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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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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, business men 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 county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire county 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 county, 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 Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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## PREFACE

The Vermont Historical Records Survey sponsored by the Vermont Public Records Commission under the auspices of the Work Projects Administration, Division of Professional and Service Projects, is part of a nation-wide historical records program of which Sargent B. Child is Director.

This Inventory of the Town, Village, and City Archives of Vermont, Town of Clarendon, is part of a series of publications being prepared for each of the towns, villages, and cities in the state. This is the second publication for Rutland County.

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ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

Alph.	. . . . .	alphabetical(ly)
approx.	. . . . .	approximately
arr.	. . . . .	arranged, arrangement
aver.	. . . . .	average
ch.	. . . . .	chapter
chron.	. . . . .	chronological(ly)
co.	. . . . .	company
et seq.	. . . . .	and the following
etc.	. . . . .	and so forth
hdw.	. . . . .	handwritten
ibid.	. . . . .	in the same place
idem.	. . . . .	the same
inc.	. . . . .	incorporated
ms(s).	. . . . .	manuscript(s)
no(s).	. . . . .	number(s)
op. cit.	. . . . .	in the work cited
p., pp.	. . . . .	page(s)
passim	. . . . .	in various passages
sec(s).	. . . . .	section(s)
viz	. . . . .	namely
vol(s).	. . . . .	volume(s)
Vt.	. . . . .	Vermont Reports
yr(s).	. . . . .	year(s)

Symbols

--	. . . . .	to date
x	. . . . .	by, in dimension items
"	. . . . .	inches, following numerals
'	. . . . .	feet, following numerals
:	. . . . .	equivalent to
&	. . . . .	and

Explanatory Notes

This inventory of the archives of the town of Clarendon consists of an inventory of all the records kept by the town officers both current and non-current. Historical and governmental organization sketches of the town have been written; short essays pertaining to the history of each of the officers and other supplementary material as shown in the table of contents have been prepared.

Town Office Sketches

These sketches, written from information secured from the town records, are only brief histories of the officers. The town 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 and eventually the various duties, which have at one time or another been assigned to town officers, will be listed and published.

## Abbreviations, Symbols and Explanatory Notes

### Titles

Titles are shown exactly as found on volumes, file drawers, boxes, or bundles. 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 enclosed in parentheses.

The same theory is applied to sub-entries, which are numbered with roman numerals within an entry. A sub-entry 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 sub-entry 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 enclosed in parentheses. For sub-entries which are not title cross-referenced, we have used the title by which the record is commonly known in Vermont.

### Dates

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 sub-entries 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.

### Labeling

Letters or numbers placed in parentheses directly following the quantity indicate the exact labeling.

### Cross Reference

Title-line and body-of-entry cross-reference to records which are a part of the same series have been used; for references to records which ~~are~~ related in subject matter or type the third-paragraph cross-references have been used. Where no cross-reference is made, it may be assumed that no other records of the same or similar nature were found. References in the office essays are made to reports or records made by that office but in the custody of another.

### 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.

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Conditions

Records are in good condition unless otherwise noted in the inventory.

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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.

Location

Usually the exact location of a record is given in each entry. Where the location is not given in the entry, a general statement on location of records, which may be found in the section title "Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records," preceding the inventory, will give this information.



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### HISTORICAL SKETCH

Clarendon lies in the central part of Rutland County. It is bounded on the north by the towns of Rutland and West Rutland; on the east by Shrewsbury; on the south by Wallingford and Tinmouth; and on the west by Ira. The town now comprises 19,958 acres, although under the terms of the charter of New Hampshire, the grant contained 23,040 acres. A range called West Mountain, runs north and south through the west part of the town. There are also high lands in the extreme northwest and southeast sections. Several streams and rivers, with their ramifications, flow through various sections of the town. The largest is Otter Creek. Running north and south, it practically bisects the town. The loamy soil of the uplands and the rich bottom lands made for and is now suited to the cultivation of grass and grains, and to dairy farming.

Clarendon is, today, an agricultural and dairying community composed of the villages or hamlets of North Clarendon, East Clarendon, Clarendon proper, Clarendon Springs, and Chippenhook, the last two located in the west part of the town.

Clarendon was chartered by Gov. Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire on September 5, 1761 to Col. Josiah Willard and 63 others.<sup>1</sup> This charter was registered by Ira Allen as surveyor general on June 8, 1782 and was the charter under which the town was organized.<sup>2</sup> This territory was claimed by John Henry Lydius of Albany as part of a tract 60 miles long and 24 miles wide along Otter Creek on the allegation that he had purchased it from the Indians in 1732 and had secured a confirmatory grant in 1744 from Gov. William Shirley of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.<sup>3</sup> Gov. Francis Bernard of Massachusetts, in 1765, stated that he believed the document to be a forgery.<sup>4</sup> Acting Gov. Cadwallader Colden of New York brought the matter before his council and a proclamation was issued prohibiting settlement under the alleged grant.<sup>5</sup> The subsequent developments in connection with the territory constitute the most tangled of all the controversies which arose between New Hampshire and New York claimants to lands in what is now Vermont and much of the violence which occurred took place in the town.<sup>6</sup>

Lydius had divided his tract into 35 townships<sup>7</sup> and sold a large number of proprietary rights of 380 acres or 1/60 of each township.<sup>8</sup>

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1. New Hampshire Book of Charters, mss., vol. 2, pp. 165-167.
  2. Surveyor General's Papers, mss., vol. 19, p. 131.
  3. New York Landpapers, vol. 34, pp. 10, 14.
  4. British Public Record Office, C. O. 5/892.
  5. New York Council Minutes, vol. 25, p. 360.
  6. Hiland Hall, History of Vermont, Albany, N. Y., 1868, pp. 164-167.
  7. Vermont Historical Society Proceedings, 1930, pp. 177-181.
  8. Matt Bushnell Jones, Vermont in the Making, Cambridge, 1939, p. 144.

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After the order of the King in Council on July 20, 1764 definitely placed what now is Vermont under the jurisdiction of New York,<sup>1</sup> Elijah Alexander and 23 others petitioned Sir Henry Moore, then Governor of New York, for a patent confirming the New Hampshire charter.<sup>2</sup> The council acted favorably on the petition on December 20, 1766.<sup>3</sup> Due to instructions received about this time from London, the patent never was issued.<sup>4</sup> Ten of the persons signing the petition were grantees under the New Hampshire charter.<sup>5</sup>

That portion of the Lydius tract which most nearly corresponded to Clarendon was called Durham. A group of settlers, headed by Benjamin Spencer, later a justice of the peace under New York, and a notorious Tory, bought titles from Lydius in Durham and moved up from Rhode Island in 1768. They discovered that their titles were spurious. They then got in touch with James Duane, a New York land speculator, who undertook to secure for them a New York Patent. He was to receive 14,225 acres in Durham.<sup>6</sup> The New York patent to Durham was issued by Sir William Tryon, Governor of New York, on January 7, 1772.<sup>7</sup> In order to placate the grantees under the New Hampshire charter who were expropriated, a grant was made by New York to Colonel Willard and others of the township of Meath, about where Fairfield now is.<sup>8</sup>

The issue between the rival claimants was such that Ethan Allen and others of the Green Mountain Boys decided to carry the matter to a conclusion in Clarendon and there was some violence and destruction of property. Several settlers were expelled and others intimidated into buying New Hampshire titles.<sup>9</sup> Allen took measures at this time to protect the settlers against extortion in the matter of titles on the part of Colonel Willard and other New Hampshire proprietors.<sup>10</sup>

Elkanah Cook was the first of the early pioneers to migrate to Clarendon. He came in 1768.<sup>11</sup> During this year he was joined by Randall Rice, Benjamin Johns, Samuel Place, and Elisha Williams. No permanent settlement was made, however, until 1769 when these settlers returned with their families.<sup>12</sup> Of these, Cook, Place, and Williams settled in the north part of town; Rice and Johns near the central part on the east side of Otter Creek. With them came Stephen Arnold

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1. British Public Records Office, C. O. 5/942; C. O. 5/1130.
  2. New York Landpapers, vol. 20, p. 103.
  3. New York Council Minutes, vol. 29, p. 196.
  4. Jones, *op. cit.*, p. 111.
  5. New Hampshire State Papers, vol. XXVI, pp. 101, 102.
  6. Hall, *op. cit.*, p. 169.
  7. *Ibid.*, p. 168.
  8. Jones, *op. cit.*, appendix J; New York Land Patents, vol. 17, p. 5.
  9. Hall, *op. cit.*, pp. 169-174.
  10. *Ibid.*, pp. 175, 176.
  11. Zadock Thompson, History of Vermont, Burlington, 1842, part III, p. 55.
  12. H. P. Smith and W. S. Rann, History of Rutland County, Vermont, Syracuse, N. Y., 1886, p. 554.

to whom had been conveyed 1/60 part of Township No. 7, by his father, a resident of Rhode Island and grantee of Lydius.<sup>1</sup> Other settlers came in 1769. Jacob Marsh and Amos Marsh, brothers, and Daniel Marsh and William Marsh, brothers, and nephews of the former, Whitefield Foster and Oliver Arnold made, in that year a settlement in the six north lots, east of Otter Creek, which were included later in the New York grant of Socialborough.<sup>2</sup> Their settlement was made under the Lydius title and later under the Durham grant of New York.<sup>3</sup> In fact, most of the early settlers who came from Rhode Island and Connecticut had obtained their land rights under the Lydius title.<sup>4</sup>

The proprietors' records now available and designated "Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys of Clarendon, Vt." originated in their entirety in Clarendon. All prior records, under the New Hampshire grant, from 1761 to 1778 are missing from the town archives. The proprietors met for the first time in Clarendon at Widow Potter's Inn on November 4, 1778. At this time William Roberts was elected moderator and Silas Whitney, "Clark".<sup>5</sup> The main concern of the proprietors at this meeting was the procuring of the charter and records from Josiah Willard, named in the grant as moderator of the first meeting.<sup>6</sup> Col. Moses Robinson was elected "keeper of the attested names and plan of Clarendon"<sup>7</sup> and three years later, Simeon Hathaway was paid two pounds, six shillings, and six pence for procuring the charter and copy,<sup>8</sup> neither of which is preserved in the town archives.

In 1779 Elihu Smith, at whose home many of the town meetings were subsequently held, was chosen treasurer and the first tax raised was \$20 on each proprietor's right.<sup>9</sup>

A survey of the town was voted.<sup>10</sup> Divisions were made and drawn by lot.<sup>11</sup> Three divisions of land were drawn in Clarendon. The first division, agreeably to the charter comprised the town plot.<sup>12</sup> Sixty-eight lots of one acre each were laid out around and adjacent to the "common".<sup>13</sup> The second, although in reality, the first division of proprietors' rights, was for 200 acres.<sup>14</sup> The third division was for 80

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1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 1, p. 53, see entry 8.
  2. Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 554.
  3. Ibid., p. 556.
  4. Thompson, op. cit., p. 55.
  5. Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, p. 10, see entry 2.
  6. Ibid., p. 2.
  7. Ibid., p. 11.
  8. Ibid., p. 16.
  9. Ibid., pp. 12, 13.
  10. Ibid., p. 12.
  11. Ibid., p. 21.
  12. Ibid., pp. 3, 4.
  13. Ibid., pp. 14, 20.
  14. Ibid., pp. 11, 20.

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acres of "so much of the third hundred acres adjoining some lot already laid out leaving 80 rods..... for a lot."<sup>1</sup>

The history of proprietors' meetings in Clarendon is a record of adjournments, of disputed surveys, of attempts to settle controversies as to rightful titles to property and to lay out the public lands, "if any vacant lots could be found."<sup>2</sup> The last meeting, held in July 1783, was opened and adjourned without transaction of business.<sup>3</sup>

During the Revolution, Clarendon was one of the frontier towns and the local committees of safety had the power to remove suspected persons from the territory and take over the property. Squatters came in and occupied the abandoned farms, further complicating the question of land titles.<sup>4</sup> With the return of the settlers, the quarrels and disputes were resumed.<sup>5</sup> The question of titles finally was settled under the legal processes of the so called "quieting act."<sup>6</sup>

When the organization of the town was effected and the date of the first meeting of the town for that purpose are unknown. There are evidences of another book, called the "Book of Land Evidences", and hints that the book became "worn out"; that the records of town meetings were kept on loose paper and, in some instances, lost.<sup>7</sup>

At the first town meeting of which the records are extant, held July 7, 1778 at the home of James Edmonds, Thadeus Curtis was elected moderator and Stephen Arnold officiated in the capacity of town clerk.<sup>8</sup> Levi Colvin was first selectman.<sup>9</sup> He is also mentioned elsewhere as constable at this time.<sup>10</sup> No town officers were elected at this meeting.

At the meeting held March 2, 1779 Thomas Sawyer was elected moderator; Stephen Arnold, town clerk; Silas Whitney, Thomas Sawyer,

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1. Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, pp. 14, 15, 20, 21, 274, see entry 2.
  2. Ibid., pp. 10, 11, 28, 39, et seq.
  3. Ibid., p. 279.
  4. Abby Maria Hemenway, Vermont Historical Gazetteer, vol. III, p. 559.
  5. Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, pp. 10 et seq.; Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 30, 38, (in back of book), see entry 3.
  6. William Slade, Jun., Vermont State Papers, Middlebury, 1823, pp. 500-503.
  7. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 1-8, (in back of book), see entry 3.
  8. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 1, (in back of book).
  9. Hamilton Child, Gazetteer and Business Directory of Rutland County, Vt., Syracuse, N. Y., 1881, p. 115.
  10. Leonard Deming, Catalogue of Vermont Officers, Middlebury, 1851, p. 136.

Charles Button, Abraham Salisbury, Ezekial Clark, selectmen; and Ichabod Salisbury, town treasurer.<sup>1</sup> Clarendon had four delegates at the June convention in Windsor in 1777. Benjamin Spencer and Whitefield Foot were elected by the major party, and Joseph Smith and Stephen Place by the minority party. Spencer was one of the delegates signing the proclamation which gave the name Vermont to the new State.<sup>2</sup> He was appointed to the Council of Safety but went over to the British and is said to have died a few weeks later.<sup>3</sup> Abner Lewis was elected representative to the Assembly at a meeting held September 1, 1778.<sup>4</sup>

Most of the settlers were Baptists who early established meeting-houses of that denomination. The influx of settlers of other creeds caused the formation and organization of their several societies and churches.<sup>5</sup>

A Baptist society was organized in Clarendon and the eastern part of Wallingford on February 10, 1780 under Elder Elisha Rich who later, from 1784 to 1786, organized Baptist societies in Pittsford, and East and West Clarendon. There being no church, houses and barns were used by this society until 1800 when, in cooperation with the Congregationalists, a union church was erected.<sup>6</sup> Seventeen members dismissed from this organization in 1798 formed a separate society in Clarendon.

