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FOREWORD

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

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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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

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

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

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

HOWARD O. HUNTER
Commissioner

PREFACE

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

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

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

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

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

Henry Howard Eddy
State Supervisor
Historical Records Survey

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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
ed.	. . . . .	editor
<u>et al.</u>	. . . . .	<u>et alii</u> , <u>et aliae</u> (and others)
<u>etc.</u>	. . . . .	<u>et cetera</u> (and so forth)
<u>et seq.</u>	. . . . .	<u>et sequentes</u> , <u>et sequentia</u> (and the following)
hdw.	. . . . .	handwritten
ibid.	. . . . .	<u>ibidem</u> (in the same place)
<u>No(s)</u>	. . . . .	number(s)
<u>op. cit.</u>	. . . . .	<u>opere citato</u> (in the work cited)
p., pp.	. . . . .	page(s)
pub.	. . . . .	published
sec(s).	. . . . .	section(s)
viz	. . . . .	videlicet (namely)
vol(s).	. . . . .	volume(s)
Vt.	. . . . .	Vermont, Vermont Reports

Symbols

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

Explanatory Notes

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

The same theory is applied to subentries, which are numbered with roman numerals within an entry. A subentry will never have an exact title, but when it bears a title cross reference to some other entry in the inventory, it appears under the title of the entry to which it is cross-referenced whether that title is actual or assigned. If the title of the entry to which a subentry is title cross-referenced is exact, it

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appears with initial letters in upper case; if it is assigned, it appears with the initial letters in upper case and is enclosed in parentheses. For subentries which are not title cross-referenced, we have used the title by which the record is commonly known in Vermont.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cross References. In the case of records diversely located but actually related and members of the same series, cross references have been freely used to show the fundamental relationship. Where material definitely related to a given series occurs in a miscellaneous book, the material is listed in the body of the entry with a cross-reference to the series under whose title it would logically belong. Where material is missing from a series where it would naturally occur but is located elsewhere in a miscellaneous volume, a cross reference in the title line of the series makes clear its location. To call attention to records which are related but not definitely part of the same series a special cross

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reference is set up as a third paragraph of the entries concerned. The carefully prepared index makes clear a variety of interrelationships and renders the use of more extensive cross references unnecessary.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The town of Mount Tabor is located in the southeastern corner of Rutland County. It is bounded on the north by Wallingford and Mount Holly, on the east by Mount Holly and Weston, on the south by Peru and Dorset, and on the west by Danby. The town as granted contained 23,040 acres but various boundary changes have increased this area to 23,995 acres.

Except for a comparatively narrow strip along the course of Otter Creek, in the western part of the town, the territory is suited only to forestation and has been incorporated in the Green Mountain National Forest. Green Mountain and Mount Tabor are the main peaks in the Green Mountain Range in the town. Roaring Brook has its source in the southern part of the territory and flows in a northerly direction through a deep gorge to empty into Otter Creek near the hamlet of Brooklyn, the only nucleus of settlement in Mount Tabor. A small hamlet called Griffith existed some years ago near the center of the township but has now been abandoned.

Mount Tabor was granted as Harwich by Gov. Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire to Jonathan Willard and 61 others on August 28, 1761.¹ In 1760, a number of residents of Great Nine Partners, in the Province of New York became interested in the possibilities of obtaining New Hampshire land grants in what is now Vermont. Willard, who had numerous relatives interested in grants along the western bank of the Connecticut River and was at the time speculating in lumber around Saratoga, went to Vermont and selected three townships as desirable.² They afterwards became the towns of Pawlet, granted on August 26, 1761;³ Danby, granted August 27, 1761;⁴ and Harwich.

Proprietors' records and records of early settlement of Mount Tabor are meager. John Sweet came into the town in 1783 and settled in the southwestern part along Otter Creek.⁵ Settlement progressed rapidly until there were 17 freemen in town in 1788. They were Elihu Allen, Gideon Tabor, Gideon Baker, Matthew Randall, Jr., Giles Wing, Benjamin Cornwell, Beloved Carpenter, Jonathan Wood, Stutely Stafford, Edward Corban, John Stafford, Elijah Gary, Jacob Wheeler, Jr., Stephen Hill, Palmer Stafford, Samuel Quitman, and Daniel Sherman.⁶ The early settlers made pitches and began clearings without previous title to the land and cleared their titles later through tax vendues at which they bid in the land which they already occupied.⁷

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1. New Hampshire Grants, pp. 299-303, hereinafter cited as New Hampshire State Papers, XXVI.
 2. Abby Maria Hemenway, Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Orleans and Rutland Counties, pp. 576-580, 930.
 3. New Hampshire State Papers, XXVI, 331.
 4. Ibid., 115.
 5. Hamilton Child, Gazetteer and Business Directory of Rutland County, Vt., p. 165.
 6. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 868.
 7. Child, op. cit., p. 165.

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Until 1805 little attention was given to this by the original proprietors or those who held from them. In August of that year, a meeting took place in Wallingford to consider the situation. The proprietors organized and elected Gideon Tabor proprietors' clerk. A committee consisting of Jonathan Parker of Wallingford, Gideon Tabor, representing the settlers, and David Steel, who held from the grantees, was named to make a division of the town into severalty. Steel owned 16 proprietary rights. It was decided finally to allot to Steel a strip 500 rods wide along the east line of the town. The remainder was divided into 96 lots. This gave two lots to each of the other proprietary rights, leaving four lots for religious and school purposes.¹ This action was legalized by act of the General Assembly in 1811.² Land transfers as early as 1761 are recorded in the existing records of the town.

The town held its first town meeting on March 13, 1788, at the home of Gideon Tabor. He was elected moderator, John Jenkins, town clerk, John Stafford, John Jenkins, and Gideon Baker, selectmen, Jonathan Wood treasurer, and Elihu Allen, constable and collector.³ Minor officers also were elected. John Stafford was elected representative of Harwich to the General Assembly in 1788.⁴

Because of difficulties arising from the similarity of the spelling of Harwich and Hardwick, a petition was sent to the General Assembly in 1803 asking that the name of the town be changed to Mount Tabor. This was approved.⁵

The residents of Mount Tabor never have had a church of their own. It has been recorded that they were instrumental in erecting a church building in the year 1836 only to find that it stood in the town of Danby. The building now is used by the Congregationalists.⁶ The inhabitants now attend churches of various denominations in Danby.

Gideon Tabor is reputed to have been the first person to conduct a school in the town. A schoolhouse was erected on his land where he maintained classes during the winter months.⁷ The town was divided into two school districts in 1797, a trustee being elected for each district.⁸ The number of districts was increased later to four although only three schools were conducted. The town voted to abolish the multiple district system in favor of the town system in 1884.⁹ This

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1. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 867.
 2. Laws of Vermont, 1811, ch. XVI.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 2.
 4. Leonard Deming, Catalogue of the Principal Officers of Vermont, p. 47.
 5. Laws of Vermont, 1803, ch. 58.
 6. Child, op. cit., p. 166.
 7. J. C. Williams, History of Danby, p. 270.
 8. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 235.
 9. Ibid., vol. for 1876-1904, p. 73.

vote was reversed in 1888.¹ The town system became obligatory in 1893, at which time Mount Tabor had three legal schools with an attendance of 63.² The town now has two schools: The Brooklyn and South End schools. The attendance in 1939 was 41. The town has no high school, but pays tuition for secondary pupils in schools in Danby, Manchester, and Rutland.³

Mount Tabor shares with the residents of Danby the facilities of the S. L. Griffith Memorial Library established in 1908.⁴ The library now contains more than 10,000 volumes.⁵

An old Indian trail by which the Indians crossed from Lake Champlain to the towns on the Connecticut River south of what now is Brattleboro followed the valley of Otter Creek along what now is U. S. Route 7.⁶ A road, referred to in early records as the "main Rhode," followed the west bank of the creek. At a special town meeting held on May 27, 1788, a tax was voted to lay out a road on the east bank of the creek, with cross roads to connect with the main highway.⁷ The Assembly assessed a land tax on Mount Tabor in 1810 for the purpose of building roads and bridges and appointed a committee to superintend the expenditure of the funds collected.⁸ The Mount Tabor Turnpike Company was chartered by the Assembly on November 7, 1805. The road ran from Danby Borough to connect with the Peru Turnpike at Manchester Center.⁹ Portions of this road were released to the towns of Dorset and Mount Tabor by act of the Assembly in 1826 and they were declared to be public property in the same category as other highways.¹⁰ During the period when the forest resources of Mount Tabor were being exploited on large scale, a mountain road was located along the course of Roaring Brook from the hamlet of Brooklyn to Weston. The upkeep of this road was a burden to the town and an agreement finally was reached with the lumbering interests to keep it in repair, the town paying \$1,000 a year.¹¹ This road was abandoned because of flood damage in 1927 but has been rebuilt by the United States Forest Service, to make possible lumbering operations in this territory.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. for 1876-1904, p. 111, see entry 2.
 2. Commissioner of Education, Thirty-third Vermont School Report, 1893-94, p. 211.
 3. Annual Report of the Officers, 1939, p. 17, see entry 4.
 4. Free Public Library Commission, The Bulletin, June 1938, p. 24.
 5. Free Public Library Commission, Twenty-second Biennial Report, 1938, pp. 22, 23.
 6. Vermont Historical Society Proceedings, new series, VI, 309.
 7. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 2.
 8. Laws of Vermont, 1810, p. 54.
 9. Ibid., 1805, ch. XCL.
 10. Ibid., 1826, No. 47.
 11. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. for 1876-1904, pp. 141, 142.

