church with the Rutland County Grammar School corporation for the building which the school formerly had occupied.⁴ A new school building was erected in 1856 in the hamlet of Castleton by school district number three. The selectmen were instructed to secure the use of a part of this building,⁵ and signed a lease for the use of the upper story for "so long as wood grows and water runs."⁶

Needy persons during the early history of the town were cared for by direct relief under an overseer of poor or by the selectmen, acting as such. A movement to purchase a poor farm was started in 1823,⁷ but no farm was purchased until 1849 when 350 acres were secured.⁸ This land lies partly on the east and partly on the west shore of Lake Bomoseen and a part is in the neighboring town of Hubbardton. With the development in recent years of the lake frontage as a summer resort the land has increased greatly in value. A number of cottage lots have been sold and others rented. The farm buildings, with some of the land around them, are rented. The town pays a fixed sum monthly to the lessee to care for the poor. An additional allowance is made for cases requiring special care.⁹

The Castleton Woman's Club was incorporated in 1929.¹⁰ A community hall owned by the club is exempted from taxation by vote of the town.¹¹

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1. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 504.
 2. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, passim, see entry 2.
 3. Ibid., p. 131.
 4. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 246.
 5. Ibid., vol. 2d3, p. 35.
 6. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 14, p. 580, see entry 7.
 7. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 192.
 8. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 12, p. 350.
 9. Annual Report (of Town Officers), 1940, p. 29, see entry 3.
 10. Corporation Files, vol. 9, p. 416.
 11. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 4, p. 347.

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The population of Castleton in census years has been as follows:
1790:809; 1800:1039; 1810:1420; 1820:1541; 1830:1783; 1840:1769; 1850:
3016; 1860:2852; 1870:3243; 1880:2605;¹ 1890:2396; 1900:2089; 1910:
1885;² 1920:1919; 1930:1794.³

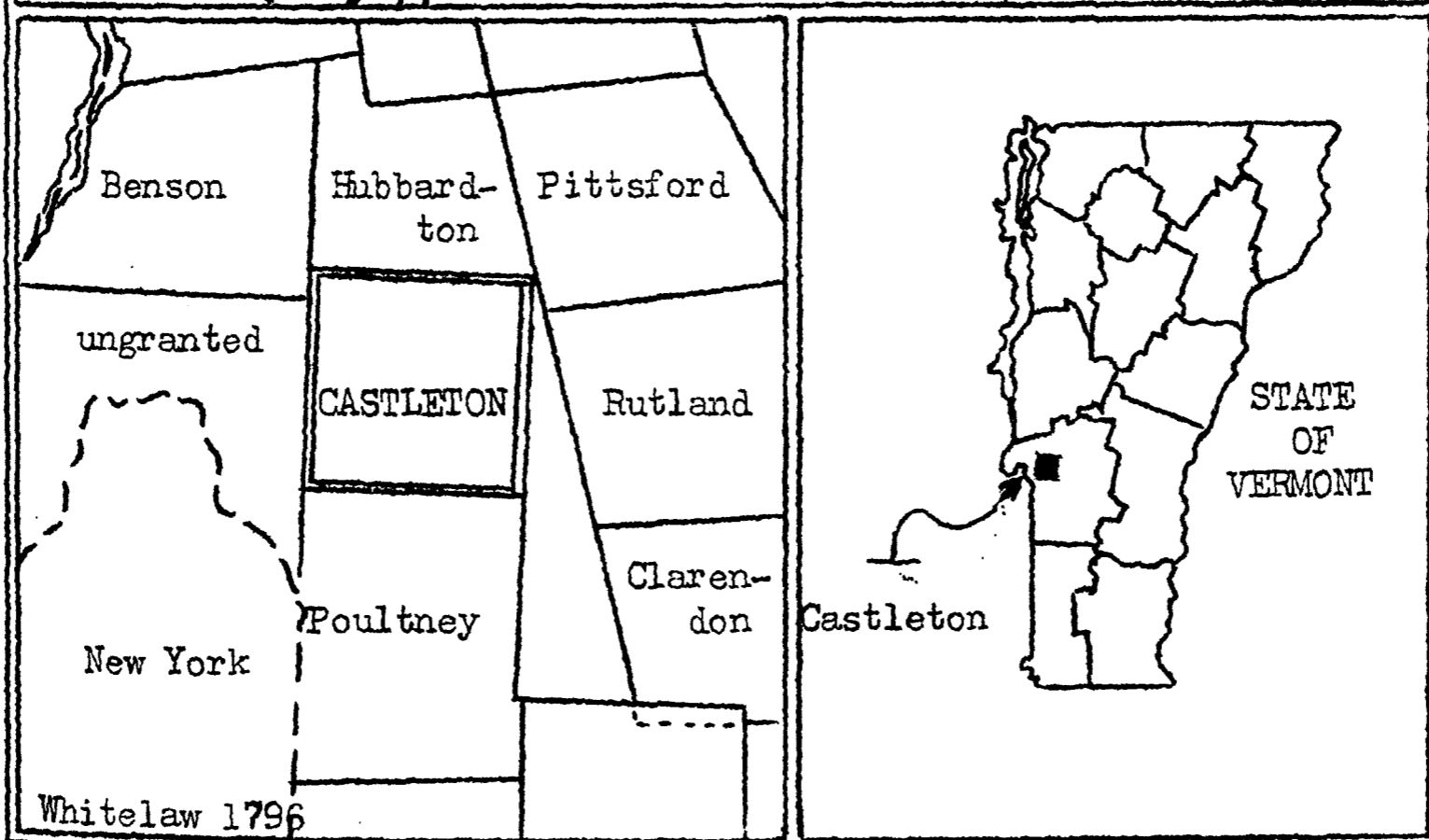
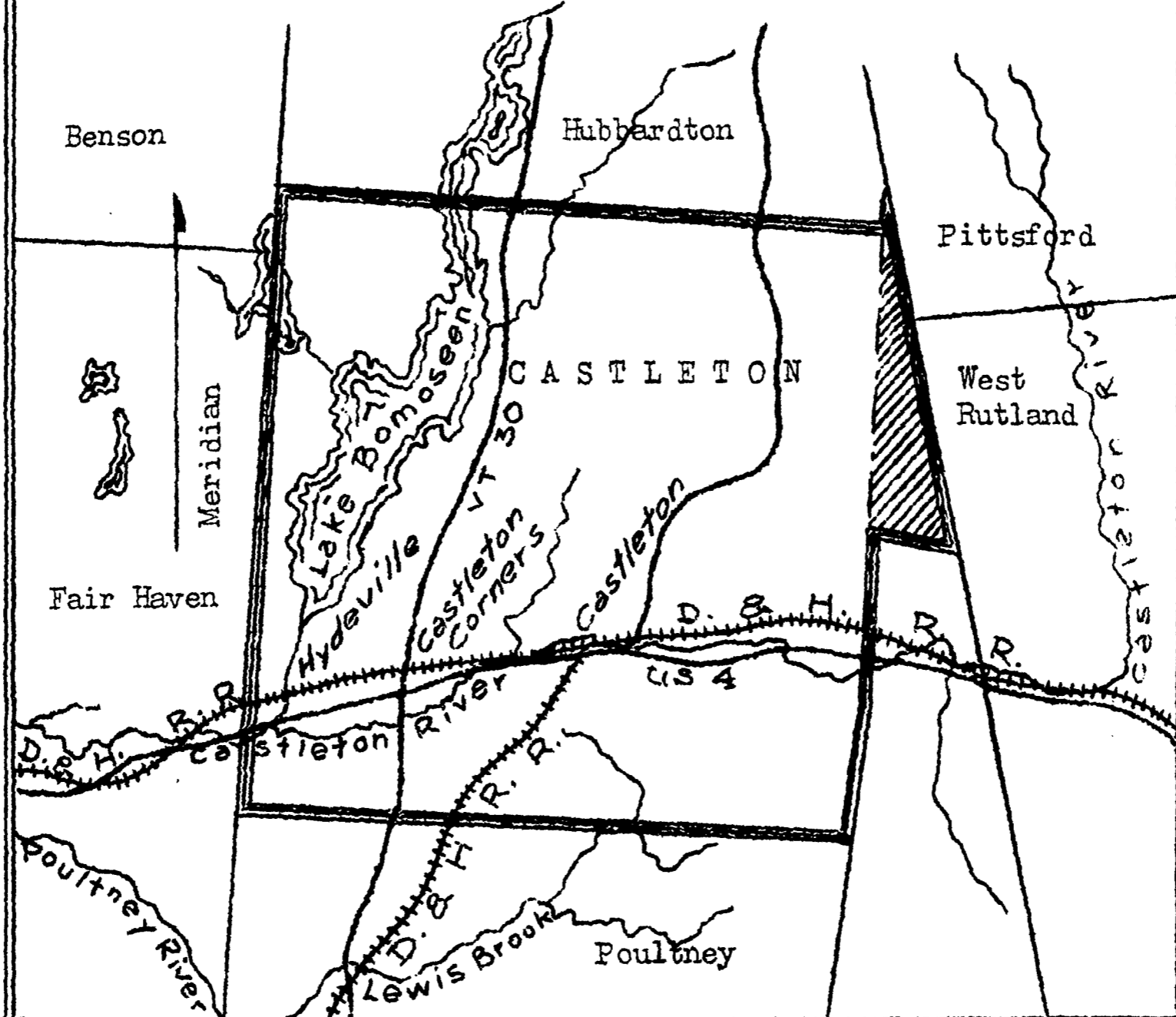
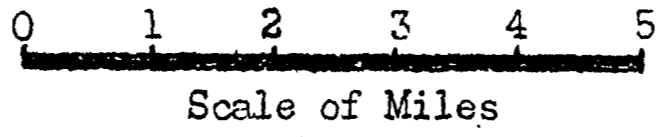
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1. Hamilton Child, Gazetteer and Business Directory of Rutland County, Vt., p. 256¹⁶.
 2. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, Population, I, 897.
 3. -----, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, 1112.

BOUNDARY CHANGES

The map in the lower left corner of the following page gives the boundaries of Castleton as they were shown by James Whitelaw on his map of 1796. The shaded area on the upper map shows the part of Ira annexed in 1904.¹

1. Laws of Vermont, 1904, No. 264.

TOWN OF CASTLETON 1940



GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The town of Castleton was chartered by the provincial government of New Hampshire in 1761, and was thereby incorporated into a township with "all and every the privileges and immunities that other towns within our said Province by law exercise and enjoy." The date for the first meeting for the choice of town officers was set for the third Tuesday in the following month of October.¹

The procedure under New Hampshire law called for an organization of the proprietors for the purpose of dividing the town into severalty, surveying and opening roads, and of taking such other measures as might be conducive to the promotion of settlement. This organization was not administrative but often exercised temporary administrative powers. There is evidence that such an organization was effected shortly after the granting of the charter. The record of the proprietors from 1766 to 1784 is preserved in the office of the town clerk and land surveys carried out in connection with it, as late as 1805, are on record.²

Records of the first town meeting are reported to have been destroyed but secondary sources report that the town was organized in 1777 at which time a town clerk and probably other officers were elected.³ These elections were pursuant to the Constitution of 1777.⁴ The first meeting of which there is a complete record was held in 1781 at which time the following officers were elected: moderator, town clerk, selectmen, treasurer, grand jurors, listers, haywards, brander of horses, sealer of weights and measures, fence viewers, poundkeepers, constable, leather sealer, tythingmen, and tax collector.⁵ This meeting was subject to the provisions of the act of February 1779 regulating the choice of town officers.⁶ The Constitutions of 1786 and of 1793 made no change in the framework of the town government.

The officers who have been added by election or appointment since 1782 are: highway surveyors in 1782, later called road commissioners,⁷ school trustees in 1792,⁸ (called school directors after 1893),⁹ second constable in 1795,¹⁰ committee to settle with town officers in 1799,¹¹ (called auditors after 1841),¹² sextons in 1805,¹³ overseer of poor in

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1. New Hampshire Grants, pp. 79-82.
 2. (Proprietors' Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), passim, see entry 1.
 3. Hemenway, op. cit., pp. 502, 503.
 4. William Slade, Jr., Vermont State Papers, pp. 240 et seq.
 5. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 43, see entry 7.
 6. Slade, op. cit., pp. 357, 358.
 7. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 42.
 8. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 55, see entry 2.
 9. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 81.
 10. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 99.
 11. Ibid., p. 126.
 12. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 399.
 13. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 180.

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1818,¹ trustees of public money in 1836,² assistant town clerk and town agent in 1841,³ town hall agent in 1857,⁴ surveyor of wood, lumber, and shingles in 1882,⁵ library trustees in 1897,⁶ tree warden in 1908,⁷ and weigher of coal in 1911.⁸ In addition to the regular officers, special committees have been selected for special functions as temporarily required.

The selectmen, pursuant to a vote of the town, employed a town manager in 1939.⁹ This action was taken under the general statutes.¹⁰ The town manager is authorized by the law to perform all of the duties of the road commissioner and the overseer of poor and many of the duties of the selectmen except where a definite responsibility is imposed on these officers, such as the preparation of tax bills, the signing of orders against the general fund, the calling of town meetings, etc.¹¹ In effect, the town manager of Castleton acts as road commissioner and overseer of poor and serves as a general advisor to the selectmen and other town officers.¹²

All town officers must take the oath of office and the town clerk shall record all elections of officers, appointments, oaths, and resignations, except his own oath, which is recorded by the county clerk. The town, as required by statute, takes bond of its officers for the faithful performance of their duties in such amount as it deems necessary. The selectmen make appointments to fill vacancies until such time as a special or annual town meeting shall be held. The duties of town officers and boards are much as their title indicates: the overseer of poor administers relief to the town poor; the school directors direct matters pertaining to schools; the auditors audit the accounts of the town officers who may handle town moneys, etc.

The justices of the peace in each town have an administrative as well as a judicial function. They are members of the board of civil authority together with the town clerk and selectmen. They also are members of the board for the abatement of taxes. The justices of the peace were elected by the General Assembly until 1850. After that date, they were elected by the freemen at the freemen's meetings, the ballots being canvassed by the joint houses of the legislature and their commissions issued by the Governor.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 171, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 247.
 3. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 399.
 4. Ibid., vol. 2d3, p. 48.
 5. Ibid., vol. 2d3, p. 408.
 6. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 128.
 7. Ibid., p. 333.
 8. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 392.
 9. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 329.
 10. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 149.
 11. Ibid., sec. 3595, II.
 12. Annual Report (of Town Officers), 1940, p. 23, see entry 3.

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The school district was set up by the State for the proper education of youth.¹ The towns were charged with the duty of fixing and altering the geographic limits of the districts and of determining their number.² Castleton voted in 1785 to divide the town into districts,³ but it was not until 1792 that trustees were elected.⁴ These trustees had power to prosecute and defend suits in which the school district was interested. The school district was in a large measure self-governing within the limits prescribed for it.⁵ An act of 1870 empowered the towns to abolish the district system, if they so desired. Castleton voted not to do so.⁶ The multiple district system was abolished in 1892.⁷

In Vermont the town is the principal unit of government. Among other things, it can sue and be sued; levy and collect taxes; take care of the poor; build and repair roads and bridges; purchase supplies, license dogs, and even decide whether it will permit the sale of alcoholic beverages, or the holding of shows or baseball games on Sunday. In reality, the Vermont towns are small democracies which transact most of their business in annual town meetings. A person shall not be admitted to vote at such meetings until he has been legally qualified and has obtained the approbation of the board of civil authority of the town in which he resides.

"A male or female citizen, 21 years of age, who has taken the freeman's oath and whose list, including poll, is taken in a town at the annual assessment preceding a town meeting, and whose poll and old age assistance tax due such town, was paid prior to February 15 preceding such town meeting, or who has attained the age of 21 years subsequent to the last annual assessment, or who is exempt from taxation for any cause, shall, while residing in such town, be a voter in town meeting."⁸

Those who can vote in general elections are: "every citizen 21 years of age or more, having resided in the State one year next preceding a general election, who have taken the freeman's oath as provided in the Constitution, shall have the right to vote at such election for the officers to be elected thereat in the town where he resides on the day of such election; but he shall not vote for representatives to the general assembly or justices at such election, unless he has resided during the three months next preceding such election in the town which is his residence on the day of such election."⁹

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1. Town of Barre as School Dist. v School Dist. No. 13 in Barre, 67 Vt. 108.
 2. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 136-138.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 40, see entry 2.
 4. Ibid., p. 55.
 5. Laws of Vermont, revised in 1797, ch. LIV.
 6. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2d3, p. 328.
 7. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 20.
 8. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 3422; Laws of Vermont, 1935, No. 28, sec. 6.
 9. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 83.

