

A R E C O R D

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# REMARKABLE EVENTS

IN MARLBOROUGH AND VICINITY.

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# A RECORD

OF MORE THAN

## FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY EVENTS,

With the Date of their Occurrence, in Marlborough and Vicinity,

CONSISTING OF

ACCIDENTS, BALLS, CELEBRATIONS, DEDICATIONS,  
EXHIBITIONS, FIRES, GIFTS, HOLIDAYS, INCI-  
DENTS, JUBILEES, KNACKS, LECTURES, MUS-  
TERS, NECROLOGIES, ORDINATIONS, PIC-  
NICS, QUARRELS, RAISINGS, SHOWS,  
TORNADOES, UNDERTAKINGS, VEN-  
DUES, WEATHER, XTREMES,  
YEARS, ZERO DAYS, Etc.

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Jan. 1st, 1876. Centennial year. The New Years day came in as pleasant as the first of May. It was 40 degrees warmer than one year ago, New Years day. The thermometer up to 72 degrees during the day; beautiful all day and clear till towards night; some cloudy in the evening. The warmest New Years day for many years.

Jan 1st, 1855. The Agricultural Branch Railroad opened from Framingham to Willard Newton's, now South Marlboro. Opened in May, 1855, to Marlboro Town House

Jan. 1, 1873. Marlboro Journal revived by S. B. Pratt, and Jan. 1, 1876, united with the Marlboro Mirror. Jan. 1, 1879, Bolton Express revived also Berlin Reporter established by Pratt Brothers. Jan. 9, 1878, Marlboro Advertiser established.

Jan. 2d, 1867. Marlboro Board of Trade, a Business Men's Association, organized in

town. Mark Fay was chosen President, Held several meetings during the year.

Jan. 31, 1873. Fire near French Hill. The large Block corner of Lincoln and Broad streets was burned.

Jan. 4th and 23d, 1835. Extremely cold. The coldest for many years. The thermometer from 28 to 38 degrees below zero.

Jan. 6th, 1877. Another disastrous Fire near the South Depot, in town; Smith and Hincks box factory and grist mill, loss ten thousand dollars. Thomas Jackson's loss four thousand dollars; no insurance. Samuel Boyd's, tenement house; insured one thousand dollars.

Jan. 8th, 1841. Grand Military Ball at John Cotting's Hall, in town. The hall was decorated with flags. Col. Daniel Pope of Feltonville was Captain of the Company.

Jan. 8th, 1829. Snow and rain. The

trees, both fruit and forest, were loaded with ice to such a degree that they were dreadfully split and broken down; the ice continued on the trees for five days. Jan. 11th and 12th, Saturday and Sunday, the trees were so bent with ice, that when the sun rose the whole surface, as far as the eye could reach, was one beautiful scene.

Jan. 9th, 1861. George William Curtis lectured in town—Subject:—"Honesty the best Policy."

Jan. 10th, 1803. Silas Felton lectured before the Society of Social Enquirers in town, at their Annual Meeting. This evening the husbands had their wives accompany them.

Jan. 10th, 1877. Prof. W. J. Marshall, lecture on Wonderland, the Grand National Park, half as large as Massachusetts. The Park is situated on both sides of the Rocky Mountains.

Jan. 11th, 1848. Called the cold Tuesday of that year. The 11th of February that year, the coldest day in that month. ~~March 11th, the coldest day in March 1848.~~

Jan. 12th, 1860. Dedication of a New Engine House at Feltonville. The hall was furnished by the ladies.

Jan. 13th, 1869. Annual Meeting in town of the Conference of Unitarian Churches. There were 90 delegates present.

Jan. 14th, 1869. A Concert in town, by the Mendelssohn Club of Boston, to a crowded house.

Jan. 14th, 1820. Accident and loss of life in Marlborough. Phineas Sawyer, aged 51 years, was killed in a grist mill at the Mills, afterwards called Feltonville, now Hudson.

Jan. 14th, 1821. Capt. Moses Woods died in town, aged 81 years. He was Town Treasurer several years, and Town Clerk 21 years.

Jan. 15th and 16th, 1831. A genuine old-fashioned snow storm. Some drifts, 10 to 12 feet high. Extremely cold on Monday, the 16th of January.

Jan. 15th, 1836. A Town Meeting, about dividing the town, upon the petition of the citizens of Feltonville, and from the north east part of the town.

Jan. 17th, 1867. In the morning commenced a great drifting snow storm, and

continued all day. The same day died at Northboro, Dea. Jonathan Bartlett, aged 63 years. The next day, the 18th, a snow blockade, from 2 to 3 feet of snow; no cars on either road from Boston arrived in Marlboro.

Jan. 18th, Sunday, to 24th, 1857. A cold week. Thermometer from 20 to 30 degrees, below zero. Jan. 23d below zero all day in Boston.

Jan. 19th, 1810. Friday. Called the Cold Friday. The day before mercury fell 41 degrees in 19 hours. A boisterous wind prevailed and trees were blown down, and in some places, it was said, houses also.

Jan. 21st, 1787. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, with the army from Roxbury, arrived in town and stopped over night; the next day, Jan. 22d, the troops reached Worcester. They were going to quell Daniel Shay's Insurrection.

Jan. 22d, 1845. Rev. Horatio Alger was installed pastor of the Unitarian Society in town; he continued their pastor 14 years. In 1850 he published a Historical Sketch of the West Church.

Jan. 24th, 1766. Northborough was incorporated. For 20 years before this date it was the North Precinct of Westborough.

Jan. 25th, 1832. Change of weather. At sunrise the thermometer stood at 55 degrees above zero, and fell before the next morning to one degree. Suppose one of the greatest depressions, in 24 hours, on record. Jan. 26th and 27th, in some places, 10 to 18 below zero.

Jan. 25th, 1874. Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, D. D. preached in the evening in the Unitarian church in Marlboro, being the first of Rev. J. H. Wiggin's Denominational Course, by different Denominations, that season.

Jan. 26th, 1870. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore gave a lecture in the Unitarian Church—Subject: "A Look Ahead."

Jan. 28th, 1844. Extremely cold. The last half of the month was very cold. The Boston Harbor was frozen over.

Jan. 29th, 1839. An oral discussion in the Universalist church, between Rev. Thomas J. Greenwood and Rev. Horace Moulton. The next evening, Jan. 30th, the discussion continued in the Methodist, a brick church, in the north part of the town.

Jan. 29th, 1871. Celebration of Thomas

Paine's birthday in the evening, in Berry's Hall in town. Several citizens addressed the meeting.

Jan. 29th, 1875. Friday evening. Grand Military Ball at Marlboro Town Hall. Several military guests from out of town were present. Capt. E. C. Whitney, chief marshal. Had Lowell Band, 8 pieces.

Jan. 30th, 1854. Fire in the north part of the town. The school house in district No. 7, (called the wilderness district,) was burnt near the end of the last century, the north schoolhouse in town was also burnt.

Jan. 31st, 1839. A good lecture in town delivered by Hon. Alexander Hill Everett about the Battle of Bunker Hill of June 17th, 1775.

Jan. 31st 1874. Saturday. Sensation this week in Marlboro. The G. A. R's. drama, called "Blue and Gray," in the Town Hall.

Jan. 31st, 1815. Was one of the coldest days. The thermometer averaged through the day about ten degrees below zero. For years it was called the cold Tuesday of 1815.

### February Events and the dates of their occurrence.

Feb. 1st, 1826. Intensely cold; mercury at sunrise from 16 to 18 degrees below zero. It was the coldest day that winter.

Feb. 3d, 1870. Ralph Waldo Emerson lectured in the Unitarian church.

Feb. 3d, 1868. About 11 o'clock P. M. a heavy thunder storm; duration half an hour.

Feb. 4th, 1874. Gen. N. P. Banks lectured at Northboro. A special train from Marlboro carried up 30 or 40 persons. A number of buffalo robes were stolen that evening at Northboro.

Feb. 6th and 7th, 1855. Cold Tuesday and Wednesday. The coldest probably since the famous 16th of December 1835. Thermometer from 20 to 30 below zero. At noon 4 below zero in Boston.

Feb. 7th, 1771. Capt. Ephraim Brigham died, aged 63 years. His donation to the town, £72 for preaching, and £111 for schooling, the last the origin of the Brigham School Fund. He was town treasurer, assessor and selectman several years.

Feb. 7th, 1870. Miss Hannah Maynard died, aged 88 years. Her donation to the town of Marlboro was 1000 dollars. Sept, 19th, same year in the new Town Hall, voted to accept the bequest.

Feb. 8th and 23d, 1849. Two Balls at John Cotting's hall. Music by Edward Kendall's Quadrille Band. Named, Social and Union Balls and Entertainments.

Feb. 8th, 1861. Called the Cold Friday. From 20 to 30 degrees below zero. Change of 62 degrees in 18 hours, from yesterday noon. In Wisconsin State, Feb. 7th was called the Cold Thursday of 1861.

Feb. 10th, 1824. The Universalist Society in Marlborough was incorporated. The society was formed about 6 years before this date, with 16 members.

Feb. 10th, 1830. Rev. Robert F. Wallcut, aged 33 years, was settled at Berlin. He remained about 4 years.

Feb. 11th, 1865. The date of the first number of the Feltonville Pioneer, a newspaper published by Charles A. Wood.

Feb. 11th, 1869. Thursday evening. The Southboro Town House was burned. Loss, 5000 dollars. Insured 3000 dollars. The Town Library, 1531 volumes, was all saved. The Marlboro engines were present, and one from Westboro. The subject of a new Town hall was to come up at the next annual meeting.

Feb. 13th, 1861. Wednesday evening. Rev. Edwin H. Chapin, D. D., lectured before the Marlboro Mechanics' Institute, to a crowded house. Subject—"Man and his Works. Three years before, Feb. 24th, 1858, he lectured in town.

Feb. 14th, 1817. Friday, another cold Friday. Extremely cold; 18 degrees below zero, with high winds. Robert B. Thomas' Almanac says it was ascertained to have been several degrees colder than the Cold Friday of 1810. It says some people lost their lives.