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Exploitation of the forest resources in Mount Tabor has furnished the only industries of importance in the town. Farming has been carried on in the valley of Otter Creek but most of the male inhabitants earn their living from the forests and use the farms merely as residences. The timber has been shipped out as lumber to be manufactured elsewhere.¹

The name of Silas L. Griffith is most prominently connected with the industrial period in Mount Tabor although he was a resident of Danby. He was a descendant of one of the early settlers in Danby. Being extensively interested in lumbering operations in Mount Tabor, some acquired through inheritance and some by purchase, he conceived the idea of utilizing much of the wood which was wasted in lumbering as then carried on for the manufacture of charcoal. Trees which were useless as lumber, as well as branches, cull logs, and other discarded waste, were exploited in this manner. During the height of this exploitation, 1,000,000 bushels of charcoal were produced annually, some 20,000 cords of wood being burned in their production.²

The industry realized a large fortune for Griffith and his associates and attracted wide attention among writers and artists.³ There were as many as 35 kilns in operation at one time. A part of Mount Tabor still is known as "Ten Kiln Meadow" and remains of the kilns can still be seen there. At the World Fair in 1893, Griffith exhibited a single piece of charcoal made from a maple log several feet in diameter. The industry died out with the depletion of the forests. Griffith left a number of benefactions on his death in which Mount Tabor shared. This included a fund to provide Christmas gifts for children, the support of schools, and the purchase of shoes and clothing for poor children.⁴

An effort was made in 1922 to establish a lime burning business, using second-growth timber for fuel; a tax exemption was voted by the town.⁵ The industry passed through a number of difficulties and the conditions of the tax exemption not being fulfilled, the town sold the kilns and equipment for taxes in 1937.⁶ Forest products in the town now are exploited under the United States Forest Service. Prior to 1937, the town received a share of the proceeds of this exploitation in proportion to the area of National Forest lands in the town, the funds to be devoted to schools and roads.⁷ An amendment to the Public

1. Child, op. cit., pp. 164, 165.

2. H. P. Smith and W. S. Rann, History of Rutland County, Vermont, p. 696.

3. F. R. Chapin, "The Charcoal Burners of the Green Mountains," Outing, April 1885.

4. (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 11, pp. 291-294, see entry 5.

5. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 2, p. 135, see entry 2.

6. Annual Report of the Officers, 1937, p. 1, see entry 4.

7. Laws of Vermont, 1935, No. 220.

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Laws in 1937 gave the National Forest lands the same status as State Forest lands so far as revenue to the towns is concerned.¹ The town is now reimbursed by the State for loss of taxes on this land on the basis of fixed valuation of \$3 per acre. It also received a 10% tax on the stumpage value of all timber cut.² The revenue received from this source amounts to about \$500 a year.³

In 1867, Mount Tabor purchased \$7,000 of bonds in the Lebanon Springs Railroad Company, now the Bennington division of the Rutland Railroad, which passes through the western part of the town and has a station there.⁴ When the railway failed to pay interest on its bonds, Mount Tabor refused to pay interest on the bonds which it had floated to buy them. This involved the town in litigation which finally resulted in a Supreme Court decision against Mount Tabor in 1879.⁵ An act of the legislature in 1880 enabled the town to fund its indebtedness.⁶

Several changes have been made or attempted in the boundaries of Mount Tabor. In 1805, a strip of land along the western boundary of the town of Peru was annexed.⁷ This remained a part of Mount Tabor until 1825, when the major part of it was annexed to Dorset. About 100 acres adjoining the original south line of Mount Tabor and belonging to Caleb Buffum remained part of Mount Tabor.⁸ The terms of this reservation were vague and the act of annexation was amended in 1832 so as to include all of the property owned by Buffum in this territory.⁹ An act of the legislature in 1848 authorized the annexation of a part of Danby to Mount Tabor. The annexation was subject to the approval of the voters of both towns before January 1, 1849.¹⁰ This was not secured. Mount Tabor voted in favor of it,¹¹ but Danby voted against it. A controversy over the line between Mount Tabor and Weston developed in 1893 and commissioners were appointed by the Supreme Court to establish a jurisdictional line. The commissioners caused a survey to be made by E. H. Randall and reported their findings at the October session of the court in 1895. The line was established by a decree of the court in 1896.¹²

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1. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 4566, as amended by Laws of Vermont, 1937, No. 96.
 2. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 621.
 3. Annual Report of the Officers, 1940, passim, see entry 9.
 4. (Miscellaneous) Records, passim, see entry 37.
 5. First National Bank of North Bennington v. Town of Mt. Tabor, 52 Vt. 87 et seq.
 6. Laws of Vermont, 1800, No. 221.
 7. Ibid., 1805, ch. XV.
 8. Ibid., 1825, No. 18.
 9. Ibid., 1832, No. 25.
 10. Ibid., 1848, No. 10.
 11. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 4, p. 378, see entry 2.
 12. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 11, pp. 19-25, see entry 5.

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A survey of the west line of the town was made in 1909 but no change was made in the area of the town.¹

The Tabor cemetery, the only one in the town, is supervised by the Tabor Cemetery Association, incorporated in 1882.² Town and freemen's meetings were held in private residences until 1829. Since that time they have been held in the schoolhouse at Brooklyn.³ The town always has cared for its poor by direct relief and has had no poor farm.⁴

A fire district which includes the hamlets of Brooklyn and Danby Borough was established by a special act of the legislature in 1919 to give fire protection to the residents of both communities.⁵

The population of Mount Tabor in census years has been as follows: 1790:165; 1800:153; 1810:209; 1820:222; 1830:210; 1840:226; 1850:308; 1860:358; 1870:301; 1880:495;⁶ 1890:436; 1900:494; 1910:239;⁷ 1920:165; 1930:173.⁸

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1. (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 11, pp. 24-27, see entry 5.
 2. Laws of Vermont, 1882, No. 153.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, passim, see entry 2.
 4. Ibid.
 5. Laws of Vermont, 1919, No. 254.
 6. Child, op. cit., p. 256¹⁶.
 7. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910, Population, 111, 897.
 8. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, 1112.

MAP AND BOUNDARY CHANGES

BOUNDARY CHANGES

The boundaries of Mount Tabor under its charter as Harwich are shown in the map in the lower right corner of the opposite page as outlined in 1796 by James Whitelaw as surveyor general.

A part of the town of Peru was annexed to Mount Tabor in 1805.¹ The major part of the territory so annexed was ceded to Dorset in 1825, exception being made of some land belonging to Caleb Buffum.² This action was amended in 1832 to include all land owned by Buffum.³

Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court surveyed the line between Mount Tabor and Weston in 1895 to clear up some uncertainty over this boundary.⁴

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1. Laws of Vermont, 1805, ch. XV.
 2. Ibid., 1825, No. 18.
 3. Ibid., 1832, No. 25.
 4. (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 11, pp. 19-25, see entry 5.

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The town of Mount Tabor was chartered by the provincial authorities of New Hampshire as Harwich in 1761.¹ The early settlers of the town disregarded the matter of titles and the division of the grant into severalty until after the political organization had been effected. Claims of proprietors under the original charter advanced in 1805 made it necessary to set up the usual organization of proprietors and to make a division of the land.² A legalization of the action of the proprietors was approved by the General Assembly in 1811.³

The town was organized in 1788. The officers elected at the first meeting were a moderator, town clerk, selectmen, treasurer, constable, listers, poundkeeper, fence viewers, sealer of weights and measures, hayward, and pathmaster⁴ known as highway surveyors after 1791⁵ and as road commissioners after 1894.⁶ These elections were pursuant to the Constitution of 1793 and the statutes regulating town officers.⁷

The officers who were added after 1788 were: Grand juror, tything-men, and sealer of leather in 1790,⁸ school trustees in 1797,⁹ superseded by school directors from 1884 to 1888¹⁰ and after 1893,¹¹ committee to settle with town officers in 1803,¹² known as auditors after 1841,¹³ tax collector in 1816,¹⁴ trustees of public money in 1836,¹⁵ town agent in 1841,¹⁶ overseer of poor in 1844,¹⁷ inspector of lumber and shingles in 1870,¹⁸ truant officer in 1902,¹⁹ and tree warden in 1909.²⁰ In addition to the regular officers, special appointments have been made 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 must take such bond of its officers as required by statute,

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, XXVI, 299-303.
 2. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 867.
 3. Laws of Vermont, 1811, ch. XVI.
 4. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 2.
 5. Ibid., p. 35.
 6. Ibid., vol. for 1876-1904, p. 210.
 7. William Slade, Jr., Vermont State Papers, pp. 357, 358.
 8. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 29.
 9. Ibid., p. 235.
 10. Ibid., vol. for 1876-1904, pp. 73-111.
 11. Ibid., p. 199.
 12. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 215.
 13. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 186.
 14. Ibid., p. 18.
 15. Ibid., p. 105.
 16. Ibid., p. 186.
 17. Ibid., p. 220.
 18. Ibid., vol. 6, p. 365.
 19. Ibid., vol. for 1876-1904, p. 332.
 20. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, p. 124.

Governmental Organization

for the faithful performance of their duties in such amount as it may deem necessary. The selectmen are required to make appointments to fill vacancies until such time as a special or annual town meeting is held. The duties of town officers and boards are much as their titles indicate: 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 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 abatement of taxes. Under the Constitutions of 1786 and 1793, justices of the peace were elected by the General Assembly.¹ An amendment to the Constitution approved in 1850 altered this procedure and since that time the justices of the peace have been elected by the freemen at freemen's meetings, the ballots being canvassed by a joint committee of both houses of the legislature and commissions being issued by the Governor.²

The school district was set up by the State for the proper education of youth.³ The towns were charged with the duty of fixing and altering the geographic limits of the district and of determining their number.⁴ This was done in Mount Tabor in 1794.⁵ Trustees were elected for each district. They had power to prosecute and defend suits in which the school district was interested. The school district is in a large measure self-governing within the limits prescribed for it.⁶ An act of 1870 empowered the towns to abolish the district system, if they so desired. Mount Tabor voted to do so in 1884⁷ but rescinded this in 1888.⁸ The multiple district system was abolished in 1892.⁹ 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 separately. 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 is required to be held at such time as the school district determines.¹⁰

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1. Constitution of the State of Vermont, 1793, ch. II, sec. 9.
 2. Constitution of the State of Vermont, Articles of Amendment, Article 18.
 3. Town of Barre as School Dist. v. School Dist. No. 13 in Barre, 67 Vt. 108.
 4. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 136-138.
 5. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 235, see entry 2.
 6. Laws of Vermont, revised in 1797, ch. LIV.
 7. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. for 1876-1904, p. 73.
 8. Ibid., p. 111.
 9. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 20.
 10. N. Troy School Dist. v. Town of Troy, 80 Vt. 16.