The first church building in Clarendon, a Baptist meeting-house, was erected in 1780 in the eastern section of the town.<sup>7</sup> In 1785 Clarendon joined in the formation of the Vermont Association. In 1786 the East Clarendon society was organized and in 1798 Elder William Harrington was made pastor. Its existence as a church ceased in 1832.

Preaching and other ministerial activities were carried on in West Clarendon for some years previous to 1789 but it was not until that year that Elder Isaac Beals was settled as pastor and the first "settled minister" in town.<sup>8</sup>

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 1, (in back of book), see entry 3.
  2. Vermont Historical Society Collections, Montpelier, 1870, vol. 1, pp. 48-51.
  3. Hall, op. cit., p. 258.
  4. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 1, (in back of book), see entry 3.
  5. Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 567.
  6. Walter Thorpe, History of Wallingford, Rutland, Vt., 1911, pp. 69 et seq.; Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 839.
  7. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 43 et seq., see entry 3.
  8. Thompson, op. cit., p. 55; Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 567.

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In 1798 land was procured in the west part of Clarendon and a Baptist meeting-house erected by subscription.<sup>1</sup> The church disbanded for a time in 1802. Reorganized in 1812, it finally became extinct in 1856.

The Congregational church was organized February 18, 1822 by Rev. Henry Hunter, its first pastor.<sup>2</sup> Prior to the erection of a meeting-house in 1824, in Clarendon proper<sup>3</sup> the Congregationalists worshipped in the old Baptist meeting-house.<sup>4</sup> The church was repaired in 1859 (1860)<sup>5</sup> and in 1874 a permanent parsonage was procured, "being the same occupied by said society for more than 30 years past."<sup>6</sup>

The Universalist society effected an organization in 1835. A brick meeting-house, erected on land deeded to the society in 1837, was located at North Flats.<sup>7</sup> The society did not survive, the church being demolished in 1868.<sup>8</sup>

The Baptist organization was revived in 1871 when a Baptist chapel was erected on land deeded for that purpose.<sup>9</sup> The property was conveyed to the Baptist society of Rutland in 1920.<sup>10</sup> This church is still active although without a regular pastor.<sup>11</sup>

The Union Chapel Association of Clarendon was formed in 1890 and a chapel erected at East Clarendon for union services.<sup>12</sup> It continues under the auspices of the Advent church although activities have been suspended.

While provision was made in the charter for the first settled minister and that provision carried out<sup>13</sup> the "quieting act" of 1785

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 203 et seq., see entry 3.
  2. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 562.
  3. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 9, p. 499, see entry 8.
  4. Annual Report of the Board of Officers, 1940, front cover, see entry 4.
  5. Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 567; Hemenway, op. cit., p. 562.
  6. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 17, p. 371, see entry 8.
  7. Ibid., vol. 12, p. 399; Hemenway, op. cit., p. 562.
  8. Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 568.
  9. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 17, p. 230, see entry 8.
  10. Ibid., vol. 22, p. 251.
  11. Directory of Churches and Religious Organizations in the State of Vermont, Montpelier, 1939, p. 6.
  12. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 20, p. 361, see entry 8.
  13. Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, pp. 1-6, see entry 2; Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 145, see entry 3.

precluded such rights in the settlement of the land controversy<sup>1</sup> and no land was sequestered for that purpose or for other religious uses.<sup>2</sup>

When the first school was erected is unknown. It was in the early years of the settlement, however, for it is definitely established, in road survey references, that there were schoolhouses in 1779.<sup>3</sup> It was not, however, until 1808 that several districts were set out by a committee appointed for that purpose. There were 13 districts of which 6 were in the east and 7 in the west part of the town.<sup>4</sup> They were under the supervision and jurisdiction of school district committees. The town, in 1885, voted against the town system.<sup>5</sup> In 1892 this system, however, became compulsory.<sup>6</sup> The first appraisal of school property thereafter, dated 1894, shows 10 districts and 10 schools, all of which were in use and one of which was located in Wallingford.<sup>7</sup>

In 1893-94 there were eight "legal" schools with an attendance of 194 pupils. Connected with one school was a library of 50 volumes.<sup>8</sup> In 1938-39 the schools had been reduced to six with an enrollment of 148 resident elementary pupils.<sup>9</sup> There being no high school in town, secondary education is provided for in adjacent towns and in Rutland City. Despite the fact that under the charter schools were granted land rights, lots drawn under that right,<sup>10</sup> and a school lot surveyed,<sup>11</sup> they also fell under the consequences of the "quieting act" as did the land for religious uses.

Between the years of 1822 and 1857 a social library was formed which was connected with a young men's debating club. Neither, however, survived.<sup>12</sup> In 1879 the town accepted a gift of \$200, the interest thereon to be used for "prizes" and a "library for school children and the town".<sup>13</sup> There is no record of the money being used for the purposes as set forth. In 1910, however, two traveling

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1. Laws of Vermont, 1785, p. 95.
  2. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 259, 260, see entry 3.
  3. Ibid., vol. 2, pp. 9, 10.
  4. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 199.
  5. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 172.
  6. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 20.
  7. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 18, pp. 224, 225, see entry 3.
  8. Vermont School Reports, 1893-94, pp. 211, 214, 219.
  9. Annual Report of the Board of Officers, 1940, p. 10, see entry 4.
  10. Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, pp. 1-6, 21, see entry 2.
  11. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 143, see entry 3.
  12. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 563.
  13. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 18, p. 135, see entry 3.

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libraries had been established.<sup>1</sup> In 1921 a much larger gift, "\$1000, two book cases and 200 or more volumes of books" was offered to and accepted by the town for the establishment and maintenance of a library.<sup>2</sup> A condition of the gift, that the books could not be "taken out", defeated the purpose of the gift. The money accepted is now listed as "borrowed money"<sup>3</sup> and the books, housed in the town hall, repose in their bookcases, "turned toward the wall". In 1933 the nucleus of a public library, which is located in the town hall, was created when the present town clerk presented to the town her private circulating library established in 1908. Collections are now loaned to five hamlets in Clarendon by the State Library Commission.<sup>4</sup>

The earliest road, in and through Clarendon, was the Crown Point military road. Established in 1760<sup>5</sup> it traversed Clarendon<sup>6</sup> eight years prior to the coming of the first settler.<sup>7</sup>

From 1778 when the town instructed the selectmen "to lay out the roads... and establish the same" through the period of settlement, the town was very active in the matter of roads.<sup>8</sup> In 1779 the town voted "to raise a sum of money to be laid out on the public roads"<sup>9</sup> and in the same year the first road, of record, running from Rutland south line to Wallingford was "laid".<sup>10</sup> It is evident, however, from references, that other roads antedated this period.<sup>11</sup> During the years from 1779 to 1781 intercommunication roads were laid,<sup>12</sup> communication with Srewsbury, Tinnmouth, and Rutland was established<sup>13</sup> and roads to the mills laid out or voted.<sup>14</sup>

In 1804 the connecting portion of a county road, running from Rutland south line through Clarendon, Tinnmouth, Danby, and Dorset<sup>15</sup> and, in 1821, of a "public road" from Windsor County Court House to the Court House at Rutland<sup>16</sup> were laid and established in Clarendon.

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1. Vermont School Report, 1893-94, p. 219; 1910, p. 494.
  2. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 18, p. 496, see entry 3.
  3. Annual Report of the Board of Officers, 1940, p. 3, see entry 4.
  4. The Bulletin, Free Public Library Commission, p. 24.
  5. Walter Hill Crockett, Vermont, The Green Mountain State, New York, 1921, vol. III, pp. 169-171.
  6. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 554.
  7. Vermont Historical Society Proceedings, Montpelier, 1931, vol. II, pp. 184, 185, (map).
  8. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 1, et seq. (in back of book), see entry 3.
  9. Ibid., p. 5, (in back of book).
  10. Ibid., p. 6.
  11. Ibid., p. 9 et seq.
  12. Ibid., pp. 9, 12, 13 et seq.
  13. Ibid., pp. 8, 9, 10, 11, 29 (in back of book) et seq.
  14. Ibid., pp. 9, 15, (in back of book).
  15. Ibid., p. 197.
  16. Ibid., p. 321.

In the eastern section run United States Route No. 7 and State Route No. 103, connecting Rutland and other northern points with Bennington and Bellows Falls respectively along the general line of the old county roads; and in the western part of town runs State Route No. 3, merging with State Route No. 30 at Pawlet.<sup>1</sup>

The two divisions of the Rutland Railroad running through Clarendon were opened for through travel in 1849 and 1852.<sup>2</sup> The town was authorized to assist in the building of this railroad.<sup>3</sup>

The many streams furnished numerous locations suitable for mill sites. Saw and gristmills had been erected and were operating in 1779.<sup>4</sup> The town, by establishing roads, aided this development<sup>5</sup> which was furthered also by the proprietors voting, in 1781, 50 acres as a "site for a mill".<sup>6</sup> By 1790 there were seven or more mills in town.<sup>7</sup>

A tannery and currying establishment was erected in town about 1780 and operated for more than 40 years.<sup>8</sup> In 1795 a similar business was in operation in the north part of town with which was connected a shoemaking shop.<sup>9</sup> There was located in the west part of town, prior to 1817, a blast furnace where stoves were cast and which operated for years.<sup>10</sup> In 1878 a large manufacturing business was started, comprising, in one building, grist, cider, saw and shingle mills, and cheese box and chair stock factories. In 1881 two cheese factories were doing a large business which lasted for some years.<sup>11</sup>

As early as 1793 or 1794 mineral springs,<sup>12</sup> located at Clarendon Springs, in the west part of town, became widely known for their

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1. Annual Report of Board of Officers, 1939, see entry 4; Highway Map of the State of Vermont, 1939.
  2. Child, op. cit., pp. 44, 45.
  3. Laws of Vermont, 1867, special session, No. 1.
  4. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 8 et seq., see entry 3; Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, p. 12, see entry 2.
  5. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 9, 15, et seq., see entry 3.
  6. Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, p. 15, see entry 2.
  7. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 8, 9, 15, 54, 69, 81, (in back of book), see entry 3; Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, pp. 12, 13, 15, see entry 2.
  8. Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 574; Child, op. cit., p. 118.
  9. Ibid., p. 575.
  10. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 274; vol. 10, p. 5, see entry 3; Child, op. cit., p. 121; Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 575.
  11. Child, op. cit., p. 116; Smith and Rann, op. cit., p. 569.
  12. Albert D. Hager, Geology of Vermont, Claremont, N. H., 1861, vol. II, p. 866.

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curative properties. A hotel was erected in 1798.<sup>1</sup> During the height of their popularity there were two hotels, with several cottages and boarding houses for the accomodation of guests.<sup>2</sup> A bottling works was placed in operation, the water bottled and shipped to many outside points. The springs and bottling works, the latter in a poor state of repair, still exist on the property of the Clarendon House but commercialization ceased before the end of the century.

Animal husbandry became an important part of the town's early life. Marks for cattle, sheep and swine were carefully kept and recorded for over 50 years.<sup>3</sup> Sheep raising was carried on very extensively. In 1827 the first merinos in Vermont of Atwood stock were imported and blooded stock raised.<sup>4</sup> In 1840 there were 15,920 sheep in town.<sup>5</sup> The number steadily decreased and in 1932 there were but 297.<sup>6</sup> Cattle were imported and raised. Devon and Shorthorn were popular breeds. In 1840 there were 2,047 head.<sup>7</sup> In 1932, there were 2,137, all dairy cattle, mostly grade.<sup>8</sup> There being no milk plant in town, milk is shipped to stations in adjacent towns. Swine were raised in comparatively large numbers. In 1840 there were 1,015.<sup>9</sup> In 1932 there were but 37.<sup>10</sup> Horses were raised to some extent, some of which were of Hambletonian strain.<sup>11</sup> In 1840 there were 337<sup>12</sup> and in 1932, 258.<sup>13</sup>

Agitation for a division of the town into two townships arose as early as 1790 in town meeting.<sup>14</sup> The same year a petition from part of the inhabitants of the towns of Clarendon and Ira, praying for incorporation as a separate town, was presented to the Assembly.<sup>15</sup> Difficulties arose early with adjacent towns. Attempts were made to clarify the situation and to determine the lines.<sup>16</sup> Litigation was imminent.<sup>17</sup> The proprietors were also greatly concerned over the

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1. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 569.
  2. Smith and Rann, op. cit., pp. 38, 568.
  3. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 104 et seq.; vol. 10, passim.
  4. Child, op. cit., pp. 40, 119.
  5. Thompson, op. cit., p. 56.
  6. Vermont Agricultural Report, 1932, p. 151.
  7. Thompson, op. cit., p. 56.
  8. Vermont Agricultural Report, 1932, p. 151.
  9. Thompson, op. cit., p. 56.
  10. Vermont Agricultural Report, 1932, p. 151.
  11. Child, op. cit., p. 28.
  12. Thompson, op. cit., p. 56.
  13. Vermont Agricultural Report, 1932, p. 151.
  14. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 82, (in back of book), see entry 3.
  15. State Papers of Vermont, vol. III, part iv, pp. 198. 245.
  16. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, pp. 83, 124, (in back of book); vol. 10, pp. 7, 26, see entry 3.
  17. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 123.

boundaries.<sup>1</sup> In 1782 they called on the surveyor general to have the boundaries ascertained and in 1797 prosecution of "trespassers claiming title in Clarendon under other towns" was threatened.<sup>2</sup>

A considerable tract of land on the western side of Clarendon was annexed to the town of Ira by special act of the legislature in 1854.<sup>3</sup>

Prior to the settlement of the southern part of the grant, "land jobbers" took unoccupied lands, surveyed them and had the surveys recorded in the adjacent towns of Wallingford and Tinmouth. Later these lands were sold as parts of these towns.