Feb. 15th, 1876. Tuesday, the storm continued; an icy time, trees and shrubs loaded with ice; some wind, limbs broken off. In the evening the Great Elm on Boston Common fell to the ground.

Feb. 17th, 1858. The date of the Annual Visitor and Lyceum Journal. It was edited by Misses H. W. Goodale and E. B. Phelps, both of Marlboro. It was printed at Clinton.

Feb. 15th, 1814. The Northboro Factory incorporated, for manufacturing cotton and woolen cloth and yarn. Real Estate not to exceed 100,000 dollars. Personal estate 200,000 dollars. Corporators, George Slocum, Jr., Isaac Davis, Silas Gates, Phineas Davis, Asaph Rice, Benjamin Rice, Caleb Witherbee, Joseph Davis and Joseph Howe.

Feb. 18th, 1830. The Proprietors of Gates Academy in Marlboro incorporated. The number of Trustees not less than nine nor more than 13. This year three of them from out of town. Joseph Allen and Joseph Davis from Northboro, Jereboam Parker of Southboro.

Feb. 18th, 1876. A Boiler Explosion, and three men killed, in the woods in the extreme east part of the town, near Hagar's saw mill, or just over the line in Framingham.

Feb. 20th, 1853, Richard Farwell, Esq. died in town, aged 63 years. He was a lawyer, and graduated at Harvard College in 1817. He married Caroline M. Brigham, daughter of Joseph Brigham Esq., the first settled lawyer in town.

Feb. 21st, 1806. Mrs. Sarah Brigham, the wife of Joseph Brigham Esq., died in Marlborough; Rev. John Murray of Boston, Universalist, officiated at her funeral.

Feb. 22d, 1800. Commemoration of Washington in Marlboro. Joseph Brigham Esq. of Marlboro delivered an address before the citizens of the town, on the death of George Washington. We believe the Eulogy was printed.

Feb. 22d, 1869. In Town Meeting. Voted to have a new Town House, to be built on the present site of the old Town Hall and Post Office Building.

Feb. 22d, 1870. Fire in Northboro. The old Town Hall and High School was burned. Loss 5000 dollars. It was located a few rods east of the Unitarian church.

Feb. 22d, 1866. Dr. J. G. Holland of Springfield gave a lecture in town. Subject:— "Jonathan at School."

Feb. 22d, 1872. G. A. R. Masquerade Ball at Marlboro Town Hall. 100 couples were present.

Feb. 23d, 1791. The northwest corner of Framingham, called "The Leg" between Marlborough and Sudbury was set off from Framingham, and annexed to Marlborough.

In the Legislative Act 14 persons are

named. The families of Jonathan Robinson, Widow Amos Darling and Jonas Darling.

Feb. 24th, 1804. Commencement of a great snow storm; it snowed the 28th and March 2d. The snow was 4 1-2 feet deep. Some persons used rackets. Silas Felton used rackets for the first time; walked from Stephen Felton's, near where he was teaching school, to his home in the New City, now Hudson.

Feb. 24th, 1868. Stephen Rice died, aged 89 years. The widow died the same year. His bequest to the town of Marlborough was 1000 dollars; the income to be given to the temperate, industrious poor of the town.

Feb. 25th, 1868. Dedication of Northboro new Town Hall. President of the day George C. Davis Esq. Address by Rev. Dr. Joseph Allen. Poem by Thomas W. Valentine Esq. of Brooklyn, New York.

Feb. 25th, P. M., 1874. Fire on Fairmount, Samuel Boyd's residence in flames. Insurance 9000 dollars. Loss 4,180 dollars. Fire caused by imperfection in a fire-place.

Feb. 27th, 1846. Friday morning. Fire in Marlboro, near Berlin. Wm. George Hapgood's house and shop destroyed by fire. No insurance. Citizens soon made up his loss.

Feb. 28th, 1797. A Speaking Exhibition, in the west school house on the Post Road. The house was full, the weather warm and roads muddy. Silas Felton was the school teacher.

Feb. 28th, 1866. Wednesday. Dedication of the new Universalist church.

Feb. 29th, 1860. Strong wind, and two deaths in Marlborough. The steeple of the Catholic Meeting-house, on the northeast side of Mount Pleasant, was blown down. The second steeple was not built so high by many feet. Mrs. Merriam Cunningham, aged 87 years, and her grand-daughter of the same name, aged 25 years, died about 6 o'clock P. M., and they were living three miles apart.

#### March Events with date of Occurrence.

March 1st, 1802. The snow was judged to have been 32 inches on a level, and a crust sufficient to bear a person anywhere. A few days before, snow and rain fell alternately.

March 2d, 1873. Rev. James Henry Wiggin installed pastor of the Unitarian Society. Sermon by Rev. E. A. Horton of Leominster. Mr. Wiggin was born in Boston in 1834. He preached in town 3 years.

March 3d, 1774. Death of a centenarian in town, Widow Elizabeth Harrington, aged 100 years, 7 months. She lived a widow about 50 years.

March 4th, 1831. The Northborough Cotton Manufacturing Company incorporated, at Davisville, Northboro. Corporators, Oliver Eldridge, Isaac Davis and others.

March 4th, 1866. Solomon Weeks, Esq., died aged 80 years. He was a Methodist and donated to the Methodist Society a parsonage valued at nearly 3000 dollars. He was several years one of the selectmen of Marlboro.

March 5th, 1772. Commencement of a great snow storm or storms, 16 inches fell this day, and in 16 days, fell nearly 5 feet. Mr. Sparhawk says or said, "an amazing quantity of snow fell, such as I never knew in the time that I have lived."

March 5th, 1872. The cold Tuesday of 1872. The coldest day this season; thermometer from 8 to 10 degrees below zero, and below all day except south side of buildings, first half of P. M.

March 6th, 1828. A brick meeting house in the north part of Marlboro was dedicated by the Methodists. It stood 24 years, and was burned in the morning of Dec. 28th, 1851. There was a parish meeting in the house the evening before the fire.

March 6, 1835. The first Parish in Marlboro and the first Evangelical Congregational society incorporated by the name of "The Union Society in Marlborough."

March 7th, 1833. Capt. Stephen Ames died in town, aged 68 years. He was for several years one of the selectmen of the town. He gave by will to the farm school, No. 9, a tract of woodland of about 10 acres, to be kept for the use and benefit of said School District forever.

March 7th, 1870. The new Town Hall in Southboro occupied for the first time.

March 7th, 1873. South Framingham Camp Meeting Association incorporated. Corporators, Wm. Claflin, Joseph H. Chadwick, and Eben Tourjee. The ground is adjoining Mount Wait.

March 11th, 1857. Wednesday about 10

P. M., fire in Marlboro. A building called the "Liberty Block," nearly front of the High School Common, was destroyed, owner, Geo. Brigham.

March 13, 1851. David Brown's carpenter shop, near the West Village, was burned. Fire caught from the stove. Loss, 450 dollars. Insurance on building 150 dollars.

March 13th, 1857. Friday at 8 P. M. Lambert Bigelow's barn with 2 horses, 6 cows were destroyed by fire.

March 16th, 1784. New town of Berlin. The southern part of Bolton, and a tract of land in the extreme west part of Marlboro, was incorporated a town called Berlin. The families of D. Taylor, S. Carly, J. Spofford and John Brigham lived on the Marlboro tract of land set off to Berlin.

March 16th, 1854. The Middlesex South Agricultural Society, consisting of 11 towns incorporated. The Fair Ground was adjoining and south of Wm. Buckminster's place in Framingham.

March 16th, 1874. Commemoration services; a grand tribute to the late Hon. Charles Sumner, in the Town Hall, Marlboro; John Chipman, Esq. was President. Had addresses from Rev. Messrs. Wiggin, Weeks, Bridge and Willard, and E. C. Whitney, S. N. Aldrich, C. F. Morse, S. H. Howe, C. F. Harris and S. B. Pratt, Esq.

March 17th, 1817. The 10 school districts and school houses in town were numbered by accepting a Report of a committee of 10, chosen Nov. 1816. The summer of Woman Schools shall commence the first Monday in June, and use one-fourth of the school money.

March 17th, 1856. Monday at 8 P. M. fire in the East Village; Capt. N. B. Proctor's barn was burned. Major Henry Rice's great barn, within a few feet of the one burned, was several times on fire but was eventually saved.

March 19th, 1841. A speaking exhibition in the school-house No. 4, near the Pond. The house filled to overflowing.

March 19th, 1866. The northern part of Marlboro, including three school districts, and about two half districts, incorporated by the name of Hudson.

March 20th, 1868. The Feltonville school district in Bolton was annexed to the town of Hudson.

March 21st, 1866. Edward Wilkins, Esq. died at Wilkinsville, aged 72 years. He was one of the prominent men in the north part of Marlboro. He deceased the second day after the incorporation of the new town of Hudson.

March 21st, 1863. Lambert Bigelow Esq. died, aged 61 years. He was Town Clerk 22 years. Representative one year. He was in trade nearly 45 years, and built the Bigelow store in 1846 in town.

March 21st, 1868. Fire at Westboro; the Parkman store in the centre of the town, occupied by several parties, burned. Loss, 15,000 dollars.

March 23d, 1836. Marlboro Mutual Fire Insurance Company incorporated for 28 years.

March 23d, 1785. A great body of snow upon the ground, and it is said continued to the depth of 4 feet nearly a month. Rev. Asa Packard was ordained in town in the Old Meeting-house, and 23 years afterwards, March 23d, 1808, he was installed over the West Parish in town.

March 24th, 1858. Capt. Wm. Holyoke died, aged 79 years. He was one of the selectmen in Marlboro 5 years.

March 26th, 1771. Samuel Brigham, Esq. died in town, aged 82 years. He was a prominent man; been representative, assessor and one of the Selectmen 15 or more years.