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The board of civil authority may, at its hearings, administer the freeman's oath to a person who will be entitled to vote at such election. The form of the oath is as follows: "You solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the State of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person."

At the present time the financial administration of the town government is presented annually to the voters by means of a printed report by the town auditors or by the town officers with the approval of the auditors. This report shows a detailed statement of the financial condition of the town and the town school district for the fiscal year ended January 31, together with a comparative statement of the financial condition of the town and the town school district on January 31 of the previous year; a list of all outstanding orders; and such other information as the town directs.¹ The State law provides that this report must be available to the voters at least five days before the annual meeting.²

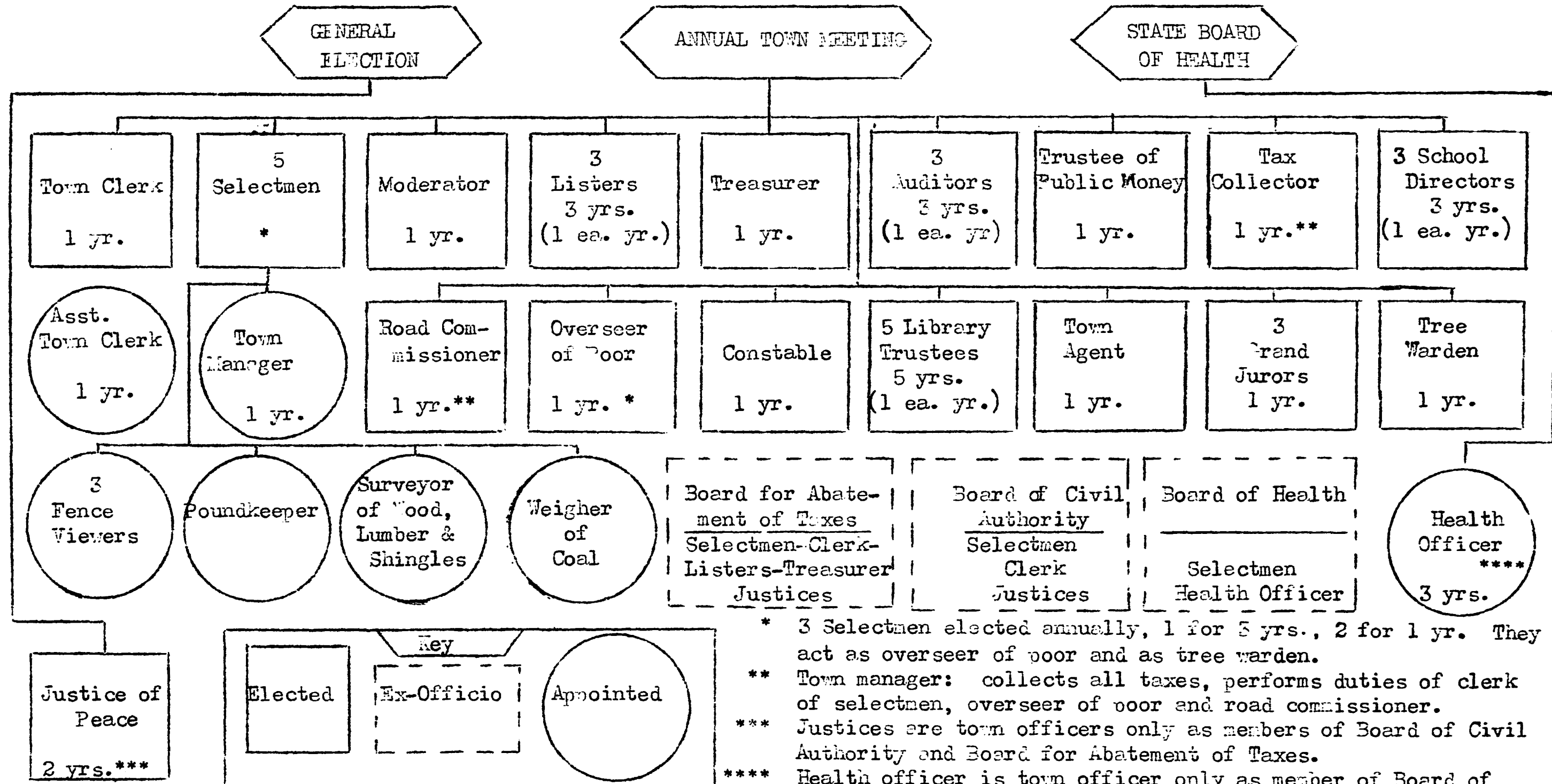
Land records are kept in the town clerk's office; as well as vital statistics, personal property records, and many other instruments which are filed for permanent record to protect the interests of the inhabitants. From records in the town clerk's office much should be found pertaining to every person who has lived in the town. If he were born, married, or died in Castleton, a record and considerable information pertaining to his life should exist. Poll tax records should show the years he resided in the town after he was 21 years old. Grand list and land records should show the real estate he owned. Town meeting records should show the public offices he held and much in regard to his everyday life may be learned.

In practice the town clerk has always acted as town archivist, and as the record inventory shows, a large majority of the non-current records of both his own office and those of the other officers are now to be found in his custody.

Castleton has operated under three State constitutions with various amendments, as well as under the State laws as enacted by the legislature. Some offices have ceased to function as changing conditions rendered their functions obsolete and others have been added as need for them arose. Yet, there has been no major change in the Castleton governmental organization during more than a century and a half.

1. Laws of Vermont, 1935, No. 63.
2. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 3516.

DIAGRAM OF TOWN GOVERNMENT OF CASTLETON-1940



* 3 Selectmen elected annually, 1 for 3 yrs., 2 for 1 yr. They act as overseer of poor and as tree warden.
 ** Town manager: collects all taxes, performs duties of clerk of selectmen, overseer of poor and road commissioner.
 *** Justices are town officers only as members of Board of Civil Authority and Board for Abatement of Taxes.
 **** Health officer is town officer only as member of Board of Health.

HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All the records in the inventory of the town of Castleton, except the current records of the tax collector, overseer of poor, road commissioner, school directors, and town manager, are located in the office of the town clerk, Raymond C. Ransom. There are also a few miscellaneous records consisting for the most part of canceled town orders that are stored in a glass show case in Mr. Ransom's store. The records that are kept in outside offices are not protected from fire. The current records of the tax collector, overseer of poor, road commissioner, and selectmen are at the residence of the town manager, R. E. Baumberger; the clerk of the school board, John W. Reil, keeps the current school records at his residence; the treasurer's records are at the home of Robert Rice, town treasurer. Unless otherwise specified in the inventory all records are located in the vault in the town clerk's office.

The town clerk's office is located on the first floor of a two and one-half story brick building on Main Street. The office consists of two rooms and a vault. One room, the office proper, measures $23\frac{1}{2}'$ x $15\frac{2}{3}'$ x $8\frac{1}{2}'$; the second room, used as a storeroom, measures $6'$ x $4'$ x $9'$. The vault measures $6\frac{1}{3}'$ x $4'1''$ x $7'$. It has double iron doors, a slate floor, slate and iron ceiling and walls of cement. The shelving within the vault is of wood construction. The local fire department furnishes fire protection.

The records are in good condition; the office is adequately heated and furnished; it is also provided with electric lights and a telephone.

The town clerk is available at all reasonable hours as his residence and place of business are both in close proximity to the office. The town clerk, the assistant town clerk, and town manager were of great assistance in explaining the purpose and method of keeping of the records.

I. TOWN CLERK

A town clerk was elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 to serve for a term of one year,¹ and this procedure has been followed annually to date.² The records show the appointment of an assistant town clerk in the following years only: 1841-43, 1861, 1869, 1877, 1891-92, 1897, 1900-1919, 1924-27, 1929, and 1936 to date.³ The town clerk is a member of the board for abatement of taxes,⁴ and in 1892 this officer was added as a member of the board of civil authority.⁵

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1. (PROPRIETORS' MEETING AND MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS), 1766-1805.
1 vol.

Record of warnings and minutes of proprietors' meetings, 1766-70, 1772-75, 1780-84. Warnings show place and date meeting to be held, purpose of meeting, date of warning, name of signer-justice of peace or proprietors' clerk, date recorded, and attest of proprietors' clerk. Minutes show place and date meeting held, election of officers and action taken on proprietors' affairs, occasionally shows adjournment with place and date adjourned meeting to be held, date recorded, and attest of proprietors' clerk.

Also contains miscellaneous recorded items, viz:

- i. (Land Surveys), scattered dates 1772-1805, entry 10.
- ii. Pitches of lots in 4th division, 1770, showing name of owner, date of pitch, and number of lot.
- iii. Proprietors, list of, approx. 1766, showing names of original proprietors, numbers of lots drawn in original division, and attest of proprietors' clerk.
- iv. Road survey, 1772, showing date and description of survey, name of signer-surveyor, date recorded, and attest of proprietors' clerk.
- v. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, 1781-82, entry 2.
Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. Condition very poor. 70 pp. 13 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$. In store owned by Raymond C. Ransom, town clerk.

2. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1767--. 5 vols. (1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4). Title varies: Town Records, 1835-97, vol. 2d3; Records, Town Business, 1883-1921, vol. 3; no title, 1767-1839, vol. 1. 1780-83 also in vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7-xii; 1781-82 also dupli-

1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43, see entry 7.
2. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim, see entry 2.
3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim.
4. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
5. Ibid., 1892, No. 52, sec. 1.

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cated in (Proprietors' Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-v.

Record of warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings, 1784--. Warnings show place, date, and time meeting to be held; purpose of meeting; date of warning; names of signers-selectmen; date recorded; and clerk's attest. Minutes show place and date meeting held, election and reports of officers, action taken by town on the articles of the warning and other town affairs, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original minutes, 1930, see entry 43-xlv; for original warning, 1934, see entry 43-lix; for town meeting returns, 1933, see entry 43-liii.

Also contains miscellaneous recorded items, viz:

- i. Agreements, scattered dates 1805-1925, showing names of principals, consideration, articles and date of agreement, names of signers-principals and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2d3, 3, 4. Records in vols. 2d3, 3, 4 indexed alph. by subject.
- ii. (Articles of Association), scattered dates 1901-28, entry 9. Indexed alph. by first letter of subject.
- iii. (Birth Records), scattered dates 1767-1852, entry 22. Records in vol. 2 indexed alph. by subject. For separate index, see entry 36.
- iv. (Certificates of Paid-up Capital Stock), scattered dates 1901-26, entry 21. Indexed alph. by subject.
- v. (Death Records), scattered dates 1774-1859, entry 24. Records in vol. 2 indexed alph. by subject. For partial separate index, see entry 36.
- vi. (Earmarks), scattered dates 1774-1839, entry 20.
- vii. Episcopal Church, incorporation of, 1785, showing place and date incorporated; names of minister, clerk, and two wardens; salary paid to minister; name of signer-registrar; date recorded; and clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- viii. Estrays, notice of, scattered dates 1794-1919, showing date of notice; description of animal; request to prove ownership, pay charges, and remove; date of trespass; name of signer-subscriber; date recorded; and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3. Records in vols. 2, 2d3, 3 indexed alph. by subject.
- ix. Fence viewers' decisions, scattered dates 1820-1925, showing date of decision, location of fence, names of disputants, line to be kept by each, names of signers-fence viewers, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 2d3, 3, 4. Indexed alph. by subject. For original decisions, 1924-25, 1934, see entry 43-xix.
- x. Fire districts, petitions for and establishments of, 1870, 1910. Petitions show list of petitioners, request to selectmen for establishment of fire district, and bounds of fire district. Establishments show description of boundaries, date of establishment, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2d3, 3. Indexed alph. by subject. For related records, see entries 76, 84.

- xi. Freeman's oaths, list of persons taking, scattered dates 1782--, showing names of persons, date and place oath taken, name of official giving oath, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4. Records in vols. 2, 2d3, 3, 4 indexed alph. by subject. For original oaths, 1932, see entry 43-xx.
- xii. Freeman's meetings, 1794--. Record of warnings and minutes of freemen's meetings for primary and general elections of County, State, and Federal officers. Warnings show place, date, and time meeting to be held; purpose of meeting; date of warning; name of signer-constable; date recorded; and clerk's attest. Minutes show place and date meeting held, list of candidates and tabulation of ballots, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4. Records in vols. 2, 2d3, 3, 4 indexed alph. by subject.
- xiii. Guardian, appointment of, 1824, showing name of person appointed guardian, name of ward, date and place appointed, reason for appointment, names of signers-person appointed and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2. Indexed alph. by subject.
- xiv. Guardians, petitions for appointment of, 1846, 1850, 1857, showing place and date of petition, names of petitioners, reason for petition, name of ward, name of signer-overseer of poor, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 2d3. Indexed alph. by subject.
- xv. Innkeepers' licenses, scattered dates 1850-70, showing name of licensee, date and term of license, type of license, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2d3. Indexed alph. by subject. For original licenses, 1927-33, see entry 43-x.
- xvi. (Land Surveys), scattered dates 1773-1872, entry 10. Records in vols. 2, 2d3 indexed alph. by subject.
- xvii. (Land Taxes and Vendues), 1812, entry 11. Indexed alph. by subject.
- xviii. Liquor licenses, 1851, 1903-10, showing name of licensee, date and term of license, type of license, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2d3, 3. Indexed alph. by subject. For original licenses, 1940, see entry 43-xxvi.
- xix. (Marriage Records), scattered dates 1773-1861, entry 23. Records in vols. 2, 2d3 indexed alph. by subject. For separate index, see entry 32.
- xx. Militia enrollment, 1808-10, showing names of persons equipped for military duty according to law, name of signer-commanding officer, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- xxi. Officers' appointments, scattered dates 1858--, showing name of officer, date and place of appointment, office held, term of office, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2d3, 3, 4. Indexed alph. by subject. For original appointments, 1924, 1927, 1929, 1933-34, 1937, see entry 43-xxix.
- xxii. Officers' oaths, scattered dates 1858--, showing name of officer sworn, date and place sworn, office held, copy of oath,

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- and clerk's attest; vols. 2d3, 3, 4. Indexed alph. by subject. For original oaths, 1924, 1929, 1931-34, see entry 43-xxx.
- xxiii. Officers' resignations, 1923-24, 1939, showing name and address of officer, date of and reason for resignation, office held, name of signer-officer resigning, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 4. Indexed alph. by subject. For original resignations, 1924, 1933, 1937-38, see entry 43-xxxii.
- xxiv. Ordination of minister, 1813, showing name of person ordained, name of church, recommendation by bishop, duties of person ordained, date and certification of person ordaining, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2. Indexed alph. by subject.
- xxv. Railroad surveys, 1849-50, 1868, showing date and description of survey, names of signers-directors of railroad and surveyor, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2d3. Indexed alph. by subject.
- xxvi. Real Estate and Personal Property Attachment Record, 1810, entry 16.
- xxvii. Religious affiliation, certificates of, 1783-1800, showing date of certificate, name and address of church member, name of church society affiliated with, name of signer-certifying church official, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- xxviii. Religious disagreement, certificates of, 1802-7, showing date of certificate, declaration of disagreement, name of signer-person disagreeing, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- xxix. Road mileages, scattered dates 1900-- , showing number of miles of traveled highways not including pent roads at beginning of fiscal year, number of miles of new or discontinued roads during year, number of miles at end of fiscal year, date of certificate, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 3, 4. Indexed alph. by subject. For original road mileage certificates, 1924, 1933, 1935, 1937-38, see entry 43-xlii.
- xxx. (Road Surveys), scattered dates 1776-1915, entry 47. Records in vols. 2, 2d3, 3 indexed alph. by subject.
- xxxi. Roads discontinued, scattered dates 1801-71, showing date discontinued, description of road, reason for discontinuance, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2, 2d3. Records in vols. 2, 2d3, indexed alph. by subject.
- xxxii. School census, 1799, 1803-4, showing names of pupils, age of each, date of record, number of district, and total number of pupils by districts; vol. 1.
- xxxiii. School district, petition for and division of, 1875. Petition shows date of petition, reason for petition, names of petitioners. Division shows place and date of division, number of district, description of bounds, names of signers-committee, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2d3. Indexed alph. by subject.
- xxxiv. Scrapbook (Selectmen's Meetings), 1922-- , entry 44. Indexed