While it had never assumed jurisdiction over these lands, they were, as a survey showed, originally a part of Clarendon. Due to such failure to exercise its prerogatives and rights, a strip of land across the south side of the town, "from a half mile to a mile or more in width" was lost to the town of Clarendon from what was within its chartered boundaries.<sup>4</sup>

The first cemetery was that of Stephen Arnold, a 1769 settler.<sup>5</sup> In 1786 a public cemetery was established when Elihu Smith deeded to Clarendon about three quarters of an acre.<sup>6</sup> Twenty-one years later, on March 4, 1807, another plot was conveyed "to the People and Society in the West part of Clarendon." Comprising one half acre, it was to be "occupied as a Public Burying ground".<sup>7</sup> In 1865 this cemetery was enlarged, two plots "adjoining" this "old cemetery" being added thereto.<sup>8</sup> In 1864, on petition by residents of the west part of Clarendon, 84 square rods of land, opposite the "old burying ground", were taken by the selectmen and \$100 damages paid therefore. In 1867 John F. Learned was made superintendent of this Chippenhook cemetery, "with authority to convey lots".<sup>9</sup>

In 1877 the town voted a committee to determine the desirability of enlarging the East Clarendon cemetery. Acting on the report, the town voted enlargement<sup>10</sup> and contiguous land was purchased for that

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1. Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, pp. 12, 25, et seq., see entry 2.
  2. Ibid., pp. 37, 39.
  3. Laws of Vermont, 1854, No. 59, see Map on p. 21.
  4. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 571.
  5. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 15, see entry 3.
  6. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 6, p. 27, see entry 8.
  7. Ibid., vol. 7, p. 258.
  8. Ibid., vol. 16, p. 375.
  9. Ibid., vol. 16, pp. 326, 327; Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 10, p. 474, see entry 3.
  10. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 18, p. 106, see entry 3.

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purpose.<sup>1</sup> In 1908 the town voted that the care and supervision of the East Clarendon cemetery be placed under the East Clarendon Cemetery Association,<sup>2</sup> incorporated in 1906.<sup>3</sup> The public cemetery in Clarendon proper and that in Chippenhook are under the management of the selectmen. A Jewish cemetery, established by the Jewish people of Rutland was laid out in 1930 adjacent to the East Clarendon cemetery.<sup>4</sup>

Town meetings, for many years after organization, were held in the homes of various individuals in the east and west parts of town. In 1792 the "meeting-house in the east section" was used,<sup>5</sup> and on the erection of the Baptist church in West Clarendon in 1799<sup>6</sup> town meetings were held there.<sup>7</sup> The question of building a town house came up in 1836 and at intervals after that until 1850, when it was voted to dismantle the old meeting-house and use the timber for that purpose. The town was unable to agree on a site at this time and the timbers were sold.<sup>8</sup> The town house was eventually erected at Clarendon South Flats in 1868 and the first meeting was held there that year.<sup>9</sup> Meetings however, continued to be held in the west section of the town until 1879 when it was voted that all future meetings be held in the "town hall."<sup>10</sup>

The town farm plan was never adopted by the town.<sup>11</sup> In the earlier years the maintenance of the poor was generally raised in the warnings of the meetings. Often a specific sum was voted; at other times the question was dismissed or passed over. Eventually the matter was left in the hands of the selectmen as overseers of poor through whom the town transferred the care of its unfortunate to those who would perform the duty at the lowest price, or "sold" them to the "lowest bidder."<sup>12</sup> In some instances younger children were "apprenticed out".<sup>13</sup> In 1862 Thomas Seward was selected by the town as overseer of poor.<sup>14</sup> Since that time the care of the poor has been under the supervision of some such official.

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1. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 19, pp. 51, 54, see entry 8.
  2. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 18, p. 332, see entry 3.
  3. Laws of Vermont, 1906, No. 367.
  4. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 25, p. 279, see entry 8.
  5. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 91, (in back of book), see entry 3.
  6. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 203.
  7. Ibid., vol. 2, pp. 117, 203.
  8. Ibid., vol. 2, passim.
  9. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 25.
  10. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 135.
  11. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 72.
  12. Ibid., vol. 2, passim.
  13. Ibid., vol. 10, pp. 300, 311.
  14. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 473, passim, see entry 3.

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The population of Clarendon has been as follows: 1790-1478;  
1800-1789; 1810-1797; 1820-1712; 1830-1585; 1840-1549; 1850-1477;  
1860-1237; 1870-1173; 1880-1106; 1890-928; 1900-915; 1910-857;  
1920-826; 1930-833.<sup>1</sup>

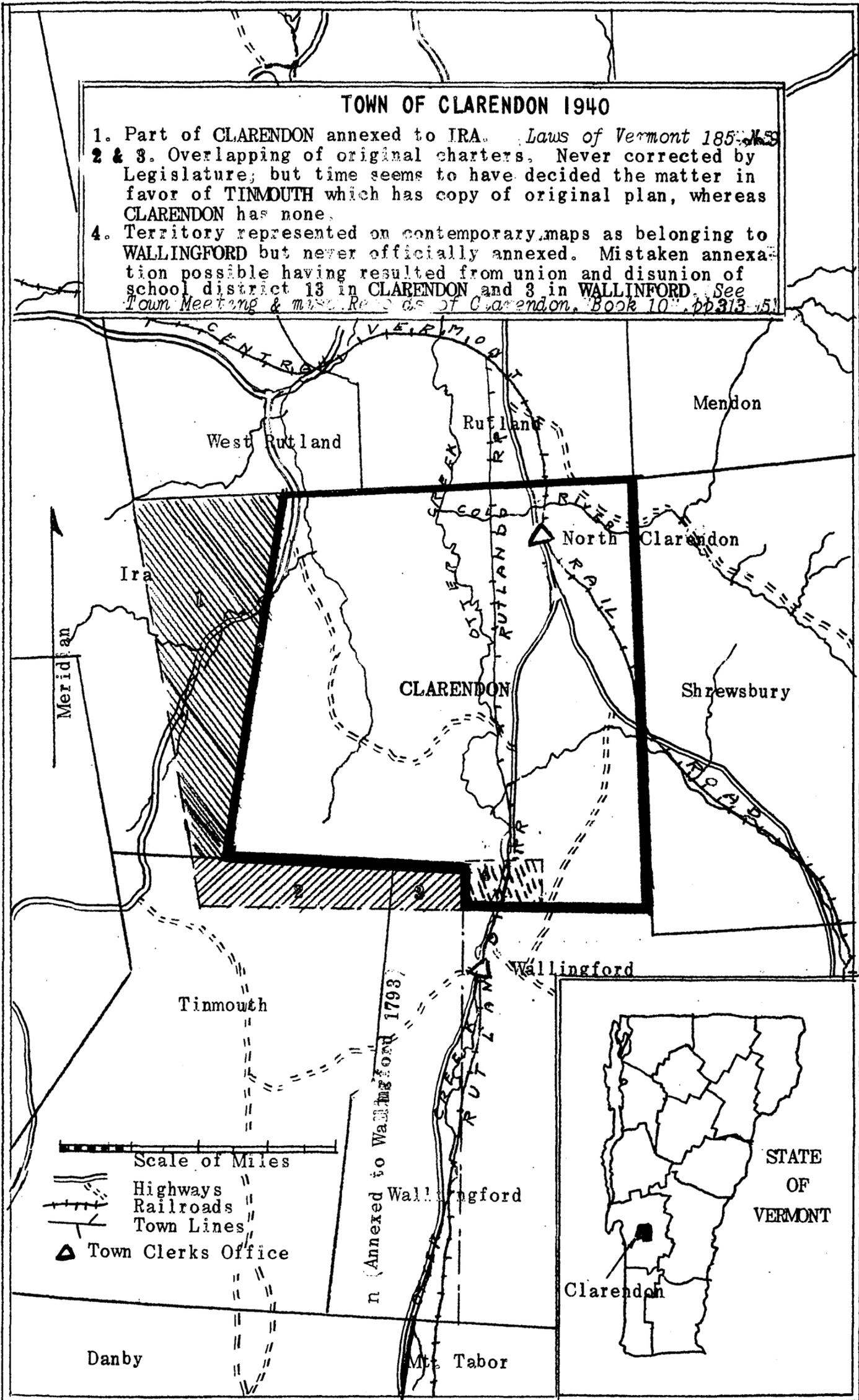
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1. United States Census Report, 1790-1930.



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1. Part of CLARENDON annexed to IRA. *Laws of Vermont 1850, No. 3*
- 2 & 3. Overlapping of original charters. Never corrected by Legislature; but time seems to have decided the matter in favor of TIMMOUTH which has copy of original plan, whereas CLARENDON has none.
4. Territory represented on contemporary maps as belonging to WALLINGFORD but never officially annexed. Mistaken annexation possible having resulted from union and disunion of school district 13 in CLARENDON and 3 in WALLINGFORD. See *Town Meeting & misc. Records of Clarendon, Book 10, pp 313-15*





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### GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The town of Clarendon 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."<sup>1</sup> Claims were made to this territory under two New York patents but no political organization was effected under either the New Hampshire or the New York jurisdiction.

Settlement of the territory was delayed first by the French and Indian wars and later by the conflict between New Hampshire and New York titles. It was not until the formation of the State of Vermont that a town organization was effected although efforts of later proprietors to secure the early records show that an organization of the original proprietors took place.<sup>2</sup>

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. This body did not complete its functions until 1783, four years after a political organization has been made. Records of the proprietary organization from 1778 to 1783 are preserved in the office of the town clerk.<sup>3</sup>

The town was organized at a town meeting, held on March 2, 1779, the following officers being elected: town clerk, selectmen, listers, treasurer, tax collector, highway surveyors, later called road commissioners, moderator, constable, grand jurors, fence viewers, poundkeeper, sealer of weights and measures, inspector of leather, tythingmen, haywards, brander of horses, and deer reeves.<sup>4</sup> These elections were pursuant to the Constitution of 1777 and the act of February 1779 regulating the choice of town officers.<sup>5</sup> The Constitutions of 1786 and of 1793 and the articles of amendment made no change in the framework of the town government. Officers other than those elected when the town was organized who have been elected or appointed since 1779 are: committee to settle with town officers, later called auditors, and overseer of poor in 1800,<sup>6</sup> school committee, called school directors after 1892, in 1828,<sup>7</sup> trustees of public money in 1836,<sup>8</sup> town

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1. New Hampshire Book of Charters, mss., vol. 2, pp. 165-167.
  2. Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, p. 2, see entry 2.
  3. Ibid., passim.
  4. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 3, see entry 3.
  5. William Slade, Jun., Vermont State Papers, Middlebury, 1823, pp. 240 et seq.; pp. 357, 358.
  6. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 120, see entry 3.
  7. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 199.
  8. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 85.

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agent in 1847,<sup>1</sup> liquor agents in 1854,<sup>2</sup> cemetery commissioners in 1867,<sup>3</sup> inspector of lumber, shingles, and wood in 1870,<sup>4</sup> weigher of coal in 1912,<sup>5</sup> and tree warden in 1915.<sup>6</sup> In addition to the above mentioned officers, special committees have been selected at various times for special functions as temporarily required.

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 shall take such bond of its officers as required by statute, for the faithful performance of their duties in such amount as it may deem necessary. The selectmen shall 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.<sup>7</sup> 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.

The school district was set up by the State for the proper education of youth.<sup>8</sup> The towns were charged with the duty of fixing and altering the geographic limits of the districts and of determining their number.<sup>9</sup> This was done in Clarendon in 1828 and a committee elected to supervise the schools.<sup>10</sup> They had power to sue and be sued. The school district is in a large measure self governing within the limits prescribed for it.<sup>11</sup> An act of 1870 empowered the

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 10, p. 173, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 326.
  3. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 474.
  4. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 45.
  5. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 387.
  6. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 458.
  7. Constitution of the State of Vermont, Article of Amendment, Article 18.
  8. 68 Vt. 108.
  9. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 199, see entry 3.
  10. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 199.
  11. Laws of Vermont, revised and passed in 1797, Rutland, 1798, ch. LIV.

towns to abolish the district system, if they so desired. Clarendon voted not to do so in 1885.<sup>1</sup> The multiple district system was abolished in 1892.<sup>2</sup> Each town became a single district, unless some district had been incorporated by act of the legislature, by virtue of which it continued to function as a separate entity. The town school district has a separate corporate entity from that of the town, although its annual meetings are held concurrently with the regular or special town meetings, except when the town contains an incorporated school district, in which case it shall be held at such time as the school district determines.<sup>3</sup>

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 movies 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 approvation of the board of civil authority of the town in which he resides.

A male or female citizen, twenty one 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 twenty one 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.<sup>4</sup>

Those who can vote in general elections are: every citizen twenty one 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 three months next preceding such election, in the town which is his residence on the day of such election.<sup>5</sup>

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 18, p. 17, see entry 3.
  2. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 20.
  3. 80 Vt. 16.
  4. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 3422; Laws of Vermont, 1935, No. 28, sec. 6.
  5. 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."<sup>1</sup>

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. Such report shall show a detailed statement of the financial condition of such town and such town school district for the fiscal year ended January 31, together with a comparative statement of the financial condition of such town school district on January 31 of the previous year; a list of all outstanding orders; and such other information as the town shall direct.<sup>2</sup> The State law provides that this report must be available to the voters at least five days before the annual meeting.<sup>3</sup>