March 26th, 1775. Zachariah Maynard died in town aged 79 years. There were 89 deaths in Marlborough that year. Mr. Maynard's donation to the "Industrious Poor" of the town, was the income of 1700 dollars.

March 26th, 1876. Sunday Services in Marlboro in commemoration of the burning of the town by the Indians, March 26th 1676. A discourse was delivered by Stillman B. Pratt, one of the publishers of the Marlboro Mirror-Journal.

March 26th, 1866. Fire in town; Pevey's building, corner of Lincoln and Mechanic streets, nearly a total loss, partly insured. The fire originated from a defect in the chimney. The building was owned by E. P. Pevey of Clinton, Mass.

March 28th, 1854. The Northborough Bank incorporated. Corporators, George C. Davis, Cyrus Gale and Wilder Bush.

March 30th, 1870. Rev. Charles R. Treat installed pastor of the Union Society.

March 31st, 1795. Silas Felton, aged 19 years, commenced teaching school. He taught 550 weeks, 5 1-2 days a week. One year he taught 46 weeks.

March 31st, 1853. New organ. Lectures on music; Prof. C. P. Bronson, the last week in March, gave 4 lectures on oratory and music. A large organ in the Unitarian church.

March 30th and 31st, 1864. A severe snow storm. There was no snow for 3 weeks before this snow storm.

#### April dates of Events.

April 1st, 1869. The Fairmount Base Ball Club, of this town rented a piece of ground on Howe's Hill, east of Prospect street, for the use of the club.

April 2d, 1811. Col. Luke Drury died in town, aged 74 years. He was a Captain in the Revolutionary war, had been a deputy sheriff and a representative from Grafton Mass.

April 3d, 1859. Levi Bigelow, Esq., died in town aged 68 years. He taught school 29 winters. Been moderator at several town meetings; an assessor 18 years; representative 5 years.

April 3d, 1860. Marlborough Savings-Bank incorporated. June 22d, 1860, opened for deposits.

April 5th, 1830. The town of Marlboro in accordance with a resolve of the Legislature of March 1st, 1830, to survey towns appointed the Selectmen a committee to select a surveyor; they selected Wm. Henry Wood, and he surveyed the town that season.

April 7th, 1856. Monday morning, fire in South Framingham; the railroad station destroyed by fire with about 600 cords of wood. Loss, 10,000 dollars. Insurance, 5,000 dollars.

April 8th, 1871. Warm, summer-like day; thermometer, 80 degrees and upwards in the shade.

April 9th, 1821. Monday, of the 14 amendments proposed to be added to the State Constitution, Marlborough voted in favor of 10 and 9 of them by large majorities. Three of the proposed amendments about equally divided, against two by a large vote.

April 9th, 1847. Date of the Act to establish a State Reform School, near Chaun-



cy Lake, Westborough. The originator was Hon. Theodore Lyman.

April 11th, 1852. Fire in East Marlboro, Sunday P. M.; John Chipman's shoe shop and barn destroyed by fire.

April 12th, 1851. Saturday, the East Meeting house bell tolled 75 times, because Thomas Sims, a colored person was taken from Boston back to Georgia as a slave. It was then 75 years since Independence had been declared.

April 12th, 1877. Marlboro Times established. C. F. Morse, Editor; Richard A. Bigelow, Publisher.

April 13th, 1852. Another snow storm; snowed all day; about one foot of damp snow. Just one week before was a severe snow storm, with a strong east wind. Snow averaged 8 to 10 in. depth, and some drifts 3 feet in depth.

April 13th, 1874. In town meeting voted to accept the donation of 5,000 dollars, from Mark Fay, Esq., to be called the Fay Fund, for the industrious poor of Marlborough.

April 13th, 1778. The South Parish of Bolton was set off, and after 6 years, called Berlin.

April 15th, 1871. About 2 o'clock A. M. The shoe factory of Charles L. Frye on West Elm street was burned. Loss, 50,000 dollars. Ins. 17,000 dollars.

April 15th, 1803. A northeast snow storm, from 6 to 8 inches of snow, and as much as at any one time during the past winter.

April 17th, 1821. A violent snow storm. Depth of snow 18 inches the greatest quantity for the time of the year, it was said, for 40 years.

April 18th, 1875. Rev. Crawford Nightingale, spoke in the Unitarian church in town about the glorious 19th of April 1775.

April 19th, 1850. Grand celebration at Concord. Hon. Robert Rantoul, Jr., the orator; his oration was published.

April 19th, 1875. Grand celebration at Concord and Lexington. Orations by George Wm. Curtis, and Richard H. Dana, Jr. Also had a 19th of April meeting in the evening in Marlboro Town Hall. "Concord Freeman" re-established by S. B. Pratt.

April 20th, 1676. John Howe, Jr. was slain by the Indians, probably in the east part of Marlborough, near Sudbury, aged 35 years. "His housins were burned."

Supposed he kept a tavern on the Munroe Wilson place and that he was killed and his buildings burned the day before Capt. Wadsworth was killed at Sudbury.

April 20th, 1793. Small pox in town. Capt. Wm. Brigham died aged 58 years. He was a selectman few years. His wife died the February before of the same disease, aged 49 years; were the first two buried in the Brigham Cemetery, on the southwest side of Mount Pleasant.

April 20th, 1870. Dedication of the new Town Hall at Southboro. The address was by Hon. Francis B. Fay, who gave 1,000 dollars more to the Fay Library of that town. Total cost of the Town Hall about 28,000 dollars.

April 21st, 1801. Death of a centenarian at Northboro, Dea. Jonathan Livermore aged 100 years and 6 months. He lived in three centuries. He was the first Town Clerk of Northborough.

April 22d, 1785. It was good sledding. I have seen it stated, on the top of the snow which was two feet deep on a level.

April 22d, 1857, there was snow upon the ground, and Cyrus Felton went to a saw mill with oxen and sled, distance 3 miles.

April 23d, 1868. Capt. Aaron Stevens died, aged 89 years; the oldest person in town. He was selectman several years. He kept a record of the deaths in Marlboro 30 years.

April 25th, 1838. The second person drowned in Marlborough Pond. Peter Rice son of Nathan Rice, drowned on his birthday, aged 21 years. He went out in a small boat with several persons for a spree; they took some spirit with them.

April 25th, 1867. Thursday, rededication of the West or Unitarian church in town; sermon by Rev. James Freeman Clarke D. D. of Boston.

April 25th, 1875. Sunday? P. M. Fire in the woods on Stirrup Hill, in the Southwest part of Marlboro. It swept over land owned by 7 or 8 persons. The fire engines were out to the fire.

April 27th, 1806. Two new meeting-houses opened in town for public worship. The old Meeting-house had been used 95 years.

April 28th, 1850. Rev. Hosea Ballou of Boston preached in town. He was 79 years of age two days afterwards. April 30th.

April 29th, 1871. The Gates House near

Marlboro Lake, was sold at auction to Wm. H. Leighton for 4200 dollars.

April 30th, 1852. The Marlborough Branch R. R. Company, from Marlboro to Feltonville incorporated. Corporators, Mark Fay, Lambert Bigelow and Richard Farwell; in September Mark Fay, was chosen President of the Company.

April 30th, 1868. Large sale of real estate in town. The late Major Henry Rice's real estate sold at auction. The amount of the sale, 30,000 dollars.

April 30th, 1876. Sunday evening grand temperance meeting in Marlboro Town Hall. Several speakers from out of town among them Hon. Milo Hildreth of Northboro.

April 30th, 1853. Warm, June-like weather 3 or 4 last days. Some peach trees in blossom. The first week in May a cold week.

#### May Dates of events in Marlboro and vicinity.

May 1st, 1846. The exposition of Odd Fellowship by Rev. David J. Mandell of Marlboro. Address delivered before the Marlboro Lodge, No. 85, Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, and printed in a pamphlet of 20 pages, ending with "Friendship, Love and Truth."

May 1st, 1873. May-day breakfast and grand calico ball, at Berry's Hall, by Post 43, G. A. R.

May 2d, 1764. Ensign Daniel Bartlett died in the west part of Marlborough, aged 73 years. His children, 12 in number, distributed at his funeral 19 pairs of black gloves, 18 pairs of white gloves, 12 black gauze handkerchiefs, and other articles all costing £76 and 7 shillings.

May 3d, 1856. Capt. Wm. Barnes died aged 63 years. He was a prominent man in town, being selectman 4 years, an assessor 15 years, and Justice of the Peace.

May 4th, 1836. Ordination. Services in the great Spring Hill meeting house. Rev. John N. Goodhue installed pastor of the Union Society. Sermon by Rev. Hubbard Winslow of Boston.

May 4th, 1851. Dea. Eli Rice died aged 73 years. He was captain of a company, before 1820, Representative 5 years, a Justice of the Peace, and a State Senator in 1846.

May 4th, 1853. A Fire Department established in Marlborough by an act of the Legislature. It was commenced in 1849, by purchasing 3 fire engines.

May 6th, 1871. The Marlboro Mirror passed from Stearns & Wood, to Pratt Brothers. S. B. Pratt had been away from town 10 years.

May 7th, 1810. The last town meeting in the Old Meeting House, that was built 99 years before this date, in 1711. It was taken down in May, 1810.

May 8th, 1803, 1845, and 1868, dates of three May Snow Storms.

May 9th, 1852. Destructive fire in Rock-bottom Village, Gleason & Dale's Flannel Factory entirely destroyed, with two boarding Houses, Loss \$60,000. It was thought that Marlborough and Feltonville companies saved the whole street from being burned.

May 9th, 1865. Rev. Wm. A. Start was installed pastor of the Universalist Society in town. He continued pastor 4 or 5 years.

May 10th, 1869. Rev. Mr. Start became editor of the Marlboro Mirror, and held the place about 5 months. George Stearns was the editor before and after this date, in all about three years.

May 10th, 1876. A Historical and Antiquarian society organized in Marlborough; Dr. Edward F. Barnes was chosen president.

May 11th, 1775. Fast Day. By recommendation of the Provincial Congress, William Stearns, A. M. preached a sermon in Marlboro, giving a view of the controversy subsisting between Great Britain and the American Colonies. It was published at the desire of the hearers.