Governmental Organization

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, Vermont towns are small democracies which transact most of their business in annual town meetings. A person may not be admitted to vote at such meetings until he has been legally qualified and has obtained the approbation of the board of civil authority of the town in which he resides.

"A male or female citizen, 21 years of age, who has taken the freeman's oath and whose list, including poll, is taken in a town at the annual assessment preceding a town meeting; and whose poll and old age assistance tax due such town, was paid prior to February 15 preceding such town meeting, or who has attained the age of 21 years subsequent to the last annual assessment, or who is exempt from taxation for any cause, shall, while residing in such town, be a voter in town meeting."¹

Those who can vote in general elections are: "every citizen 21 years of age or more having resided in the State one year next preceding a general election, who have taken the freeman's oath as provided in the Constitution, shall have the right to vote at such election for the officers to be elected thereat in the town where he resides on the day of such election; but he shall not vote for representatives to the general assembly or justices at such election, unless he has resided during the three months next preceding such election in the town which is his residence on the day of such election."²

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."³

At the present time the financial condition 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 must show a detailed statement of the financial condition of the town and the town school district for the fiscal year ended January 31, together with a comparative statement of the financial condition of the town and the town school district on January 31 of the previous year; a list of all outstanding orders; and such other infor-

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1. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 3422; Laws of Vermont, 1935, No. 28, sec. 6.
 2. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 83.
 3. Constitution of the State of Vermont, ch. 2, sec. 34.

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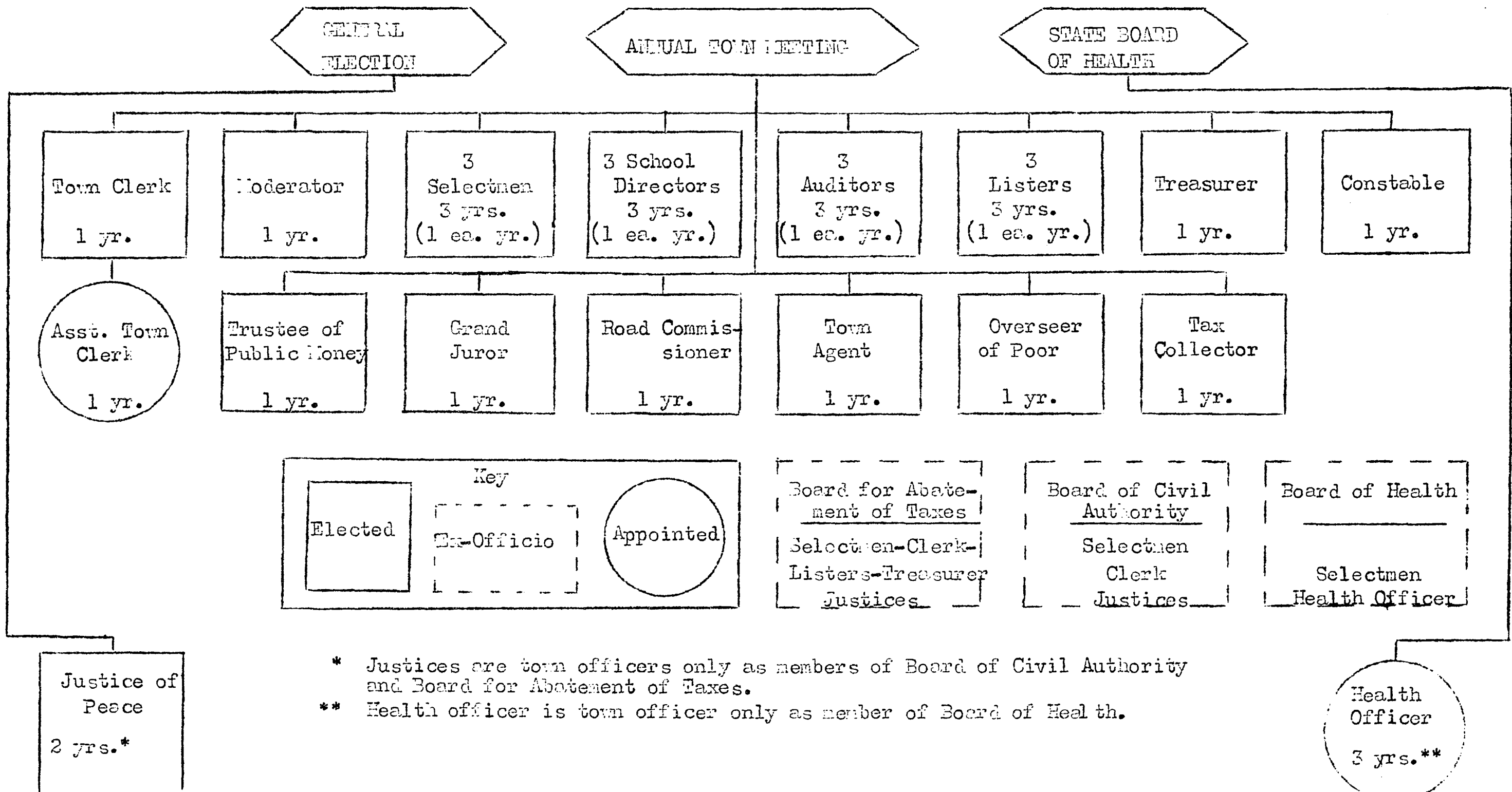
mation as the town shall direct.¹ The State law provides that this report must be available to the voters at least five days before the annual meeting.²

Mount Tabor, organized under the Constitution of 1786, has functioned under that constitution, with its various amendments, as well as under the State laws as enacted by the legislature. As changing conditions rendered their functions obsolete some offices have ceased to exist and others have been added as the need for them arose. Yet, there has been no major change in the Mount Tabor governmental organization during more than a century and a half.

1. Laws of Vermont, 1935, No. 63.

2. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, sec. 3516.

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HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All the extant records in the inventory of the town of Mt. Tabor, except a few of the records of the overseer of poor and selectmen are located in the office of the town clerk, W. I. Risdon, who is also treasurer. There are in the office a wooden cabinet, one large and one small safe, a desk, and one table. Unless otherwise specified in the inventory all records are located in the safe.

The office of the town clerk and treasurer is located at the residence of W. I. Risdon. The office is an ell adjoining the residence which is constructed of wood. It is not fireproof and in case of fire it is probable that some of the records would be damaged.

The office is adequately furnished, heated, and well lighted. The records are available for inspection at all reasonable hours and the town clerk is always helpful in explaining the purpose and method of keeping the records.

The records of the overseer of poor and selectmen are at the residences of those officers.

I. TOWN CLERK

A town clerk was elected at the first town meeting held March 13, 1788, to serve for a term of one year.¹ Since that time, except for the years 1789 and 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found, a town clerk has been elected annually to serve for a term of one year.² The town clerk appointed an assistant town clerk in 1869³ and this procedure has been followed annually since that time.⁴ The town clerk is a member of the board for abatement of taxes,⁵ and in 1892 was added as a member of the board of civil authority.⁶

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1. (TOWN PLAT), approx. 1770. 1 map.

Copy of town plat, showing division of lots and lot numbers, initials of proprietors of each lot, and names of boundary towns. Hand-drawn. Condition fair. 30 x 24. In wooden cabinet in town clerk's office.

2. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) RECORD, 1763, 1777--. 7 vols. (1, 4, 6; 2 vols. unnumbered; 2, 3). Title varies: Town Records, 1804-53, vol. 4; Records, 1848-76, vol. 6; no title, 1763, scattered dates ~~1777-1811~~, 1904-26, 3 vols.

Record of warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings, 1788, 1790-94, 1797--. Warnings show place, date, and time meeting to be held; purpose of meeting; names of signers--selectmen; date of issuance of warning; date recorded; and clerk's attest. Minutes show place and date meeting held, election of officers, officers' reports, action taken on articles of warning and other town affairs, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

Also contains miscellaneous recorded items, viz:

- i. (Agreements), 1792, 1889, entry 9. Records for 1889 indexed alph. by type of record.
- ii. Auditors, reports of, 1822-25, 1826, 1828-53, showing balance sheet with debit and credit entries and balance, certification of town officers' reports, names of auditors, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 4. Indexed alph. by type of record.
- iii. (Birth Records), scattered dates 1777-1837, entry 17. Records in vol. 4 indexed alph. by type of record.
- iv. (Board of Civil Authority, Meetings of), 1886-96, 1899, 1901-20, 1922-29, 1931--., entry 53. Indexed alph. by type of record.
- v. Collector's warrants, 1901-3, showing name of collector,

1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 2.
2. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
3. Ibid., vol. 6, p. 336.
4. Ibid., vol. 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
5. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
6. Ibid., 1892, No. 52, sec. 1.