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- alph. by subject.
- xxxv. Stallion certificates, 1916, showing date of certificate, certification of owner, description and purpose of stallion, name of signer-owner, date and time recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 3, Indexed alph. by subject.
 - xxxvi. State Highway authorization, 1931, 1935, showing date and place of authorization; recital of act; length, description, and boundaries of road taken over by State; name of signer-State Highway Commissioner; date and time received for record; and clerk's attest. Blueprint pasted in shows road and surrounding territory; vol. 4. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - xxxvii. Teachers' licenses, 1846-50, showing place and date issued, name and qualifications of teacher, name of town licensed to teach in, term of license, name of signer-superintendent of common schools, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - xxxviii. Town Officers Bond Record, 1899-1909, entry 5. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - xxxix. Village limits, boundaries of, 1820, 1834, showing establishment of boundary limits, description of bounds, date established, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - xl. Warnings to leave town, 1803-18, showing place and date issued, instructions to constable, name(s) of person(s) warned, names of signers-selectmen; constable's report of service of warrant, showing constable's fees, date of service, name of signer-constable; date recorded; and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2. Records in vol. 2 indexed alph. by subject.
- Chron. entry. No index except as shown in subentries. Hdw. 346-640 pp. 13 x 8 x $1\frac{3}{4}$ to $14\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

- 3. ANNUAL REPORT (of Town Officers), 1862, 1866-68, 1870--. 13 vols., and 66 separate duplicate reports for 1870-84, 1887-97, 1899-1926 and 1929--. Also 46 duplicate reports for 1894-1904, 1906-- in Vermont State Library at Montpelier. Title varies: Town Officers' Reports, 1862, 1 vol.; Castleton, 1866-67, 2 vols.; Financial Report, 1868, 1 vol.; Town Reports, 1870-1934, 3 vols.; Annual Report of the Board of Officers, 1935, 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. Auditors, reports of, showing certified statement of examination of the accounts of, and the financial condition of various town officers.
- ii. Bar charts, 1936-38, showing increase or decrease of town debt, tax rate, delinquent taxes, poor account, how money was spent, highway and school account.
- iii. Births, reports of, 1922--, showing name of child, date of birth, names of parents and maiden name of mother; 1934 adds name of town clerk; 1940 adds place of birth of child. For birth records, see entry 22.
- iv. Building committee, reports of, 1899, 1908, 1919, 1940: reports

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- of committees for repairing and building town buildings, showing location, cost, total repairs, and names of committees.
- v. Deaths, reports of, 1934--, showing number of deaths in town. For death records, see entry 24.
 - vi. Delinquent taxes, lists of, 1934--, showing name of delinquent taxpayer, year of tax, amount of tax, total amount.
 - vii. Diagram of town administration, 1940, showing the various offices and their purposes.
 - viii. Health officer, reports of, 1920-23, 1933, showing accomplishments of health officer, number and kind of communicable diseases reported during the year, condition of schools and plans of board of health, name of health officer.
 - ix. Historical sketch, 1940, showing early history of the town of Castleton, present population and area.
 - x. Library trustees, reports of, 1898, 1900-1933, 1935--, showing receipts and disbursements and number of books in circulation.
 - xi. Liquor license commissioner, reports of, 1904-11, 1914, showing name of licensee, class of license, fees, date, number of license, and names of license commissioners.
 - xii. Marriages, reports of, 1934--, showing number of marriages in town. For marriage records, see entry 23.
 - xiii. Notice to dog owners, 1876, recital of act of legislature, showing date and description of amendment, and name of town clerk.
 - xiv. Old age assistance reports, 1939--, showing amount paid, amount for administration, name of director and local inspector.
 - xv. Overseer of poor, reports of: expenses for support of poor, showing name of payee, amount of order, total amount paid, overseer's salary, and name of overseer.
 - xvi. Relief work committee, report of, 1933, showing amount of money appropriated for this work; report of work accomplished showing amount paid out for labor, name of laborer, equipment purchased; money refunded to town at end of year, inventory of tools purchased by committee and turned over to town, names of committeemen.
 - xvii. Road commissioner, reports of, 1871, 1894--, showing conditions of roads, progress made in repairing roads, amount of annual tax, repairs and total amount spent on roads; itemized accounts, showing district number, name of payee, purpose, amount, total amount, and names of road commissioners.
 - xviii. School directors, reports of, 1894--, showing order number, name of payee, purpose, district, total amount; 1897 adds total footings, showing summary of purpose, amount, and total amount of orders for year; 1935-- adds budget for coming year, showing amount of expected income and expenses from various sources such as: amount to be used for salaries, office expenses, general expenses, and income expected from taxes, beer and dog licenses, and land rents.
 - xix. School superintendent, reports of, 1894-96, 1898-1920, 1935--, showing a summary of attendance and maintenance costs, and

- recommendations for improvements.
- xx. Selectmen, reports of, showing date, order number, name of payee, purpose, amount, total amount, summary, names of selectmen; 1935-- adds budget for coming year, showing amount of expected income and expenses from various sources such as: amount to be used for salaries, office expenses, general expenses, and income expected from taxes, beer and dog licenses, and land rents.
 - xxi. Tax collector, reports of, 1935--, showing amount of tax from real and personal property, amount of taxes collected, amount discounted, amount abated, amount delinquent, and totals of each, totals of collections, discount and abatements; list of delinquent taxes, showing name of taxpayer, year and amount delinquent; and name of tax collector.
 - xxii. Town agent, reports of, 1875-76, 1878-81, 1883, 1894, 1898-1900, showing number of suits pending, claims brought forward, place and date of hearing, names of plaintiff and defendant, name of town agent.
 - xxiii. Town clerk, reports of, 1920--, showing an itemized list of town clerk's claims, amount, total amount, name of town clerk; dog fund account, showing name of owner, number and sex of dogs licensed, amount of fees collected, amount of money paid out for license books and damages done by dogs.
 - xxiv. Town farm accounts, 1862, 1866-68, 1870-81, 1884-85: expenses of the farm, showing receipts, inventory of property, and name of overseer.
 - xxv. Town hall agent, reports of, 1862, 1866-68, 1870-78, 1881-82, 1895-96, showing cash received for use of town hall, expenditures, balance on hand, name of town hall agent.
 - xxvi. Town liquor agent, reports of, 1862, 1866-68, 1870-77, 1882-83, 1890-1903, showing receipts and disbursements and amount paid town treasurer, name of liquor agent.
 - xxvii. Town manager, report of, 1940, showing duties taken over by this officer; expenditures show purpose, amount, total amount of expenditures; recommendations for ensuing year.
 - xxviii. Town officers, claims of, showing name of officer, office held, amount for services, total amount.
 - xxix. Town officers, lists of, 1898-1907, 1933--, showing names of officers and name of office held.
 - xxx. Treasurer, reports of, showing receipts, expenditures, liabilities, total liabilities, assets, and total assets. Also shows summarized accounts of separate departmental funds for the following years: building fund, 1899-1901, 1909-16, 1927-31, 1940; Castleton cemetery perpetual fund, 1917-19; delinquent tax fund, 1940; dog fund, 1884, 1886-1901, 1906-20; general fund, 1887--; highway fund, 1888-92, 1894--; liquor fund, 1890, 1897-1911, 1913-15, 1917-19; school fund, 1877--; special fund, 1920.
 - xxxi. Voters' question box, 1940, showing questions and answers in regard to town affairs.
 - xxxii. Warnings for annual town meetings, showing date and place meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, names of signers-selectmen.

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xxxiii. Warnings for school district meetings, 1938--, showing date and place meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, names of signers-selectmen.

No obvious arr. No index. Table of contents in vols. for 1935--. Printed. 8 - 800 pp. 8 x $5\frac{3}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{16}$ to $8\frac{1}{4}$ x $5\frac{1}{4}$ x 2. 10 vols., 1862, 1866-68, 1935--, in cabinet in town clerk's office; 3 vols., 1870-1934, in vault.

4. CHECK LISTS, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930-39. 2 vols.

Alphabetical record of voters, showing date of election, check mark beside the name indicating casting of ballot, initial opposite name designating whether from Hydeville, Castleton Corners or Castleton, type of election (whether March, September, or November); occasionally lists for Hydeville voters typed on separate sheets. Arr. alph. by surname of voter. No index. Table of contents showing type of election and year. Typed. 122-225 pp. $15\frac{1}{4}$ x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x 1 to $14\frac{3}{4}$ x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{3}{4}$.

For original check lists, 1936--, see entry 43-xiii.

5. TOWN OFFICERS BOND RECORD, 1910-36, 1940. 1 vol. 1899-1909 in vol. 3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-xxxviii.

Records of bonds of town officers, showing names of principals and sureties; date, amount, conditions, and term of bond; name of office bonded for; names of signers-principal(s), surety(ies), and witness(es); date recorded; and clerk's attest.

Also contains:

i. (Officers' Original Bonds), 1925-28, 1930, 1933-34, entry 6. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms; some typed sheets pasted in. 100 pp. 14 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. In vault.

6. (OFFICERS' ORIGINAL BONDS), 1924-28, 1930, 1933--. 1924-25, 1933-- in (Miscellaneous Unbound Papers), entry 43-xxxi; 1925-28, 1930, 1933-34 in Town Officers Bond Record, entry 5-i.

Original bonds of town officers, showing information as in entry 5 adding original signatures and date filed instead of names of signers and date recorded.

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7. LAND (and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1762-63, 1765-66, 1768--. 43 vols. (1 vol. unnumbered; 2-38; 1 vol. unnumbered; 39-42). Title varies: Records, 1784-1927, vols. 5-17, 19, 37; Mortgage Central Vermont Public Service Corporation to Old Colony Trust Company, Trustee, 1929, 1 vol.; no title, 1763, 1765, 1769-83, 1 vol.; 1762-63, 1766, 1768, 1770-1817, vols. 2-4.

Land records: deeds, leases, mortgages, indentures, assignments, and other instruments affecting real estate, showing names of principals, consideration, description of property, date and conditions of instrument, recital of title, names of signers-principals and witnesses, acknowledgment, date and time recorded, and clerk's attest; occasionally marginal notations discharging instruments.

For original deeds, scattered dates 1869-1939, see entry 43-xvi.

Also contains recorded miscellaneous items, viz:

i. (Articles of Association), 1896, entry 9. Indexed alph. by

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- subject.
- ii. (Earmarks), 1782, entry 20. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - iii. Executions, scattered dates 1781-1894, showing names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant; name, title, and location of court; date judgment was rendered; amount of damages and costs; recital of authority; instructions to serving officer; final date of return of execution to court; place and date of issuance of execution; name and title of signer-court. Officer's return, showing occasionally name of plaintiff, place and date service was made, name of defendant, description of property; occasionally names of appraisers, date appraisal was made, amount of appraisal valuation, accounting of proceeds of sale of property levied on, date return of execution was made to court; name of signer-serving officer, accounting of fees, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, vols. 2-7, 9-16, 18-20, 23, 24. Records in vols. 2-7, 9, 11-14, 19, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff-defendant; vol. 23, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff-defendant, defendant-plaintiff; others not indexed.
 - iv. (Land Surveys), 1774-76, 1780, 1783, entry 10. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - v. (Land Taxes and Vendues), 1782, scattered dates 1866-1939, entry 11. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - vi. Liens, mechanic's, 1940, showing name of creditor and debtor, amount of debt, description of property, date due, recital of agreement or conditions of contract, names of signers-creditor and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 42. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendor-vendee.
 - vii. Petition for electric service, 1931-32, 1935, showing date of petition, names and addresses of petitioners, guaranteed minimum amount of power to be used each year, date petition expires, date of acceptance, names of signers-officials of electric service corporation; vol. 40. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - viii. Pole and wire locations, 1934-- , showing date of instrument, name of company, location and description of poles, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 40-42. Indexed alph. by subject. For original papers, 1932, 1935, see entry 43-xxxvii.
 - ix. Real Estate and Personal Property Attachment Record, 1793, 1894, entry 16. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant-plaintiff.
 - x. Record Liens, 1937, 1939, entry 17. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendor-vendee.
 - xi. (Road Surveys), 1783, entry 47. Indexed alph. by subject.
 - xii. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, 1780-83, entry 2. Indexed alph. by subject.
- Chron. entry. Vols. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, 1929, and vols. 15, 16, 18, 1853-75, no index; vols. 2-14, 17, 19, 21, 1762-63, 1766, 1768-

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1890, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of grantor-grantee; vols. 20, 22-42, 1844-- , indexed alph. by first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor; also separate index to land records, see entry 8. Miscellaneous records indexed as indicated in subentries. Vols. 2-4, 6-7, 37-38, 1762-63, 1766, 1768-1834, 1844-1929, and vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, hdw.; vols. 5, 9-17, 19-23, 26, 28, 30, 33, 1784-1921, hdw. and hdw. on printed forms; vol. 8, 1816-37, hdw. on printed forms; vol. 18, 1861-75, typed; vols. 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 1863-1917, hdw., and hdw. on printed forms, typed sheets pasted in; vols. 32, 34-35, 1870-1925, hdw., typed sheets pasted in; vol. 36, 1894-1925, hdw., and hdw. or typed on printed forms pasted in; vols. 39-42, 1920-- , typed, some printed forms pasted in; vol. for 1929, printed. Vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, condition poor; vols. 2-5, 1762-63, 1766, 1768-1828, condition fair. 131-820 pp. $13\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ to $14\frac{3}{4} \times 12 \times 3\frac{1}{4}$.

8. GENERAL INDEX, 1762-63, 1765-66, 1768-- . 2 vols. (I, II). Index to instruments affecting land ownership in vols. 2-42, and vols. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, 1929 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7, showing names of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor, volume and page reference. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor, and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 250 pp. $14\frac{3}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

9. (ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION), 1896, scattered dates 1901-38. 1896 in vol. 24 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7-i; scattered dates 1901-28 in vols. 3, 4 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-ii; 1929-38 in Corporation Records, entry 15-i.

Record of articles of association, showing name, articles, and purpose of association; location of business; number of shares of stock that may be issued; names of members and officers; plan, date, and place of association; certification of notary public and Secretary of State; date recorded; and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1923, 1925, 1929, 1934, see entry 43-iv.

10. (LAND SURVEYS), scattered dates 1772-1872. Scattered dates 1772-1805 in (Proprietors' Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-i; scattered dates 1773-1872 in vols. 1, 2, 2d3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-xvi; 1774-76, 1780, 1783 also in vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7-iv.

Record of land surveys, showing date of survey, name of owner of property, number of acres, location of lots, description of survey, names of signers-surveyors, occasionally names of selectmen or committee, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

11. (LAND TAXES AND VENDUES), 1782, 1812, scattered dates 1866-1939. 1782, scattered dates 1866-1939 in vols. 2, 17-21, 40, 41 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7-v; 1812 in vol. 2 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-xvii.

Copies of tax assessment notices as published in newspapers, showing name of paper, dates published, purpose of tax, method and date of pay-

ment, date of notice, and names of signers-committee; notice of public vendue to satisfy unpaid taxes, showing date of notice, place and date of vendue, and name of signer-collector; collector's warrant, showing explanation of tax assessment, duty and oath of collector, and certification of oath; list of lands and record of sales, showing proprietor's name, lot and division number, number of acres, amount of taxes, date and time sold, name of purchaser, amount of tax and costs, when and by whom redeemed if redeemed, and attest of committee and collector; vendue deeds, showing names of principals, consideration, description of property, date and conditions of instrument, recital of title, acknowledgment, and names of signers-collector and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1939, see entry 43-lvii.