May 11th, 1875, just 100 years after the above event, P. T. Barnum's balloon went up in Worcester; several persons in Marlborough saw it as it passed over southerly. It landed first in Ashland, afterwards in Weston.

May 12th, 1869. A warm day; the thermometer at 90 degrees in the shade.

May 15th, 1834. The ground was covered with snow.

May 17th, 1869. Work was commenced on the foundation of Marlborough new Town House. The same day, had a town meeting at the Baptist Hall Block, old Town Hall.

May 19th, 1780. Called the dark day.

Exceedingly dark throughout New England, such as was not known before in North America. It is supposed to have been occasioned by smoke rising from extensive fires in the north-western woods, and combining with a thick fog from the sea. It was so dark in town, it was said some persons lost their way.

May 22d, 1780. Vote of Marlborough upon the proposed Constitution of Government; 75 for it and only 7 voted against it. The town voted two years before, in May 1778, upon a proposed new Frame of Government, 34 for it and 42 against it. It was rejected in the state.

May 22d, 1874. The Marlborough New Water Bill, became an act; to take water from Marlborough pond. To become void unless accepted within five years.

May 23d, 1855. The Plurality Law, or system of electing officers, adopted by the people of Massachusetts; and the annual state election changed and fixed to be holden on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. The vote in Marlboro for plurality, yeas 42 votes, nays 9 votes. For change to Tuesday, yeas 45, nays 8.

May 23d, 1869. Rev. Prof. George E. Day, formerly of Marlborough, preached in the Union Church in this town. Fair, pleasant, and very warm.

May 24th, 1867. Date of the incorporation of the Marlborough Aqueduct Company, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of this town with pure water, from Howe-Williams-Gates pond. Corporators: S. Boyd, H. R. Bean and T. Coffey.

May 25th, 1860. Rev. Sylvester F. Bucklin died, aged 76 years. Was a pastor in town 25 years; a representative two years. Died only a few weeks before our bi-centennial celebration.

May 26th, 1817. Jabez Bent died, aged 69 years; The founder of the Bent lecture. The funeral, the 28th, old election day. His donation, 100 dollars.

May 26th, 1852. Old Election. The three engine companies were out, played at West Village, dined at Cotting's tavern.

May 26th, 1768. A Centenarian died in Framingham, Captain Isaac Clark, aged 102 years. He married Sarah Stow of Marlborough; she died May 17th, 1761, aged 88 years; lived together 70 years. Mr. Clark

rode horseback to Marlboro when 93 years of age.

May 27th, 1869. Fire in Northboro, near the old factory, a house occupied by four families, belonging to D. F. Wood, was entirely destroyed, a part of their furniture was saved.

May 28th, 1776. Marlborough Independence. The town of Marlborough unanimously instructs their representative, if the Continental Congress declare Independence, to support them in the measure with their lives and fortunes.

May 28th, 1840. Old Election Day. Holiday in Marlborough. Large collection of people in the village. The new rifle company and the Old Continentals paraded the streets.

May 29th, 1875. Decoration Day in Marlborough. The address by Rev. John T. Burhoe, at 3 1-2 o'clock, p. m., in the Town Hall. The day was fair and smoky.

May 30th, 1868. Memorial, or Decoration Day observed in Marlborough for the first time. Also in Northborough, Hudson, and many other towns. In Hudson, had an oration by Rev. George S. Ball of Upton, Mass.

May 30th, 1870. Decoration in town. The address by Rev. Calvin Stebbins in Monument Square. The Post, No. 43, dedicated in the evening their new hall, in Berry's Block. Address by Charles F. Morse.

May 31st, 1660. Old Style. Marlborough Incorporated. The true date, in New Style, June 10th, 1660. Marlborough was the 49th town in Massachusetts. Only Lancaster, in Worcester County, incorporated before Marlborough.

May 31st, 1856. Saturday. Cold windy day. Thermometer fell 30 degrees in about an hour, about 5 o'clock p. m. Few days before the 25th, the mercury was up to 90 degrees.

#### June Dates of Events.

June 1st, 1836, and 1848. Cold Days. The first date the mercury stood in the morning at 32 degrees. The summer of 1836 the coldest since the summers of 1816 and 1817. The last date the thermometer below 40 degrees in the morning, and colder, I believe, than the first day of January that year, 1848.

June 1st, 1874. The Eagle which crowned the Soldiers Monument fell to the ground and was destroyed. Weight, 600 pounds. The enclosure was full of people at the time but no one was standing just where it fell. The September following, a new eagle was placed on the monument.

June 2d, 1869. A. M., Decoration of soldiers graves. P. M., Dedication of soldiers monument. The old common covered with people, Capt. Charles F. Morse, President of the day. Had addresses from Hon. Henry Wilson and Hon. Geo. B. Loring.

June 4th, 1804. A town meeting in Marlborough. The town voted not to build a new meeting house upon the old common, 72 to 109; Then voted to build near the old potash building, now Spring Hill; and the town voted not to incorporate West Marlborough, 75 votes to 110.

June 4, 1843. Died at Northborough, Martin Luther Stowe Esq., aged 49 years. He was born in Marlborough and graduated at Williams College in 1813. He was a lawyer in Marlborough and in Northborough. He was town clerk of Northborough, in 1834, 1835, and 1838.

June 4th, 1875. Friday evening. Martin Howe's barn was burned by an incendiary; his house was partly burned, the remainder saved by the Fire Department.

June 5th, 1725. The Marlborough Association of Ministers was formed at Rev. Robert Breck's, in town, commencing with 7 ministers. It lived 89 years.

June 5th and 7th, 1872. Jubilee Concerts and Anvil Chorus in Town, Prof. Francis W. Riley, chorister, Prof. Henry F. Patton, with the piano.

June 6th to the 11th. 1816. There were severe frosts, and on the 9th, squalls of snow. It was called a season without any summer.

June 6th, 1832. The Boston Association of Universalists met in Marlborough. There were 17 ministers present. In session two days. There were 5 sermons preached. Rev. Sebastain Streeter of Boston, moderator, Rev Sylvanus Cobb, clerk.

June 7th, 1854. Josiah Gibb's house, near the north-west corner of Framingham, burned. Insured in the Marlborough Mutual Insurance Company.

June 9th, 1865. Died in Framingham, William Buckminster, Esq., aged 82 years.

The founder, and for many years the editor of the Massachusetts Ploughman.

June 10th, 1852. Dedication of Harmony Grove, South Framingham. Gen. Boutwell and other distinguished persons were present. Had a collation in the grove.

June 10th, 1852. Jotham Goodnow's house, barn and out-buildings, near Sudbury mills, were burned, by a child playing with matches.

June 11th, 1848. Capt. Wm. Gates died, aged 86 years. He was one of the leading men in town. Was a Selectman 7 years. He was the last, but one, Revolutionary Soldier in Marlborough.

June 12th, 1837. Dr. Daniel Brigham of Marlborough, died aged 77 years. He was born in Westboro, lived in Northboro, Berlin, and last at Marlborough. Soldier also.

June 13th, 1860. Wednesday. Bi-Centennial celebration in the town. The address by Hon. Charles Hudson, a native of the town, on the hill north of the Old Common. Hon. Francis B. Fay, a native of Southboro, was president of the day. Col. Wm. Henry Wood of Feltonville was Chief Marshal.

June 13th, 1866. Sale of Marlborough Town Farm, in the north-east part of the town. Total amount of sales about 10,500 dollars. The farm buildings were purchased for the new Town of Hudson.

June 15th, 1720. Rev. Robert Breck of Marlborough preached in what is now Shrewsbury, and the sermon was printed. It was the first sermon in that place, and 7 years before Shrewsbury was made a town.

June 17th, 1840. Railroad Collision at Westborough. Number of persons wounded and bruised.

June 18th, 1773. Drowned in the Assabet River; Aaron Barnes, aged 29 years, and Wm. Barnes, aged 20 years. Their gravestone has it, "They were awfully drowned." They were cousins, and both married, the youngest only one month before he was drowned.

June 18th, 1825. The Sterling Turnpike, from Berlin to Sterling, incorporated. Names of Marlborough and Berlin Corporators: Silas Felton, Jedediah Wood, Elijah Hale, Solomon Howe, Wm. Barnes, Ephraim Howe, Cyrus Shepherd, Jonathan D. Merriam, Dexter Fay, Amos Sawyer.

June 20th, 1807. Jonas Bartlett and Jo-

nas Bartlett, Jr., who were living just by the east side of Stirrup Brook, were set off from Marlborough, with part of their farm, and Sandy Hill, and annexed to Northborough.

June 20th, 1870. A severe thunder storm about all over New England, in some places hail; more thunder and lightening than on any one day for many years.

June 20th, 1872. Ordination of Rev. J. T. Burhoe as pastor of the Baptist Church, in Fulton Hall, in this town.

June 23d, 1830. Ordination of Rev. Thomas J. Greenwood as pastor of the Universalist society. Sermon by Rev. Hosea Ballou, in the great Spring Hill Meeting House.

June 24th, 1772. The first stage coach between Boston and New York commenced running, (through Marlborough, Worcester,) and it was a fortnight between the two places. It passed through this town, Marlboro to Worcester.

June 25th, 1834. Ordination of Rev. Wm. Morse, a Restorationist, as pastor of Unitarian Society. He preached in town ten years.

June 25th, 1857. About 4 1-2 P. M., lightning struck and shattered an Oak Tree on Cyrus Felton's hill, and tore the bark off all round it, and threw it in every direction within two or three rods of the tree, and laid the inside of every piece up to the weather.

June 27th, 1860. The Old Academy sold at auction, to Geo. N. Cate, for 400 dollars, and the same month Jewell & Shaw of Roxbury, contracted to build the New High School House for 6,875 dollars.

June 29th, 1877. Friday. Installation of Rev. R. A. Griffin as pastor of the Unitarian Society in town. Introductory address by Dea. Simon Herbert Howe. Sermon by Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D. of N. Y.