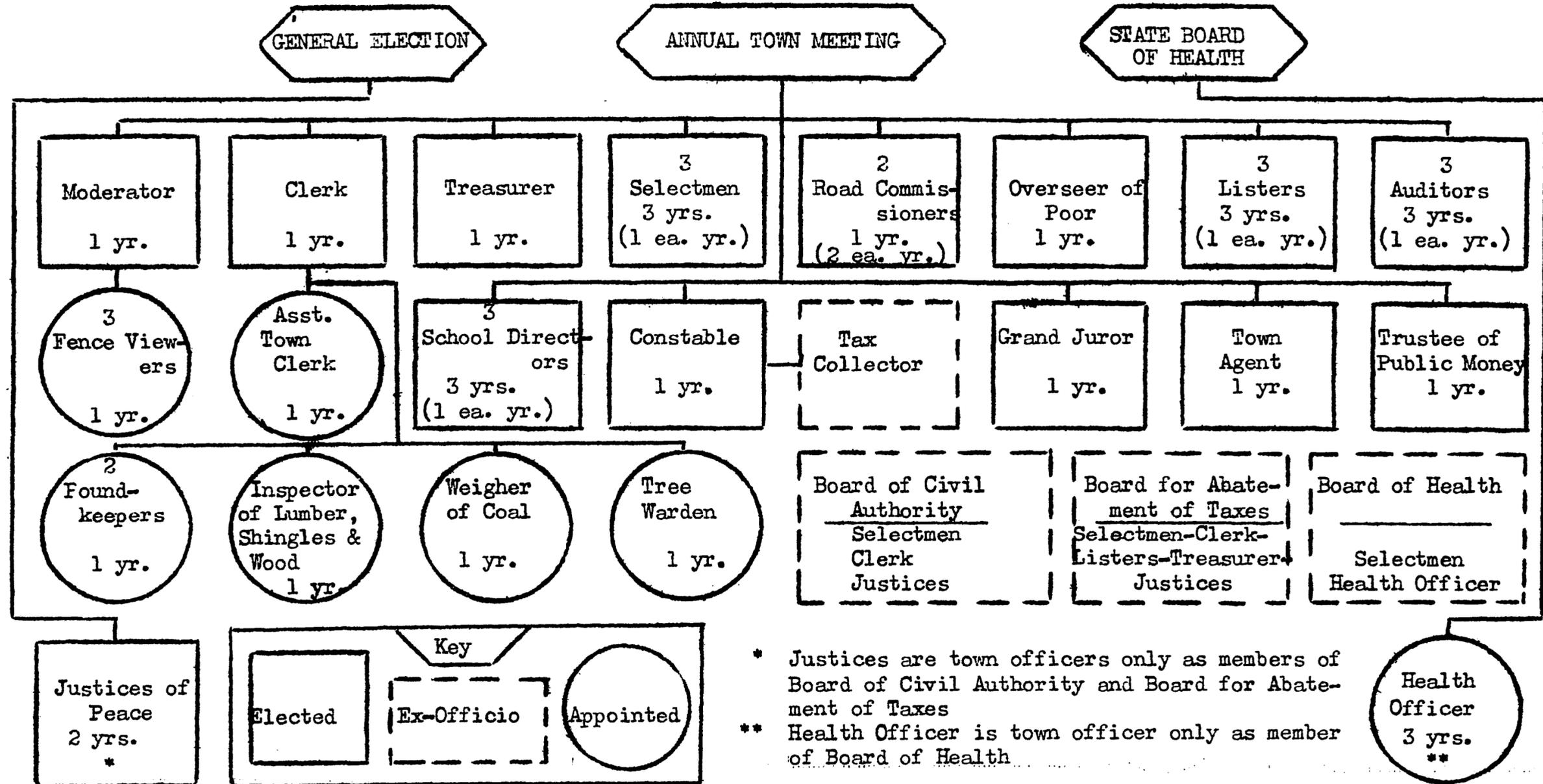
Land records are kept in the town clerk's office; likewise vital statistics, personal property records, and many other instruments which are recorded for permanent record and protection of the inhabitants. From records in the town clerk's office much should be found pertaining to persons who have lived in the town. If he were born, married, or died in Clarendon, 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 twenty one 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 might 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 office and those of the other officers are now to be found in his custody.

Clarendon 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 the need for them arose. Yet, there has been no major change in the Clarendon governmental organization during the past century and a half.

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1. Constitution of the State of Vermont, ch. 2, sec. 34.
  2. Laws of Vermont, 1935, No. 63.
  3. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 3516.

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#### HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All of the records in the inventory of the town of Clarendon except a few of the current records of the treasurer, school directors, overseer of poor and road commissioners are located in the town clerk's office at the home of the town clerk, Mrs. Mary E. Davis.

The house is a one and a one-half story wooden frame building and was built about the year 1800. It is located on the east side of Route No. 7 in that part of Clarendon known as North Clarendon. The living room is used as an office and for the convenience of those who have to inspect the records. It is heated and well lighted by electricity.

Unless otherwise specified in the inventory all records are kept in a fire proof safe, 72" x 44" x 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", located in the hallway. The safe, which was constructed by the Berloy Steel Safe Company, is provided with inner doors as well as the main doors and with a combination locking device. A few of the records are located in a storeroom, approximately 15' x 10' x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' on the second floor of the building.

There is no organized fire department in Clarendon and in case of fire the town may call upon the Rutland City Fire Department for assistance. There is a nominal charge in effect when the City Fire Department is called outside the city limits.

The records are in very good condition. The office is open every day and evening and the town clerk is available at all hours. She is always willing to have the records inspected and has been of great assistance in explaining their purpose.

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TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

I. TOWN CLERK

At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1779 a town clerk was elected to serve for a term of one year.<sup>1</sup> Since that time a clerk has been elected annually for a term of one year.<sup>2</sup> Since 1863 an assistant clerk has been appointed annually by the town clerk.<sup>3</sup> The town clerk is a member of the board for abatement of taxes,<sup>4</sup> and in 1892 this officer was added as a member of the board of civil authority.<sup>5</sup> For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entries 4-ix, and 4-xxvii.

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1. (CHARTER), 1761. In Proprietors' Records and Book of Surveys, entry 2-i.

Copy of charter granted by Province of New Hampshire to proprietors by name, defining boundaries, conditions of grants, setting off of public lands, list of grantees, name of signer-governor, certification of recording in Book of Charters (New Hampshire), date recorded, and attest of proprietor's clerk.

2. PROPRIETORS' RECORDS AND BOOK OF SURVEYS, 1761-1821. 1 vol. Record of warnings and minutes of proprietors' meetings, 1778-83: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, purpose of meeting, date of warning, and name of signer-proprietors' clerk; minutes show place and date meeting held, election of officers and action taken on proprietors' affairs, clerk's attest; occasionally adjournment with place and date of next meeting, and date recorded.

- i. (Charter), 1761, entry 1.
  - ii. (Land Surveys), 1788-1821, entry 12.
  - iii. Proprietors, list of, 1780, showing names of proprietors and numbers of lots drawn in second, third and fourth divisions of land.
  - iv. Town common, plat of, 1780, showing division of lots, lot numbers, boundaries, description, measurements of town plat.
- Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. Condition fair. 390 pp. (230 pp. used).  
10 x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

3. TOWN (Meeting and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1775--. 4 vols. (2, 10, 18, 27). No title, vols. 2, 10, 1775-1868. Record of warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings, 1779--: warnings show place, date, and time meeting to be held:

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 3, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, 27, passim.
  3. Ibid., vols. 10, 18, 27, passim.
  4. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
  5. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 52, sec. 1.

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purpose of meeting, names of signers-selectmen; minutes, show place and date meeting held, election and reports of officers, action taken by town on articles of warning and other town affairs; date recorded; and clerk's attest.

For related warning records, 1882-- see entry 4-xxx; for original warnings for meetings, 1868, 1916, see entry 40-lix.

Also contains miscellaneous recorded items, viz:

- i. Agreements, 1847-1936 scattered dates, showing names of principals, date, consideration, articles, and place of agreement, names of signers-principals and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 10, 18. For original papers, 1898, 1916, 1928, 1936, see entry 40-ii.
- ii. Bills of sale, 1855-60, 1871-78, 1894, 1907, showing place and date of sale, names of vendor and vendee, consideration, description of property, names of signers-vendor and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 10, 18. For original papers, 1884, 1938, see entry 40-iv.
- iii. (Birth Records), 1777-1856 scattered dates, entry 20.
- iv. Boundary survey, 1830, showing date of survey, towns interested, description of survey, names of signers-surveyors and selectmen, attest of notary public, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 10.
- v. Business licenses, 1851-53, showing name of licensee, location and type of business, date issued, term of license, date license expires, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 10. For original papers, 1913, 1920-21, 1936-37, see entry 40-viii.
- vi. Certified teachers, list of, 1876-81, showing place and date of certification, name of teacher, subject qualified to teach, name of signer-superintendent of schools, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 18.
- vii. (Conditional Sales), 1876-78, entry 18.
- viii. Day Book (School District Meetings), 1833, 1838, entry 55.
- ix. (Death Records), 1778-1858 scattered dates, entry 22.
- x. Earmarks, 1777-1843 scattered dates, showing name of owner, description of mark, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 10.
- xi. Estrays, 1784, 1797, 1799-1802, 1804, 1834-63, showing description of stray, date of trespass, request to prove ownership, pay charges and remove, name of signer-subscriber, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 10.
- xii. Fence Record, 1833-94 scattered dates, entry 68.
- xiii. (Freeman's Oath, List of Persons Taking), 1797-1836, 1873--, entry 5.
- xiv. Freeman's meetings, 1778-87, 1799--: record of warnings and minutes of freemen's meeting for primary and general elections of county, state and federal officers: warnings, show place, date, and time meeting to be held, purpose of meeting and name of signer-constable; minutes, show place and date meeting held, list of candidates and tabulation of ballots; date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 10, 18, 27.

- xv. Guardian, appointment of, 1827-67, showing name of ward, name of guardian appointed, judge of court, date of appointment, reason for guardianship, name of signer-guardian and judge, attest of county clerk, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 10.
- xvi. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, 1822-1916 scattered dates, entry 8.
- xvii. (Land Surveys), 1775-1858 scattered dates, entry 12.
- xviii. (Liens), 1877, 1895, entry 17.
- xix. (Marriage Records), 1777-1867 scattered dates, entry 21.
- xx. Military equipment, 1812, 1838, showing stands of arms received for use of infantry in Clarendon, date of receipt, name of brigadier general, number of brigade, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 10.
- xxi. Officers' appointments, 1872-- scattered dates, showing name of office and appointee, date of appointment, term of office, names of signers-appointing officers, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 18, 27. For original papers, 1907-33 scattered dates, see entry 40-xxxvi.
- xxii. Officers' oaths, 1825, 1828, 1832, 1840, 1844--, showing name of officer, date and place oath was taken, office held, oath, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 10, 18, 27.
- xxiii. Officers' resignations, 1939, showing name and address of officer resigning, date and reason for resignation, office vacated, name of signer-officer resigning, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 27. For original papers, 1922, 1925, 1928, see entry 40-xxxvii.
- xxiv. Ordination of minister, 1817, showing name of minister, date of ordination, names of signers-committee and elder, place ordained, denomination, name of parish assigned, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxv. Road mileage, 1938-39, showing number of miles of traveled highways 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; vol. 27. For original papers, 1907, 1910, 1917-20, 1925--, see entry 40-xlii.
- xxvi. (Road Surveys), 1826-57, 1939, entry 43.
- xxvii. Roads discontinued, 1835-56, showing date road discontinued, description of road, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 10. For original papers, 1882, 1920, see entry 40-xliv.
- xxviii. School census, 1828, 1859-63, showing names, ages, sex of scholars, names of parents or guardian; vol. 10. For related records, 1938, see entry 60.
- xxix. School directors' meetings, 1939--, showing date of meeting, election of officers, date recorded, and clerk's attest vol. 27. For related records, 1893-1916, see entry 56.
- xxx. School district, petition to organize, 1828, showing date of

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- petition, reasons for petition, names of petitioners; survey, and description of proposed district, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 10.
- xxxii. School districts, annexation of, 1827, 1853, 1857, showing names and numbers of districts annexed, date of annexation, name of signer-school superintendent, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 10.
- xxxiii. School money, division of, 1873-92, showing date of division, district number, amount to be divided, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 18. For original papers, 1847, 1850-57, see entry 40-1.
- xxxiiii. School property, appraisal of, 1894, showing date of appraisal, district numbers, list of property, amount of appraisal for each district, total appraisal valuation, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 18.
- xxxv. Superintendent of schools, report of, 1877-83, showing information regarding school attendance, cost of maintenance, and recommendations, name of signer-superintendent, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 18. For related records, 1900-1908, 1910-13, 1921-22, 1925-- , see entry 4-xxiii.
- xxxvi. Tax abatements, 1920, 1922, 1938, showing name of taxpayer, amount of tax, date abated, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 18, 27. For original papers, 1921-28, see entry 40-lvi.
- xxxvii. Tax receipts, 1794, showing citation of authority, place of issuance, date and amount paid, purpose of tax, name of taxpayer, name of signer-collector, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxxviii. Teachers' licenses, 1846-49, 1853-54, 1857, showing name of teacher, date of examination, subjects to be examined in, results of examination, license to teach, term of license, name of signer-superintendent of schools, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 10. For original papers, 1847, see entry 40-lvii.
- xxxix. Votes, list of, 1824, showing date and place of election, names of candidates, number of votes received by each, name of signer-first constable, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xl. Warnings to leave town, 1787, 1789, 1802-17, showing place and date issued, instructions to constable, names of persons warned, names of signers-selectmen; constable's report of service of warrant, showing date of service, name of signer-constable, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2.

Chron. entry. Vols. 2, 10, 18, 1775-1938 indexed alph. by type of contents; vol. 27, 1938-- , no index. Hdw. 200-579 pp.  $11\frac{3}{4}$  x 9 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  -  $15\frac{5}{8}$  x  $10\frac{3}{8}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS, 1864-71, 1882-- . 67 vols. and 59 duplicates for 1882-- . Also 51 duplicates for 1873-77, 1894-1921, 1923-- in Vermont State Library at Montpelier. Title varies: Auditors' and Selectmen's Report, 1864-65, 2 vols.; Auditors' Reports, 1866-67, 2 vols.; Town Officers' Reports, 1868-69, 2 vols.; Report of the Select-

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men and Other Officers, 1870-71, 2 vols.; Annual Report, 1 vol.; Annual Report of the Town Officers, 1909-15, 1917, 8 vols.

Contains:

- i. Auditors' reports, showing financial condition of town and a recapitulation of assets and liabilities.
- ii. Bar charts, 1934-- , comparing departmental receipts and expenditures for preceding years.
- iii. Beer licenses, 1937-- , showing name of licensee, date of license, type of license, fee received, total amount received from licenses.
- iv. Births and deaths, returns of, 1882-93: returns made by school district clerk, showing district number, name of district clerk, number of births and deaths, amount of fee for district clerk. For birth records, see entry 20; for death records, see entry 22.
- v. Births, reports of, 1922-- , showing name of child, date of birth, name of father and maiden name of mother. For birth records, see entry 20.
- vi. Cemetery fund, 1893-1911, showing date, balance in treasure, amount received for lots, balance in fund; occasionally names of persons interred in cemetery during year.
- vii. Claims of town officers, 1866-71, 1882-- , showing report of town officers' claims for services rendered, amount claimed, and total amount.
- viii. Deaths, reports of, 1922-- , showing name of deceased, and date of death; 1939-- adds age of deceased. For death records, see entry 22.
- ix. Dog fund account, town clerk's report of, 1882-84, 1886-1917, 1919-23, 1925-- , showing name of payee, damages done to domestic animals, amount paid for damages done by dogs, and total amount paid out.
- x. Health officer's report, 1918-19, 1921-23, showing date of report, services rendered, and amount of fee.
- xi. Highway report, 1887-96, 1899-1924, showing list of orders drawn for labor on state highway.
- xii. Justice court proceedings, 1906, 1908, 1924-- , showing number and kind of cases, amount of fines, expense to town, name of prosecuting officer.
- xiii. Justice of peace, report of, 1908, showing type of case tried, orders, amount paid to town treasurer.
- xiv. List of orders drawn by treasurer, overseer of poor, selectmen, school directors, road commissioners, 1864-71, 1883-84, 1886-96, 1899-- , showing name of payee, date, purpose, number, and amount of order.
- xv. Marriages, reports of, 1922-- , showing date of marriage, names of groom and bride. For marriage records, see entry 21.
- xvi. Miscellaneous items, 1866-70, 1883-84, 1886-88, showing orders drawn on town which in later years are listed in separate reports.