12. (PLANS), 1900, 1902, 1927, 1929-30, 1933. 1 vol.

Blueprints of various properties and highways, viz:

- i. Bomoseen Country Club lots, 1930, showing lots with dimensions and lot numbers, compass bearings. A. C. Grover, C. E. 1":50'.
- ii. Cottage lots on Lake Bomoseen, 1920, 1930, showing lots with dimensions and lot numbers, compass bearings. A. C. Grover, C. E.; G. W. Ross, C. E. 1":50' to 1':30'.
- iii. Department of highways standard structures, 1933, showing complete specifications for pipe culverts, reinforced concrete box culverts, guard rails, cement rubble walls, federal aid markers, concrete curb, drainage structures, special drop inlets, curbs and gutters, retaining walls, sidewalks; amount and dimensions of materials to be used, construction notes, name of commissioner of highways. A. J. Funnals, road engineer.
- iv. Fire District No. 1, water supply system, 1927, 1929, showing distribution system and location of control valves. Robert Wheeler, C. E. 1":50'.
- v. Plan of location of Rutland Street railway, 1902, showing route and boundaries of railway, property owners who grant right-of-way. 1":100'.
- vi. Town farm lots, Crystal Haven, 1900, showing town property with dimensions and lot numbers, boundaries, highways, compass bearings. E. H. Randall, surveyor. 1":50'.
- vii. West shore sub-division on Lake Bomoseen, 1927, showing lots with lot numbers bordering on lake, names of owners of lots, surrounding terrain, dimensions of lots, compass bearings.

No obvious arr. Indexed alph. by first letter of title of blueprint. Blueprints pasted in volume. 40 pp. 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 32 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

13. (PLAN OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY), 1931. 1 plan.

Plan of rights-of-way in Castleton, showing names of land owners, description of property which adjoins right-of-way, description of land over which right-of-way passes, route of right-of-way, and compass bearings. Blueprints. 1":200'. 7 pp. 30 x 11 x 1/16.

14. MAP OF CASTLETON CEMETERY, 1931. 3 maps.

Original and 2 duplicate maps of Castleton Cemetery, showing division

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of cemetery into two sections with lots, area and number of lots; also shows roads and compass bearings. J. A. Dunlap, C. E. Original, blue-print; duplicates, hand-drawn. 1":30'. 24 x 18.

15. CORPORATION RECORDS, 1929-38. 1 vol.

Contains:

i. (Articles of Association), entry 9.

ii. (Certificates of Paid-Up Capital Stock), entry 21.

Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of principal.

Hdw., some typed sheets pasted in. 153 pp. 14 x $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$.

16. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ATTACHMENT RECORD, 1859-1930, 1935--. 6 vols. (2, 3, 1, 4, 5; 1 vol. unnumbered).

Title varies: Records, 1859-85, vols. 2, 3; Att. of Personal Property, 1888-1912, vol. 1; Attachments, 1885-1930, vols. 4, 5; 1793, 1894 in vols. 2, 23 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7-ix; 1810 in vol. 1 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-xxvi.

Record of attachments on real estate and personal property, showing name of defendant, ad damnum, summons, place and time of appearance, name of plaintiff, plea, amount of debt, summons of trustee if any, date of writ, name of signer-issuing officer, recognition of surety for costs of prosecution, amount of bond, and attest of court. After 1888 this record was in the form of an abstract showing names and residences of plaintiff and defendant, amount of claim, date and place of court, name and title of serving officer. Officers' returns of service of attachment on real estate, showing date and statement of service, property attached, date and place of filing, name of signer-serving official, occasionally accounting of fees, date and time recorded, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. Vols. 2, 3, 1859-85, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff-defendant; vols. 1, 4, 5, 1885-1930, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant-plaintiff, plaintiff-defendant; vol. for 1935--, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant-plaintiff; officers' returns indexed alph. by first letter of defendant. Vols. 2, 3, 1, 4, 1859-1915, hdw.; vol. 5, 1915-30, hdw., some printed forms pasted in; vol. for 1935--, hdw. on printed forms and under printed headings. 300-400 pp. 10 x 8 x 1 to $14\frac{1}{4}$ x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

For original papers, 1918--, see entry 43-lx.

17. RECORD LIENS, 1876-1936. 12 vols. (A-L). Title varies: Liens, 1885-1922, 1924-35, vols. B-F, J-K; no title, 1922-28, vols. G-I. 1936-- in vol. 5 of Personal Mortgages, Chattels, Liens, entry 19-ii; 1937, 1939 also in vol. 41 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7-x.

Record of liens, showing names of principals, date and amount of note, terms of payment, description of property, names of signers-maker and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1919, 1924, 1927-28, 1934, see entry 43-xxv.

Also contains:

i. (Conditional Sale Contracts), entry 18.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendor-vendee, vendee-vendor. Hdw., some typed and printed forms pasted in. 288-336 pp. $9\frac{3}{4}$ x $7\frac{3}{4}$ x 1 to $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $8\frac{1}{4}$ x 2.

18. (CONDITIONAL SALE CONTRACTS), 1876--. 1876-1936 in vols. A-L of Record Liens, entry 17-i; 1936-- in vol. 5 of Personal Mortgages, Chattels, Liens, entry 19-i.

Record of conditional sale contracts, showing names of vendor and vendee; date, amount, and conditions of sale; description of property; names of signers--vendor and vendee; date recorded; and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1928-34, see entry 43-xv.

19. PERSONAL MORTGAGES, CHATTELS, LIENS, 1879--. 5 vols. (1-5). Title varies: Personal Mortgages, 1879-1939, vols. 1-4.

Records of mortgages on personal property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, description of property, conditions and date of mortgage, names of signors--mortgagor(s) and witnesses, acknowledgment, affidavit and oath of both parties, certification, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1902, 1919, 1923, 1927, 1930-33, see entry 43-xii. Also contains:

- i. (Conditional Sale Contracts), 1936--, entry 18. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendor-vendee.
- ii. Record Liens, 1936--, entry 17. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendor-vendee.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of mortgagor--mortgagee, mortgagee--mortgagor. Hdw., hdw. or typed on printed forms, some printed forms pasted in. 302-606 pp. $16\frac{1}{4} \times 11 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{1}{2} \times 13 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$.

20. (EARMARKS), scattered dates 1774-1839. Scattered dates 1774-1839 in vol. 1 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-vi; 1782 also in vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7-ii.

Record of identification marks for livestock, showing name of owner, description of mark, occasionally drawing of mark, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

21. (CERTIFICATES OF PAID-UP CAPITAL STOCK), scattered dates 1901-26, 1929-38. Scattered dates 1901-26 in vols. 3, 4 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-iv; 1929-38 in Corporation Records, entry 15-ii.

Record of certificates of paid-up capital stock, showing place and date certificate issued, name of corporation, names and addresses of stockholders, plans, amount of stock, names of signers--officers, oaths, name of signer--justice of peace, certification of Deputy Secretary of State, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

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22. (BIRTH RECORDS), scattered dates 1767-1852. In vols. 1, 2 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-iii.

Record of births, showing name of child, names of parents, date of birth, date recorded, and clerk's attest; occasionally in the form of family records.

For birth reports, see entry 3-iii.

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23. (MARRIAGE RECORDS), scattered dates 1773-1861. In vols. 1, 2, 2d3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-xix.

Record of marriages, showing date and place of marriage, names and residences of bride and groom, name and title of person officiating, date recorded, and clerk's attest; occasionally in the form of family records adding name of family head.

For marriage reports, see entry 3-xii.

24. (DEATH RECORDS), scattered dates 1774-1859. In vols. 1, 2 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-v.

Record of deaths, showing name of deceased, occasionally date and place of birth, date and place of death, date recorded, and clerk's attest; occasionally in the form of family records adding name of family head.

For death reports, see entry 3-v.

25. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1868-96. 1 vol. (4).

Contains:

- i. Births, showing number of record; date and place of birth; name, sex, and condition of child; names, residence, and birthplaces of parents; and occupation of father.
- ii. Deaths, showing number of record; date and place of death; name, age, sex, and condition of deceased; disease or cause of death; occupation of male if over 15 years of age; names and birthplaces of parents of deceased; and clerk's attest.
- iii. Marriages, 1868-81, showing number of record; date of marriage; name, residence at time of marriage, age, birthplace, names of parents and number of marriage of groom and of bride; occupation of groom; name and title of officiating person.

Chron. entry. For separate index to births and partial index to deaths, see entry 36; for separate index to marriages, see entry 32. Hdw. under printed headings. 66 pp. $15\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 1.

26. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1897-1902. 1 vol. (B5).

Record of births, showing information as in entry 25-i, adding date of record, race or color of child, name of medical attendant, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. For index, see entry 36. Hdw. on printed forms. 156 pp. $14 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

27. BIRTH CERTIFICATES, 1897-1905. 6 bundles.

Original birth certificates, showing information as in entry 25-i, adding date received for record, race or color of child, signature of medical attendant, and clerk's attest. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. $8 \times 4 \times 1/8$.

28. BIRTHS (Certificates of), 1903--. 6 vols. (6-10; 1 vol. unnumbered).

Original birth certificates, showing date and place of birth; name, sex, race or color, and condition of child; names, ages, residence, and birthplaces of parents; occupation of father; number of child of mother; condition as to live or stillbirth and cause if latter; signature and address of informant; date filed for record. 1920-- adds statement as

to multiple birth and number in order of such birth, statement of legitimacy occupation of mother, color of parents, number of children of mother now living; certificate of attending physician or midwife, showing time of birth, signature and address of physician or midwife, date recorded, and clerk's attest. 1931-- adds name of institution if child was born in such, premature or full term, number and period of gestation of stillborn children of mother; industry or business in which father and mother were employed, date last engaged and total time spent in these occupations. Chron. entry. Vols. 6-10, 1903-32, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of child; vol. for 1933--, no index; also separate index, 1903-32, see entry 36. Hdw. or typed on printed forms. 200-335 certificates, $7\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$.

29. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1882-1904. 1 vol. (M5).

Record of marriages, showing information as in entry 25-iii, adding attest of performing official. Occasionally consent to marriage of minors, showing place and date of consent, names of bride and groom; signatures of father, mother, or guardian. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom; also separate index, see entry 32. Hdw. on printed forms. 139 pp. $13\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

30. (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES), 1888-1904. 1 bundle.

Original marriage certificates, showing information as in entry 25-iii, adding occupation of groom. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. $8\frac{3}{4} \times 11 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$.

31. MARRIAGES (Certificates of), 1905--. 4 vols. (6-8, 1 vol. unnumbered).

Original marriage certificates, showing date and place of application for license; name, birthplace, age, residence, number of marriage, whether or not divorced, and names and birthplaces of parents of groom and bride; occupation of groom; place and date license was issued; signature of expectant groom or bride; date received for record; and clerk's attest; certification by town clerk as to truth of copy; certification of performing official, showing place and date of marriage, name of bride and groom, signature of official, denomination of clergyman; occasionally consent of minors to marriage, showing place and date of consent, name of minor, and signature of parent or guardian. Chron. entry. Vols. 6-8, 1905-33, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom; vol. for 1934--, no index; also separate index, 1905-33, see entry 32. Hdw. or typed on printed forms. 165-275 certificates, $8 \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times 1$ to $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$.

32. INDEX OF MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1773-1933. 1 vol. (M).

Index serving marriage records in (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, see entry 2-xix; Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, see entry 25-iii; Marriage Record, see entry 29; and marriage certificates, 1905-33 in Marriages (Certificates of), see entry 31, showing names of bride-groom, groom-bride, date of marriage, volume and page reference. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom, and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 160 pp. $14\frac{1}{4} \times 9 \times \frac{3}{4}$.

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33. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1897-1902. 1 vol. (D-5).

Record of deaths, showing information as in entry 25-ii, adding race or color and marital status of deceased, name of medical attendant, and date recorded. Chron. entry. For partial index, see entry 36. Hdw. on printed forms. 156 pp. 14 x $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

34. DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1897-1902. 6 bundles.

Original death certificates, showing information as in entry 25-ii, adding race or color and marital status of deceased, signature of medical attendant, duration of illness, whether or not an autopsy was performed, and date received for record. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 8 x 4 x $\frac{1}{8}$.

35. DEATHS (Certificates of), 1903--. 6 vols. (6-10, 1 vol. unnumbered).

Original death certificates, showing date of death; name, age, place of death, disease or cause of death, sex, condition, occupation of male if over 15 years of age, birthplaces and names of parents, marital status, race or color, divorced status, date of birth, and name of spouse of deceased; name of medical attendant; date received for record; special information for hospital, institution, transients or non-residents as to former or usual residence; length of time at place of death; name of hospital or institution; location and date of burial; name and address of undertaker; certification of cause of death; duration of illness and where contracted; period of attendance; date and time last seen alive; signature(s) of physician and/or health officer and/or name of informant; date filed; after 1929 the signature of the health officer was dropped. 1930-- adds occupation and business or industry in which deceased was engaged, last date worked and total time engaged at this occupation, name and date of operation (if any), test which confirmed diagnosis where there was an autopsy performed; whether death was due to violence, accident, suicide, or homicide; date, place, manner, and nature of injury; whether disease or injury was related to occupation of deceased. Chron. entry. Vols. 6-10, 1903-32, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased, also partial separate index, see entry 36; vol. for 1933--, no index. Hdw. or typed on printed forms. 225-385 certificates, 8 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{4}$.

36. INDEX OF BIRTHS AND DEATH RECORDS, 1767-1932. 1 vol. (B).

Index serving birth records in (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, see entry 2-iii; Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, see entry 25-i; Record of Births, see entry 26; and birth certificates, 1903-32, in Births (Certificates of), see entry 28; also a portion of deaths in (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, see entry 2-v; a portion in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, see entry 25-ii; a portion in Record of Deaths, see entry 33; and a portion in Deaths (Certificates of), see entry 35, showing name of child or deceased, date of birth or death, volume and page reference. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of child or deceased, and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 160 pp. $14\frac{1}{4}$ x 9 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

37. (Burial, Entombment, and Removal) PERMITS, 1903-38. 1 vol., 2 bundles. No title, 1903-38, 2 bundles. 1938-- in (Miscel-

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laneous Unbound Papers), entry 43-viii.
Original burial, entombment, or removal permits, showing to whom issued; date of death; name and age of deceased; place of death; disease or cause of death; name of medical attendant; proposed date, place, and manner of burial, entombment, or removal; name and address of undertaker; authorization of town clerk. Certification of undertaker of delivery of body to sexton, showing place and date of delivery, name of sexton and cemetery, proposed disposition, signature of undertaker. Certification of sexton of burying body, showing place and date of burial, name of cemetery, signature of sexton. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. or typed on printed forms. Bundles, 1903-38, $8\frac{3}{4} \times 5 \times 1$ to $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$; vol., 1938, (1 p. used), $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$.

For related records, 1937-39, see entry 43-lv.

38. (GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION RECORDS), scattered dates 1772-1910.
3 bundles.

Record of inscriptions copied from gravestones, showing name, age, date of birth, names of parents and (if married) husband or wife, and date of death of deceased; name of cemetery; remarks; and attest of recorder. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. $4 \times 6 \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ to $4 \times 6 \times 4\frac{3}{4}$.

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39. (DOG LICENSES), 1933--. 12 vols.

Carbon copies of dog licenses, showing license number; name of owner; size, age, color, breed, sex, and name of dog; amount of fee; period of license; date issued; signature of town clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100-200 pp. $7\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$ to $15 \times 6\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1933-34, on shelf in hall near vault; 11 vols., 1934--., in vault.

For list of licensed dogs, 1919, see entry 43-xxiv.

40. DOG REGISTER, 1877-84. 1 vol. (1).

Register number; name of owner; size, age, color, breed, sex, and name of dog; amount of fee; term of license; date license issued; name of town clerk. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of owner. Hdw. on printed forms. 500 pp. $13\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$.

41. (BEER LICENSES), 1933. 1 vol.

Copies, showing name and address of licensee; number, type, and conditions of license; fee paid; date of license; date license expires; names of signers-town liquor control commissioners' clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Typed on printed forms. 60 licenses (15 used) $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14 \times \frac{1}{4}$.