June 29th, 1874. A hot day; the thermometer 100 degrees in the shade.

June 30th, 1799. A new store of goods opened in the north part of the town, near Barnard's Mills, by Cranston & Felton.

June 30th, 1874. Musical Festival of the High and Grammar Schools in Marlborough Town Hall, being the first year of musical instruction in the public schools in town. The instructor was Prof. Francis W. Riley of this town.

June 30th, 1876. Mark Fay, Esq. died

aged 83 years, 5 months. He was a prominent man in town, and the richest person in Marlborough. He was Town Treasurer 10 years, and many years one of the Assessors.

June 30th, 1841. A tremendous shower and hail storm. A destructive tornado in Essex County, Mass. About 40 barns blown down, besides immense damage to crops.

### July dates of Events.

July 1st, 1898. Dreadful accident at Northboro. Horace Perkins, of Ashfield, aged eighteen years, an apprentice, was instantly killed by a fall of about 90 feet, while at work finishing the steeple of the new meeting house.

July 2, 1790. Rev. Asa Packard, of Marlborough married Miss Nancy Quincy. It is said he advertised for a wife, and was answered by Miss Quincy. She was sister of Josiah Quincy, Jr., the patriot.

July 3, 1852, Saturday. Temperance Celebration. Oration by Rev. Alonzo A. Miner, upon Spring Hill Common. Had fireworks in the evening.

July 4th, 1816. Peace Celebration in Marlborough. The address was by Rev. Sylvester F. Bucklin of this town.

July 4th, 1837. The first person drowned in Marlborough Pond. Stephen Martin Howe, aged 14 years. In the evening, with several of his youthful companions, went out in a small boat for amusement, taking with them a musket. The gun being heavily loaded, young Howe discharged it; his companions turned round, and he was gone.

July 4th, 1831. A public Celebration at Northborough.

July 4th, 1875. Great fire in Hudson, soon after noon. Kaler & Shaw's piano case factory and George A. Cotting's house and barn were burned, caused by a boy playing with matches. The Marlborough firemen and engines were present.

July 4th, 1843, Tuesday. Temperance Celebration, by a Picnic entertainment and addresses on the height of land north-west of the Town House. A large delegation from Northborough and Southborough were present. Were escorted by the Rifle Guards under command of Col. Daniel Pope. Ca-

leb Witherbee was President of the Marlborough Temperance Society.

July 5th, 1872. Reception of the French Band in Marlborough. Afterwards the Band received from our citizens 52 medals of the value of 200 dollars.

July 6, 1867, Saturday evening. Fourth of July Fireworks and fine exhibition. Over 80 rockets were sent up.

July 8th, 1771. Fatal accident. Moses Howe, aged 46 years, fell from the staging of a new building in the west part of Marlborough. He was father of the late Dea. Samuel Howe, of this town.

July 9th, 1867, Tuesday. Prof. Samuel A. King's balloon, with seven companions, went up in the Hyperion from Boston Common at 6 o'clock p. m. Passed over Natick, Framingham, Marlborough, West Village, and landed in New Salem, Mass. Few of Marlborough's former citizens were in the balloon.

July 10, 1872. Another July holiday. Reception of the Irish Band in Marlborough, with 40 pieces.

July 14th, 1872. Marlborough Choral Union of 132 members. Rev. Charles R. Treat, President; Charles L. Flint, Secretary; F. W. Riley, Conductor; Henry F. Felton, Organist.

July 13th, 1873. Sunday. Fire in the woods near Marlborough and Hudson town line. The Marlborough Fire companies were upon the ground and worked several hours. There was a fire near the same place the Sunday before.

July 14th, 1863, Tuesday. The draft. Nearly 190 persons of Marlborough were drafted at Concord; and 49 from Feltonville at Concord. Also 65 of Westborough's citizens drafted at Worcester; and 39 at Worcester of Northborough people.

July 14th, 1876. Stephen H. Hunt's barn in Northborough, was struck by lightning and burned.

July 15th, 1753. A hot day. Rev. Mr. Mayhew preached in Marlborough. Suppose it was the distinguished Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, D. D., of Boston, Mass.

July 16th, 1868. The corner stone of the new Catholic church on Prospect Street laid by Right Rev. J. J. Williams, Bishop of Boston. High Mass sung in the old church in A. M.

July 17th, 1827. Centennial Celebration

at Southborough, of the incorporation of the town. The address by Rev. Jereboam Parker, a native and a citizen of the town.

July 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1854. Hot. 20th, a tornado near Willard Newton's. 21st thunder showers. Lightning struck buildings and trees.

July 22d, 1829. Lt. Col. Abraham Gates died, aged 45 years. He gave 1000 dollars to the Academy in Marlborough; also gave 1000 dollars to the West Marlborough Church, the income for to support singing and music.

July 22d, 1858, p. m. Three great thunder showers. Tons of hay got wet. One house injured by lightning in Marlborough.

July 21st and 22d, 1871. Great fires in Northborough. Dr. Henry Barnes' barn, south of the village, was burned with its contents, 30 to 40 tons of hay, a lot of farming tools, 6 cows, some swine. Loss 4,500 dollars. No insurance.

July 22d, 1871. Dr. Barnes' two buildings, a store at Barnes' Block, David Densmore's house, and one house owned by Capt. Cyrus Gale. Six families burnt out. Dr. Barnes' loss, 9,000 dollars. No insurance. Mr. Densmore's, 3,500 dollars. Capt. Gale's, 1,000 dollars. Firemen were present from Marlborough, Westborough and Shrewsbury.

July 26th, 1854, Wednesday. Celebration at Framingham of the State Normal School. Address by Prof. C. C. Felton of Harvard College.

July 28th, 1762. Great drought. This day a day of Fasting in consequence of the severest drought ever known in America. Some accounts, Aug. 1st had a fine shower. Other accounts have it, no rain from May till September, four months.

July 29th, 1842. Friday at 10 1-2 p. m., fire in town. Mr. Landon's store, just north of School House Square, now Monument Square. Dea. Stephen R. Phelps owned the building.

July 29th, 1868. The 13th Mass. Regiment pic nic at Harmony Grove, South Framingham. Col. Samuel H. Leonard, of Boston, was President. An address from Rev. N. M. Gaylord.

July 30, 1753 Shenstone Tree Society instituted in the West Parish in this town, with the object of adorning the streets with orna-



mental trees and making sidewalks. The Society lived about 20 years.

July 31st, 1820. Dea. Samuel Howe died in the West Part of the town of Marlborough, aged 71 years. He was a Selectmen few years. He was a son of Moses and Hannah (Felton) Howe.

July 31st, 1866. Hon. Obadiah W. Albee died, aged 58 years. He was born in Milford, Mass., and graduated at Brown University. In 1833, he was preceptor of Gates' Academy, in Marlborough; afterwards of our High School. He represented the town four years, and was two years in the State Senate. He was trial Justice four years.

July 31, 1876. Windsor Howe, of Bolton, was 100 years of age. Suppose he was born in this town, Marlborough. He died in April, 1879, aged 102 years.

#### August Dates of Events.

August 3d, 1866. The Marlboro Fire Insurance Company Assessment for losses by the Company for the last four years, of 4,141 dollars. Two thousand of it on policies out of the town, in Bolton, Stow, Sudbury and Framingham.

August 5th, 1864. Col. William Henry Wood, of Feltonville died, aged 62 years. He was a school teacher; taught school in Georgia and South Carolina, in John C. Calhoun district. He was a trader and Justice of the Peace, and one of the Selectmen in town few years.

Aug. 5th, 1872. The Japanese Embassy in Marlboro. They visited Boyd & Corey's shoe factory and saw the process of boot and shoe manufacturing.

August 6th, 1804. Sudden death at Northborough. Capt. Abraham Wood, aged 52 years. He died almost instantly in his bed in the night.

August 6th, 1845, Wednesday. About 5 p. m., fire near Marlborough Pond. Edward Holyoke's carpenter shop, with stock and tools, and his barn were destroyed. Caused by children playing with friction matches. The insurance had expired a few days before. Loss, 2,700 dollars.

August 7th, 1855. Dedication of the Catholic meeting house on the north-east side of Mount Pleasant in this town. Bishop Fitzpatrick was present.

August 7th, 1857. Fire in Southborough.

Fitch Winchester's barn was burned with 15 tons of hay, grain, 4 wagons. Supposed to have taken from a pipe of one of the hay-makers, who unloaded hay just at night. Insurance, 600 dollars.

August 7th, 1873. A Union Pic-nic of the Congregationalist, Methodist and Baptist Sabbath schools and Societies, was held at White Pond. More than 100 vehicles were on the ground at one time.

August 8th, 1829. Barn burned at East Sudbury. During a thunder shower a valuable barn owned by Gen. Micah M. Rutter was struck with lightning and wholly consumed with all its contents of hay and grain.

August 10th, 1855. An Excursion and Pic nic party numbering about 600 persons, in 7 cars on the Marlborough and Feltonville Branch Railroad to Assabet. Tickets 25 cents.

August 12th, 1872. The South Framingham Camp Ground, near Mount Wait, occupied for the first time. First cottage built on the ground by S. B. Pratt.

August 13th, 1749. A large tree near Robert Eames' house in the north-east part of Marlborough, was struck by lightning. At the same place, August 30, 1868, during a storm, the lightning struck Charles Miles' house and instantly killed Frank H. Brown, aged 13 years. Other persons in the house were stunned.

August 14th, 1866. The Marlborough High School Association was formed. To have a Re-union annually.

August 15th, 1787. A destructive tornado in the south-west corner of Marlborough, and north part of Southborough, through Framingham, East Sudbury, (now Wayland) into Weston. It leveled to the ground Elihu Maynard's barn and unroofed his house in Marlborough. After the blow a powerful rain.

August 15th, 1876. Phineas T. Barnum's Circus came into town on the northern railroad, at the upper station.