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- authorization to tax collector, cost or fee, time allowed for collection, date issued, name of signer-town treasurer, attest of tax collector; collector's returns, showing name of person assessed, amount of taxes, years delinquent, costs, name of signer-collector, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. for 1876-1904. Indexed alph. by type of record.
- vi. Earmarks of livestock, 1790, 1793, 1808, 1811, 1815-17, 1824, showing name of owner, description of mark, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 4. Records in vol. 4 indexed alph. by type of record.
- vii. Estrays, notices of, 1793, 1797-98, 1809, 1824, showing date of trespass, description of stray, request to prove ownership and remove, name of signer-subscriber, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 4. Records in vol. 4 indexed alph. by type of record.
- viii. (Fence Viewers' Decisions), 1853, entry 60. Indexed alph. by type of record.
- ix. Freeman's oath, list of persons taking, scattered dates 1883-1907, showing names of persons taking oath, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. for 1876-1914. Indexed alph. by type of record. For original papers, 1932, 1934, 1938-- , see entry 38-viii.
- x. Freemen's meetings, scattered dates 1790--: **record of warnings** and minutes of freemen's meetings for primary and general elections of county, State and Federal officers. Warnings show place, date, and time meeting to be held; date warning issued; 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. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, vols. 2, 3. Records in vols. 4, 6, and vols. for 1876-1914 indexed alph. by type of record.
- xi. (Highway Petitions), 1848, 1908, entry 39. Indexed alph. by type of record.
- xii. Justices of peace, list of, scattered dates 1905-37, showing date of record, names and addresses of justices, county clerk's attest, date recorded, and town clerk's attest; vol. for 1904-14, and vols. 2, 3. Indexed alph. by type of record.
- xiii. (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, 1768, scattered dates 1777-1854, entry 5. Records in vol. 1 indexed alph. by first letter of surname of grantee-grantor; records in vols. 4, 6, indexed alph. by type of record. For separate index, see entry 6.
- xiv. (Land Surveys), 1782, 1792-97, entry 8.
- xv. Licenses to teach, 1846-50, 1852, 1854-58, showing place and date issued, name and qualifications of teacher, attest as to character and ability, subjects licensed to teach, name of signer-superintendent of schools, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 4, 6. Indexed alph. by type of record.
- xvi. List of scholars, 1825-50, 1855-72, showing date of record, school district number, names of heads of families and number of children in school, total number of children in school, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 4, 6. In--

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- dexed alph. by type of record.
- xvii. (Marriage Records), scattered dates 1787-1884, entry 18. Records in vols. 4, 6, and vol. for 1876-1904 indexed alph. by type of record; for partial separate index, see entry 28.
 - xviii. Officers' appointments, scattered dates 1853-- , showing date and place of appointment, name of officer, office held, term of office, names of signers-appointing officials, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3. Indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xix. Officers' oaths, 1827, scattered dates 1877-1938, showing date and place oath taken, statement of oath, names of officers sworn, office held, occasionally date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 4, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3. Indexed alph. by type of record. For original papers, 1935-- , see entry 38-x.
 - xx. Pole line permits, 1902, showing name of person receiving permit; place, date, and conditions of permit; location of poles and wires; names of signers-selectmen; date recorded; and clerk's attest; vol. for 1876-1904. Indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xxi. Record of Town Officers' Bonds, scattered dates 1887-1912, entry 4. Indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xxii. (Road Mileages), scattered dates 1893-- , entry 43. Indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xxiii. (Road Surveys), 1788, 1790, scattered dates 1834-82, entry 41. Records in vols. 4, 6, and vol. for 1876-1904 indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xxiv. (Roads Discontinued), 1879, 1882, 1935, entry 42. Indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xxv. School census, 1877-78, 1889-91, 1936, showing location of district, date, names of heads of families, number of children of specified ages, total number of children, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. for 1876-1904, and vol. 3. Indexed alph. by type of record. For original papers, 1875-77, 1901, 1934, see entry 38-xiv.
 - xxvi. (School Directors, Meeting of), 1914, entry 54. Indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xxvii. School district reports, 1889, 1891, showing disbursements of funds by school districts, total amount disbursed, attest and name of signer-justice of peace, date and place of record, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. for 1876-1904. Indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xxviii. Treasurer's accounts, 1834, 1853: itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, showing date, purpose, and amount of receipts and disbursements; vol. 4. Indexed alph. by type of record. For related records, 1854-- , see entry 49.
 - xxix. (Vendues), 1853, 1855, 1904, 1907-10, entry 7. Indexed alph. by type of record.
 - xxx. Warning to open road, 1827, showing orders to constable, place and date issued, name of property owner through whose land road passes, names of signers-selectmen; officers' return, showing amount of fees, name of signer-constable, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 4. Indexed alph. by type

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of record.

- xxxii. Warnings to leave town, 1806-9, 1814-15, showing place and date issued, instructions to constable, name(s) of person(s) warned, names of signers-selectmen; constable's report of service of warrant, showing constable's fees, date of service, name of signer-constable; date recorded; and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 4. Records in vol. 4 indexed alph. by type of record.

Chron. entry. No index except as shown in subentries. Hdw. Vols. 1, 4, 1763, scattered dates 1777-1853, condition poor; vol. 6, 1848-76, vol. for 1904-14, condition fair. 184-466 pp. 13 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$.

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICERS, 1904-31, 1933--. 27 vols. and duplicate copies for 1936-37. Also 35 reports for years 1903-4, 1907-25, 1927-- in the Vermont State Library at Montpelier. Title varies: Report of Town Officers, 1904-13, 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. Auditor's report of receipts, disbursements and balances of the various town officers.
- ii. Births, reports of, 1922-31, 1933--, showing date of birth, name of child, names of parents, and clerk's attest. For birth records, see entry 17.
- iii. Board of health, report of, 1922, showing number and kinds of contagious diseases, and health officer's attest.
- iv. Deaths, reports of, 1924-31, 1933--, showing date of death, name of deceased, names of parents, and clerk's attest. For death records, see entry 19.
- v. Delinquent taxes, tax collector's report of, 1905-31, 1933--, showing names of delinquents, date and amount of tax. For record of delinquent tax list, see entry 5-vi; for original delinquent tax list, see entry 38-vi.
- vi. Dog account, showing amount received for registering dogs, clerk's fees, and total amount. For dog license stubs, 1893--, see entry 34.
- vii. Grand list, 1916, showing name of property owner and appraised property valuation. For abstract of grand list, see entry 46.
- viii. Justice accounts, 1919-20, 1922-23, showing bill of costs and type of suit, amount paid, and total.
- ix. Lists of orders drawn by road commissioners, selectmen, school directors, 1904-31, 1933--; overseer of poor, 1906-30, 1936--; showing name of payee; number, purpose, and amount of order; occasionally amount of reimbursements.
- x. Marriages, reports of, 1925-31, 1933--, showing date of marriage, name of bride and groom, and clerk's attest. For marriage records, see entry 18.
- xi. Superintendent of schools, report of, 1917, showing year report covers, statistical information regarding school attendance, number of visits made to schools and recommendations.
- xii. Taxpayers, lists of, 1929-31, showing name of taxpayer and amount of taxes.
- xiii. Treasurer's reports, showing receipts, disbursements, balance on hand, and total.

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No obvious arr. No index. Printed. Condition fair. 6-21 pp. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{8}$ to 9 x 6 x $1\frac{1}{8}$.

4. RECORD OF TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS, 1899-1923, 1925-26, 1930, 1932-36. 1 vol. (1). Scattered dates 1887-1912 in vols. for 1876-1914 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xxi.

Record of bonds of town officers, showing names of principals and sureties; amount, date, conditions, and term of bond; office held; names of signers-principals, witnesses, and sureties; time and date recorded; and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. (64 pp. used) 14 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

For original bonds, 1930-31, 1935, 1938--, see entry 38-ix.

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5. (Land and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1761, 1764-66, 1774, 1782, 1784, 1791--. 11 vols. (2, 3, 5, 7-12; 1 vol. unnumbered; 13). Title varies: Ledger, 1804, 1810, 1821, 1824, 1830-53, vol. 5; Record, 1897, 1901, 1909, 1912-25, vol. 12; Mortgage Central Vermont Public Service Corp. to Old Colony Trust Co. Trustee, 1929, 1 vol.; no title, 1761, 1764-66, 1774, 1782, 1784, 1791-1813, 1843, 1848, 1855, 1860-68, vols. 2, 8. 1763, scattered dates 1777-1854 in vols. 1, 4, 6 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xiii.

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

For original deeds, 1874, 1893, 1936, see entry 38-v.

Also contains miscellaneous recorded items, viz:

- i. (Agreements), scattered dates 1796-1924, entry 9.
- ii. Articles of association, 1922, 1927, showing name, purpose, and articles of association; number of shares of stock issued; names of officers and members; name of signer-Secretary of State; date recorded; and clerk's attest; vols. 12, 13.
- iii. (Bills of Sale), 1913-14, entry 14.
- iv. (Birth Records), 1837-38, 1840-41, 1853, entry 17.
- v. (Death Records), 1841, entry 19.
- vi. Delinquent taxes, list of, 1872-75, showing name of present proprietor, date and amount of tax, number of acres, name of previous proprietor, names of signers-collector and constable, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 9. For report of delinquent taxes, see entry 3-v; for original delinquent tax list, see entry 38-vi.
- vii. Executions, records of, scattered dates 1810-82, showing name and address of plaintiff; name, title, and location of court; date judgment was rendered; name and address of defendant; amount of damages and costs; recital of authority; instructions to serving officer; final date of return of execution to court after service has been completed; place and date of

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- issuance of execution; name and title of signer-court. Officer's return of service of writ of execution, showing names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, place and date service was made, description of property levied on and sold, date return was made to court, name of signer-serving officer, accounting of fees, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 3, 5, 7-10.
- viii. (Fence Viewers' Decisions), 1859, entry 30.
 - ix. (Highway Petitions), 1876-77, entry 39.
 - x. (Land Surveys), scattered dates 1784-1909, entry 8.
 - xi. (Marriage Records), 1844-45, entry 18.
 - xii. Officer's return, 1839, showing names of defendant and plaintiff, place and date service was made, description of property levied on, date return made to court, name of signer-serving officer, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 5.
 - xiii. Rights-of-way, 1905, 1933, showing name of property owner; consideration; name of assignee; date, terms, and conditions of instrument; description of land over which right-of-way passes; names of signers-property owners; date recorded; and clerk's attest; vols. 11, 13.
 - xiv. (Road Mileages), 1931, entry 43.
 - xv. (Road Surveys), scattered dates 1806-76, entry 41.
 - xvi. (Roads Discontinued), 1876, entry 42.
 - xvii. Town line, establishment of, 1895-96, showing names of adjoining towns; names of presiding judges; date, place, and name of court; description of boundaries of town line established; report of commissioners; names of signers-commissioners and supreme court clerk; date recorded; and clerk's attest; vol. 11.
 - xviii. (Vendues), 1782, scattered dates 1807-1905, entry 7.
- Chron. entry. Vols. 2, 3, 7-13, 1761, 1764-66, 1774, 1782, 1784, 1791--, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of grantor-grantee; vol. for 1929, vol. 5, 1804, 1810, 1821, 1824, 1830-53, no index; also separate index to land records, see entry 6. Vols. 2, 3, 5, 7-12, 1761, 1764-66, 1774, 1782, 1784, 1791-1925, hdw.; vol. 13, 1909, 1923, 1925--, hdw. and hdw. on printed forms; vol. for 1929, printed. Vols. 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 1761, 1764-66, 1774, 1782, 1784, 1791-1868, condition fair. 131-727 pp. 13 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 to 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
6. GRANTOR TO GRANTEE, GRANTEE TO GRANTOR (Index to Land Records), 1761, scattered dates 1763--. 1 vol.
- Index to instruments affecting land ownership in (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5, and (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xiii, showing names of grantor and grantee, volume and page reference where recorded. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor, and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 700 pp. (230 pp. used) 14 x 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 2.
7. (VENDUES), 1782, scattered dates 1807-1910. 1782, scattered dates 1807-1905 in vols. 2, 3, 5, 7-11 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-xviii; 1853, 1855, 1904, 1907-10 in vol. 6, and vol. for 1904-14 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xxix; 1867-68, 1870, 1875 also in (Mis-

cellaneous) Records, entry 37-vii.