42. BUSINESS RECORDS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. Business certificates, showing name and residence of proprietor, recital of oath as to truth of statement, date business began, names and residences of co-partners or members if any, name and location of business, type of business to be conducted, date and place of instrument, name of signer-proprie-

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- tor, certification of oath by notary public. For original papers, 1909, 1914, 1920-21, 1925, 1934, see entry 43-ix.
- ii. Cessations of business, 1937--, showing name of proprietor of business, recital of oath as to truth of statement, place of business, date of cessation of business, names and residences of co-partners or members if any, name under which business operated, place and date of instrument, name of signer-proprietor of business, certification of oath by notary public. For original papers, 1919-21, 1923, 1927-28, 1932, 1934, see entry 43-xi.
- Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of business. Hdw. and typed on printed forms pasted in. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 5/8.

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43. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1823, scattered dates 1869--. 42 pigeonholes, 2 drawers, 3 file drawers, 6 letter files, 3 boxes, 2 envelopes.
- Original unbound papers filed with town clerk:
- i. Absentee ballots, application for, 1936--, showing date and place of application, name of applicant, reason for applying for absentee ballots, signature of applicant.
- ii. Absentee voters' ballots, 1937-39, showing name and residence of absentee, reason for being unable to vote in person, by whom ballots were marked (justice of peace or absentee voter), signature of absentee, date sworn, signature and title of official.
- iii. Absentee voters, list of, 1938, showing name and address of applicant, date of application, address to which sent, date of mailing or delivery, date of receiving ballots, reason for requesting absentee voters' ballots.
- iv. Articles of association, 1923, 1925, 1929, 1934, showing information as in entry 9; adding certification by Secretary of State as to truth of statement, date filed and recorded in Secretary of State's office, official seal of Secretary of State, date official seal was affixed, signature of Secretary of State.
- v. Assents of candidates, 1930, 1934, 1936, 1938, showing consent of candidate to printing of name on ballot, party affiliation, office for which candidate, date of election, name and residence of candidate.
- vi. Assignment of wages, 1928-29, 1932, 1935, 1937, showing name and address of company paying wage, amount and term of assignment, name and address of assignee, place and date of assignment, signature of assignor.
- vii. Board of civil authority meeting, 1930, showing place and date of meeting, business transacted, signature of secretary of board. For related records, 1920-34, see entry 63.
- viii. (Burial, Entombment, and Removal) Permits, 1938--, entry 37.
- ix. Business certificates, 1909, 1914, 1920-21, 1925, 1934, showing information as in entry 42-i.
- x. Business licenses, 1927-33, showing information as in entry 2-xv.

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- xi. Cessations of business, 1919-21, 1923, 1927-28, 1932, 1934, showing information as in entry 42-ii.
- xii. Chattel mortgages, 1902, 1919, 1923, 1927, 1930-33, showing information as in entry 19.
- xiii. Check lists, 1936--: alphabetical list of voters with check mark opposite the name of person voting. For related records, see entry 4.
- xiv. Communicable diseases, report of, 1924, 1932-34, showing period covered, name and address of physician or agent, number of reports, signature of Secretary of State Board of Health.
- xv. Conditional sales, 1928-34, showing information as in entry 18.
- xvi. Deeds, scattered dates 1869-1939, showing information as in entry 7.
- xvii. Delinquent poll tax list, 1939, showing name of delinquent taxpayer, years for which taxes are unpaid.
- xviii. Expense of candidate for nomination, statement of, 1932, 1936, 1938, showing name of office, certification as to truth of statement, name of political party, amount of money expended campaigning, purpose and to whom paid, signature of candidate, certification of notary.
- xix. Fence viewers' decisions, 1924-25, 1934, showing information as in entry 2-ix.
- xx. Freeman's oaths, list of persons taking, 1932, showing information as in entry 2-xi.
- xxi. General account and poor account orders, lists of, 1939--: material used in making up town reports, showing name of payee; date, number, purpose, and amount of order.
- xxii. Insurance policies, town, 1925-26, 1934-36, showing policy number, amount of policy, by whom issued, premium, term, description of property, conditions and date of acceptance.
- xxiii. Justices of peace, list of, 1925, 1927, 1933, 1937, 1939, showing name of town and county in which office is held, term of office, names of justices, date of qualifications; certification, showing place certified, date of certification, signature of county clerk.
- xxiv. Licensed dogs, list of, 1919, showing name of owner; name, number, sex, breed, and color of dog; date and signature of town clerk. For dog licenses, 1933--, see entry 39.
- xxv. Liens, 1919, 1924, 1927-28, 1934, showing information as in entry 17.
- xxvi. Liquor licenses, 1940, showing information as in entry 2-xviii.
- xxvii. List of orders drawn, 1938-39: highway account orders, showing name of payee; date, number, purpose, and amount of order.
- xxviii. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1921-34: miscellaneous papers, letters, and notes pertaining to town affairs.
- xxix. Officers' appointments, 1924, 1927, 1929, 1933-34, 1937, showing information as in entry 2-xxi.
- xxx. Officers' oaths, 1924, 1929, 1931-34, showing information as in entry 2-xxii.
- xxxi. (Officers' Original Bonds), 1924-25, 1933--, entry 6.
- xxxii. Officers' resignations, 1924, 1933, 1937-38, showing information as in entry 2-xxiii.

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- xxxiii. (Paid Bills), 1922-29, 1933, 1935-36, entry 55.
- xxxiv. Patrol and maintenance of highways, application for, 1925, showing name and residence of road commissioner, reference to authority of General Laws, description of roads to be patrolled, amount of highway tax apportioned for upkeep of patrolled highways, date of approval; signatures of road commissioner, selectmen, patrolmen, district highway commissioner, and State Highway Commissioner.
- xxxv. Petition for road repair, 1932, showing place and date of petition, authoritative reference to General Laws, location and description of roads, names and addresses of petitioners.
- xxxvi. Petition to provide additional polling place at Hydeville, 1932, showing place desired, division points, names and addresses of petitioners.
- xxxvii. Pole and wire locations, petition and order for, 1932, 1935, petition to selectmen, showing proposed locations of poles; order showing information as in entry 7-viii.
- xxxviii. Primary petition, 1930, 1932, 1934, showing name of office and candidate, party affiliation, date of election, party affiliations of petitioners; names, residences, and occupations of petitioners.
- xxxix. Real estate transfers, 1934-35: list of property transfers, showing names of grantor and grantee, volume and page reference where recorded in land records, date statement covers.
- xl. Recipients of old age assistance, 1939, showing names of recipients, total monthly amount, name of old age assistance director.
- xli. Right-of-way, agreement for, 1932, showing description of highway, conditions of agreement, number of years of travel on road, place and date of agreement, signatures of selectmen and witnesses.
- xlii. Road mileages, 1924, 1933, 1935, 1937-38, showing information as in entry 2-xxix.
- xliii. Road surveys, 1923, showing information as in entry 47.
- xliv. Spayed dog certificates, 1919, showing date of certificate; color, markings, age, and breed of dog; name and address of owner; signature and address of physician.
- xlv. Special town meeting, 1930, showing place and date of meeting, business transacted, appointment of officers, signatures of selectmen. For related records, 1784-- , see entry 2.
- xlvi. State aid and winter maintenance on selected highways, application for, 1932-33, 1937-38: application to the State Highway Board for aid, showing description of highways, conditions of application, total mileage of highways, maximum amount of state aid available, place and date of application, signatures of selectmen and district highway commissioner.
- xlvii. Stocking certificate, 1920, 1924, 1927-35, 1940, showing name of property owner, name of stream stocked, date of stocking, amount and type of fish stocked, reference to General Laws of Vermont, signature of property owner, certification of notary public.
- xlviii. Tax receipts, 1939-40, showing information as in entry 60.

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- xlix. Tax sales, 1927: newspaper clippings, showing date of notice and sale, name of owner, location and amount of property to be sold, name of tax collector or constable.
 - 1. Tax warrants, 1928, showing explanations of tax assessment, duty and oath of collector, penalty, date of warrant, signature and title of issuing official.
 - li. Teachers' contracts, 1927, showing name and residence of teacher, name and term of school, amount of salary, conditions of contract, type of certificate held, expiration of term of school, date of contract; signatures of teacher, chairman of school directors, and witnesses.
 - lii. Town farm property, inventory of, 1885, showing date of inventory, itemized list of equipment and provisions.
 - liii. Town meeting returns, 1933: results of elections, showing names of offices and candidates, total votes cast for each, signature of town clerk. For related records, 1784-- , see entry 2.
 - liv. Town offices, petitions for, 1933-36, 1938-- , showing office petitioned, name of person petitioned for office, term of office, name of party, certification of qualifications for office; names, residences, and occupations of petitioners; certification of truth of information of petition, date and signature of notary public or justice of peace.
 - lv. Transit permits for dead body, 1937-39, showing name of deceased; place and date of death; color, age, birthplace, and cause of death; name and residence of attending physician; date and route of shipment; point of destination; signature and address of undertaker. Permit of local registrar, showing district number, date of issuance, recital of permit, signature and residence of local registrar. Endorsement of sexton shows date of interment, signature of sexton, name of cemetery. For related records, 1903-38, see entry 37.
 - lvi. Tree planting, notice of, 1927, showing name of property owner, number of acres of land planted, location of land, references to acts of General Assembly of State of Vermont, signature of property owner; certification of notary.
 - lvii. Vendue deed, 1939, showing information as in entry 11.
 - lviii. Votes, certificates of, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, showing place and date of election, name of office, names and party affiliation of candidates with number of votes cast for each, signature of presiding officer at election and of town clerk.
 - lix. Warning for town meeting, 1934, showing information as in entry 2.
 - lx. Writs of attachment and executions, 1918-- , showing information as in entry 16.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. or typed on printed forms, typed, printed. Pigeonholes, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ to $5 \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 10$; drawers, $3 \times 19\frac{1}{2} \times 9$; file drawers, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4} \times 17\frac{3}{4}$; letter files, $12 \times 12 \times 3$; boxes, $4\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ to $13 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$; envelopes, $9 \times 12 \times 1/8$ to $11\frac{3}{4} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 2$. 40 pigeonholes, 2 drawers, 3 file drawers, 6 letter files, 3 boxes, 2 envelopes, 1823, scattered dates 1869-- , in vault; 2 pigeonholes, 1939-- , in northeast section of town clerk's office.

II. TOWN MANAGER

At the annual town meeting held March 7, 1939 it was voted to adopt the town manager system.¹ This officer was appointed by the selectmen² and began his duties April 10, 1939 to serve for a term of one year. This system has been continued to date.³ Current records of various officers are kept by the town manager as follows: selectmen's, see entries 44-46; treasurer's and tax records, see entries 56, 60, and 61; road commissioner's, see entry 74; and overseer's, see entry 75.

For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-xxvii.

III. SELECTMEN

Three selectmen were elected for one year terms at the annual meeting held March 9, 1781,⁴ and this procedure was followed until 1909, although the number of officers varied from three to five.⁵ At the annual meeting in 1909 three selectmen were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.⁶ During the years 1910 to date one selectman has been elected annually to serve a one year term.⁷ During the years 1939 to date two additional selectmen have been elected annually to serve one year terms.⁸ In addition to their general duties the selectmen acted as overseer of poor for the years 1826-28, 1830, 1832, 1833-39, 1842-46, 1883-89, 1891-1931, and 1935 to date;⁹ as town agents for the years 1902-5, 1909-10, and 1927-34;¹⁰ as custodians of the town hall during the years 1878, 1906, and 1910-12;¹¹ and in 1940 as tree wardens.¹² Prior to 1839 the selectmen and the justices of peace, meeting with two or more of the listers abated taxes;¹³ and at present the selectmen are members of the board of civil authority,¹⁴ and board for abatement of taxes.¹⁵ The selectmen and the health officer constitute the local board of health.¹⁶ The town

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 4, p. 329, see entry 2.
 2. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 149, sec. 3591.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 4, p. 347.
 4. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43, see entry 7.
 5. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, passim.
 6. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 3, p. 354.
 7. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 8. Ibid., vol. 4, pp. 329, 347.
 9. Ibid., vols. 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim.
 10. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 11. Ibid., vol. 2d3, p. 367; vol. 3, passim.
 12. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 347.
 13. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 14. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 15. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
 16. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, sec. 5278, 5279.

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manager acts as clerk of the board of selectmen and their records are kept by him.

For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-xx.

44. SCRAPBOOK (Selectmen's Meetings), 1940--. 1 vol. 1922-- in vol. 4 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-xxxiv.

Record of minutes of meetings, showing place and date meeting held, names of members present, business transacted, date recorded, and attest of clerk of board of selectmen. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. and typed. 100 pp. $13 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. At residence of Robert E. Baumberger, town manager.

45. SELECTMEN'S LEDGER, 1922--. 5 vols. No title, 1935--. 4 vols.

Record of disbursements of general fund account, showing orders drawn by selectmen under departmental headings; highway, bridge, and sidewalk account; support of poor; salaries of town officers; statement of tax errors; liabilities; interest on notes; payment of borrowed money; taxes and insurance; money voted by town for various purposes; dog fund; birth and death costs; Crystal Beach accounts; cottage lots account; highway patrol account; hotel licenses; miscellaneous and election expenses; town farm; stamps and printing; Work Projects Administration fund; fire warden; town hall; winter maintenance; report of town officers and summary of expenses. Chron. entry under departmental divisions. No index. Vol. for 1922-34, hdw.; vols. for 1934--. hdw. under printed headings. 76-272 pp. $14\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times 1$ to $8 \times 11\frac{3}{4} \times 2$. 1 vol., 1922-34, in attic over town clerk's store; 4 vols., 1934--. at residence of Robert E. Baumberger, town manager.

46. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1894-1914, 1920--. 25 vols.

Orders drawn by selectmen on general account, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 400-500 stubs, $14\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times \frac{3}{4}$ to $15\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{3}{4} \times 1$. 18 vols., 1894-1914, 1920-34, in attic over town clerk's store; 2 vols., 1934-36, on shelf in hall near vault; 3 vols., 1937-39, in vault; 2 vols., 1939--. at residence of Robert E. Baumberger, town manager.

47. (ROAD SURVEYS), scattered dates 1776-1915. Scattered dates 1776-1915 in vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 2-xxx; 1783 also in vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 7-xi.

Record of road surveys, showing location of road, date and description of survey, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; occasionally shows name of surveyor.

For original papers, 1823, see entry 43-xliii.

IV. LISTERS

Three listers were elected at the annual town meeting held March

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Listers

9, 1781 to serve for a term of one year,¹ and this procedure was followed until 1909, although the number elected varied from three to six.² At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1909 three listers were elected to serve for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.³ During the years 1910 to date one lister has been elected annually for a term of three years.⁴ Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes,⁵ and at present the listers are members of the board for abatement of taxes.⁶

48. (TAX INVENTORIES), 1932--. 1 file drawer, 4 bundles. Original lists of taxable real estate and personal property, showing name and address of taxpayer, age if over 70 or under 21, name of spouse, address to which tax notice is to be sent, classification and valuation of real and personal estate, offsets allowed, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath of taxpayer, signatures of listers, date of receipt, summary of information, listers' memorandum. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer within each year. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Drawer, 12 x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 24; bundles, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8. 1 file drawer, 1932, 1934-36, 1938-39, in office; 1 bundle, 1933, under shelf on floor near file; 3 bundles, 1937, 1940--, in vault.

49. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISAL OF THE REAL ESTATE, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1874--. 20 vols. and 13 duplicate vols. for 1865, 1882-1914, 1926, 1930. Title varies: Quintennial Valuation, 1860, 1 vol.; Quinquennial Valuation, 1865, 1870, 2 vols.; Grand List-Quadrennial Valuation, 1874, 1878, 2 vols.; Quadrennial Valuation of the Real Estate, 1882-1910, 8 vols.

Periodical appraisal of the real estate, showing name of taxpayer, description and valuation of real estate, number and amount of polls, remarks; land sequestered for public or charitable use, showing name of occupant, number of acres, valuation, amount of rent paid, purpose to which rent is applied; oath of listers, date of oath and certification of filing by town clerk. Record of grievance meeting, showing time, place and date of meeting; signatures of listers. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of owner. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 38-120 pp. 15 1/8 x 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$ to 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$. 19 vols., 1860, 1865, 1870, 1874-1934, on shelf in town clerk's office; 1 vol., 1938--, in vault.