August 16th, 1828. Silas Felton, Esq., died at Feltonville, aged 52 years. He was the first Post Master in that village. Was Town Clerk of Marlboro 13 years, Assessor 27 years, Selectman 11 years, and Representative 3 years. It is supposed he made more figures to count than any other person living in town up to this date.

August 16th, 1860. The date of the first printed "Shenstone Laurel," a paper for the benefit of the West Marlborough Shenstone Society. Printed monthly by Edwin Rice.

August 16th, 1873. A large Pic-nic party, filling twelve cars, from Marlboro to Harmony Grove. Music, A. D. Baker's brass band, Rev. J. Delehanty, the chief director.

August 19th, 1875. Between 3 and 4 hundred citizens of Marlborough visited Col. Wm. Emerson Baker's Ridge Hill Gardens in Needham.

August 20th, 1867. Excursion to Walden Pond in Concord, by persons from the Unitarian and Universalist Societies, by Railroad. 338 from Marlboro and 250 from Hudson, spent the day in the grove.

August 20th, 1871. Excursion by railroad. Many persons from Marlboro and vicinity attended the Spiritualists Camp-meeting at Walden Pond.

August 21st, 1820. Marlborough voted in favor of a Convention for revising or altering the State Constitution. 46 votes to 9 votes against a Convention.

August 22d, 1866. Centennial Celebration in the town of Northborough. The Address by Rev. Joseph Allen, D.D. Poem by Thomas W. Valentine, a native of the town.

August 22d, 1851. About 5 p. m. whirlwind, hurricane, tornado—very destructive in West Cambridge and Medford. It commenced in the north-east corner of Framingham, passed through Weston and Waltham. Damage, 45,000 dollars.

August 22d, 1851. Brigham Patterson's barn in Northborough was burned by lightning, with 30 tons of hay, rye, oats. Insured.

August 23d and 24th, 1849. Great Muster and two days' Encampment at Concord: eleven companies present. The first day was rainy. Marlborough Rifles, 55 men, under Capt. Gilman Hapgood, of Feltonville.

August 25th, 1846. An earthquake about 5 minutes before 5 in the morning. It jarred doors and windows and woke many people from their slumber. Duration, 10 seconds. It was thought it was the greatest earthquake that had been felt here during the present century.

August 26th, 1853. A comet was seen in the north-westerly direction. Its train was visible to the naked eye.

August 27th, 1800. Great Muster at Concord. Three companies from Marlborough. Capt. Wm. Gates, Capt. Wm. Weston, and Capt. Stephen Ames, were present.

Aug. 28, 1874. Hudson Pioneer purchased by S. B. Pratt.

August 29, 1875, Sunday. An exceedingly hot day. An excursion to Martha's Vineyard from the towns on the Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg Railroad. More than 100 persons went from Marlborough.

August 30th, 1852. Fire south of Marlborough Pond between 10 and 11 in the evening. Issacher R. Dickerman's house and barn burned to the ground. The Selectmen offered a reward of 400 dollars.

August 31st, 1848. Dr. John Baker, of Marlborough died, aged 66 years. He practiced in town 35 years.

August 31st, 1853. Dedication of the third meeting house erected on Spring Hill, the one now (1879) standing; also ordination same day of Rev. Levi A. Field, settled over the Society.

August 31st, 1871. Howe Family Gathering at Harmony Grove, South Framingham. Upwards of 60 Howes from Marlborough attended the meeting, and as many of other names, relatives of the Howe Family.

August 31st (or 24th.) 1838, Friday. A thunder shower at Feltonville. The village was visited by a terrific shower of hail and rain, which lasted 10 or 15 minutes. Nearly one-half of the glass in the windows exposed to the storm were broken, and a large poplar tree prostrated.

#### September Dates of Events.

Sept. 1st, 1790. The Main street through Marlboro, part of the great Post Road, from Boston to Worcester.

Sept. 1st, 1860. Hon. Horace Maynard of Tenn., spoke in Westboro, his native place, in the Town Hall, to the Bell and Everett men, and other citizens.

Sept. 2d, 1829. Dedication of the first Universalist Meeting House in Marlboro. Sermon by Rev. Sebastian Streeter of Boston.

Sept. 2d, 1824. In the evening and near midnight, Gen. La Fayette was at Sampson V. S. Wilder's, in the westerly part of



Bolton. Many Marlboro people went over to see him.

Sept. 3d, 1839. Remarkable exhibition of Northern Lights all over the United States.

Sept. 4th, 1780. Marlboro voted for the first time for Governor. John Hancock had 85 votes. Azor Orne had 47 votes for Lt. Gov. in the town.

Sept. 5th, 1866. The date of the first annual meeting of the Marlboro Musical Association. 1874. Acton Patriot established by S. B. Pratt.

Sept. 7th, 1850. Died, at Northboro, Dr. Stephen Ball, aged 83 years. He was son of Dr. Stephen Ball Sen. of that town. Dr. Ball practiced medicine in Northboro and adjoining towns, half a century.

Sept. 8th, 1858. A Bartlett Family Gathering under the great elm on the Bartlett Homestead, near Stirrup Brook, in Northborough, 75 persons present.

Sept. 8th, 1869. A great gale in town and all over New England; very severe near the coast.

Sept. 9th, 1865, Saturday. The barn owned by Franklin Richardson (upon the Baxter Fay place) now in Hudson, was totally consumed by fire.

Sept. 9th, 1865. The date of the first number of the Marlboro Star newspaper published at Feltonville by C. A. Wood.

Sept. 11th, 1841. Barn burned by lightning in Boylston. Joseph Flagg's barn was consumed, together with a cow and about 50 tons of hay.

Sept. 12th, 1827. A dreadful accident in raising the academy building in town. A support under one of the beams gave way, the beam broke and fell with boards, 20 feet into the cellar, and 10 or 11 men fell with them, and one, Capt. Wm. Weeks of Stow, had one thigh broken and died a few days afterward. Two young Walcotts, (sons of Josiah Walcott, who was building it) one had an arm broken, the other had one bruise; all of them were more or less hurt.

Sept. 12th, 1874. Rev. Thomas J. Greenwood died in Malden, aged 75 years. He was born in Newton, Mass. He resided in Marlboro 14 years, 1830 to 1844. He was a Senator two years, 1840 and 1843.

Sept. 13th, 1839. Died in town, Rev. John N. Goodhue, pastor of the Union soci-

ety, aged 29 years, 8 months. He preached in town 3 years.

Sept. 15, 1836. Dedication of the second meeting-house, built on Spring Hill. It was built by the Union Society of Marlboro.

Sept. 15, 1866. Fire in Northboro, about 3 o'clock, A. M. The shoddy factory. A young man named Shumway, burned with the building; suppose to have been spontaneous combustion.

Sept. 17th, 1870. Dedication of Soldiers' Monument at Northboro, address by Dr. George B. Loring of Salem.

Sept. 17th, 1874. A gala day in Marlboro. The Lowell Mechanics' Phalanx Company in town; received by the Marlboro Light Infantry; also Mayor Francis Jewett of Lowell and Ex-Mayors, J. P. Folsom and J. G. Peabody of Lowell.

Sept. 18, 1867. Family Gathering of the descendants of Col. Ephraim Brigham at the Gates House near Marlboro Lake, and near Col. Brigham place, when he lived in town.

Sept. 18, 1870. Fire in Southboro, Sunday, P. M. Fitch A. Winchester's barn was burned with four oxen; loss about \$5,000; insurance, \$1,800.

Sept. 20th, 1872. Accident and instant death of George G. Smith, aged 38 years, on Main street, Marlboro. He was thrown out of a carriage with great violence against a tree.

Sept. 21, 1818. Capt. Samuel Wood of Northboro, died, aged 75 years. He marched a company of Minute Men to Cambridge in 1775, and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Sept. 23d, 1815, Saturday. The great blow over New England. Wind blew violently from the south-east and raining from 9 to 11 A. M. Fences, fruit trees, whole forests, chimnies and whole buildings, were suddenly prostrated, and the earth was strewed with fruit and fragments of all kinds in promiscuous confusion. The Zachary Maynard house and the old Tynntor house in town were unroofed. Stephen Felton's shed near his barn, was blown over and broken to pieces.

Sept. 24th, 1833. Dea. Benjamin Rice died in town, aged 59 years. He graduated at Harvard College in 1796. He was a delegate to the Convention in 1820, to revise

the State Constitution. He was Justice of the peace.

Sept. 24th, 1860, Monday, A. M. A large balloon, containing three men, passed over Marlboro, going in the north-east direction. It went up at Providence, R. I., and landed at Portsmouth, N. H.

Sept. 25th, 1897. Hannah Priest died in Marlboro; supposed upwards of 80 years of age. She bequeathed \$100 as a charitable fund to 1st church, intended in same way to benefit the poor of the church.

Sept. 26th, 1872. Dedication of a new Town Hall at Hudson. It is 55 by 97 feet on the ground. Its cost, with its furniture, \$48,531.

Sept. 27th, 1860, Thursday night. Winslow Barnes' barn and a carriage, farming tools, were burned.

Sept. 28, 1827. Military Muster at Westborough. 12 companies inspected.

Sept. 28th, 1857. About 7 P. M., Jacob Fairbanks' barn in the East Village, was destroyed by fire.

Sept. 28th, 1873. A hot summer day. Thermometer up to 84 degrees.

Sept. 29th, 1800. Fatal accident in Northborough. At a regimental muster, Aaron Stow of Grafton, was shot; he lived an hour. Aged 30 years; left a wife and 3 sons. He was brother to Mrs. Lovinah Felton of Marlborough.

Sept. 29th, 1875. The first annual exhibition of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club in Marlboro. Had a street parade and procession. In the evening about 10 o'clock, Col. O. A. Hillman's house was burned, near South Marlboro. Loss \$4,000 to \$5,000; insured \$4,200.

Sept. 29th, 1836. Fire at Sudbury. Asa Balcom's barn, containing hay, oats, rye, and farming utensils, was consumed. Supposed the work of an incendiary.