Notice of public vendue to satisfy unpaid taxes, showing date of notice, place and date of vendue, and name of signer-collector. Collector's warrant, showing explanation of tax assessment, duty and oath of collector, certification of oath, date recorded, and clerk's attest. 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; attest of collector; date recorded; and clerk's attest. Vendue deeds, showing names of principals, consideration, description of property, date and conditions of instrument, recital of title, acknowledgment, and names of signers-collector and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

8. (LAND SURVEYS), 1782, scattered dates 1784-1909. 1782, 1792-97 in vol. 1 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xiv; scattered dates 1784-1909 in vols. 2, 7, 9-11 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-x.

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

9. (AGREEMENTS), 1792, scattered dates 1796-1924. 1792, 1889 in vol. 1 and vol. for 1876-1904 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-i; scattered dates 1796-1924 in vols. 2, 5, 7, 8, 10-12 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-i; 1873-75 also in (Miscellaneous) Records, entry 37-i.

Record of miscellaneous agreements, showing names of principals; date, stipulations, consideration, and articles of agreement; names of signers-principals and witnesses; date recorded; and clerk's attest.

10. TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE, 1894---. 1 vol.

Record of transfers of real estate, showing date deed was filed for record; names of grantors and grantees, mortgagors and mortgagees; volume and page reference where deed was recorded; consideration named in deed; and brief description of property transferred. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, mortgagor-mortgagee, and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. (56 pp. used) 8 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$.

11. (RECORD OF ATTACHMENTS ON REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY), 1842---. 3 vols.

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; date and occasionally time of trial; plea; amount of damages; 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. Officer's return of service of writ, showing place and date of service, name of defendant, description of property attached, date copy of writ was filed in clerk's office, occasionally date copy of writ was delivered to defendant, attest of serving officer, occasionally accounting of fees, date recorded, and clerk's

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attest. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff-defendant. Hdw. 150-288 pp. 8 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

For original attachments, scattered dates 1877-1936, see entry 38-i.

12. (LIEN NOTES), 1876-79, 1920--. 1876-79 in (Miscellaneous) Records, entry 37-v; 1920-- in (Conditional Sales Contract) Records, entry 13-i.

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.

13. (Conditional Sales Contract) RECORDS, 1914--. 1 vol. 1870-75 in (Miscellaneous) Records, entry 37-iii.

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

Also contains:

- i. (Lien Notes), 1920--, entry 12.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendee-vendor. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. 301 pp. (176 pp. used) 14 x $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

14. (BILLS OF SALE), 1874-75, 1879, 1913-14. 1874-75, 1879 in (Miscellaneous) Records, entry 37-ii; 1913-14 in vol. 12 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-iii.

Record of bills of sale, showing name and address of vendor and vendee; date, consideration, and terms of sale; list of articles sold; name of signer-vendor; date recorded; and clerk's attest.

15. (CHATTEL MORTGAGES), 1879--. 2 vols.

Record of mortgages on personal property, showing names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagees; description of property; date, consideration, and conditions of mortgage; names of signers-mortgagors and witnesses; acknowledgment; affidavit of both parties; certification and acknowledgment; date recorded; and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 196-263 pp. 14 x $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ to 14 x 9 x $\frac{7}{8}$.

16. (STALLION RECORDS), 1908-9, 1912. 1 vol.

Record of stallion certificates, showing date and place of certificate, name and address of owner, place where stallion is kept, description of stallion, name of breeder and owner, name of signer-owner, affidavit of notary public, date recorded, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 60 pp. (2 pp. used) $10\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{4}$. In wooden cabinet in town clerk's office.

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17. (BIRTH RECORDS), scattered dates 1777-1841, 1853. Scattered dates 1777-1837 in vols. 1, 4 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-iii; 1837-38, 1840-41, 1853 in vol. 5 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-iv.

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

For birth reports, see entry 3-ii.

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18. (MARRIAGE RECORDS), scattered dates 1787-1884. Scattered dates 1787-1884 in vols. 1, 4, 6, and vol. for 1876-1904 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xvii; 1844-46 also in vol. 5 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-xi.

Record of marriages, showing name of bride and groom, date and occasionally place of marriage, name and attest of performing official, date recorded, and clerk's attest; 1877-84 adds residences, ages, and birthplaces of bride and groom; names, residences, and birthplaces of parents of bride and groom; and occupation of groom.

For marriage reports, see entry 3-x.

19. (DEATH RECORDS), 1841. In vol. 5 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-v.

Records of deaths, showing name of deceased, date of death, occasionally names of parents, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For death reports, see entry 3-iv.

20. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1868-82. 1 vol. (1).

Contains:

- i. Births, showing place and date of birth; name, sex and condition of child; names, residences, and birthplaces of parents; and occupation of father.
- ii. Deaths, showing place and date of death; name, age, and sex and condition of deceased; names and birthplaces of parents of deceased; disease or cause of death; occupation if male over 15 years of age.
- iii. Marriages, showing date of marriage; names, ages, birthplaces, residences, number of marriage, and names of parents of groom and bride; occupation of groom; name and title of performing official.

Entered chron. under three divisions. For index to births and deaths, see entry 31; to marriages, see entry 28. Hdw. under printed headings. 150 pp. (141 pp. used) 16 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5/8.

21. RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1883-95. 1 vol. (2).

Contains:

- i. Births, showing information as in entry 20-i, omitting condition.
- ii. Deaths, showing information as in entry 20-ii, omitting condition and adding marital status.

Entered chron. by type of record. For index, see entry 31. Hdw. under printed headings. Condition fair. 150 pp. (60 pp. used) 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

22. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1896-1933. 1 vol. (3).

Showing information as in entry 20-i adding date of record, race or color, and condition of child; and name of medical attendant. Chron. entry. For index, see entry 31. Hdw. under printed headings. 57 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3/8.

23. (BIRTH CERTIFICATES), 1903-15. 2 vols. 1916-- in Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 24-i.

Original birth certificates, showing place and date of birth; name, sex, and race or color of child; names, ages, and birthplaces of parents; re-

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sidence of mother; number of child of mother; occupation of father; condition of child as to live or stillbirth and cause if latter; name and residence of informant; date of certificate; date of filing. 1916-- adds whether twin, triplet, or other and number in order of such birth; statement of legitimacy; color of parents; occupation of mother; residence of father; number of children now living; signature of attending physician; clerk's attest. 1930-- adds name of institution if child was born in such, whether premature or full term, detailed information concerning the occupation of the parents, date last engaged and total time spent in occupation, number and period of gestation of stillborn children of mother. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of child; also separate index, see entry 31. Hdw. on printed forms. 100-115 certificates, 8 x 8 x 5/8 to 8 x 8 x 7/8.

24. BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, 1916--. 3 vols., 1 folder. No title, 1932--., 1 folder.

Contains:

- i. (Birth Certificates), entry 23.
- ii. (Death Certificates), entry 30.
- iii. (Marriage Certificates), 1916-29, entry 26.

Arr. chron. by type of record. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of child for births; of groom for marriages; of deceased for deaths; also separate index to births and deaths, see entry 31; to marriages, see entry 28. Hdw. on printed forms. Vols., aver. 50 certificates, $7\frac{3}{4}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$; folder, 75 certificates, 12 x 9.

25. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1883-1936. 2 vols. (1 vol. unnumbered; 2). Record of marriages, showing information as in entry 20-iii. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of groom; for separate index, see entry 28. Hdw. on printed forms. 100-250 pp. (26-48 pp. used) 14 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

26. (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES), 1903-15. 2 vols. 1916-29 in vols. for 1916-31 of Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 24-iii.

Original marriage certificates, showing date and place of application for license; names, addresses, age, color, number of marriage, divorced status, and birthplaces of groom and bride; maiden name of bride if widowed or divorced; names and birthplaces of parents of each; signature of groom or bride; clerk's attest; signature, denomination, and address of performing official; date certificate returned for record; signature of town clerk; oath of applicant to truth of statement in application. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of groom; also separate index, see entry 28. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 18 certificates, $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{3}{8}$.

27. (STUBS OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES), 1930--. 1 vol.

Showing place and date license was issued; name, residence, color, number of marriage, divorced status, birthplace, and age of bride and groom; names and birthplaces of parents of each; maiden name of bride, if widowed or divorced; occupation of groom, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. For separate index, see entry 28. Hdw. on printed forms. 50 stubs, 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

28. INDEX OF MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1857--. 1 vol.

Index serving a portion of marriages in (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xvii; and marriages in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 20-iii; Births; Marriages, Deaths, entry 24-iii; Marriage Record, entry 25; (Marriage Certificates), entry 26; (Stubs of Marriage Certificates), entry 27; showing names of bride and groom, date of marriage, volume and page reference where recorded. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom, and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. 14 x $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

29. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1896-1934. 1 vol. (3).

Showing information as in entry 20-ii adding date of record, marital status, race or color of deceased; and name of medical attendant. Chron. entry. For index, see entry 31. Hdw. under printed headings. 55 pp. 14 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{8}$.

30. (DEATH CERTIFICATES), 1903-16. 2 vols. 1916-- in Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 24-ii.