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1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43, see entry 7.
 2. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, passim, see entry 2.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 3, p. 354.
 4. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 5. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 6. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.

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50. ABSTRACT OF INDIVIDUAL LISTS AND GRAND LIST, 1827, 1829-34, 1841-64, 1866--. 106 vols. Title varies: Grand List, 1830, 1831, 1833, 1842-48, 1850-52, 1854-64, 1866-1910, 69 vols.; Individual Lists, 1853, 1 vol.; no title, 1827, 1829, 1832, 1834, 1841, 1849, 6 vols.

Name of taxpayer; number of district; amount of poll; real estate, personal property valuation; assessments on merchants, mechanics, manufacturers and physicians; occasionally deductions for those equipped for military duty and minors; amount of town and state tax; grand list (1% of assessed value); 1854-64, 1866-- adds oath of listers as to having assessed the true valuation of property, date and signatures of listers; notice to taxpayers of grievance meeting, showing time and place of meeting, town clerk's certification of date of receipt of grand list, and clerk's attest. Entered alph. by first letter of owner's surname. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 12-100 pp. 12 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$ to 20 x 10 x 2. 8 vols., 1827, 1829-34, 1841, on shelf in hall near vault; 95 vols., 1842-64, 1866-1937, on shelf in town clerk's office; 3 vols., 1938--, in vault.

51. ABSTRACT OF INDIVIDUAL LIST, 1894-1910. 17 vols. No title, 1908, 1910, 2 vols.

Names of taxpayers, number of polls, amount and valuation of real and personal estate, money due or to become due, stock in banks, corporations or other concerns, deposits in savings banks in excess of \$1500, offsets, total, number of school district and remarks. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 20 pp. 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. On shelf in town clerk's office.

52. RATABLE POLLS, 1919, 1921, 1933-39. 9 vols. No title, 1933, 1 vol.

Name and address of taxpayer, amount of poll. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 30 pp. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. 6 vols., 1919, 1921, 1933-34, 1936, 1938, on shelf in town clerk's office; 3 vols., 1935, 1937, 1939, in vault.

53. (LISTERS' FIELD BOOKS), 1837, 1842-45, 1847-49, 1851-55, 1858-61, 1869-71, 1875, approx. 1876, 1877-78, 1881-82. 26 vols. Record of property to be assessed for taxes, showing name of taxpayer, number of school district, real and personal property valuation, poll, certification and oath of lister as to having appraised property, signatures of listers. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 94-150 pp. 15 1/8 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$. 15 vols., 1837, 1842-45, 1847-49, 1851-55, and approx. 1876, on shelf in hall near vault; 11 vols., 1858-61, 1869-71, 1877-78, 1881-82, on shelf in town clerk's office.

V. TREASURER

A treasurer was elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781, to serve for a term of one year,¹ and this procedure has been

1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43, see entry 7.

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followed annually since that time.¹ In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of the board for abatement of taxes.² The town manager collects the current and delinquent taxes and these records are kept by him.

For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-xxx.

54. TOWN TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1864--. 9 vols. Title varies: Journal, 1864-1923, 2 vols.; no title, 1929-33, 1937--., 4 vols.

Treasurer's record of itemized receipts and disbursements: receipts show name of payer, date of receipt, source and amount received; disbursements show date of disbursement, name of payee, order number, purpose, and total amount spent under headings of: general, school, highway, support of poor, damage by dogs, state and county treasurer's loans. Chron. entry. No index. Vols. for 1864-1923, 1929-33, 1937--., hdw.; vols. for 1922-28, 1933-37, hdw. under printed headings. 20-601 pp. $11\frac{3}{4} \times 18 \times \frac{1}{2}$ to $16\frac{1}{4} \times 11 \times 2\frac{1}{4}$. 4 vols., 1864-1923, 1926-33, in vault; 1 vol., 1922-26, in attic over town clerk's store; 4 vols., 1933--., at residence of Robert W. Rice, town treasurer.

55. (PAID BILLS), 1934--. 2 bundles, 1 file box. 1922-29, 1933, 1935-36 in (Miscellaneous Unbound Papers), entry 43-xxxiii. Showing names of creditor and debtor, date of statement, itemized or summarized description of goods or services, credits, balance due, acknowledgment of payment, date paid, occasionally date ordered. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. or typed on printed forms. Bundles, $6 \times 7 \times 2$ to $11 \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$; file box, $12 \times 12 \times 3$. 1 bundle, 1 file box, 1934-38, on shelf in hall near vault; 1 bundle, 1939-40, at residence of Robert W. Rice, town treasurer.

56. (CANCELED ORDERS OF TOWN OFFICERS), 1901-17, 1919-22, 1924--. 78 bundles. Original orders issued by various town officers, showing name of payee, date, number, purpose and amount of order; signature(s) and title of issuing officer(s); indorsements. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. $2 \times 7 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ to $4 \times 7\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$. 51 bundles, 1901-17, 1919-22, 1924-34, in attic over town clerk's store; 22 bundles, 1934-39, on shelf in hall near vault; 1 bundle, 1937-39, at residence of Robert E. Baumberger, town manager; 4 bundles, 1940--., at residence of Robert W. Rice, town treasurer.

57. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1935-36, 1938. 6 bundles. 1934-- in (Canceled Checks, Bank Statements), entry 59-ii. Checks issued by the treasurer, showing name of payee, date, number, and amount of check; signature of treasurer; indorsements; and bank cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. $3 \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ to $3 \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$. On shelf in hall near vault.

1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, pp. 40, 42, see entry 7; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim, see entry 2.
2. Laws of Vermont, 1929, No. 54.

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58. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1926--. 21 vols.

Stubs of checks issued by the treasurer, showing name of payee; date, number, purpose, and amount of check; balance on hand. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100-500 stubs, $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times \frac{3}{4}$ to $9\frac{1}{2} \times 13 \times 1$. 4 vols., 1926-34, in attic over town clerk's store; 1 vol., 1934-39, on floor in vault; 16 vols., 1934--, at residence of Robert W. Rice, town treasurer.

59. (CANCELED CHECKS, BANK STATEMENTS), 1926--. 19 bundles, 1 box.

Contains:

- i. Bank statements, showing balance at beginning of period, date and amount of checks drawn, date and amount of deposits, and balance at end of period.
- ii. (Canceled Checks), 1934--, entry 57.

14 bundles, 1926-38, arr. chron.; 5 bundles, 1 box, 1934--, no obvious arr. No index. Hdw. or typed on printed forms. Bundles, $4 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ to $9\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 2$; box, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 15 \times 11$. 10 bundles, 1926-34, in attic over town clerk's store; 4 bundles, 1934-38, on shelf in hall near vault; 1 box, 1934-39, 5 bundles, 1940, at residence of Robert W. Rice, town treasurer.

60. (POLL AND PROPERTY TAX RECEIPT STUBS AND CARBON COPIES), 1928-33, 1938--. 13 bundles, 2 vols.

Stubs of receipts, 1928-33, 1939; carbon copies, 1938--, showing names of taxpayer, type of tax paid (poll or property), amount of tax, discount, date paid, receipt number if carbon copy, signature or initials of tax collector. Bundles, no obvious arr.; vols., chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 300 carbon copies, 100-300 pp. $8\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$; bundles, $3 \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ to $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 6$. 12 bundles, 1928-33, in attic over town clerk's store; 1 vol., 1 bundle, 1938-39, in vault; 1 vol., 1939--, at residence of Robert E. Baumberger, town manager.

For original receipts, 1939-40, see entry 43-xlviii.

61. TAX BOOK, 1923--. 12 vols. Title varies: Ledger, 1924, 1 vol.; no title, 1923-33, 1936--, 9 vols.

Record of taxes assessed, showing name of taxpayer, amount of tax, amount paid less discount, if abated date of abatement, if not paid then amount delinquent is shown; delinquent tax list shows amount of tax, amount paid plus interest, amount left delinquent, if any. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 76-284 pp. $8 \times 5\frac{1}{4} \times 1$ to $14\frac{1}{4} \times 11 \times \frac{3}{4}$. 2 vols., 1923-26, in attic over town clerk's store; 8 vols., 1927-38, in vault; 2 vols., 1939--, at residence of Robert E. Baumberger, town manager.

62. (DELINQUENT TAX RECORD), 1896-1902, 1911, 1916-23, 1925-26. 19 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes, showing name of taxpayer, amount of grand list, amount and division of tax, amount of tax on real estate and personal property, poll tax, total tax, discount, date paid, and certification by selectmen. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 80-125 pp. $8\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ to $6\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1$. 8 vols., 1896-1902, 1925, in attic over town clerk's store; 11 vols., 1911, 1916-23, 1926, in vault.

Trustees of Public Money;
Auditors; Tax Collector

VI. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

At a special town meeting held December 27, 1836 three trustees of public money were elected,¹ and this procedure was followed during the years 1838-41 and 1843-56.² Since 1872 one trustee has been elected annually for a one year term with the exception of the years 1877, 1884, 1888-91, and 1907 when no mention of the election of this official is made in the records.³ For the years not shown above no record of an election or appointment to this non-record keeping office was found.

VII. AUDITORS

At the annual town meeting held March 27, 1799 committees were elected for a term of one year to settle and adjust the accounts of town officers,⁴ and this procedure was followed in the years 1800-1804, 1806-8, 1811, 1813-18, 1820-40.⁵ At the annual town meeting held March 7, 1812 three auditors were elected for a term of one year.⁶ The next election of auditors was at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1841 when three were elected for a term of one year.⁷ This procedure was followed for the years 1842-1916,⁸ except in 1909 when one was elected.⁹ In 1917 three auditors were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.¹⁰ Since that time one auditor has been elected annually for a term of three years.¹¹ There is no record of an election to fill this office during the years 1805, 1809-10, and 1819.

For printed reports compiled by the auditors and filed with the town clerk, see entry 3-i.

VIII. TAX COLLECTOR

The first tax collector was elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 to serve for a term of one year.¹² This procedure was followed in the years 1782, 1784-85, 1791, 1793-95, 1797-1800, 1802, 1806, 1808, 1811, 1822, 1840, 1872-73, 1894, 1897, 1908-21, 1923-27,

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 247, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vols. 2, 2d3, passim.
 3. Ibid., vols. 2d3, 3, 4, passim.
 4. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 126.
 5. Ibid., vols. 1, 2, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 304.
 7. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 399.
 8. Ibid., vols. 2, 2d3, 3, passim.
 9. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 354.
 10. Ibid., p. 500.
 11. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 12. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43, see entry 7.

Board for Abatement of Taxes;
Board of Civil Authority

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1929, and 1932 to date.¹ The first constable acted as tax collector for the years 1803-5, 1807, 1809, 1814, 1818, 1821, 1823-39, 1841-42, 1847-49, 1854, 1871, 1882, 1890, 1893, 1895-96.² For the years not shown above no appointment or election of this officer was recorded.

For printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entry 3-xxi.

IX. BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The board for abatement of taxes, consisting of the selectmen, town clerk, listers, and justices of the peace, was created by an act of the legislature in 1860.³ In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board.⁴ During the years 1839-60 the duties of this office were performed by the board of civil authority.⁵ Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes.⁶ For tax abatement records, see entry 63.

X. BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The board of civil authority, consisting of the selectmen and justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature in 1839.⁷ In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member.⁸ Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office. During the years 1839-60 the duties of the office of the board for abatement of taxes were performed by this board.¹⁰

63. MINUTES OF BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY, TAX ABATEMENTS, 1920-34. 1 folder.

Record of minutes, showing place, date, and time meeting held; list of members present; business transacted; officers elected; list of taxes abated, showing names of taxpayers, amount abated, year of abatement, total amount abated and clerk's attest. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on loose sheets. 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

For original minutes, 1930, see entry 43-vii.

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1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, pp. 40, 42, see entry 7; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim, see entry 2.
 2. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, passim, see entry 2.
 3. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
 4. Ibid., 1929, No. 54.
 5. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 6. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 7. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 8. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 52, sec. 1.
 9. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 10. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.

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XI. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Seven school trustees were elected at an annual town meeting held March 13, 1792 to serve for a term of one year.¹ Six to ten trustees were elected annually in 1797, 1799, 1801, 1803-6, and 1809-27.² Superintending committees consisting of three to seven members were elected annually for the years 1828-33.³ One school superintendent was elected annually for the years 1846-88, and 1891-92.⁴ In 1893 three school directors were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.⁵ Since 1894 one school director has been elected annually to serve for a term of three years.⁶ For the years not shown above no record of an election or appointment to fill this office was found.

For printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entry 3-xviii; for report of superintendent of schools, see entry 3-xix.

64. (SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MEETINGS), 1893-1923, 1936--. 2 vols. Record of school directors' meetings, showing place and date meeting held, business transacted, officers elected, date recorded by and signature of clerk of school board; occasionally shows list of teachers and salaries of each, also name of school they are to teach for ensuing year. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw.; some typed sheets pasted in. 100-360 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{4}$ to $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1$. 1 vol., 1893-1923, in attic over town clerk's store; 1 vol., 1936--, at residence of John W. Reil, clerk of school board, Hydeville.

65. VERMONT SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1917--. 273 vols. Questionnaire of teacher, certification of report by teacher, list of pupils, visitors' register; daily attendance, showing name and age of pupil, grade, number of days of attendance and absence, times tardy and dismissed, list of transfers and non-resident pupils. Attendance records arr. alph. by surname of pupil; no obvious arr. for remainder of material. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 25 pp. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 1/8$. 189 vols., 1917-33, on shelf in hall near vault; 84 vols., 1932--, in vault.

66. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1907-15, 1919-21, 1923-26, 1928-29, 1932, 1934-39. 25 vols. Copy of a statistical report of the superintendent of schools and school directors to the State Board of Education, showing attendance by schools, reports of elementary and high school teachers, high school and advanced instruction, elementary school tuition, pupils attending school in town from other districts; school director's report, showing school valuation

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 55, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vols. 1, 2, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 2, passim.
 4. Ibid., vols. 2d3, 3, passim.
 5. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 81.
 6. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.

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and indebtedness, receipts and disbursements, date, signature of school board and superintendent of schools, date recorded, and attest of clerk of school board. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 12 pp. 11 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{16}$.

67. SCHOOL DIRECTORS ACCOUNTS, 1924-38. 2 vols.

Record of school directors' accounts: orders paid by school directors under departmental headings, showing order number, date, name of payee under classification of teachers', janitor's and superintendent's salaries; textbooks; supplies and insurance; materials, library and reference texts; furniture; building repairs; fuel; transportation and board; janitor's supplies; advanced tuition; lights and water; truancy; directors' salaries; miscellaneous notes and interest; Work Projects Administration funds. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 150-152 pp. $15\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ to 15 x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x 1. 1 vol., 1924-37, in vault; 1 vol., 1937-38 at residence of John W. Reil, clerk of school board, Hydeville.

68. (CASH BOOK), 1938--. 1 vol.

Cash book under departmental headings such as: voucher-register; general control (regulative and executive service); instructional service (supervision and teaching); operation of school plant; maintenance of plant (upkeep of buildings, offices and grounds); showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of each order; total monthly amount of orders. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. $22\frac{3}{4}$ x $17\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$. At residence of John W. Reil, clerk of school board, Hydeville.

69. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1924-29, 1931-32, 1934--. 14 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn by school directors, showing name of payee, number, date, purpose, and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100-510 stubs, $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ to $16\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 7 vols., 1924-29, 1931-32, in attic over town clerk's store; 3 vols., 1934-37, on shelf in hall near vault; 1 vol., 1936-37, in vault; 3 vols., 1937-- , at residence of John W. Reil, clerk of school board, Hydeville.

70. (SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTS), 1863-96. 3 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements for school district No. 5, 1876-83; No. 6, 1863-93; No. 8, 1889-96; showing district number, date, name of payee or payer, purpose and amount, signature of school district clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 60-180 pp. 6 x $3\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 x $7\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. In attic over town clerk's store.

71. (SCHOOL CENSUS RECORDS), 1936--. 1 file box.