Sept. 29th and 30th, 1868. Mechanical and Horticultural Fair in town, by the Mechanics' institute. Frank Brooks had 156 varieties at the fair and exhibition.

#### October Dates of Events.

Oct. 1st, 1822. A New Hotel opened this day near Marlboro Pond. The old Williams Tavern was taken down, and the Gates House raised last June, 1822.

Oct. 1st, 1874. Shrewsbury News established.

Oct. 1st, 1846. Muster at Groton. Seven

companies present. The Marlboro Light Infantry under Capt. Francis Brigham was one of the companies.

Oct. 4th, 1830. Rev. Jonathan Newell of Stow died, aged 81 years. He graduated at Harvard College in 1770. He preached in Stow 54 years.

Oct. 4th, 1869. One of the heaviest rain storms known for years. Immense damage in almost every direction in New England. Strong south-easterly wind.

Oct. 5th, 1853. Fire in Bolton, Wednesday evening. Gen. Amory Holman's barn, with 40 tons of hay, and a quantity of grain were burnt. Loss, 1300 dollars. Insurance 600 dollars. It was not known how the fire originated.

Oct. 6th, 1876. Died at Lancaster, Hon. Francis B. Fay, aged 83 years. He was born in Southboro, and was the Founder of the Fay Library of that town. He was the first Mayor of Chelsea and a member of Congress.

Oct. 7th, 1830. Sunday evening. Fire in the east village. John Cotting's barn, with 25 tons of hay. The "Tavern" was saved by the engines. Barn, house, furniture insured.

Oct. 9th, 1873. Post 43 of Marlboro turned out with 40 men, to the Grand Army parade at Lowell of the Posts of Middlesex County, Mass.

Oct. 11th, 1853. Accident in Marlboro, Luke Fay of Southboro, and Hancock street, Boston, aged about 65 years, a wealthy man, met with a severe accident, while fowling. The gun exploded in his hands, and shattered his left wrist, and had to amputate the hand the next day.

Oct. 11th, 1867. Installation in Hudson of Rev. Wm. S. Heyward as pastor of the Lawrence church. Sermon by Rev. Edward Everett Hale.

Oct. 11th, 1871. The Chestnut Hill Farm in Southboro, (formerly Fays and Peters farm) owned by J. C. Converse, was sold at auction to R. S. Fay of Boston, 27,050 dollars. The farm contained 204 acres.

Oct. 11th, 1872. Grand Fireman's Muster in town. The procession upwards of a mile long. There were eight brass bands present.

Oct. 13th, 1863. A Centennarian, and last Revolutionary Soldier, in Mass., died at Sudbury, John Goodnow, aged almost 102

years. His son of the same name was the Founder of the Goodnow Library at Sudbury.

Oct. 13th, 1868. Fire in Southboro. The Winchester Hall, and the store of C. H. Robinson, destroyed by fire. Loss, 10,000 dollars.

Oct. 13th, 1869. Rain, with thunder and lightning in the morning. About noon a heavy shower, with one loud clap of thunder. It tore the bark off from Cyrus Felton's great chestnut tree near his house. It stopped the clock on the Unitarian church, and burnt the steeple of the Catholic church, on the easterly side of Mount Pleasant.

Oct. 14th, 1824. A Centenarian died in Marlboro, Widow Keziah Smith aged 101 years, 8 months. Her son, tall Jonas Smith, a Revolutionary Soldier and Pensioner, lived 91 years.

Oct. 14th, 1865. The commencement of the re-issue of the "Marlboro Mirror" by Wm. W. Wood, after an interval or suspension of four years.

Oct. 15th, 1867. Major Henry Rice died, aged 81 years. He represented Boston in the General Court. He was born in Marlboro and was of this town at his decease.

Oct. 17th, 1831. About 4 A. M. Charles Dana Bigelow's Shoe Manufactory, (near Leander Bigelow's house, and the West Meeting-house) was burnt. The building cost 2,500 dollars. Insurance 1,500 dollars. Most of the stock and tools were saved.

Oct. 17th, 1858. Dea. David Goodale died, aged 67 years. He was a prominent man in town. Moderator of many Town Meetings. Represented the town two years and was Justice of the Peace.

Oct. 17th, 1868. The first snow storm of the season. Only 5 months and 9 days from the May snow storm. Cold the next morning. Icicles formed 6 inches in length. Some potatoes froze in the ground.

Oct. 19th, 1841. The surrender of Cornwallis celebrated in town. The Cold Water Army were out with music, and banners with Teetotalism inscribed thereon. From 1500 to 2000 persons of all ages were present, with provisions for all.

Oct. 19th, 1853. Dedication of the new Methodist Meeting-house, east of the East Village, Marlboro.

Oct. 19th, 1865. Thursday. Rev. Eu-

gene DeNormandie installed pastor over the Unitarian Society in town. Sermon by Cyrus A. Bartol, D. D. of Boston.

Oct. 19th, 1870. Dedication of Marlboro New Town House. Gov. Claflin and Speaker Jewell were present.

Oct. 20th, 1822. Fatal accident in R. I. State, to Abraham Touro. He owned a farm in the south-west part of Marlboro, now occupied by Mr. John Nichols. Mr. Touro was brother of the celebrated Judah Touro of New Orleans. They were Jews.

Oct. 21st, 1867. Teachers' Institute in Marlboro, and continued four days. Hon. Joseph White, Secretary of the Board of Education, Profs. Russell, Walton, Niles, Sharp, Monroe and others gave lectures.

Oct. 22d, 1859. Rev. Levi A. Field, pastor of the Union Society died, aged 38 years. He preached in town 6 years.

Oct. 23d, 1789. President Washington passed through this town, when on his way to Boston. He dined at "Williams celebrated Tavern" near Marlboro Pond.

Oct. 24th, 1835. Hon. Joel Cranston died, aged 73 years. He was born in Marlboro and lived there when he was a Representative and Senator. Was several years one of the firm of Cranston & Felton. He was one of the founders of Hudson and Rockbottom.

Oct. 25th, (N. S.) 1740. Rev. George Whitefield preached in the Marlborough Meeting-house, between 4 and 6 o'clock P. M. Gov. Belcher was present. They rode to Worcester that evening.

Oct. 25th, 1868. Sudden death in town between 1 and 2 o'clock P. M., Simeon Cunningham, aged 64 years. He worked at his trade in the forenoon.

Oct. 26th, 1874. Indignation Meeting in Marlboro Town Hall, about the pegging machine controversy. It was said Capt. Francis Brigham introduced the first pegging machine into this section of the State; he was present at the meeting.

Oct. 27th, 1844. Heart-rending accident in town. George Gay died, aged 21 years. In jumping over or off from a fence, he jumped onto a stake, which penetrated into his body between his thighs, causing his death.

Oct. 27th, 1847. Sudden death in the western part of the town. Gershom Bigelow, aged 80 years, was found dead in his

bed. He attended a lecture in the middle of the town the evening previous.

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1808. Grand torch light procession and illumination at Hudson by the Republicans, with an address by ex-Gov. Geo. S. Boutwell.

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1851. Dedication of the Davis Monument in Acton. It is 75 feet in height. Address by Gov. Boutwell. Cost, 2500 dollars.

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1855. Destructive fire and loss of life at Southboro. Sanford & Co. cotton factory in Cordaville. It was a 5 story building. The total loss, 50,600 dollars, which was mostly covered by insurance.

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1860. Wednesday evening. Republican Demonstration in town. A procession and illumination, and speeches by Gen. Wm. Schouler and Hon. Charles R. Train.

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1811. Capt. Abel Maynard died in town, aged 38 years. He was gored by an ox when driving a yoke of oxen and died within 48 hours after the accident. The cattle were considered mild and gentle.

#### November Dates of Events.

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1859. The dwelling house owned and occupied by Needham Howe, was destroyed by fire. He resided half a mile north of the Union Church. Loss, \$1800 dollars. Insurance, \$1,200. About 50 years before this date, Loring Manson's house was burnt upon the same spot.

November 3<sup>d</sup>, 1853. The new Halls at the State Reform School, Westboro, were dedicated. The Address by Hon. N. P. Banks, Jr., of Waltham. The enlargement furnishes room for 250 more boys.

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1869. Rev. Calvin Stebbins installed pastor of the Unitarian Society in Marlborough. Sermon by Rev. Rufus P. Stebbins, D. D., of Cambridge.

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1872. Fire in Southborough. Charles Fisher's barn in the northwest part of the town, was burnt with 20 tons of hay. Insurance, 600 dollars.

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1843. Freeman's meeting in Stow, relating to the imprisonment of Thomas Wilson Dorr. Joel Walcott, Esq., presided.

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1827. A great snow storm. More than a foot of snow fell and some

drifts. Most at any one time during the Winter. There were a great many bushels of apples covered up under the snow, and corn in the fields.

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1847. Died at Bolton, Joseph Houghton. He left to the town a legacy of 12,000 dollars for a High School, and the 'Houghton School' went into operation in October, 1849.

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1860. Rev. George N. Anthony installed Pastor of the Union Society in town. He preached in town eight years.

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1859. About half a ton of coal was drawn by 40 ladies from the upper Depot in town, to Engine House, No. 2. Mark Fay, Esq., gave the Company as much coal as the ladies would draw.

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1835. Election. About 6 1-2 P.M. Fire in the west part of the town. Capt. Abraham Howes's cider mill, containing apples sufficient for 50 barrels of cider, and about ten tons of hay were destroyed. The fire took from a light used in husking corn.

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1840. First Town Meeting in the new Town House, Marlborough, built with the surplus money from the U. S. Treasury. Levi Bigelow, Sr., Esq., was the first Moderator in the new Hall. The builders were David Brown and Elbridge Howe of this town.

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1847. Fire in Stow. The Unitarian meeting house burnt. Fire caught from the furnace. Clock, books, etc., were saved. It was erected 20 years before this date.

November 10, 1852. Fire in town. The Spring Hill Church, erected 16 years, and repaired this year, was burnt. Insurance, 2,500 dollars.