Original certificates of deaths, showing date of birth; name, sex, color, occupation, and birthplace of deceased; name of spouse; names and birthplaces of parents; name and address of informant and undertaker; former or usual residence of deceased; length of time at place of death; name of hospital or institution if death occurred at either place; date of burial; place, date, and time of death; date attended and last seen alive; chief and contributing causes of death; duration of illness; name and address of medical attendant; date of certification; date filed; signature of health officer and/or informant and/or physician; occupation and business or industry in which deceased was engaged; last date worked and total time spent at this occupation; whether disease or injury was related to occupation of deceased; name and date of operation if any; test which confirmed diagnosis; whether or not an autopsy was performed; whether or not death was due to violence or external causes, accident, suicide, or homicide; date, place, manner, and nature of injury.

Also contains:

i. (Burial Permits), 1903-5, 1909-11, 1914-16, entry 32.

Arr. chron. by type of record. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased for deaths; also separate index for deaths, see entry 31. Hdw. on printed forms. 38-53 certificates, $7\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 x $\frac{3}{8}$ to $7\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 x $\frac{5}{8}$.

31. INDEX OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS, 1868--. 1 vol.

Index serving births in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 20-i; Record of Births and Deaths, entry 21-i; Record of Births, entry 22; (Birth Certificates), entry 23; Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 24-i; and deaths in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 20-ii; Record of Births and Deaths, entry 21-ii; Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 24-ii; Record of Deaths, entry 29; (Death Certificates), entry 30; showing name of child or deceased, date of birth or death, volume and page reference where recorded. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of child or deceased, and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. 14 x $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

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32. (BURIAL PERMITS), 1923-38. 1 vol. 1903-5, 1909-11, 1914-16 in vols. for 1903-16 of (Death Certificates), entry 30-i.

Original burial or removal permits, showing name and address of person to whom issued; place and date of issuance; date and disease or cause of death; name and age of deceased; name of medical attendant; proposed place, date, and manner of burial, entombment, or removal; signature and address of undertaker; authorization by health officer; certification by undertaker of delivery of body to sexton or cemetery keeper; certificate of sexton or cemetery keeper as to disposition of body; and signature of sexton. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 71 certificates, $8\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$. In top drawer of wooden cabinet in town clerk's office.

33. CEMETERY RECORDS (Gravestone Inscription Records), scattered dates 1797-1870. 1 vol.

Record of inscriptions taken from gravestones, showing name and age of deceased, date of death, name of husband or wife if married, names of parents, name of cemetery, occasionally remarks, date recorded, and clerk's attest. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. (47 pp. used) $11 \times 7\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

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34. (DOG LICENSE STUBS), 1893--. 7 vols. (dated).

Stubs of dog licenses, showing license number; name of owner; size, age, color, breed, sex, and further description of dog; amount of fee; period of license; date issued; and signature of town clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Condition fair. Aver. 100 stubs, $5\frac{1}{4} \times 4 \times \frac{1}{2}$. In desk in town clerk's office.

For printed copy of dog account, 1904-31, 1933--., see entry 3-vi.

35. (RECORD OF ANIMAL BOUNTY CERTIFICATES), 1903-4, 1912-24, 1928, 1932. 1 vol.

Record of certificates issued in payment of animal bounties, showing date issued, number of certificate, name and address of payee, number and kind of animals, and amount of bounty. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. (20 pp. used) $14 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$. In wooden cabinet in town clerk's office.

Military Records

36. ENROLLED MILITIA TOWN OF MT. TABOR, 1864-76. 1 vol.

Record of enlistments, showing year; name, age, and occupation of person enlisting; occasionally followed by remarks. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of enrollee. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. $14 \times 8 \times \frac{1}{2}$. In wooden cabinet in town clerk's office.

For original papers, 1876, see entry 38-vii.

Miscellaneous Records

37. (Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1867-80. 1 vol.

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Contains miscellaneous recorded items, viz:

- i. (Agreements), 1873-75, entry 9. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of principal.
- ii. (Bills of Sale), 1874-75, 1879, entry 14. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendor-vendee.
- iii. (Conditional Sales Contract) Records, 1870-75, entry 13. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendor-vendee.
- iv. (Fence Viewers' Decisions), 1879, entry 60. Indexed alph. by type of contents.
- v. (Lien Notes), 1876-79, entry 12. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of vendor-vendee.
- vi. (Road Surveys), 1880, entry 41. Indexed alph. by type of contents.
- vii. (Vendues), 1867-68, 1870, 1875, entry 7. Indexed alph. by type of contents.

Chron. entry. Indexed as shown in subentries. Hdw. 200 pp. (165 pp. used) $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

38. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), scattered dates 1874--. 10 bundles, 1 cardboard box.

Original unbound miscellaneous papers filed with the town clerk, viz:

- i. Attachments, scattered dates 1877-1936, showing information as in entry 11.
- ii. Business licenses, 1930-32, showing name and address of licensee, date issued, kind of business engaged in, term of permit, date permit expires, signatures of selectmen, date filed, and clerk's attest.
- iii. Canceled checks, 1916, 1918, 1920-22, 1925--, showing name of payee; date, number, and amount of check; signature of treasurer; indorsement(s); and bank cancelation.
- iv. Check lists of voters, 1876, 1892, 1904, 1930--: alphabetical list of persons eligible to vote with a check mark after the name indicating casting of ballot.
- v. Deeds, 1874, 1893, 1936, showing information as in entry 5.
- vi. Delinquent taxes, lists of, 1874, 1876-77, 1881, 1890-93, showing name of taxpayer, date and amount of tax, date filed, and clerk's attest. For report of delinquent taxes, see entry 3-v; for record of delinquent tax list, see entry 5-vi.
- vii. Enrolled militia, 1876, showing information as in entry 36, adding certification and signatures of listers.
- viii. Freeman's oath, list of persons taking, 1932, 1934, 1938--, showing information as in entry 2-ix.
- ix. Officers' bonds, 1930-31, 1935, 1938--, showing information as in entry 4, with original signatures and date filed instead of names of signers and date recorded.
- x. Officers' oaths, 1935--, showing information as in entry 2-xix.
- xi. Paid orders, 1915--, showing name of payee; number, date, amount, and purpose of order; and signature of issuing officer.
- xii. Road mileages, 1893, 1902, 1930--, showing information as in entry 43.
- xiii. Roads discontinued, 1876, showing information as in entry 42.
- xiv. School census, 1875-77, 1901, 1934, showing information as in entry 2-xxv.

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- xv. Stocking certificate, 1932, showing date and place issued, name of stream or brook stocked, amount and kind of fish stocked, and signature of property owner.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. or typed on printed forms. Bundles, aver. 8 x 4 x 3; box, 18 x 15 x 10. 10 bundles, scattered dates 1874-1936, in wooden pigeonholes in cabinet; 1 box, scattered dates. 1915--, on top of large safe in town clerk's office.

39. (HIGHWAY PETITIONS), 1848, 1876-77, 1908. 1848, 1908 in vol. 6 and vol. for 1904-14 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xi; 1876-77 in vol. 9 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-ix.

Record of petitions for highways, showing place and date of petition, location of proposed road, names of signers-petitioners, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

II. SELECTMEN

At the first annual town meeting held March 13, 1788, three selectmen were elected to serve for a term of one year.¹ This procedure was followed until 1909,² except for the years 1789 and 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found, and 1817 when five selectmen were elected.³ At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1909, three selectmen were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.⁴ Since 1910 there has been one selectman elected annually to serve for a term of three years.⁵ The selectmen acted as overseers of poor for the years 1842-43, 1848-50, 1853-54, 1882-84, 1886-99, 1901-4, 1920-22, and 1930;⁶ as town agents for the years 1860, 1887-88, 1891, and 1910;⁷ and as trustee of public money in 1901.⁸ Prior to 1839 the selectmen and justices of the peace meeting with two or more of the listers abated taxes;⁹ and at present the selectmen are members of the board of civil authority,¹⁰ and board for abatement of taxes.¹¹ The selectmen and the health officer constitute the local board of health.¹²

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

40. (SELECTMEN'S ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1901-22, 1924-27, 1930---. 12 vols.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, and vols. for 1876-1914, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 41.
 4. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, p. 124.
 5. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 6. Ibid., vols. 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 7. Ibid., vol. 6, vols. for 1876-1914, passim.
 8. Ibid., vol. for 1876-1904, p. 324.
 9. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 10. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 11. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
 12. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5278, 5279.

Stubs of orders issued by the selectmen, showing name of payee; number, amount, date, and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs, $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $3\frac{3}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 10 vols., 1901-22, 1924-27, 1930-38, in desk in town clerk's office; 2 vols., 1939-- , at residence of E. C. Crosby, selectman.

41. (ROAD SURVEYS), 1788, 1790, scattered dates 1806-82. 1788, 1790, scattered dates 1834-82 in vols. 1, 4, 6 and vol. for 1876-1904 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xxiii; scattered dates 1806-76 in vols. 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-xv; 1880 also in (Miscellaneous) Records, entry 37-vi.

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

42. (ROADS DISCONTINUED), 1876, 1879, 1882, 1935. 1876 in vol. 9 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-xvi; 1879, 1882, 1935 in vol. for 1876-1904 and vol. 3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xxiv.

Record of roads discontinued, showing date road discontinued, description of road, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1876, see entry 38-xiii.

43. (ROAD MILEAGES), scattered dates 1893-- . Scattered dates 1893-- in vols. for 1876-1914 and vols. 2, 3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xxii; 1931 also in vol. 13 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-xiv.

Record of road mileage certificates, showing number of miles of traveled highways not including pent roads and trails, number of miles of new and discontinued roads during year, total road mileage, date of certificate, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original certificates, 1893, 1902, 1930-- , see entry 38-xii.

III. LISTERS

At the first town meeting held March 13, 1788, two listers were elected to serve for a term of one year.¹ From that time until 1909, except for the years 1817² when five listers were elected, 1823 when no mention was made of this office,³ and 1789 and 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found, three listers were elected annually to serve for a term of one year.⁴ At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1909 three listers were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.⁵ Since then one lister has been elected annually to serve for a term of three years.⁶ Prior to

1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 2.
2. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 21.
3. Ibid., p. 41.
4. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6 and vols. for 1876-1914, passim.
5. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, p. 124.
6. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, and vols. 2, 3, passim.