Continuous file for school records, showing name of parent or guardian; number of persons in family of school age; name, sex, date of birth, age at last birthday, and address of student; ward or district number; and remarks. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of parent. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{1}{4}$. At residence of John W. Reil, clerk of school board, Hydeville.

72. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1934-37. 1 box.

Contains:

- i. Miscellaneous correspondence relating to school affairs, 1935-

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ii. Orders drawn, list of, 1937, showing name of payee; date, number, purpose, and amount of order.

iii. (Paid Bills), entry 73.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. and typed on printed forms. $13\frac{1}{4}$ x 15 x $5\frac{1}{2}$. On shelf in hall near vault.

73. (PAID BILLS), 1937--. 4 letter file boxes. 1934-37 in (Miscellaneous Unbound Papers), entry 72-iii.

Name of creditor and debtor, date of payment, itemized or summarized description of goods or services, order number, credits, balance due, and acknowledgment of payment. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of payee. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. 12 x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 . At residence of John W. Reil, clerk of school board, Hydeville.

XII. ROAD COMMISSIONER

At the annual town meeting held March 20, 1782 three highway surveyors were elected to serve for terms of one year.¹ From four to thirty-nine surveyors were elected annually during the years 1783-1869, 1871-84, 1891-92.² At the annual town meeting held March 1, 1870 three road commissioners were elected to serve for a term of one year.³ In 1871 the town voted to return to the old system of surveyors and elected 20 surveyors.⁴ In 1893 one road commissioner was elected to serve for a term of one year,⁵ and this procedure has been followed since 1894, with the exception of 1903 when two were elected.⁶ No record was found of an election or appointment to fill this office during the years 1885-90. The duties of this office have been taken over by the town manager at the present time.

For printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entry 3-xvii.

74. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1929-32, 1936--. 22 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn by road commissioner, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100-400 stubs, $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ to $16\frac{1}{4}$ x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. 8 vols., 1929-32, in attic over town clerk's store; 11 vols., 1936-39, on shelf in hall near vault; 3 vols., 1938--, at residence of Robert E. Baumberger, town manager.

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1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 42, see entry 7.
 2. Ibid., p. 40; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, passim, see entry 2.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2d3, p. 321.
 4. Ibid., p. 326.
 5. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 81.
 6. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.

Overseer of Poor;
Moderator; Sextons

(75)

XIII. OVERSEER OF POOR

At the annual town meeting held March 10, 1818 three overseers were elected for one year terms.¹ During the years 1819-25 two overseers were elected for terms of one year.² For the years 1831, 1835-37, 1841, 1848-52, 1855-75, 1878-81, 1932-33, one overseer was elected for a term of one year.³ The selectmen acted as overseers during the years 1826-28, 1830, 1832, 1838-39, 1842-46, 1883-89, 1891-1931, and 1935 to date.⁴ There was no record of an election or appointment or of the selectmen serving as overseer during the years 1829, 1833-34, 1840, 1847, 1853-54, 1876-77, 1882, 1890, 1934. The duties of this officer have been taken over by the town manager at the present time.

For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-xv.

75. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1928--. 35 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn by overseer of poor, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs, $3\frac{1}{4} \times 5 \times \frac{3}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$. 18 vols., 1928-33, in attic over town clerk's store; 15 vols., 1933-38, on shelf in hall near vault; 2 vols., 1938--., at residence of Robert E. Baumberger, town manager.

XIV. MODERATOR

At the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 a moderator was elected for a term of one year,⁵ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.⁶ This office keeps no records.

XV. SEXTONS

One sexton was elected at the annual town meeting held March 13, 1805 to serve for a term of one year,⁷ and this procedure was followed during the years 1832-40, and 1844-47.⁸ This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1848.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 171, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., passim.
 3. Ibid., vols. 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim.
 4. Ibid.
 5. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43, see entry 7.
 6. Ibid., p. 40; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim.
 7. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 180.
 8. Ibid., vol. 2, passim.

Library Trustees; Constable;
Town Agent; Grand Jurors

XVI. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1897 five library trustees were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.¹ Since that time one library trustee has been elected annually to serve for a term of five years.² This office keeps no records.

For printed copy of reports for voters, see entry 3-x.

XVII. CONSTABLE

One constable was elected to serve a one year term at the annual meeting held March 9, 1781,³ and since that time one or two constables have been elected annually for one year terms.⁴ The first constable acted as tax collector during the years 1803-5, 1807, 1809, 1814, 1818, 1821, 1823-39, 1841-42, 1847-49, 1854, 1871, 1882, 1890, 1893, and 1895-96.⁵ This office keeps no records.

XVIII. TOWN AGENT

A town agent was elected at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1841 to serve for a term of one year,⁶ and this procedure was followed during the years 1842-54, 1856-1901, 1908, 1911-26, 1935-38, and 1940.⁷ There is no record of an election or appointment to this office in the years 1855, 1906-7, and 1939. The selectmen performed the duties of this office during the years 1902-5, 1909-10, and 1927-34.⁸ This office keeps no records.

For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-xxii.

XIX. GRAND JURORS

At the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 three grand jurors were elected to serve for terms of one year.⁹ Since that time from two to ten grand jurors have been elected annually with the exception of

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 3, p. 128, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 3. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43, see entry 7.
 4. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim.
 5. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 399.
 7. Ibid., vols. 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim.
 8. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 9. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43.

Board of Health; Fence
Viewers; Poundkeepers

the year 1816 when there was no mention of an election to this office.¹
This office keeps no records.

XX. BOARD OF HEALTH

An act of the legislature in 1892 required the Commissioner of the State Board of Health to appoint a health officer in each town.² At present the State Board of Health upon recommendation of the selectmen of the town appoints a health officer to serve for a three year term and until his successor is appointed.³ The selectmen of the town and the health officer constitute the local board of health and the health officer is the secretary and executive officer of this board.⁴

For printed copy of health officer's report for voters, see entry 3-viii.

XXI. FENCE VIEWERS

Three fence viewers were elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 to serve for a term of one year,⁵ and this procedure was followed during the years 1782-1906.⁶ The number elected varied from two to six. Three fence viewers were appointed by the selectmen for one year terms in 1912, 1915, 1917, 1924, 1932, and 1940.⁷ During the years not shown above no record of the election or appointment of this officer could be found. This office keeps no records.

XXII. POUNDKEEPERS

At the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 one poundkeeper was elected to serve for a term of one year,⁸ and this procedure was followed during the years 1782-85, 1787-95, 1797-1852, 1854, 1856-64, 1877, 1898, the number varying from one to three.⁹ In 1940 one poundkeeper was appointed by the selectmen.¹⁰ In the years not shown above there

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1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, pp. 40, 42, see entry 7; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, 4, passim, see entry 2.
 2. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 92.
 3. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5275, 5279.
 4. Ibid., secs. 5278, 5279.
 5. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43.
 6. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, passim.
 7. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 3, 4, passim.
 8. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43.
 9. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, passim.
 10. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 4, p. 347.

Sealer of Weights and Measures;
Surveyor of Wood, Lumber, and
Shingles; Weigher of Coal;
Inspector of Leather

is no record of an election or appointment to this office. This office keeps no records.

XXIII. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Two sealers of weights and measures were elected to serve for a term of one year at the town meeting held March 9, 1781.¹ During the years 1782-84, 1786-94, 1796, 1798-1806, 1808-65, 1872, 1877, one or two sealers of weights and measures were elected annually.² This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1878.

XXIV. SURVEYOR OF WOOD, LUMBER, AND SHINGLES

One surveyor of wood, lumber, and shingles was elected at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1882 to serve for a term of one year,³ and this procedure was followed during the years 1883-84, 1886, 1888-1906, the number varying from one to two.⁴ During the years 1907-12, 1915, and 1937 to date the selectmen appointed one surveyor to serve for a term of one year.⁵ For the years not shown above there is no record of an election or appointment to fill this office. The title of the office varied slightly. This office kept no records.

XXV. WEIGHER OF COAL

One weigher of coal was appointed by the selectmen at an annual town meeting held March 7, 1911 to serve for a term of one year.⁶ This procedure was followed during the years 1912, 1915, and 1940.⁷ No mention was made of this officer in the years 1913-14, and 1916-39. This office keeps no records.

XXVI. INSPECTOR OF LEATHER

One leather sealer was elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 to serve for a term of one year.⁸ One to four leather sealers or inspectors of leather were elected in the years 1782-1859,

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1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43, see entry 7.
 2. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, passim, see entry 2.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2d3, p. 408.
 4. Ibid., vols. 2d3, 3, passim.
 5. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 392.
 7. Ibid., pp. 403, 457; vol. 4, p. 347.
 8. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43.

Tree Warden; Tythingmen;
Haywards; Brander of
Horses

1866-1906, after which this non-record keeping office was discontinued.¹

XXVII. TREE WARDEN

One tree warden was elected at the annual town meeting held March 3, 1908 to serve for a term of one year,² and this procedure was continued during the years 1909-26, 1930-32, 1934.³ In 1940 the selectmen took over the duties of tree warden.⁴ For the years not shown above no record of an election or appointment of this office was found. This office keeps no records.

XXVIII. TYTHINGMEN

Two tythingmen were elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 to serve for a term of one year.⁵ From one to six such officers were elected annually during the years 1782-1840, with the exception of the year 1822 when no election of this office was recorded.⁶ This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1841.

XXIX. HAYWARDS

Three haywards were elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 to serve for a term of one year.⁷ From two to thirty-one haywards were elected annually during the years 1782-1840.⁸ In 1841 this non-record keeping office was discontinued.

XXX. BRANDER OF HORSES

One brander of horses was elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1781 to serve for a term of one year,⁹ and this procedure was continued during the years 1782-87 and 1789.¹⁰ In 1790 this non-record keeping office was discontinued.

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1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, pp. 40, 42, see entry 7; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, 2d3, 3, passim, see entry 2.
 2. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 3, p. 333.
 3. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 4. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 347.
 5. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43.
 6. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, passim.
 7. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43.
 8. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 1, 2, passim.
 9. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. for 1763, 1765, 1769-83, p. 43.
 10. Ibid., pp. 40, 42; (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, passim.

XXXI. TOWN HALL AGENT

One town hall agent was elected at the annual town meeting held March 3, 1857 to serve for a term of one year,¹ and this procedure was continued during the years 1858, 1860-76, 1879, 1888-90, 1897-1905, and 1907-9.² The selectmen acted as town hall agents or custodians of the town hall for the years 1878, 1906, and 1910-12.³ In the years not shown above no record was found of an appointment or election to fill this office. This office kept no records.

For printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entry 3-xxv.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2d3, p. 48, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vols. 2d3, 3, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 2d3, p. 367; vol. 3, passim.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

1870

HISTORICAL SKETCH

A petition to have Fire District No. 1 laid out to include the hamlet of Castleton was filed with the town clerk on April 6, 1870. A survey was accepted at a meeting held on that date and an organization was effected by the election of the following officers: E. F. Adams, treasurer; J. H. Langdon, chief engineer; H. L. Clark, clerk; and C. H. Sherman, E. H. Armstrong, and L. W. Preston, prudential committeemen.¹

At a special meeting held on April 14, 1870, a tax was voted to provide reservoirs and fire apparatus.² It was decided to bond the fire district in 1927 for \$90,000 to carry out improvements within the district.³

The fire district now has charge of the water supply and street lighting, as well as furnishing fire protection.

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Fire district No. 1 of Castleton was established on April 6, 1870.⁴ This was pursuant to a petition of residents of the proposed fire district and under the provisions of the general statutes.⁵ The fire district, at its first meeting, elected the following officers: moderator, clerk, treasurer, prudential committeemen, collector, chief engineer, and two assistant engineers.⁶ Three auditors were elected in 1896.⁷ The practice of electing all prudential committeemen annually for one year was discontinued in 1911 when a board of three was set up, one to be elected annually for a term of three years.⁸ The number of auditors was reduced to two in 1924.⁹

Fire district No. 2 was established on January 2, 1911.¹⁰ This was pursuant to a petition of the residents of the proposed fire district and under the provisions of the general statutes then in force.¹¹

The fire district held its first meeting on January 2, 1911 at which time the following officers were elected: moderator, clerk, treasurer, collector, prudential committeemen, and a chief and two assistant engineers.¹² Auditors were added in 1912.¹³

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1. (Fire District No. 1 Meetings), p. 2, see entry 77.
 2. Ibid., p. 5.
 3. Ibid., p. 162.
 4. Ibid., p. 2.
 5. General Statutes of Vermont, 1862, ch. 16, sec. 12.
 6. (Fire District No. 1 Meetings), p. 2.
 7. Ibid., p. 55.
 8. Ibid., p. 103.
 9. Ibid., p. 145.
 10. Fire District No. 2 (Records), p. 2, see entry 85.
 11. Public Statutes of Vermont, 1906, sec. 3647.
 12. Fire District No. 2 (Records), p. 2.
 13. Ibid., p. 6.

Governmental Organization

No change has been made in the offices filled in the district since that time.

The statute provided that upon application in writing of twenty or more freeholders of a town, residents of a proposed fire district, the selectmen may establish such proposed fire district, the extent of which shall not exceed two square miles, and define its limits. Fire districts thus created shall be named by number in the order of their establishment. The selectmen shall file a certificate of their doings in the office of the town clerk for record. The selectmen may change the limits of a fire district upon similar application and in like manner.¹

The statutes further provide that the district so established has powers to adopt such measures as it might determine to: protect property in the district from loss by fire; construct and maintain sewers; and for lighting purposes. The district is a body corporate of the inhabitants of the district entitled to vote at town meeting.

Both fire districts in Castleton have charge of street lighting.² District number one operates the water system in the district.³

The prudential committee, together with the clerk, and the justices of the peace and listers living in the fire district constitute a board for the abatement of taxes in the district since 1921.⁴

In the State of Vermont, the establishment of fire districts is resorted to when the residents wish to enjoy some of the privileges of a village incorporation but where the residences are too scattered or too few to comply with the statutes on incorporated villages or where, for other reasons, it is desired to avoid the responsibilities of such incorporation.

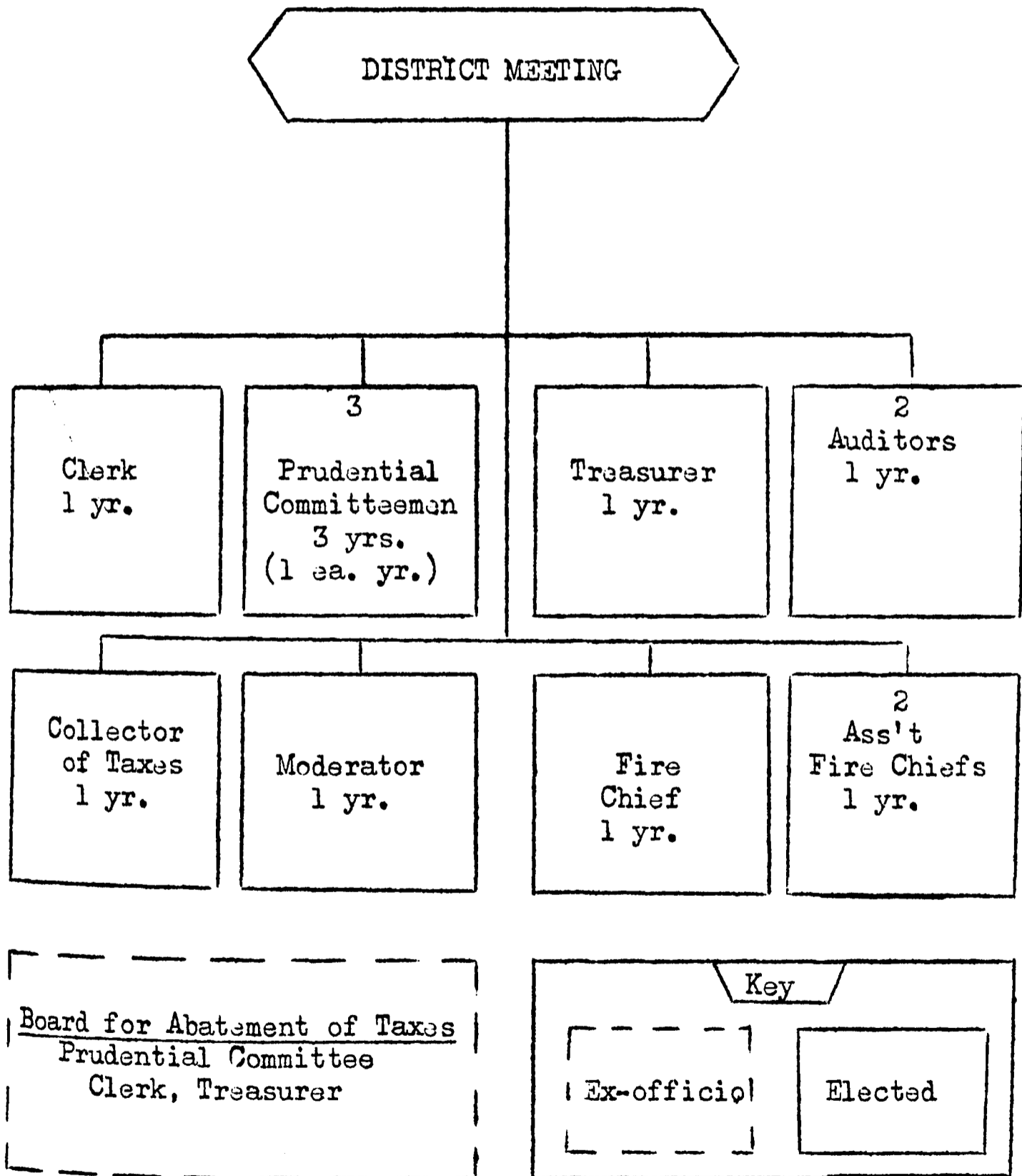
HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All of the records of Fire District No. 1 are located at the home of Robert W. Rice, clerk and treasurer of the fire district.