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1859. The Mechanic Institute Library; 400 vols. opened to the public; the annual payment of \$1.

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1859. The date of the first number of the "Marlboro Mirror," by Stillman B. Pratt.

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1860. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher lectured in town to a crowded hall. Subject: "Young America."

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1833. In the morning meteoric display; most remarkable phenomena ever witnessed in New England. Supposed it formed a part of an immense ring of meteors which circulates round the sun once

In 33 or 34 years. The writer of this saw the sight.

November 13th, 1853, Sunday. Rev. Seth Alden died suddenly in the pulpit at Westboro, aged 60 years and 6 months. He preached 15 years in Marlborough, 10 years at Brookfield, 2 years at Southborough, and 4 at Lincoln, Mass.

November 13th, 1875. A spelling match in the Town Hall at Stow. The prize offered by Edwin Whitney, Esq., was a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. It was taken by Miss Hattie Faxon, 12 years of age.

November 14th, 1817. Lt. Ephraim Barber died, aged 70 years. He was a clock maker. A representative from Marlboro several years. Many of his clocks are now, 1879, keeping good time.

November 14th, 1795. Hon. Charles Hudson born in Marlborough. He has been a Minister, Senator, and Member of Congress. Author of the History of Marlborough and of the History of Lexington, Mass.

November 15th, 1834. The Boston and Worcester Railroad in operation to Westborough. September 20th, to Unionville, now called Ashland.

November 18th, 1854, Saturday evening. Cyrus Gale, Jr. & Co.'s store at Northborough was broken open and about 1,000 dollars worth of goods carried away. The Selectmen offered 200 dollars reward, and the firm 100 dollars.

November 21st, 1838. Died at Northborough, near Sturup Brook, Dea. Jonas Bartlett, aged 69 years. He had been Town Clerk, Assessor, Selectman in that town, also been a Representative.

November 22, 1865. Prof. Denier's tight rope performance, between Forest Hall and Dadinun & Cutting's shoe shop on Market Street, West Marlborough.

November 24th, 1850. Fire in the west part of Northborough. A barn belonging to the alms-house farm was entirely consumed, and part of the house burnt. The barn was new and valuable. 8 cows, 2 oxen, 2 horses, 8 swine, carriages, tools, hay, grain, and vegetables, were burnt. Persons from the west and east part of Marlborough, with their new engines started, some of the way across lots, for the fire.

November 24th, 1865. Fire between 2 and 4 A. M., near the Water Cure establishment in Westborough. Moses Gill Davis' valu-

able barn was burned, supposed by an incendiary.

November 24th, 1874. About midnight. George Felton's house, in the west part of Marlborough, was burnt by an incendiary. Mr. Felton died in less than four months after his house was burned, aged almost 70 years.

November 28th, 1849. Gigantic painting. Good views. Connor's Great panorama of the River St. Lawrence, Niagara Falls, etc., in Marlboro Town Hall.

November 20th, 1854. A good shot. A deer killed in Northboro with a common charge of partridge shot, by John W. Lincoln of that town. Weight, 300 pounds.

November 30th, 1869. C. T. Chapin and Son's large brick cotton factory at Daville, Northborough, was totally destroyed by fire, with nearly all its contents. Loss about 45,000 dollars. Insurance, 18,000 dollars.

November 30th, 1875, Tuesday. A cold winter day. Thermometer 6 degrees below zero. It was said that Autumn went out with a snap.

November 30th, 1870. Rev. Wm. H. H. Murray lectured in town, about "Adirondacks—the Hospital of the World."

November 30th, 1834, Sunday, P. M., great solar eclipse. Thermometer fell 23 degrees in 3 hours.

### December Dates of Events.

Dec. 1st, 1855. The Agricultural Branch Railroad opened to Northboro Centre.

Dec. 2d, 1849. Rev. George E. Day ordained pastor of the Union Society in Marlboro.

Dec. 2d, 1862. Jabez S. Witherbee Esq. of this town died, aged 60 years. He kept the Gates Hotel, and was a Selectman several years.

Dec. 2d, 1870. Geo. Wm. Curtis lectured in town. Subject:— "Charles Dickens." Said to have been the most eloquent and finished production ever given to a Marlboro audience.

Dec. 3d, 1860. Fire in Northboro. The old Cotton Factory, built 40 years ago, was consumed. It was owned by L. S. Pratt & Co. Partially insured.

Dec. 3d, 1867. Masquerade

couples in Forest Hall, to raise funds to repair the Unitarian church.

Dec. 4th, 1867. The Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fay in town. The Poem or Hymn was by Rev. Thomas J. Greenwood. Fifty years ago, Dec. 4th, 1817, Thanksgiving day, there were five couples married in town: Mark Fay, Lebeus Cook, Elijah Hale, Daniel Walker, Wm. Brigham and their wives.

Dec. 6th, 1850. Excursion from Feltonville to Boston, to visit Burr's 7 mile mirror at the Melodeon. Fare and admission 65 cents.

Dec. 7th, 1848. Dedication of the New State Reform School, near Lake Chauncy, Westborough. Addressees by Judge Washburn and Ex. Gov. Levi Lincoln.

Dec. 8th, 1871. Dea. Stephen R. Phelps, aged 83 years, died in town, where he was born, Dec. 3d, 1788. He was Captain of a Rifle Company; been Assessor and Selectman. For several years he paid about the largest tax in town.

Dec. 8th, 1861. Funeral of Capt. Asa Lewis in the Methodist church, Marlboro. He died Dec. 5th of a gun shot wound. Sermon by Rev. Thomas J. Greenwood. The house was full. He was buried with the usual masonic rites.

Dec. 10th, 1868. Re-dedication of the Union church on Spring Hill.

Dec. 11, 1873. Northboro Farmer and Southboro Press established by S. B. Pratt.

Dec. 14th, 1839. A pleasant day. The month so far was very mild and pleasant. No frost in the ground.

Dec. 15th, 1839. Sunday. A great snow storm. Snow fell in immense quantities; so furious was the gale and the drifting snow, that it was almost impossible to move about the streets. There was snow enough to cover the ground two feet or more.

Dec. 14th, 1855. A shocking accident near South Marlboro. Josiah Pollard was caught in the gearing of a grist-mill, and had his arm so badly injured that amputation was necessary near his shoulder. He lived 13 days.

Dec. 15th, 1853. Dedication of the State New Normal School Building on the west side of Bear Hill in Framingham. It will accommodate 120 scholars.

Dec. 15th, 1860. Dedication of Marlboro High School Building. An Historical Address by Hon. O. W. Albee.

Dec. 16th, 1835. Exceedingly cold. So cold it has become famous as the Cold December Day and the great New York Fire. It was 15 degrees below zero. There was a birth in Marlboro that day.

Dec. 16th, 1868. Nathaniel Longley Esq. died, aged 84 years. He settled several estates of deceased persons. Was Town Clerk of Bolton before he settled in Marlboro.

Dec. 17th, 1806. Dedication of a new Meeting-house at Southborough.

Dec. 18th, 1835. Heman Seaver, Esq. died, aged 66 years. He was sometimes called Master Seaver. He had been Town Clerk of Marlborough.

Dec. 18th, 1863. Trees loaded with ice and some limbs broken off. The icicles remained upon the trees one week.

Dec. 21st, 1868. Great sale of cattle, hay, etc. at the Peters farm in Southboro.

Dec. 22d, 1860. Another Newspaper in town, The Marlboro Journal, George Mille-Joy, the Editor. The next year John M. Farwell was the Editor. It was continued till September 1864, about four years. Edwin Rice was the first publisher of the Journal.

Dec. 22d, 1853. The Ladies of the Shennstone Tree Society formed this year, held a Fair at the Vestry of the West or Unitarian church in Marlboro.

Dec. 23d, 1859. Disastrous fire near the lower depot. The leather cutter and machine die factory of S. K. Taylor was totally destroyed. Loss 5000 dollars. Partly insured. He employed 12 hands. Few other persons lost some property.

Dec. 24th, 1828. Silas Gates died, aged 70 years. He was a tavern keeper many years near Marlboro Pond. He gave the income of 2000 dollars yearly for the support of a Preceptor at the Gates Academy.

Dec. 24th, 1815. Rev. Nathaniel Howe of Hopkinton preached his celebrated century sermon in that town.

Dec. 25th, 1838. Christmas Celebration in Marlboro by religious services in the Universalist church. The house was decorated with evergreens.

Dec. 25th, 1839. Powder Mill Explosion at Acton; one man killed.

Dec. 25th, 1846. Hon. John Parker Hale of N. H. lectured in Marlboro Town Hall, on "War, Slavery, and Abolitionism."

Dec. 26th, 1867. Thursday evening. Dr.

George B. Loring gave a good lecture in town, on Jefferson and Lincoln.

Dec. 27th, 1876. Death of a Centennarian in Sterling. Mrs. Sally Williams, aged 101 years, 1 month and 25 days. She was widow of Stephen Williams of Marlboro, where she lived half of her days.

Dec. 29th, 1854. Dedication of a new school house in Feltonville, south side of Assabet river. Hon. Charles Hudson took part on the occasion.

Dec. 29th, 1859. Thursday morning. Extremely cold. Fire on Fairmount. Samuel Boyd's splendid barn, with 20 tons of hay, was totally consumed; the gas leaked out and took fire. The barn was valued at 4000 dollars. Insurance 3,525 dollars.

Dec. 29th, 1871. Rev. Edward Everett Hale lectured in Fairmount Hall. Subject:— "He did his level best."

Dec. 30th, 1873. Rev. John Wiliard installed pastor of the Union Society, in town.

Dec. 31st, 1846. Old and New Years Balls. Two Balls, Social Entertainments for dancing in town. One in Lambert Bigelow's new hall, the other at John Cotting's hall.

Dec. 31st, 1876. The last day of Centennial year. Died in Boston, John Haven Dexter, Esq., aged 85 years. He was born in Marlboro, and left about 30 volumes of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register to Marlboro Town Library.





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