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- xvii. Outstanding orders, 1870--, showing order number, name of payee, amount and total amount.
- xviii. Quadrennial appraisal, 1907--, showing valuation of property for preceding year, name of owner, and number of acres.
- xix. Road commissioners' accounts, 1894--, showing receipts, disbursements and balance.
- xx. School director's reports, 1894-96, 1899--, showing list of orders drawn on town necessary to run schools. For original paper, 1917, see entry 40-xlvii.
- xxi. School fund, 1887-96, 1899-1922, showing name of payee, order number, amount of order, and balance on hand.
- xxii. Summary of town affairs, 1939--, showing grand list for preceding years, tax, cash on hand, delinquent taxes, net indebtedness, decrease of debt, borrowed money, names of persons from whom money was borrowed, amount borrowed, per cent of interest on money, total debt, interest paid on money; amount paid out for poor, road, school and general accounts; wages for road workers, road commissioner, trucks and teachers.
- xxiii. Superintendent of schools, report of, 1900-1908, 1910-13, 1921-22, 1925--, showing number of schools maintained, name of teacher, name of school and kind of certificate issued to each, amount of State Aid received, enrollment of pupils in each school, per cent of attendance, number of visits made by parents, number of pupils repeating grades, number of resident elementary pupils, number of high school pupils, elementary pupils sent to school out of town, out of town elementary pupils attending school in town, total number of resident pupils, name of superintendent. For related records, 1877-83, see entry 3-xxxiv.
- xxiv. Tax account, 1890-93, 1898, 1900-1911, showing grand list, amount of taxes, amount collected, abatements, collection fees, amount due from collector, and total amount of tax received.
- xxv. Tax collector's account, 1894-95, 1897, 1918--, showing taxes due town, amount paid treasurer, balance for collection.
- xvi. Town agent's reports, 1865, 1866, 1892, 1896, 1899-1903, 1908-11, showing report of services rendered, amount received for services, and total amount received.
- xxvii. Town clerk's account, 1918--, showing number of dogs licensed, amount paid treasurer, and amount of fee.
- xxviii. Town officers, list of, 1934--, showing names of officers, and office held by each.
- xxix. Treasurer's report of accounts with various town funds, showing receipts, disbursements, and balance.
- xxx. Warning and notice of town meetings, 1882--, showing date, place and time meeting to be held, articles to be acted on, names of signers-selectmen. For related records, 1779--, see entry 3.

No obvious arr. No index; vol. for 1940 table of contents. Printed. 8-41 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4} \times 1/8$  -  $8\frac{3}{4} \times 6 \times 1/8$ . In storeroom.

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5. (FREEMAN'S OATH, LIST OF PERSONS TAKING), 1914-17. 1 vol. 1797-1836, 1873--, in vols. 2, 10, 18, 27 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-xiv.

Record of freeman's oaths, showing names of persons, date oath was taken; occasionally attest of notary public, date recorded, and clerk's attest. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of person taking oath, and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. 97 pp.  $9\frac{3}{4}$  x  $8 \times \frac{1}{4}$ . At residence of town clerk.

For original papers, 1880-82, 1923, 1929, see entry 40-xxv.

6. (CHECK LISTS OF VOTERS), 1904, 1906, 1932--. 30 sheets.

Alphabetical list of voters with a check mark beside the name of each person casting a ballot. No index. Printed and hdw. on printed forms. 19 x 24. 20 sheets, 1904, 1906, 1932, 1934, in storeroom; 10 sheets, 1934--, at residence of town clerk.

7. TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS, 1899-1935. 1 vol.

Record of town officers' bonds, showing names of principals and sureties, amount, term, date, and conditions of bonds; names of signers-principals, sureties and witnesses; date recorded, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of officer. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For original papers, 1924-31, 1933, 1936-37, see entry 40-lviii.

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8. LAND (and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1761--. 24 vols. (1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-25; one unnumbered; 26). Title varies: Records, 1812-19, 1879-92, 1904-10, vols. 8, 19, 21; Record of Deeds, 1832-1938, vols. 13-18; Deeds, 1890-1904, 1920-27, vols. 20, 24; Land, 1912-20, vol. 23; Mortgage Central Vermont Public Service Corporation to Old Colony Trust Co., vol. 1929; no title, 1761-1811, 1819-39, vols. 1, 3-7, 9, 11, 12. Land Records, 1822-1916 scattered dates also in vol. 18 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-xvi.

Land records: record of deeds, mortgages, assignments, indentures, leases and other instruments affecting transfer of title of real estate, showing name(s) of principal(s), consideration, description of property, date and conditions of instrument, recital of title, names of signers-principal(s) and witness(es), acknowledgment, date and time recorded, and clerk's attest; occasionally marginal notations of discharge of instruments. For original deeds, 1800-- scattered dates, see entry 40-xx.

Also contains miscellaneous recorded items, viz:

- i. (Land Surveys), 1794-1826, entry 12.
- ii. Record of Attachments, Personal Property and Real Estate, 1782-1810, 1813-39, entry 14.
- iii. Record of land tax vendues, 1812-19: tax notice, showing purpose of tax, method and date of payment, 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

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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; list of unredeemed land sold and name of purchaser, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 8. For original papers, 1782, see entry 40-xxx.

iv. (Road Surveys), 1820-25, entry 43.

Chron. entry. Vols. 1, 3-9, 11-15, 19-26, 1761-- , indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee; vols. 16, 17, 1859-79 and vol. for 1929, no index; for separate index to land records, see entry 9. Vols. 1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-21, 23-26, 1761-- , hdw.; vol. 22, 1907-26, hdw. on printed forms and hdw.; vol. for 1929, printed. 198-778 pp.  $12\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$  -  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ .

9. GENERAL INDEX, 1761-- . 1 vol.

General index to vols. 1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-26 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8, showing names of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor, volume and page reference. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 520 pp.  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times 2$ .

10. STEVEN' PLAN OF LOTS, 1927. 2 plans.

Plan of lots, showing lot numbers, names of owners of lots, size of lots, Grange lot, boundaries, and date of plan. L. F. Croft, C. E. and surveyor, North Clarendon, Vt.  $1":50'$ . Blueprint.  $13 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ . In tube in safe.

11. PLAN OF LOTS FOR RANSOM MERRILL, 1939. 1 plan.

Plan showing lot numbers, approx. location of houses, road boundaries, compass bearings, S. G. Young, artist.  $1":20'$ . Blueprint.  $16 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ . In drawer in safe.

12. (LAND SURVEYS), 1775-1858 scattered dates. 1775-1858 scattered dates in vols. 2, 10 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-xvii; 1788-1821 also in Proprietor's Records and Book of Surveys, entry 2-ii; 1794-1826 also in vols. 6-9 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8-i.

Record of land surveys, showing place and date of survey, name of person for whom surveyed, description of boundaries of land surveyed, name of signer-surveyor, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

13. (REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS), 1907-- . 1 vol.

Record of real estate transfers, showing names of grantors and grantees of mortgagors and mortgagees, date deed was filed for record, volume and page reference where deed is recorded, form of deed, consideration named in deed, number of acres and brief description of property transferred. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, mortgagor-mortgagee and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14 \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

14. RECORD OF ATTACHMENTS, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE, 1836-86, 1889-1932. 4 vols. (2-4; one unnumbered). No title; 1836-86, vols. 2-4, 1782-1810, 1813-39 in vols. 3-9, 11, 12 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8-ii. Record of attachments on real estate and personal property, showing names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, name and location of court, ad damnum, summons to defendant to appear, summons of trustee if any, return date of writ, place and date of issuance of writ, name of signer-court, name of person recognized as surety for cost of prosecution, amount of surety, attest of signer-court. Abstract of attachment, 1889-1932, showing date writ was lodged in clerk's office, names of plaintiff and defendant, name, location, and date of court; amount of debt or damages claimed or cause of action together with the officer's return usually recorded in lieu of full attachment. Executions, showing names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant; name, title, and location of court; date judgment was rendered, amount of damages and costs, instructions as to serving officer, final date of return of execution to court, place and date of issuance of writ, name and title of signer-court; officer's return of service of writ of execution, showing name of defendant and plaintiff, place and date service was made, description of property levied on and sold; name of signer-officer serving writ. Vols. 2-4, 1836-86, chron. entry; vol. for 1889-1932 entered alph. under first letter of surname of defendant and chron. thereunder for both abstracts and records. No index. Vols. 2-4, 1836-86, hdw.; vol. for 1889-1932, hdw. on printed forms and hdw. 140-284 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $14 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{7}{8}$ . Vols. 2-4, 1836-86, in storeroom; vol. for 1889-1932 in safe.

For original writs of attachments, 1836-- scattered dates, see entry 15.

15. (ATTACHMENTS), 1836-- scattered dates. 2 envelopes, 2 bundles. Original writs of attachments, showing information as in entry 14, with original signatures and date of filing instead of names of signers and date recorded. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed forms. Aver.  $12 \times 10 \times 4$ . 1 envelope, 1 bundle, 1836-- scattered dates, at residence of town clerk; 1 envelope, 1 bundle, 1847-1910 scattered dates, in storeroom.

16. RECORD OF PERSONAL MORTGAGES AND LIENS, 1878--. 8 vols. (1-8). Title varies: Record Personal Mortgages, 1878-91, vol. 1; Record of Personal Mortgages, 1891-1936, vols. 2, 4; Personal Record, 1898-1917, vol. 3; Record, 1917-23, vol. 5. Record of mortgages on personal property, showing names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property; date, consideration and condition of mortgage; names of signers-mortgagor and witnesses, acknowledgment, affidavit and oath of both parties, certification of acknowledgment, date recorded, and clerk's attest. For original papers, 1877-- scattered dates, see entry 40-xv. Also contains:
- i. (Conditional Sales), 1891--, entry 18.
  - ii. (Liens), 1891--, entry 17.

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Chron. entry Vols. 1, 2, 5, 1878-1909, 1917-23, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of mortgagee-mortgagor, mortgagor-mortgagee for mortgages and vendor-vendee, vendee-vendor for conditional sales and liens; vols., 3, 6-8, 1898-1917, 1923--, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of mortgagee-mortgagor for mortgages and vendee-vendor for liens and conditional sales; vol. 4, 1900-36, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of mortgagee-mortgagor, mortgagor-mortgagee. Vols. 1, 3, 5-8, 1878-91, 1898--, hdw., some printed forms pasted in; vols. 2, 4, 1891-1936, hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. 152-503 pp. 14 x 8 x 5/8 - 14 1/4 x 9 1/2 x 1 1/4. Vol. 1, 1878-91, in store-room; vols. 2-8, 1891--, in safe.

17. (LIENS), 1877, 1891--. 1877, 1895 in vol. 18 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-xviii; 1891-- in vols. 2, 3, 5-8 of Record Personal Mortgages and Liens, entry 16-ii.

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

For original papers, 1891--, see entry 40-xxxii.

18. (CONDITIONAL SALES), 1876-78, 1891--. 1876-78, in vol. 18 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-vii; 1891-- in vols. 2, 3, 5-8 of Record Personal Mortgages and Liens, entry 16-i.

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

For original papers, 1910-38 scattered dates, see entry 40-xvii.

19. STALLION RECORD, 1910-20, 1932-34. 1 vol.

Record of stallion certificates, showing date of certificate, name of signer-owner; name, age, size, color, weight and pedigree of stallion; name of breeder, date recorded, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 x 1/4.

For original paper, 1934, see entry 40-li.

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20. (BIRTH RECORDS), 1777-1856 scattered dates. In vol. 2, 10 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-iii.

Family records of births, showing names of parents, date of birth, name of child, sex, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For related records, 1857--, see entries 4-iv, 23-i, 24-i, and 25; for birth certificates, 1903-39, see entry 27; for birth reports, 1922--, see entry 4-v.

21. (MARRIAGE RECORDS), 1777-1867 scattered dates. In vols. 2, 10 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-xix.

Record of marriages, showing place and date of marriage, names of groom and bride, name of officiating officer, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For related records, 1857--, see entries 23-iii, 29 and 30; for marriage certificates, 1902-39, see entry 32; for marriage reports, 1922--, see entry 4-xv.

22. (DEATH RECORDS), 1778-1858 scattered dates. In vols. 2, 10, of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-ix. Family records of deaths, showing name of deceased, names of parents, date of death, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For related records, 1857--, see entries 4-iv, 23-ii, 24-ii, and 33; for death certificates, 1903-39 see entry 34; for death reports, see 1922--, see entry 4-viii.

23. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1857-96. 1 vol. (2).

Contains:

- i. Births, showing number of record; name, sex and condition of child; names and residences of parents, date and place of birth of child, birthplaces of parents, and occupation of father. For related records, 1777-1856 scattered dates, see entry 20.
- ii. Deaths, showing number of record, date of death; name, age, and sex of deceased, disease or cause of death, place of death, occupation of male if over 15 years of age, place of birth, and names of parents. For related records, 1778-1858 scattered dates, see entry 22.
- iii. Marriages, 1868-96, showing number of record, date of marriage, names and residences of groom and bride, occupation of groom, age and place of birth of groom and bride, names of parents, number of marriage, name and title of officiating person. For related records, 1777-1867 scattered dates, see entry 21; for original papers, 1852-56, see entry 40-xviii.

Chron. entry. For index to births and deaths, see entry 26; to marriages, see entry 31. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 250 pp.  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{4} \times 1$ .

24. RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1857-67. 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. Births, showing information as in entry 23-i.
- ii. Deaths, showing information as in entry 23-ii.

Chron. entry. For index, see entry 26. Hdw. on printed forms. 120 pp.  $13\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

25. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1897--. 2 vols.

Record of births, showing information as in entry 23-i, adding race or color, name of medical attendant, and date of record. Chron. entry. For partial index, see entry 26. Hdw. on printed forms. 80 pp.  $14\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{7}{8} \times 3/8$ .

26. INDEX OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS, 1857-1905. 1 vol.

Index serving births in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 23-i; Record of Births and Deaths, entry 24-i; a portion of births in Record of Births, entry 25; and a portion in Birth Certificates, entry

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27; deaths in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 23-ii; Record of Births and Deaths, entry 24-ii; a portion of deaths in Record of Deaths, entry 33; and a portion in Death Certificates, entry 34; showing name of child or deceased, volume and page reference, date of birth or death. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of child or deceased and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 50 pp. 14 x 9 x 3/8.