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1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes,¹ and at present the listers are members of the board for abatement of taxes.²

44. (TAX INVENTORIES), 1932--. 7 bundles.

Original lists of taxable real estate and personal property, showing name and address of taxpayer, age if over 70 or under 21, name of spouse, address to which tax notice is to be sent, classification and valuation of real and personal property, offset allowed, poll tax, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath of taxpayer, signatures of listers, date of receipt, summary of information, lister's memorandum. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer, and chron. by years. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 8 x 3 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. In wooden cabinet in town clerk's office.

45. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISAL OF THE REAL ESTATE, 1860--. 20 vols.
Title varies: Quintennial Valuation, 1860, 1 vol.; Quinquennial Valuations, 1865, 1870, 2 vols.; Quadrennial Valuation of the Real Estate, 1874-1910, 10 vols.

Record of real estate appraisals, showing name of owner, description of each parcel of real estate including estimated number of acres if known, appraised valuation, remarks; the incorporated village, school or fire district, ward or other municipal division wherein such taxable real estate is located; 1902-- add^d oath of listers. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of owner. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 16-100 pp. 8 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 3/8.

46. ABSTRACT OF INDIVIDUAL LISTS AND GRAND LIST, 1829, 1833, 1835-37, 1842--. 104 vols. Title varies: Grand List, 1829, 1833, 1835-37, 1842-1910, 74 vols.

Abstracts of lists of taxable real estate and personal property, showing 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, amount of poll, oath of listers, oath as to having assessed the true valuation of property; date and signatures of listers. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Vols. for 1842-53, hdw.; vols. for 1829, 1833, 1835-37, 1853--, hdw. under printed headings. 12-40 pp. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 16 x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 x 28 x 1/8. 5 vols., 1829, 1833, 1835-37, in small safe in town clerk's office; 99 vols., 1842--, in desk in town clerk's office.

For report of grand list, see entry 3-vii.

47. INDIVIDUAL LISTS, 1853, 1874-75. 3 vols.

Names of taxpayers; description and valuation of real estate and personal property. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. Vols. for 1853, 1874, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer; vol. for 1875, no index. Vol. for 1853, hdw. under printed headings; vols. for 1874-75, hdw. Condition fair. 50-100 pp. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x $\frac{1}{4}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

1. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
2. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.

48. RATABLE POLLS, 1919, 1925, 1927-28. 4 vols. Showing name and residence of taxpayer, amount of polls for town tax, name or number of district, and remarks. Entered alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 45 pp. $16 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$.

IV. TREASURER

At the first town meeting held March 13, 1788, a treasurer was elected to serve for a term of one year.¹ This procedure has been followed at each annual meeting since that time, except for the years 1789 and 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found, and 1802, 1828, 1834, and 1858 when the election of a person to fill this office was not recorded.² In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of the board for abatement of taxes.³

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

49. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1854--. 3 vols. Title varies: Records, 1854--, 1 vol.; Treasurer's Accounts, 1903-17, 1 vol. Record of treasurer's accounts of itemized receipts and expenditures, showing date, purpose, debit and credit columns, certification of auditors; after 1903 under departmental headings. Receipts, show date, name of payer, purpose, total, general or town tax, town school tax and state school tax, town highway tax and bridges and auto maintenance fund, state highway funds and permanent highway tax, tax for support of poor, state tax, state school tax, state highway tax, county tax, loans, sundries, dog license fees. Disbursements show date; order number; name of payee; selectmen, school, highway and general account; certification and signature of auditors.

For related records, 1834, 1853, see entry 2-xxviii.

Also contains:

- i. Treasurer's record of taxes, 1896--, showing name of taxpayer, amount of tax, date of payment or date taxes were abated; vol. for 1854--.

Chron. entry. No index. Vol. for 1854--, hdw.; vols. for 1903--, hdw. under printed headings. 200-695 pp. $13\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ to $16 \times 11 \times 1\frac{3}{4}$.

50. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1911-13, 1922-24, 1927--. 4 vols. Stubs of checks issued by the treasurer for town expenses, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of check. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 stubs, $3\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$. In desk in town clerk's office.

51. (TAX BOOK), 1879-80, 1893-97, 1910--. 43 vols. Record of taxes assessed, showing name of taxpayer, year of tax, grand list, town tax, state tax, state school tax, county tax, discount, total tax. Stubs and receipts of bills of taxes, showing name of taxpayer,

1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 2.
2. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
3. Laws of Vermont, 1929, No. 54.

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Auditors

town tax, state tax, state school tax, county tax, signature of collector, date of payment. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50-75 pp. 4 x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. In cabinet in town clerk's office.

52. (TAX RECEIPT STUBS), 1903--. 29 vols.

Stubs of tax receipts, showing name of taxpayer; date, amount, and type of tax; discount; date and amount paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 stubs, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. In desk in town clerk's office.

V. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

Three trustees of surplus money were elected at a special town meeting held in December 1836.¹ Three were elected at the annual town meeting held on March 6, 1838,² to serve for a term of one year and this procedure was followed until 1852.³ At the annual town meeting held March 8, 1853, only one trustee was elected,⁴ to serve for a term of one year, and this procedure has been followed to date,⁵ except for the year 1889 when three trustees were elected,⁶ and 1901 when the selectmen acted in this capacity.⁷ This office keeps no records.

VI. AUDITORS

The forerunners of the auditors were committees elected by the town to settle and adjust accounts of town officers. The first committee consisting of three persons was elected at the annual town meeting held March 3, 1803.⁸ A committee of three was again elected in 1811 and from 1813-40.⁹ Three auditors were elected to serve for a term of one year at an annual meeting held March 2, 1841,¹⁰ and this procedure continued until 1917.¹¹ At the annual town meeting held March 6, 1917, three auditors were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.¹² Since 1918 there has been one auditor elected at each annual town meeting to serve for a term of three years.¹³

For record of reports, see entry 2-ii; for printed copy of financial reports for voters, see entry 3-i.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 4, p. 105, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., p. 112.
 3. Ibid., passim.
 4. Ibid., p. 440.
 5. Ibid., vols. 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. for 1876-1904, p. 124.
 7. Ibid., p. 324.
 8. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 215.
 9. Ibid., vol. 4, passim.
 10. Ibid., p. 186.
 11. Ibid., vols. 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vol. 2, passim.
 12. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 60.
 13. Ibid., vols. 2, 3, passim.

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

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VII. TAX COLLECTOR

The first tax collector was elected at the annual town meeting held March 26, 1816.¹ A tax collector was again elected at the annual town meeting held in 1817, 1864-65, 1867, 1883, 1889, 1895, 1902-3, and 1905 to date.² The constable acted as tax collector for the years 1788, 1790-94, 1797-1803, 1807-15, 1819, 1823-25, 1827-30, 1832-36, 1838-40, 1844-58, 1868-82, 1884-88, 1890-94, 1899, 1901, and 1904.³ For the years not shown it is believed that the constable also acted as tax collector.

For printed copy of report of delinquent taxes, see entry 3-v.

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 1860.⁴ In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board.⁵ During the years 1839-60 the duties of this office were performed by the board of civil authority.⁶ Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes.⁷

For record of abatements as made by the board of civil authority, see entry 53.

IX. BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The board of civil authority, consisting of the selectmen and the justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature in 1839.⁸ In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member.⁹ Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office.¹⁰ Prior to 1860 this board acted as the board for abatement of taxes.¹¹

53. (BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY, MEETINGS OF), 1886-96, 1899, 1901-20, 1922-29, 1931--. In vols. for 1876-1914 and vols. 2, 3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-iv.

Minutes of meetings, showing place and date meeting held, list of persons taking freeman's oath, check list revisions, tax abatements, oc-

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 4, p. 18, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vols. 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 3. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, and vol. for 1876-1904, passim.
 4. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
 5. Ibid., 1929, No. 54.
 6. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 7. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 8. Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 9. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 52, sec. 1.
 10. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 11. Ibid.

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School Directors

casional appointment of election officials, name of signer-clerk of board, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

X. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

At the annual town meeting held March 18, 1797 the town elected two trustees of schools to serve for a term of one year.¹ This procedure was repeated in 1811 and 1822.² At an annual town meeting held in March 1828, a committee to superintend schools was elected to serve for a term of one year.³ This procedure was followed during the years 1829, 1831, and 1832.⁴ At the annual town meeting held March 3, 1846, a superintendent of schools was elected to serve for a term of one year.⁵ During the years 1847-53, 1855-84, 1888 and 1892 one or two superintendents of schools were elected to serve for a one year term.⁶ On March 4, 1879 a textbook committee, consisting of two persons was elected.⁷ This committee was again elected in 1884.⁸ At an annual town meeting held March 4, 1884, three school directors were elected to serve the following term: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.⁹ During the years 1885-87, one school director was elected annually to serve for a term of three years.¹⁰ A member of the county board of education was elected in 1889 and 1890.¹¹ At the annual town meeting held March 7, 1893, three school directors were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.¹² Since 1894, one school director has been elected annually to serve for a term of three years.¹³ There is no record of an election to fill this office in the years not shown.

For printed copy of financial reports by school directors, see entry 3-ix; for printed copy of report by superintendent of schools, see entry 3-xi.

54. (SCHOOL DIRECTORS, MEETING OF), 1914. In vol. for 1904-14 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-xxvi. Minutes of meeting, showing date and place meeting held, names of school directors, business transacted, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

55. VERMONT SCHOOL REGISTER, 1879---. 179 vols. Showing questionnaire of teachers, certification of report by teacher,

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 235, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vol. 4, pp. 3, 36.
 3. Ibid., p. 64.
 4. Ibid., passim.
 5. Ibid., p. 248.
 6. Ibid., vols. 4, 6, and vol. for 1876-1904, passim.
 7. Ibid., vol. for 1876-1904, p. 25.
 8. Ibid., p. 73.
 9. Ibid.
 10. Ibid., passim.
 11. Ibid.
 12. Ibid., p. 199.
 13. Ibid., vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.