His home is situated on the Main Street in Castleton. Though the records are not in fireproof safes they are not in very grave danger as they could be easily removed in case of fire.

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1. General Statutes of the State of Vermont, ch. 16; as amended by Laws of Vermont, 1870, No. 41, and 1896, No. 64.
 2. (Fire District No. 1 Meetings), passim, see entry 77; Fire District No. 2 (Records), passim, see entry 85.
 3. (Fire District No. 1 Meetings), p. 5.
 4. Laws of Vermont, 1921, No. 106.

CASTLETON FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 - 1940



Clerk; Prudential
Committee; Treasurer

(76-77)

I. CLERK

A clerk was elected at the first meeting held April 6, 1870 to serve for a term of one year,¹ and this procedure has been continued to date.²

76. (ORGANIZATION OF FIRE DISTRICT), April 6, 1870. In vol. for (Fire District No. 1 Meetings), entry 77-i.
Record of organization of Fire District No. 1 of Castleton, showing place and date meeting held, name of district, description of boundaries, date of record, names of signers-selectmen, and fire district clerk's attest. Petition for organization shows list of petitioners, bounds of fire district desired, request to selectmen for establishment.
For related records, see entry 2-x.

77. (FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETINGS), 1870--.. 1 vol.
Record of warnings and minutes of meetings. Warnings show place, date, and time meeting to be held; articles to be voted on; date of warning; name of signer-fire district clerk. Minutes show place, date, and time meeting held; officers elected; business transacted; fire district clerk's attest.

Also contains:

i. (Organization of Fire District), 1870, entry 76.
Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. and typed; some sheets pasted and clipped in. 233 pp. 13 x 8 x 1. At residence of Robert Rice, clerk.

II. PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Three members of the prudential committee were elected at the first meeting held April 6, 1870 to serve for a term of one year.³ This procedure was followed until 1911.⁴ At the meeting held on January 9, 1911 three members were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.⁵ Since 1912 one member has been elected at each annual meeting to serve for a three year term.⁶ This office keeps no records.

III. TREASURER

A treasurer was elected at the first meeting held April 6, 1870 to serve for a one year term,⁷ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.⁸

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1. (Fire District No. 1 Meetings), p. 2, see entry 77.
 2. Ibid., passim.
 3. Ibid., p. 2.
 4. Ibid., passim.
 5. Ibid., p. 103.
 6. Ibid., passim.
 7. Ibid., p. 2.
 8. Ibid., passim.

(78-83)

Treasurer

78. (TREASURER'S CASH BOOK), 1937--. 1 vol.
Itemized receipts and disbursements. Receipts show order number, name of payer, date received, check number, total amount received. Disbursements show name of payee, date paid, purpose and order number, check number, amount, and total amount paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$. At residence of Robert Rice, treasurer.

79. TAX BOOK (Fire District No. 1), 1936--. 2 vols.
Name of taxpayer, amount of poll, personal property, total grand list, tax discount, net, date and amount paid, amount of delinquent tax. Chron. entry. Vol. for 1936-37, no index; vol. for 1938--, table of contents. Hdw. 76 pp. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{8}$ x 1. At residence of Robert Rice, treasurer.

80. (TAX RECEIPTS), 1939--. 1 vol.
Carbon copies of tax receipts, showing number of receipt, place and date paid, name of payee, amount and division of tax, signature of tax collector. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 receipts, 9 x 7 x $\frac{1}{4}$. In file drawer at residence of Robert Rice, treasurer.

81. (WATER RENTS), 1937--. 1 vol.
Name and address of taxpayer, date paid, remarks, amount of rent, debits and credits. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 225 pp. $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. At residence of Robert Rice, treasurer.

82. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1930--. 4 letter file boxes.
Contains:

- i. Bank statements, showing balance at beginning of period, date and amount of checks drawn, date and amount of deposits, and balance at end of period.
- ii. Canceled checks issued by the treasurer, showing name of payee; date, number, and amount of check; signature of treasurer; indorsements; and bank cancelation.
- iii. Tax bills, stubs of, showing place and date paid, name of payee, amount and division of tax, discount, total amount paid.
- iv. Water rent bills, stubs of, showing place and date paid, name of consumer, amount of rent paid.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed forms. 11 x 12 x 4 . At residence of Robert Rice, treasurer.

83. (INTEREST COUPONS ON BONDS SEMI-ANNUALLY), 1927--. 1 box.
Coupons, showing fire district number, date issued, location of fire district, amount of interest on bond, due date of interest, cancelation, signature of treasurer of company issuing bond. Chron. entry. No index. Printed. $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $3\frac{3}{4}$. At residence of Robert Rice, treasurer.

Auditors; Collector of
Taxes; Moderator; Fire Chief

IV. AUDITORS

Three auditors were elected at the annual meeting held January 17, 1896 to serve for one year,¹ and this procedure was followed from 1897-1923. During the years 1924 to date two officers have been elected annually for one year terms.² This office keeps no records.

V. COLLECTOR OF TAXES

A collector of taxes was elected at the first meeting held April 6, 1870 to serve for a term of one year,³ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.⁴ This office keeps no records.

VI. MODERATOR

A moderator was elected at the first meeting held April 6, 1870 for a term of one year,⁵ and this procedure has been followed to date.⁶ This office keeps no records.

VII. FIRE CHIEF

One fire chief and two assistants were elected at the first annual meeting held April 6, 1870 for a term of one year,⁷ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.⁸ This office keeps no records.

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1. (Fire District No. 1 Meetings), vol. for 1870-- , p. 55, see entry 77.
 2. Ibid., passim.
 3. Ibid., p. 2.
 4. Ibid., passim.
 5. Ibid., p. 2.
 6. Ibid., passim.
 7. Ibid., p. 2.
 8. Ibid., passim.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

1910

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Fire District No. 2 was laid out by the selectmen pursuant to a petition signed by residents of the hamlet of Hydeville on September 27, 1910.¹ The district was organized at a meeting held on January 2, 1911, the following officers being elected: E. A. Angevine, clerk; James Cummings, treasurer; James W. Cumstock, collector; H. R. Beecher, M. B. Kelley, and John Downs, prudential committeemen; D. E. O'Brien, chief engineer, and C. A. Dagg and E. A. McDonough first and second engineers respectively.²

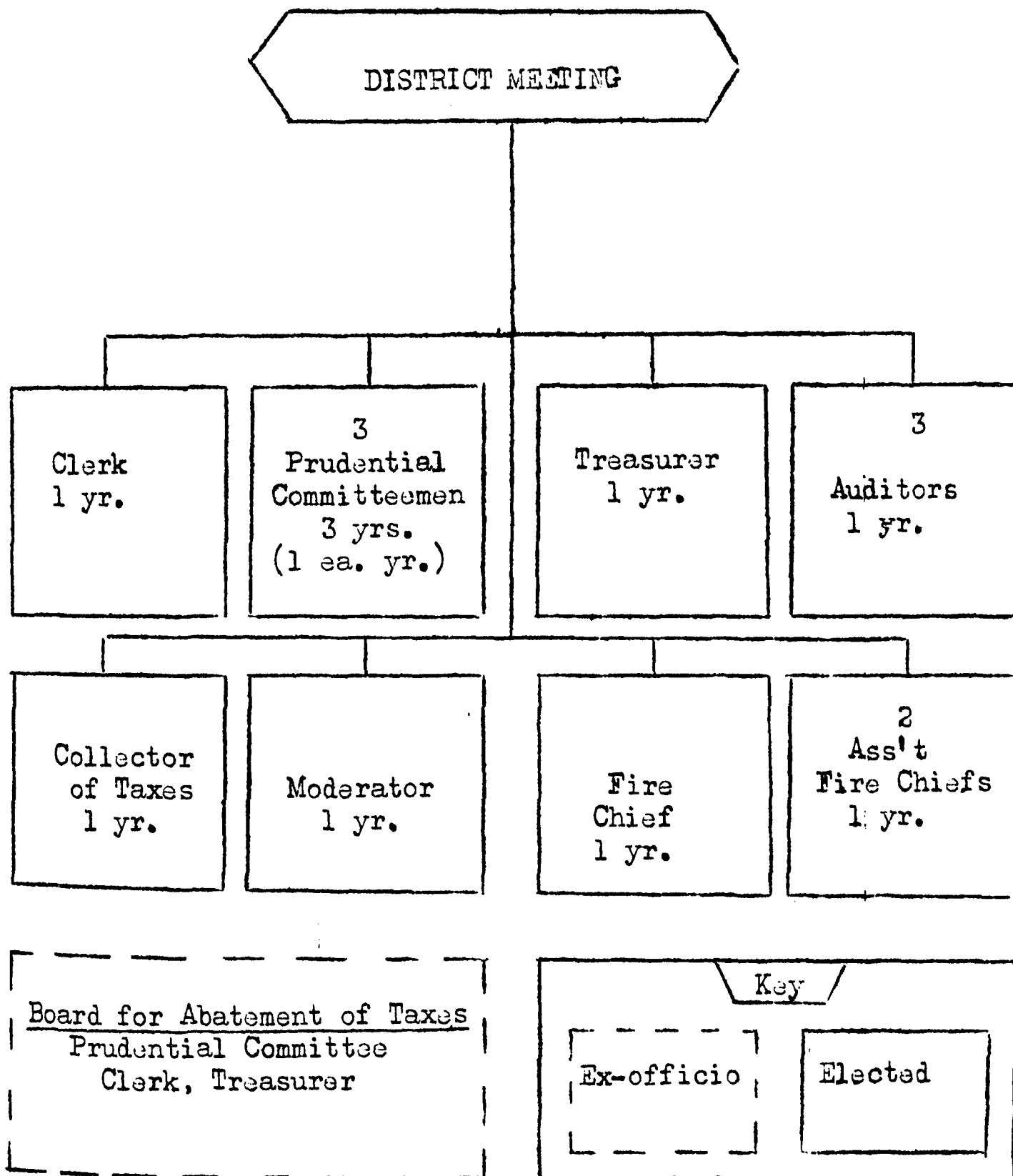
Some fire fighting equipment has been acquired and the fire district organization has charge of the street lighting.

HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All of the records of Fire District No. 2 with the exception of the tax collector's and treasurer's records, are at the residence of the clerk, John W. Reil. His home is located on Depot Street in Hydeville. The tax collector and treasurer, E. A. Angevine, keeps the tax collector's and treasurer's records at his residence, which is also located on Depot Street. None of the records are kept in fire proof safes. However there are so few records that they could be easily removed if a fire should occur at either residence.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 4, p. 385, see entry 2.
 2. Fire District No. 2 (Records), p. 2, see entry 85.

CASTLETON FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 - 1940



Clerk; Prudential Committee;
Treasurer

(84-85)

I. CLERK

At a meeting held to discuss the organization of a fire district, one secretary was elected December 17, 1910.¹ On January 2, 1911, when the first meeting of the fire district was held, a clerk was elected for a term of one year,² and this procedure has been followed to date.³

84. (ORGANIZATION OF FIRE DISTRICT), December 17, 1910. In vol. for Fire District No. 2 (Records), entry 85-i.

Record of organization of Fire District No. 2 of Hydeville: petition shows request to selectmen for establishment, list of petitioners, bounds of fire district desired; organization shows description and bounds of district, names of signers-selectmen, and date of record.

For related records, see entry 2-x.

85. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 (Records), 1910--. 1 vol.

Record of warnings and minutes of fire district meetings, 1911--. Warnings show place, date, and time meeting to be held; articles to be acted upon; date of warning; date recorded; and fire district clerk's attest. Minutes show place, date, and time meeting held; election of officers; business transacted; officers' reports; date recorded; and fire district clerk's attest.

Also contains:

i. (Organization of Fire District), December 17, 1910, entry 84. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 201 pp. 14 1/8 x 8 3/4 x 3/4. At residence of John W. Reil, clerk, Hydeville.

II. PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Three members of the prudential committee were elected at the first meeting held January 2, 1911 to serve for a term of one year.⁴ At the meeting held in January 1912, three members were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.⁵ Since 1913 one member has been elected annually to serve for a three year term.⁶ This office keeps no records.

III. TREASURER

A treasurer was elected at the first meeting held January 2, 1911 to serve for a term of one year,⁷ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.⁸

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1. Fire District No. 2 (Records), vol. for 1910--, p. 1, see entry 85.
 2. Ibid., p. 4.
 3. Ibid., passim.
 4. Ibid., p. 4.
 5. Ibid., p. 6.
 6. Ibid., passim.
 7. Ibid., p. 4.
 8. Ibid., passim.

(86-89)

Auditors; Collector
of Taxes; Moderator

86. (TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS), 1911--. 1 vol.
Record of receipts and disbursements. Receipts show date, name of payer, source, and amount. Disbursements show date, name of payee, order number, purpose, and amount. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 152 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. At residence of E. A. Angevine, treasurer, Hydeville.

87. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1911--. 5 vols.
Name of payee; date, number, purpose, and amount of check. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 500 stubs, 9 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. At residence of E. A. Angevine, treasurer, Hydeville.

88. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1911--. 4 bundles.
Checks issued by treasurer, showing name of payee, date, number, and amount of check; signature of treasurer; indorsements and bank cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 4 x 9 x $\frac{1}{4}$. At residence of E. A. Angevine, treasurer, Hydeville.

IV. AUDITORS

Three auditors were elected at the annual meeting held in January 1912 to serve for a term of one year.¹ This procedure has been followed annually from 1913 to date except for the years 1917 and 1935 when no mention was made of an election to this office.² This office keeps no records.

V. COLLECTOR OF TAXES

One collector of taxes was elected at the first meeting held January 2, 1911 to serve for a term of one year,³ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.⁴

89. (TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT), 1937--. 1 vol.
Record of taxes, showing name of taxpayer, amount due, record of payment or abatement; receipts show date and amount received from taxes already paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 300 pp. 18 x 16 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. At residence of E. A. Angevine, tax collector, Hydeville.

VI. MODERATOR

A moderator was elected at the first meeting held January 2, 1911 to serve for a one year term,⁵ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.⁶ This office keeps no records.

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1. Fire District No. 2 (Records), vol. for 1910--, p. 6, see entry 85.
 2. Ibid., passim.
 3. Ibid., p. 4.
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Fire Chief

VII. FIRE CHIEF

One fire chief and two assistants were elected at the first annual meeting held January 2, 1911 for terms of one year,¹ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.² This office keeps no records.

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