27. BIRTH CERTIFICATES, 1903-39. 4 vols. No title, vols. 1903-7, 1913-29. 1940-- in (Vital Statistics) entry 28-i.

Original birth certificates, showing record number, county, town, name, sex and color of child, number of child of mother, date and place of birth; maiden name, birthplace, age and residence of mother, full name, birthplace, age and occupation of father, condition of child as to live or still birth, and cause if latter, certification of informant and full name of parent; 1921-- adds information as to multiple birth and number in order of such birth, number of children of mother now living, occupation of mother, color of parents, statement of legitimacy, certificate of attending physician or midwife; 1930-- adds name of institution if child was born in such, premature or full term, detailed information concerning the occupation of parents, number and period of gestation of stillborn of mother; certification of out of town births of children of resident parents included. Chron. entry. For partial index, see entry 26. Vols. for 1903-12 indexed alph. under first letter of surname of child; no index for vols. for 1913-29, 1907, 1911, 1920, 1929-39. Hdw. on printed forms. 87-250 certificates, 174-500 pp. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 8 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 8 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 1.

For birth records, see entry 20. For other certificates, 1898-1902, see entry 40-v.

28. (VITAL STATISTICS), 1940--. 1 bundle.

Contains:

- i. Birth Certificates, entry 27.
- ii. Burial Permits, entry 35.
- iii. Death Certificates, entry 34.
- iv. Marriage Certificates, entry 32.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed forms. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . In drawer in cabinet.

29. (RECORD OF MARRIAGES), 1857-1909. 4 vols.

Record of marriages, showing information as in entry 23-iii. Chron. entry. For partial index, see entry 31. Hdw. on printed forms. 50 pp. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

30. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1882--. 2 vols. (5; one unnumbered).

Record of marriages, showing information as in entry 23-iii. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom. Hdw. on printed forms. 140 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For original papers, 1890-1903, see entry 40-xxxiv.

31. INDEX OF MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1857-1904. 1 vol.

Index serving marriages in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 23-iii and a portion of marriages in (Record of Marriages), entry 29, showing names of groom-bride, bride-groom, date of marriage,

volume and page reference. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

32. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, 1902-39. 4 vols. Title varies; Marriage Licenses, 1908-12, 1 vol.; no title, 1902-7, 1913-29, 2 vols. 1940-- in (Vital Statistics), entry 28-iv.

Original marriage certificates, showing date of marriage, name, residence at time of marriage, age, birthplace, color, divorced status, and number of marriage of groom and of bride; names and birthplaces of parents, occupation of groom, name and title of officiating person, date of application for license, clerk's attest; clerk's certification of place and date of application and filing of copy; certification of performing official, showing names of groom and bride, place and date of marriage, residence, signature and title of performing official, date received for record and signature of clerk; 1905-- adds oath of bride or groom as to truth of statement in application. Consent to marriage of minor includes place, date, names of bride and groom, signatures of father, mother or guardian and witnesses. Chron. entry. Vols. for 1902-12 indexed alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom; vols. for 1913-39, no index. Hdw. and typed on printed forms. 28-100 certificates, 56-200 pp.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{3}{4}$  -  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$ .

For stubs of licenses, 1929--, see entry 40-xxxv; for marriage records, see entry 21.

33. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1897--. 2 vols.

Record of deaths, showing information as in entry 23-ii, adding date of record, marital status, race or color, name of medical attendant. Chron. entry. No index. For partial index, see entry 26. Hdw. under printed headings. 80 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{8}$ .

34. DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1903-39. 4 vols. No title, 1903-7, 1913-29, 2 vols. 1940-- in (Vital Statistics), entry 28-iii.

Original certificates, showing date and place of death, name, age, disease or cause of death, sex and condition, occupation of male if over 15 years of age, marital status, race or color, date of birth, and name of spouse of deceased; names and birthplaces of parents; name of medical attendant, date recorded; special information for hospitals, institutions, transients or non-transients as to former or usual residence, length of time at place of death, name of hospital or institution; place and date of burial, name and address of undertaker, certification of cause of death; duration of illness and where contracted, period of attendance by physician, date and time last seen alive, signature(s) of physician and/or of health officer and/or name and address of informant, date filed; after 1927 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

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occupation of deceased. Chron. entry. Vols. for 1903-12 indexed alph. under first letter of surname of deceased; vols. for 1913-39, no index. For partial index, see entry 26. Hdw. and typed on printed forms. 70-200 certificates, 140-400 pp.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ .

For death records, see entry 22. For prior certificates, 1898-1902, see entry 40-xix.

35. BURIAL PERMITS, 1903-39. 4 vols. Title varies: Permits for Burial and Removal, 1908-12, 1 vol. No title, 1903-7, 1913-29, 2 vols. 1940-- in (Vital Statistics), entry 28-ii. Original burial, entombment or removal permits, showing to whom issued, date of issuance, date and place of death, name and age of deceased, disease or cause of death, name of medical attendant, proposed place, date and manner of burial entombment or removal, name and address of undertaker; authorization of town clerk and 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, and name of signer-town clerk. Chron. entry. Vols. for 1903-12, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of deceased; vols. for 1913-39, no index. Hdw. and typed on printed forms. 72-250 permits, 144-500 pp.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ . For other permits, 1898, 1903, 1907-8, 1932--, see entry 40-xxxviii.

36. CEMETERY RECORDS, 1709-1872 scattered dates. 1 vol. Record of gravestone inscriptions, showing name, age, date of birth of deceased, names of parents, name of husband or wife if married, date of death, name of cemetery lot, remarks and attest of town clerk. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of deceased. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of deceased. Hdw. on printed forms. 316 pp.  $11 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ .

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37. (DOG LICENSE STUBS), 1900-1918, 1920--. 24 vols. Stubs of dog licenses, 1900-1918, 1920-34, showing license number, name of owner; size, age, color, breed, sex, and name of dog; amount of fee, period of license, place and date issued, signature of town clerk; after 1934 carbon copies of licenses are kept. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of owner. Hdw. on printed forms. 200 stubs, 200 pp.; 75 pp., 300 carbon copies,  $4 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$  -  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times 6$ . 17 vols., 1900-1918, 1920-34, in storeroom; 7 vols., 1934--, at residence of town clerk.

38. RECORD OF ANIMAL BOUNTY CERTIFICATES, 1899-1904, 1911. 1 vol. Record of animal bounty certificates, showing date of certificate, name of payee, number and kind of animal, amount of bounty paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp.  $12 \frac{1}{8} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ .

39. ENROLLED MILITIA, 1863. 1 vol. Record of enlistments, showing year, name, age, and occupation of person enrolled; remarks, names of signers-selectmen. Entered alph. under first letter of soldier's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on printed forms. 105 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . In storeroom

For related records, 1848-55, 1860-66, see entry 40-xxii.

Miscellaneous Records

40. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1773--. 19 bundles.  
Original unbound miscellaneous papers filed in town clerk's office:
- i. Abstract of grand lists, 1919, showing information as in entry 47.
  - ii. Agreements, 1898, 1916, 1928, 1936, showing information as in entry 3-i.
  - iii. Assignment of wages, 1925, 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.
  - iv. Bills of sale, 1884, 1938, showing information as in entry 3-ii.
  - v. Birth certificates, 1898-1902, showing information as in entry 27.
  - vi. Board of civil authority meetings, 1912, 1918, 1926, minutes showing date meeting held, list of persons taking freeman's oaths, check list revisions, occasional appointment of election officials, signature of clerk of board, date and attest of town clerk.
  - vii. Burial ground, petition for, 1860, showing place and date of petition, recital of petition, and signatures of petitioners.
  - viii. Business licenses, 1913, 1920-21, 1936-37, showing information as in entry 3-v.
  - ix. Canceled treasurer's checks, 1916, showing name of payee, date and amount of check, name of bank, and signature of treasurer.
  - x. Cattle census, 1935--, showing record of cattle with owner's name; breed, age, sex, and condition of cattle, whether registered or not, signatures of listers.
  - xi. Census of maple sugar crop and domestic animals, 1912, showing number of maple trees available and not tapped; number of pounds of sugar made, number of gallons of syrup made; number of horses, milch cows, oxen, other neat stock, swine, sheep; acres tillage, pasture, forest or woodland; signatures of census takers.
  - xii. Census returns, 1930, showing names and ages of each person, number of persons in each district.
  - xiii. Certification for nomination, 1914, showing place and date issued, name of party and candidate, name of office, signature of presiding officer of caucus, and notary public.
  - xiv. Certification of votes cast, 1884, 1912-34, showing names of officers elected, and number of votes cast for each candidate.
  - xv. Chattel mortgages, 1877-- scattered dates, showing information as in entry 16.
  - xvi. Clarendon public library, 1933, record of opening of library, showing place and date of opening, attest of town clerk.
  - xvii. Conditional sale contracts, 1910-38 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 18.

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- xviii. Copy of marriage record, 1852-56, showing information as in entry 23-iii.
- xix. Death certificates, 1898-1902, showing information as in entry 34.
- xx. Deeds, 1800-- scattered dates, showing information as in entry 8.
- xxi. Dog lists, 1887-89, showing name of owner; breed, age, description, and name of dog.
- xxii. Enrollment of militia for town, 1848-55, 1860-66, showing names of enrolled men and signatures of listers. For related record, 1863, see entry 39.
- xxiii. Fence viewers' decisions, 1868, 1881-82, showing information as in entry 68.
- xxiv. Foreclosure of mortgages, 1930, 1934, 1937-38, abstract showing name(s) of principal(s), list and description of property, conditions and date of foreclosure; notice of sale, showing date and place of sale; summary of sale, showing list of articles sold, name of purchaser and amount paid, total receipts of sale, balance statement, date recorded, clerk's and officer's attest.
- xxv. Freeman's oaths, 1880-82, 1923, 1929, showing information as in entry 5.
- xxvi. Guardian, petitions for, 1856, 1873, showing names of principals, date and reason for petition, request for guardianship, and signature of overseer of poor.
- xxvii. Highway petitions, 1920, 1924-25, 1928, 1936, showing names of petitioners, date of petition, recital of petition, signatures of selectmen receiving petition, date recorded, and clerk's attest.
- xxviii. Green Mt. Marble Co., Issuance of capital stock, and articles of association, 1927-28, showing name of concern, date and place of issue, amount of capital, recital of articles of association, description of property, purpose of issuing, signature of officers, signature of secretary of state.
- xxix. Justices of peace, list of, 1903, 1912, 1919, 1921, 1930, showing term of office, name of town and county in which office is held, names of justices, date of qualification; certification, showing place certified, date of certification, signature of county clerk, and town clerk's attest.
- xxx. Land tax vendue, 1782, showing information as in entry 8-iii.
- xxxi. Liens, 1891-- , showing information as in entry 17.
- xxxii. Liquor licenses, applications for, and issuance of, 1936-- , applications for licenses, showing date of last license, if any, date and place of birth or citizenship of applicant, length of residence, premises where liquor is to be sold, signature of applicant and witness, approval and signature of selectmen, and approval stamp of state board of health and liquor control board; copy of license, showing name and residence of licensee, description of premises, date granted, and signature of control commissioners-selectmen.
- xxxiii. List of births, deaths, marriages in school district, 1848-91;

- births, show names, occupations of parents, date of birth, sex; deaths, show date of death, age, cause of death; marriages, show date of marriage, groom's name, bride's maiden name, age of bride and groom, and attest of town clerk.
- xxxiv. Marriage certificates, 1890-1903, showing information as in entry 30.
  - xxxv. Marriage license stubs, 1929-- , showing information as in entry 32.
  - xxxvi. Officers' appointments, 1907-33 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 3-xxi.
  - xxxvii. Officers' resignations, 1922, 1925, 1928, showing information as in entry 3-xxiii.
  - xxxviii. Permits for burial, 1898, 1903, 1907-8, 1932-- , showing information as in entry 35.
  - xxxix. Pole line permits and petitions for, 1928, petition for permit, showing purpose of petition, proposed location of poles, date issued, signatures of petitioners; approval of selectmen, showing date of approval, and signatures of selectmen.
  - xl. Primary election returns, 1918, 1922, 1926-28, 1930-32, 1936, showing names of officers elected, name of office, number of votes received by each candidate, date of election, and clerk's attest.
  - xli. Primary petition for town representative, 1926, showing name and address of candidate, party affiliation, date of petition, names and occupations of signers, and clerk's attest.
  - xl.ii. Road mileage, 1907, 1910, 1917-20, 1925-- , showing information as in entry 3-xxv.
  - xl.iii. Road surveys, 1870-71, 1900, 1916, 1927, showing information as in entry 43.
  - xl. iv. Roads discontinued, 1882, 1920, showing information as in entry 3-xxvii.
  - xl. v. School census, 1847-74 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 55-i.
  - xl. vi. School directors' meeting, 1919, 1933, showing information as in entry 56.
  - xl. vii. School directors, report of, 1917, showing information as in entry 4-xx.
  - xl. viii. School district meetings, 1848-54, 1860-70, showing information as in entry 55.
  - xl. ix. School district taxes, 1884, returns showing date, amount of grand list, rate per dollar and amount of taxes in individual school districts, school district number and signature of school district clerk.
    - l. School money, division of, 1847, 1850-57, showing date of record, amount to be divided, districts and amount apportioned to each, signature of superintendent, number of pupils, and amount of apportionment. For related records, 1873-92, see entry 3-xxxii.
    - li. Stallion certificate 1934, showing information as in entry 19.
    - lii. Statement of taxes assessed, 1910-11, 1913-18, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1927-28, showing record of taxes assessed, name of taxpayer, division of tax for town, highway and school, total

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- tax, discount, and amount due.
- liii. State work, 1911, showing names of town, and county, commissioners, date, names of workers, hours worked, number of days worked, rate per hour, and total amount.
  - liv. Statistical report of schools, 1924, 1933, report by superintendent of schools to State Department of Education from each of the school districts, showing attendance by schools, student progress, promotion record, health services, school tax, valuations and assessments, receipts and disbursements, list of students whose tuition outside of town is paid by town, notarized signatures of school directors and superintendent.
  - lv. Summarization blank of military draft, 1917, showing names of citizens and declarants from countries with which United States is not at war, names and ages of enlisted men, officers, white or colored, disabled persons, dependent relatives, occupational exemptions, aliens, alien enemies, total number of available men, name of signer-registrar.
  - lvi. Taxes abated, 1921-28, showing information as in entry 3-xxxv.
  - lvii. Teacher's license, 1847, showing information as in entry 3-xxxvii.
  - lviii. Town officer's bonds, 1924-31, 1933, 1936-37, showing information as in entry 7.
  - lix. Warnings for town meetings, 1868, 1916, showing information as in entry 3.
- Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms and typed. 13 x 5 x 1 7/8 - 8 x 6 5/8 x 1/2. In storeroom.