Truant Officer; Road Commissioner

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questionnaire of superintendent, certification of report by superintendent, list of pupils, visitors' register; daily attendance record 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 entered alph. by first letter of surname of pupil; no obvious arr. to remainder of vol. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 20 pp. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 1/8$. 163 vols., 1879-1929, in wooden cabinet in town clerk's office; 16 vols., 1929-- , in small safe in town clerk's office.

56. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1901. 1 vol.

Copy of statistical report of the superintendent of schools and school directors to the State Board of Education, showing school census, school attendance, resources, expenditures, schoolhouses and supplies, names of teachers, transportation, miscellaneous, signatures of school directors, certified statement, date recorded and clerk's attest. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 15 pp. $11 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1/8$.

57. (SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1900, 1904, 1908-- . 15 vols.

Stubs of orders issued by the school directors, showing name of payee; date, number, purpose, and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Condition fair. Aver. 50 stubs, $3\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$. In desk in town clerk's office.

XI. TRUANT OFFICER

One truant officer was elected at the annual town meeting held on March 4, 1902.¹ One officer was elected in 1903,² and there is no further mention of an election to fill this office. This office kept no records.

XII. ROAD COMMISSIONER

The forerunners of the road commissioners were first known as pathmasters. At the first annual meeting held March 13, 1788, one pathmaster was elected to serve for a term of one year.³ Two pathmasters were elected in 1790.⁴ In the year 1791 the name was changed to surveyors of highways and two were elected to serve for a term of one year.⁵ From 1791 until 1877, except for the years 1856 when no mention was made of this officer, and 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found from one to twelve surveyors of highways were elected annually to serve for a term of one year.⁶ In the year 1877 the name was changed to street

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. for 1876-1904, p. 332, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., p. 358.
 3. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 4. Ibid., p. 29.
 5. Ibid., p. 35.
 6. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, passim.

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Overseer of Poor; Moderator

commissioners and three were elected.¹ This procedure was followed during the years 1881, 1882, and 1884.² At an annual town meeting held March 5, 1856, three road commissioners were elected to serve for a term of one year.³ This procedure was repeated on March 5, 1878.⁴ From 1894 to date there has been one road commissioner elected annually to serve for a term of one year.⁵ There is no record of an election to fill this office in the years not shown.

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

58. (ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1909--., 12 vols. Stubs of orders issued by the road commissioners, showing name of payee; date, number, purpose, and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver, 75 stubs, $3\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. In desk in office.

XIII. OVERSEER OF POOR

The first mention of the overseer of poor was in 1842 when at the annual town meeting held March 1 the town voted that the selectmen act as the overseers of poor.⁶ This procedure was followed in 1843.⁷ The first overseer of poor was elected at the annual town meeting held March 5, 1844,⁸ to serve for a term of one year. This procedure was followed during the years, 1845-47, 1851-52, 1855-81, 1885, 1900, 1905-19, 1923-29, and 1931 to date.⁹ The selectmen acted in this capacity during the years 1848-50, 1853-54, 1882-84, 1886-99, 1901-4, 1920-22, and 1930.¹⁰

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

59. (OVERSEER OF POOR BOOK STUBS), 1916--., 10 vols. Stubs of orders issued by the overseer of poor, showing name of payee; date, number, purpose, and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50 stubs, $3\frac{1}{4} \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2}$ to $8 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2}$. 7 vols., 1916-36, in desk; 3 vols., 1937--., at residence of Merle Spangler, overseer of poor.

XIV. MODERATOR

At the first annual meeting held March 13, 1788, one moderator was elected to serve for a term of one year.¹¹ Since that time there has been a moderator elected at each annual meeting, except for the years

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. for 1876-1904, p. 7, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 6, p. 200.
 4. Ibid., vol. for 1876-1904, p. 15.
 5. Ibid., vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 192.
 7. Ibid., p. 202.
 8. Ibid., p. 220.
 9. Ibid., vols. 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 10. Ibid.
 11. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.

Constable; Town Agent; Grand Jurors; Board of Health

1789 and 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found.¹ This office keeps no records.

XV. CONSTABLE

At the first annual town meeting held March 13, 1788, one constable was elected to serve for a term of one year.² Since that time one or two constables have been elected annually to serve for a term of one year,³ except for the years 1789 and 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found, and 1826 when no mention was made of this officer. During the years 1788, 1790-94, 1797-1803, 1807-15, 1819, 1823-25, 1827-30, 1832-36, 1838-40, 1844-58, 1868-82, 1884-88, 1890-94, 1899, 1901, and 1904, the constable acted as tax collector.⁴ It is believed that the constable also acted as tax collector during the remaining years when there was no election of a tax collector. This office keeps no records.

XVI. TOWN AGENT

The first town agent was elected at an annual town meeting held March 2, 1841 to serve for a term of one year.⁵ This procedure has been followed annually since that time,⁶ except for the years 1860, 1887-88, 1891, and 1910 when the selectmen served in this capacity.⁷ This office keeps no records.

XVII. GRAND JURORS

One grand juror was elected at an annual town meeting held March 9, 1790 to serve for a term of one year.⁸ Since that time from one to six grand jurors have been elected annually to serve a similar term,⁹ except for the years 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found. This office keeps no records.

XVIII. BOARD OF HEALTH

An act of the legislature in 1892 required the Commissioner of the State Board of Health to appoint a health officer in each town.¹⁰ 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

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vols. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 3. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 4. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vol. for 1876-1904, passim.
 5. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 186.
 6. Ibid., vols. 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 7. Ibid., vol. 6, vols. for 1876-1914, passim.
 8. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 29.
 9. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, and vols. 2, 3, passim.
 10. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 92.

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Fence Viewers; Poundkeepers;
Sealer of Weights and Measures

until his successor is appointed.¹ 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.²

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

XIX. FENCE VIEWERS

One fence viewer was elected at the town meeting held March 13, 1788, to serve for a term of one year.³ From that time until 1907, except for the years 1789 and 1795-96 when no record of an election was found, and 1802, 1811, 1826, and 1838, when no mention was made of this officer, from one to three fence viewers were elected annually.⁴ On March 5, 1907, the selectmen appointed three fence viewers to serve for a term of one year.⁵ This procedure was followed through 1915.⁶

60. (FENCE VIEWERS' DECISIONS), 1853, 1859, 1879. 1853 in vol. 6 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, entry 2-viii; 1859 in vol. 7 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 5-viii; 1879 in (Miscellaneous) Records, entry 37-iv.

Record of decisions made by fence viewers, showing location of fence, date of decision, names of disputants, line to be kept by each, names of signers-fence viewers, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

XX. POUNDKEEPERS

The first poundkeeper was elected at the annual town meeting held March 13, 1788.⁷ From 1789-1906 one to four poundkeepers were elected annually to serve for a term of one year,⁸ except for the years 1789 and 1795-96 when no record of the meetings were found, and 1802, 1823, and 1827, when no mention was made of this officer. On March 5, 1907 the selectmen appointed three poundkeepers to serve for a term of one year.⁹ This procedure was followed through 1915 the number varying from two to three.¹⁰ This office kept no records.

XXI. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A sealer of weights and measures was elected at the first town

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1. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, sec. 5275, 5279.
 2. Ibid., 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5278, 5279.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 2.
 4. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, passim.
 5. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, p. 68.
 6. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, passim; vol. 2, p. 15.
 7. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 8. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, passim.
 9. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, p. 68.
 10. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, passim; vol. 2, p. 15.

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles,
and Wood; Inspector of Leather;
Tree Warden

meeting held March 13, 1788.¹ This procedure was followed until 1881² when this office went out of existence, except for the years 1789 and 1795-96 when records of meetings were not found, and 1805, 1808, 1810-17, 1865-68, 1870, 1874, 1878 and 1880 when records of an election to fill this office were not found. This office kept no records.

XXII. INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, AND WOOD

The first inspector of lumber, shingles, and wood was elected at an annual town meeting held March 1, 1870.³ One inspector was elected in 1875, 1882-86; two were elected in 1887-88.⁴ There is no record of an election to fill this office in the years not shown. From 1889 until 1907 one inspector was elected at each annual town meeting.⁵ On March 5, 1907 the selectmen appointed an inspector of lumber, shingles, and wood to serve for a term of one year.⁶ This procedure was followed through 1915.⁷ The title of this officer has varied slightly. This office kept no records.

XXIII. INSPECTOR OF LEATHER

At the annual town meeting held March 9, 1790, the town elected one sealer of leather to serve for a term of one year.⁸ From that time until 1907, except for the years 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found, and 1805, 1808, 1810-14, 1816-17, 1828, 1867, when no mention was made of this officer, one or two sealers of leather were elected annually to serve for a term of one year.⁹ On March 5, 1907 the selectmen appointed an inspector of leather to serve for a term of one year.¹⁰ This procedure was followed through 1915.¹¹ This office kept no records.

XXIV. TREE WARDEN

One tree warden was elected at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1909,¹² to serve for a term of one year. This procedure was followed

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vol. for 1876-1904, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 6, p. 365.
 4. Ibid., vol. 6, vol. for 1876-1904, passim.
 5. Ibid., vols. for 1876-1914, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, p. 68.
 7. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, passim; vol. 2, p. 15.
 8. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 29.
 9. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, 6, vols. for 1876-1914, passim.
 10. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, p. 68.
 11. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, passim; vol. 2, p. 15.
 12. Ibid., vol. for 1904-14, p. 124.

Tythingmen; Haywards

during the years 1910, 1911, 1919, 1925, and 1929-32.¹ This office kept no records.

XXV. TYTHINGMEN

At the annual town meeting held March 9, 1790 one tythingman was elected to serve for a term of one year.² From that time until 1840 from one to three tythingmen were elected annually to serve for a term of one year,³ except for the years 1795-96, when no records of the meetings were found, and 1799, 1804, and 1831, when no mention of this officer was made. This office kept no records.

XXVI. HAYWARDS

At the first town meeting held March 13, 1788 one hayward was elected to serve for a term of one year.⁴ From 1790 until 1842, except for the years 1795-96 when no records of the meetings were found, from one to seven haywards were elected annually for similar terms.⁵ This non-record keeping office went out of existence in 1842.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record, vol. for 1904-14, and vols. 2, 3, passim, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 29.
 3. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, passim.
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