## II. SELECTMEN

Five selectmen were elected at the town meeting held March 2, 1779 to serve for a term of one year.<sup>1</sup> This procedure was followed until 1909 and during this period the number elected varied from three to five.<sup>2</sup> In 1909 at the annual town meeting held March 2nd, one selectman was elected to serve for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for three years.<sup>3</sup> Since 1910 one selectman has been elected annually to serve for a term of three years.<sup>4</sup> The selectmen acted as overseers of poor for the years 1841-58, 1860-61, 1872, 1885, 1896, 1916, 1918, and 1925; as town agents for the years 1850, 1852-58, 1860-62, and 1888,<sup>5</sup> and as highway surveyors in 1886.<sup>6</sup> Prior to 1839 the selectmen and the justices of the peace meeting with two or more of the listers abated taxes;<sup>7</sup> and at present

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 3, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, passim.
  3. Ibid., vol. 18, n. 347.
  4. Ibid., vol. 18, passim.
  5. Ibid., vols. 10, 18, passim.
  6. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 174.
  7. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.

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the selectmen are members of the board of civil authority,<sup>1</sup> and the board for abatement of taxes.<sup>2</sup> The selectmen and the health officer constitute the local board of health.<sup>3</sup> For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 4-xiv.

41. (SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS), 1814-46. 1 vol.

Record of selectmen's meetings; minutes, show place and date meeting held, business transacted, election of officers, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

Also contains:

- i. Record of orders, showing name of payee, date, number, purpose and amount of order.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$ . In storeroom.

42. (SELECTMEN'S ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1915-17. 1 vol.

Showing name of payee, date, number, purpose and amount of order.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs, 100 pp.  $3\frac{1}{4}$  x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . In storeroom.

43. (ROAD SURVEYS), 1820-57, 1939. 1820-25 in vol. 9 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8-iv; 1826-57, 1939 in vols. 10, 27 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-xxvi.

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

For original papers, 1870-71; 1900, 1916, 1927, see entry 40-xliii.

### III. LISTERS

At the town meeting held March 2, 1779 three listers were elected to serve for a term of one year.<sup>4</sup> From 1781 to 1909 there were from three to five listers elected annually to serve for a term of one year.<sup>5</sup> There is no record in the town meeting of 1780 of an election of listers. In 1909 the town elected one lister for a term of one year, one for two years and one for three years.<sup>6</sup> Since that time there has been one lister elected annually to serve for a term of three years.<sup>7</sup> Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes,<sup>8</sup> and at present the listers are members of the board for abatement of taxes.<sup>9</sup>

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1. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. xiii, sec. 49.
  2. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
  3. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5278, 5279.
  4. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 3, see entry 3.
  5. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, passim.
  6. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 347.
  7. Ibid., vols. 18, 27, passim.
  8. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
  9. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.

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44. (TAX INVENTORIES), 1934--. 30 bundles.

Name and address of taxpayer, age if over 70 or under 21, name of spouse if married; list description and valuation of real estate and personal property, offsets allowed, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath and signature of taxpayer, certification before listers, date filed with listers, memorandum. Arr. alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer within each year. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 9 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3. In storeroom.

45. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISAL OF THE REAL ESTATE, 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870--. 21 vols. and 13 duplicates for the years 1886-1930, 1938. Title varies: Real Estate Appraisal, 1855, 1 vol.; Quintennial Valuation, 1860, 1 vol.; Quinquennial Valuation, 1865, 1870, 2 vols.; Quadrennial Valuation of the Real Estate, 1874-1910, 10 vols.

Name of owner, description of each parcel of real estate including estimated number of acres if known, appraised valuation, remarks; village, school or fire district, or other municipal division wherein such taxable real estate is located; oath and signature of listers, date and attest of town clerk or justice of peace. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Vol. for 1855, hdw.; vols. for 1860, 1865, 1870--, hdw. under printed headings. 30-100 pp. 17 x 11 x 3/8 - 13 7/8 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Vols. for 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870-1918 in storeroom; vols. for 1922--, in safe.

46. (INDIVIDUAL TAX LISTS), 1842, 1851, 1855-60, 1865-69, 1871-76, 1883-89. 2 vols., 1 folder.

Name of taxpayer, number of polls, amount, number of horses, oxen, cows, young cattle, sheep and valuation of each, number of acres, full value of personal property after deductions of debts; vols., show real estate, livestock, vehicles, miscellaneous, stock in trade, stock in banks, deposits in savings banks in excess of debts owing, total personal property, school district, remarks. Arr. alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Vols., hdw. on printed forms; folder, hdw. 56-150 pp. 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 8 5/8 x 1/16 - 17 x 7 x 3/4. In storeroom.

47. ABSTRACT OF INDIVIDUAL LISTS AND GRAND LISTS, 1842, 1845-46, 1850, 1852--. 90 vols. Title varies: Real Estate Grand List, 1855-59, 1 vol.; Grand List, 1842, 1845-46, 1850, 1852-1910, 63 vols.

Name and address of taxpayer, description of property, real and personal valuation, exemptions, offsets, total assessments, grand list (1% of assessed value), grand list total, division of grand list among school districts, signatures of listers, date and attest of town clerk; 1914--, adds oaths of listers, showing place and date oath was taken, signatures of listers, affidavit; listers' certification of filing, showing certification of duties performed, place and date of certificate, signatures of listers; notice of grievance meetings, showing recital of authority, place, date and time meeting was to be held, purpose of meeting, date of notice, signature of listers; clerk's certificate of filing, showing place, date and time grand list was filed, signature of town clerk. Entered alph. under first letter of owner's surname.

Treasurer

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Vol. for 1855-59, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of owner; vols. for 1842, 1845-46, 1850, 1852--, no index. Vol. for 1855-59, hdw. and hdw. under printed headings; vols. for 1842, 1845-46, 1850, 1852--, hdw. under printed headings. 52-336 pp.  $17 \times 10\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$  -  $21\frac{1}{4} \times 16 \frac{1}{8} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ . 76 vols., 1842, 1845-46, 1850, 1852-1913, 1915-27, in storeroom; 14 vols., 1914, 1928--, in safe.

For original papers, 1913, see entry 40-i.

48. RATABLE FOLLS, 1919. 1 vol.

Name and residence of taxpayer, polls, name or number of district, remarks; certification of oath by listers, showing place, date, recital of oath, names of signers-listers. Arr. alph. under first letter of surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 45 pp.  $15\frac{3}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 3/8$ .

#### IV. TREASURER

At the town meeting held March 2, 1779 the town elected a treasurer<sup>1</sup> and at each annual town meeting since then they have elected one to serve for a term of one year.<sup>2</sup> In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of the board for abatement of taxes.<sup>3</sup> For printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entries 4-xiv and 4-xxix.

49. TOWN TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1917--. 3 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements under departmental headings; receipts, show date of receipt, name of payer, source, and amount received; disbursements, show date of payment, name of payee, purpose and amount paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 240-244 pp.  $16 \times 11 \times 2 - 16\frac{1}{4} \times 11\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ . 1 vol., 1917-27, in storeroom; 2 vols. 1927--, at residence of James C. Perkins, treasurer.

50. (CANCELED ORDERS AND ORDER BOOK STUBS OF TOWN OFFICERS), 1922--. 4 boxes.

Contains:

i. Canceled orders issued by various town officers and paid by the treasurer, showing name of payee, date, number, amount and purpose of order, signature(s) of issuing officer(s), indorsements.

ii. Order book stubs of various town officers, showing name of payee, number, date, purpose and amount of order.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $12 \times 6 \times 4 - 14 \times 10 \times 2$ . At residence of James C. Perkins, treasurer.

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 3, see entry 3.

2. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, 27, passim.

3. Laws of Vermont, 1939, No. 54.

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Trustees of Public Money;  
Auditors

51. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1938--. 1 box.  
Showing name of payee, date, amount and number of check, signature of treasurer, indorsements, bank cancelation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 12 x 8 x 4. At residence of James C. Perkins, treasurer.

52. BANK CHECKS (Stubs), 1938--. 1 vol.  
Name of payee, number, date, purpose and amount of check, deposits and total balance. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 500 stubs, 166 pp.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  x  $13\frac{3}{4}$  x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ . At residence of James C. Perkins, treasurer.

53. (TAX RECORD), 1921--. 1 vol.  
Showing date, name of payor, total amount, amount for state taxes, general or town tax, highway tax, school tax, sundries. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp.  $16$  x  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1$ . At residence of James C. Perkins, treasurer.

#### V. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

Three trustees of public money were elected at a special meeting held Dec. 27, 1836.<sup>1</sup> Three trustees were elected annually from 1838-62.<sup>2</sup> Since 1863 only one such trustee was elected annually.<sup>3</sup> This office kept no records.

#### VI. AUDITORS

The forerunners of the auditors were committees, usually consisting of three persons, elected or appointed to settle and adjust the claims of certain town officers. The first such committee was elected at the annual town meeting held March 10, 1800.<sup>4</sup> This committee was instructed to settle with the overseer of the poor. In 1802 a committee of five was elected to settle with the selectmen,<sup>5</sup> and in 1804 a committee was elected to settle with the treasurer.<sup>6</sup> These committees were elected in 1805-6, 1808, 1810-42.<sup>7</sup> At the annual town meeting held March 7, 1843, three auditors were elected to serve for a term of one year.<sup>8</sup> This procedure continued until 1916.<sup>9</sup> In 1917 the procedure of electing changed and one auditor was elected to serve one year, one for two years, and one for three years.<sup>10</sup> Since 1918 there has been one auditor elected annually

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 10, p. 85, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vol. 10, passim.
  3. Ibid., vols. 10, 18, 27, passim.
  4. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 120, see entry 3.
  5. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 125.
  6. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 129.
  7. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, passim.
  8. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 135.
  9. Ibid., vols. 10, 18, passim.
  10. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 471.

Tax Collector; Board for Abatement  
of Taxes; Board of Civil Authority

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to serve for a term of three years.<sup>1</sup> This office kept no records.  
For printed copy of reports for voters, see entry 4-i.

#### VII. TAX COLLECTOR

The first tax collector was elected at the town meeting held March 2, 1779.<sup>2</sup> One was elected again for the years 1781, 1784, 1786-87, 1789-99, 1808-18, 1824, 1838, 1846-47, 1849-53, 1855-58, 1861-63, 1871, 1881, 1884, 1886-87, 1897, and 1903.<sup>3</sup> At a town meeting held March 2, 1819 it was voted that the constable serve as tax collector.<sup>4</sup> Except for the years in which a tax collector was elected the constable has acted as tax collector.<sup>5</sup> For printed copy of reports for voters, see entry 4-xxv.

54. (DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS), 1939--. 2 vols., 1 bundle. Stubs and carbon copies of tax receipts, showing place and date of receipt, name of taxpayer, amount of grand list, amount of tax on real estate and personal property, poll tax, total tax, discount, flood and old age tax, delinquent tax, penalties, cost due collector, and date paid, signature of tax collector. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Vols., 8 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; bundle, 6 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . 2 vols., 1939--, stubs, at residence of J. Thomas Maddock, constable and tax collector; 1 bundle, 1940--, carbon copies, at town clerk's office.

#### VIII. 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.<sup>6</sup> In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board.<sup>7</sup> During the years 1839 to 1860 the duties of this office were performed by the board of civil authority.<sup>8</sup> Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes.<sup>9</sup> For record of abatements as reported by the tax collector, see entry 3-xxxv; for other abatement records, see entry 40-lvi.

#### IX. 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

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), vols. 18, 27, passim, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.
  3. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, passim.
  4. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 303.
  5. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, 27, passim.
  6. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
  7. Laws of Vermont, 1929, No. 54.
  8. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
  9. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.

in 1839.<sup>1</sup> In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member.<sup>2</sup> Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office.<sup>3</sup> During the years 1839-60 the board of civil authority performed the duties of the board for abatement of taxes.<sup>4</sup> For check lists as revised by this board, see entry 6.

#### X. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

At the annual town meeting held in March 1828, the town elected a committee of seven to superintend the grammar schools.<sup>5</sup> This committee was elected again in the years 1829, 1831-33.<sup>6</sup> The next record was in 1846 when at the annual town meeting held March 3, the town elected a superintendent of common schools.<sup>7</sup> This superintendent was elected annually until 1892 with the exception of the years 1889-90.<sup>8</sup> One school commissioner was elected at the annual town meeting held March 1889.<sup>9</sup> At the annual town meeting held on March 7, 1893 three school directors were elected, one to serve for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years.<sup>10</sup> Since 1894 one school director has been elected annually to serve for a term of three years.<sup>11</sup> For printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entries 4-xiv, 4-xx, and 40-xlvii.

55. DAY BOOK (School District Meetings), 1858-93. 4 vols. No title: vols. for 1858-93, 1873-93, 1881-93. 1833, 1838 in vol. 10 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-viii.

Record of warnings and minutes of school district meetings; six and three (1858-93); eight (1868-93); two (1873-93); and nine (1881-93): warnings, show place, date and time meeting to be held, purpose of meeting, name of signer-district clerk; minutes, show place and time meeting held, officers elected, business transacted, and attest of clerk.

For original papers 1848-54, 1860-70, see entry 40-xlviii.

Also contains:

- i. School census, 1873-79, showing names of heads of families, names of children, number of school district, date and attest of district clerk. For original papers, 1847-74 scattered dates, see entry 40-xlv.

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1. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
  2. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 52, sec. 1.
  3. Statutes of State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
  4. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
  5. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), vol. 10, p. 15, see entry 3.
  6. Ibid., vol. 10, passim.
  7. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 159.
  8. Ibid., vols. 10, 18, passim.
  9. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 188.
  10. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 219.
  11. Ibid., vols. 18, 27, passim.

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ii. School district returns, showing names of heads of families, names of children, number of district, total number of children between the ages of four and twenty, total number of weeks taught, salaries for teachers, amount paid for teachers, board, cost of fuel, furniture and incidentals, certification of district clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 70-288 pp.  $8 \times 6\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . In storeroom.

56. (SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MEETINGS), 1893-1916. 1 vol. Record of school directors' meetings, showing place, date and time meeting to be held, purpose of meeting, name of signer-clerk of board; minutes, show place and date meeting held, business transacted, officers elected, date and attest of clerk. For related records, 1919, 1933, 1939-- , see entries 3-xxix and 40-xlvi.

Also contains:

- i. Cost of schools, 1899, 1905, showing amount paid to teachers, amount for insurance, wood, building fires, charts, books, cleaning school houses, repairs, school supplies, incidentals, services of school directors, total amount of expenses, and clerk's attest.
  - ii. List of teachers, 1902-16, showing location of school, name of teacher, weekly wage, and number of weeks taught.
- Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 153 pp. (62 pp. used)  $9\frac{3}{4} \times 8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . In storeroom.

57. SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1859-- . 856 vols. Questionnaire of teacher, certification of report by teacher, questionnaire of superintendent, certification of report by superintendent visitors' register, memorandum by teacher; daily attendance giving name and age of pupil, grade, number of days of attendance and absence, times tardy and times dismissed; list of transfers and non-resident pupils. Attendance records arr. alph. under first letter of surname of pupils; no obvious arr. for remainder of material. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 pp.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times \frac{1}{4}$ . In storeroom.

58. SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ACCOUNTS, 1916-- . 1 vol. Record of school directors' accounts, showing date, order number, name of payee, teachers' wages and board; amount paid to school directors for services, expenses, repairs, furniture, water, fuel and light, janitor's service, transportation and board, tuition to other towns, and supplies and text books, new buildings, sundries, insurance, name of superintendent. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms, 240 pp.  $16\frac{1}{4} \times 11 \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ . At residence of Mrs. Alice L. Johnson, school director.

59. (SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1893-96, 1902-8, 1912-14, 1937-- . 9 vols. Order book stubs, showing name of payee, number, date, amount and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs, 100 pp.  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \frac{7}{8} \times 1 \frac{1}{8}$  -  $3 \frac{1}{8} \times 3 \times \frac{1}{4}$ . 6 vols., 1893-96, 1902-8, 1912-14, in storeroom; 3 vols., 1937-- , at residence of Mrs. Alice L. Johnson, school director.

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Road Commissioners

60. SCHOOL CENSUS, 1938, 1 sheet.

Name, age and number of pupils, date of census, names of parents, signatures of clerk of school board and superintendent of schools. Arr. alph. under first letter of surname of pupil. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 11 x 9. At residence of Mrs. Alice L. Johnson, school director.

For related records, 1828, 1859-63, see entry 3-xxviii.

XI. ROAD COMMISSIONERS

The first road commissioner was elected at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1893,<sup>1</sup> and one was elected annually until 1904.<sup>2</sup> From 1905 until 1909 two road commissioners were elected annually.<sup>3</sup> In 1910 they returned to the procedure of electing one road commissioner annually,<sup>4</sup> which lasted until 1918.<sup>5</sup> From 1918 to date two road commissioners have been elected annually to serve for a term of one year.<sup>6</sup> From 1779 until 1885 the work of the road commissioners was done by highway surveyors and during these years from one to twenty-one surveyors were elected annually to serve for a term of one year.<sup>7</sup> In 1886 the selectmen acted as highway surveyors.<sup>8</sup> In 1887 the selectmen appointed twenty highway surveyors.<sup>9</sup> From 1888-92 there is no record of election or appointments of either highway surveyors or road commissioners, but this undoubtedly was taken care of by the selectmen. For printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entry 4-xiv and 4-xix.

61. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1907-8, 1912-17. 6 vols.

Name of payee, number, date, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 85 stubs, 85 pp. 11 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$ . 2 vols., 1907-8, 1914-17, in storeroom; 2 vols., 1912-16, at residence of town clerk; 1 vol. 1940--, at residence of Roy Pitts, East Clarendon, Vt.; 1 vol. 1940--, at residence of Claude Pitts, West Clarendon, Vt.

62. (MAPS OF TOWNS OF WALLINGFORD-CLARENDON), 1925. 57 maps.

Maps of towns of Wallingford and Clarendon covering Clarendon Flats Road from Wallingford village northerly 4.8 miles to Pierce's Corner. E. H. Lewis. Keuffel & Esser Co. New York, N. Y. 1":50'. Blueprints. 36 x 12 - 36 x 22. In storeroom.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), vol. 18, p. 219, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vol. 18, passim.
  3. Ibid., vol. 18, passim.
  4. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 361.
  5. Ibid., vol. 18, passim.
  6. Ibid., vols. 18, 27, passim.
  7. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, passim.
  8. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 174.
  9. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 180.

Overseer of Poor; Cemetery Commissioners

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63. BALCH BRIDGE, 1937. 14 plans.

Plans of Balch Bridge, showing specifications and details concerning construction. A. D. Bishop, Bridge Engineer. Vt. Highway Department, Montpelier, Vt. Scale  $\frac{1}{2}":1'$ . Blueprints.  $36\frac{1}{4} \times 22$ . On top of safe.

64. CHIPPENHOOK BRIDGE, 1937. 10 plans.

Showing plan and profile, specifications, details and general notes. A. D. Bishop, Bridge Engineer. Vt. Highway Department, Montpelier, Vt. Blueprints. Scale  $\frac{1}{2}":1'$ .  $36\frac{1}{4} \times 21\frac{3}{4}$ . On top of safe.

XII. OVERSEER OF THE POOR

The first mention of the office of the overseer of the poor was made at the annual town meeting held in March 1800 when a committee of three was elected to settle with the overseer of the poor.<sup>1</sup> A committee was again elected in 1801, 1804-5, 1818-21, 1824, 1827, 1829 and 1840.<sup>2</sup> At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1841 the town voted that the selectmen act as overseers of the poor.<sup>3</sup> This procedure was in effect during the years 1841-58, 1860-61, 1872, 1885, 1896, 1916, 1918 and 1925.<sup>4</sup> The first overseer of the poor was elected at the annual town meeting held March, 1859.<sup>5</sup> One was elected again at the March meeting in 1862 and annually since that time one has been elected to serve a term of one year, except for the years mentioned above when the selectmen acted as overseers.<sup>6</sup> For printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entry 4-xiv.

65. (OVERSEER'S ACCOUNTS), 1933--4. 1 bundle.

Name of family, amount paid, date and purpose of expenditure. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw.  $8 \times 10 \times \frac{1}{4}$ . At residence of Leon B. Chapman, overseer, West Clarendon, Vt.

66. (OVERSEER'S ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1940---. 1 vol.

Name of payee, number, date, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs, 100 pp,  $3\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . At residence of Leon B. Chapman, overseer, West Clarendon, Vt.

XIII. CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

One superintendent of the burying ground was elected at the

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 120, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, passim.
  3. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 115.
  4. Ibid., vols. 10, 18, passim.
  5. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 380.
  6. Ibid., vols. 10, 18, 27, passim.

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Moderator; Constable; Town  
Agent; Grand Jurors

annual town meeting held March 1867.<sup>1</sup> The only other record is an occasional acceptance of the superintendent's report at some of the subsequent town meetings.

67. SPAFFORD CEMETERY, 1934. 1 map.  
Map showing lots in Spafford Cemetery, and owner's names, compass bearings, date. L. F. Croft, C. F. North Clarendon, Vt. Blueprint. 1":10'. 19 x 16. In tube in safe.

#### XIV. MODERATOR

The first moderator was elected at the annual town meeting held March, 1779.<sup>2</sup> Since that time one has been elected at each annual town meeting.<sup>3</sup> This office keeps no records.

#### XV. CONSTABLE

Two constables were elected at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1779.<sup>4</sup> Since that time one or two constables have been elected annually to serve for a term of one year.<sup>5</sup> At a town meeting held March 2, 1819, it was voted that the constable serve as tax collector.<sup>6</sup> Except for the years since for which a tax collector was elected, the constable has served as tax collector.<sup>7</sup> This office keeps no records.

#### XVI. TOWN AGENT

The first town agent was elected at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1847,<sup>8</sup> and since that time one has been elected annually except for the years 1850, 1852-58, 1860-62 and 1888, when the selectmen acted as town agents.<sup>9</sup> For printed copy of reports for voters, see entry 4-xxvi.

#### XVII. GRAND JURORS

Two grand jurors were elected at the town meeting held March 2, 1779.<sup>10</sup> At each annual meeting since that time from one to three

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 10, p. 474, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.
  3. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, 27, passim.
  4. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.
  5. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, 27, passim.
  6. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 303.
  7. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, 27, passim.
  8. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 173.
  9. Ibid., vols. 10, 18, 27, passim.
  10. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.

Fence Viewers; Poundkeepers; Sealer  
of Weights and Measures

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grand jurors have been elected to serve for a term of one year.<sup>1</sup>  
This office keeps no records.

XVIII. FENCE VIEWERS

Two fence viewers were elected at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1779.<sup>2</sup> From that time until 1907 from two to six fence viewers were elected annually to serve for a term of one year,<sup>3</sup> except for the years 1780, 1786-87, 1803, 1817, 1829, 1875, 1879, when there is no record of elections to fill this office. Three fence viewers were appointed annually by the selectmen for one year terms for the years 1908-9, 1912, 1916-29, 1931, 1933-34, 1936 to date.<sup>4</sup>

68. FENCE RECORD, 1897-1921. 1 vol. 1833-95 scattered dates in vols. 10, 18 of Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 3-xii.

Record of fence viewers' decisions, showing names of disputants, location of fence, date of decision, description of line to be kept by each, names of signers-fence viewers, date recorded, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of disputants. Hdw. 200 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{3}{4}$ .

For original papers, 1868, 1881-82, see entry 40-xxiii.

XIX. POUNDKEEPERS

One poundkeeper was elected at the town meeting held March 2, 1779.<sup>5</sup> Since that time from one to three poundkeepers have been elected annually to serve for a term of one year, up to and including the year 1907, with the exception of the years 1780, 1784, 1881.<sup>6</sup> Two or three poundkeepers were appointed annually by the selectmen for one year terms for the following years, 1908-9, 1916-29, 1931, 1933-34, 1936 to date.<sup>7</sup> This office keeps no records.

XX. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The first sealer of weights and measures was elected at the town meeting held on March 2, 1779.<sup>8</sup> One was elected annually for a term of one year until 1897, with the exceptions of the years 1780, 1784, 1806, 1872-74, 1878-96.<sup>9</sup> In 1838 two were elected to fill this office.<sup>10</sup> In the year 1874 the inspector of leather performed the

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vols. 2, 10, 18, 27, passim, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.
  3. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, passim.
  4. Ibid., vol. 18 and vol. for 1938-- , passim.
  5. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.
  6. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, passim.
  7. Ibid., vols. 18, 27, passim.
  8. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.
  9. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, passim.
  10. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 97.

Inspector of Leather; Board of  
Health; Tythingmen; Haywards

duties of this office.<sup>1</sup> The last record of an election was at the annual meeting March 2, 1897.<sup>2</sup> This office kept no records.

XXI. INSPECTOR OF LEATHER

At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1779 one leather sealer was elected for a term of one year.<sup>3</sup> The procedure of electing one or two leather sealers continued until 1907.<sup>4</sup> In 1847 the name of this office was changed to inspector of leather,<sup>5</sup> and in 1874 this office took over the duties of sealer of weights and measures.<sup>6</sup> An inspector of leather was appointed by the selectmen for a one year term for the following years, 1917-19.<sup>7</sup> This office kept no records.

XXII. BOARD OF HEALTH

An act of the legislature in 1892 required the commissioner of the state board of health to appoint<sup>8</sup> a health officer in each town. 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.<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> For printed copy of health officer's report for voters, see entry 4-x.

XXIII. TYTHINGMEN

Two tythingmen were elected at the town meeting held March 2, 1779.<sup>11</sup> From that time until 1839 from one to three tythingmen were elected annually to serve for a term of one year,<sup>12</sup> with the exception of the years 1780 and 1826, when no mention of an election to this office was made. This office went out of existence in 1840 and kept no records.

XXIV. HAYWARDS

Two haywards were elected at the town meeting held March 2, 1779.<sup>13</sup> From 1781 to 1844, when this office went out of existence, from one

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1. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 18, p. 80, passim, see entry 3.
  2. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 258.
  3. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.
  4. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, 18, passim.
  5. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 172.
  6. Ibid., vol. 18, p. 80.
  7. Ibid., vol. 18, passim.
  8. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 92.
  9. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5275, 5279.
  10. Ibid., 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5278, 5279.
  11. Town (Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 2, p. 3, see entry 3.
  12. Ibid., vols. 2, 10, passim.
  13. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 3.

Tree Warden; Liquor Agent;  
Brander of Horses; Deer Reeves

to forty haywards were elected annually to serve for a term of one year, with the exceptions of the years 1784, 1802, 1824, 1829-31, and 1841 which show no record of elections to fill this office.<sup>1</sup> This office kept no records.

#### XXV. TREE WARDEN

One tree warden was elected at the annual town meeting held in March 1915.<sup>2</sup> One was elected annually to serve for a term of one year for the years 1915-21, 1925-26.<sup>3</sup> A tree warden was appointed by the selectmen for one year terms from 1937 to date.<sup>4</sup> This office keeps no records.

#### XXVI. LIQUOR AGENT

Two liquor agents were elected at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1854.<sup>5</sup> The only other year that liquor agents were elected was at the March meeting in 1856, when three were elected.<sup>6</sup> This office kept no records.

#### XXVII. BRANDER OF HORSES

At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1779 a brander of horses was elected to serve for a term of one year.<sup>7</sup> From 1779-87, with the exception of the years 1780 and 1785, from one to three horse branders were elected annually.<sup>8</sup> There is no further record after 1787 of any election to fill this office. This office kept no records.

#### XXVIII. DEER REEVES

Two deer reeves were elected at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1779 to serve for a term of one year.<sup>9</sup> During the years 1781-83 two were elected and then the office ceased to exist.<sup>10</sup> This office kept no records.

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and Wood; Weigher of Coal

XXIX. INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD

An inspector of lumber, shingles and wood was elected for a one year term at the annual town meeting held March 1, 1870.<sup>1</sup> This procedure was carried on for the years 1871, 1882-1907.<sup>2</sup> An inspector was appointed by the selectmen for a one year term for the following years, 1908-9, 1912, 1916-29, 1931, 1933-34, 1936 to date.<sup>3</sup> This office keeps no records.

XXX. WEIGHER OF COAL

One weigher of coal was appointed by the selectmen for a one year term at the annual meeting held March 5, 1912.<sup>4</sup> This procedure was followed during the years, 1920, 1927-29, 1931, 1933-34, 1937 to date.<sup>5</sup> This office keeps no records.

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