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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the Town, Village and City Archives of Vermont is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The inventory of the archives of the town of Windham County is number 13 of the Vermont series. The publication herewith presented, Town of Brookline, is volume 3 of the Windham 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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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, business men and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

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

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

The Survey Program was organized and has been directed by Luther H. Evans, and operates as a nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

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

The object of the program is to survey, preserve and render accessible source material of all kinds. At the present time the Vermont Survey is, in addition to working on public records, working on church records, early American imprints, American portraits, newspaper indexing and manuscripts. This Inventory of the Town, Village and City Archives of Vermont, Town of Brookline is part of a series of publications being prepared for each of the towns, villages and cities in the state. This is the first publication for Windham County.

The inventory of the records covered in this volume was written by Katharine Shaw. George Hyde wrote the history. The initial research and securing of data making the publication possible was done under the supervision of Howard Todd. Virgil McCarty prepared the maps and charts. Stencils were cut by Margaret Carbo and the mimeographing was done under the supervision of James Leavitt. The inventory is published with the approval of the Librarian of Congress and the Vermont staff is indebted to the National Office and Sargent B. Child, Regional Supervisor for the constructive advice and criticism given all phases of the work. The inventory in its final manuscript form was edited by Mabel S. Brodie, Assistant Archivist in charge of public inventories of the staff of the Library of Congress project in the District of Columbia.

The Vermont Survey has received the cooperation of both public officials and private citizens. This cooperation has made the work much easier. Labor funds are furnished by the Work Projects Administration. However, all other non-labor costs of the project such as rent, light, heat, paper, etc. have been furnished by the State of Vermont and individuals, organizations and institutions sponsoring the program. The assistance which we receive is sincerely appreciated.

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ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

| | | |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| alph. | | alphabetical(ly) |
| arr. | | arranged, arrangement |
| aver. | | average |
| ch. | | chapter |
| chron. | | chronological(ly) |
| hdw. | | handwritten |
| ibid. | | the same reference |
| N.Y. | | New York |
| no. | | number |
| op. cit. | | publication previously quoted |
| p., pp. | | page(s) |
| passim | | in various passages |
| sec(s). | | section(s) |
| viz | | namely |
| vol(s). | | volume(s) |
| Vt. | | Vermont, Vermont Reports (if cited) |
| yr(s). | | year(s) |

Symbols

| | | |
|-----|-----------|------------------------|
| --- | | to date |
| x | | by, in dimension items |
| : | | equivalent to |
| % | | percent |

Explanatory Notes

This inventory of the archives of the town of Brookline consists of an inventory of all the records kept by the town officers both current and non-current. An historical sketch of the town has been written; short essays pertaining to the history of each of the officers and other supplementary material as shown in the table of contents have been prepared.

Like other Vermont towns there is no archivist, yet in practice the town clerk always has been, since the creation of the state in 1777, the town archivist and as the inventory will show, a large majority of the non-current records both of his own office and those of other officers are now to be found in his custody. In the preparation of the inventory we have placed the records under the office of origin rather than under the office of custody, therefore, in many cases the location of the records listed under one office will show that they may be found in the office of town clerk.

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To assist both the town officers and the user of the inventory we have prepared a brief listing of the records covered by this inventory, see page 63. A special copy of the inventory with a number of blank pages following this section is being bound for the use of the town clerk. It is hoped that this simple type of listing will be kept current for the use of researchers or perhaps those preparing a new inventory of the town archives, after this volume has become antiquated.

Town Office Sketches

These sketches, written from information secured from the town records, are only brief histories of the officers. The town officers' duties are established by law and do not vary from town to town. All the Vermont statutes beginning with the origin of the State are being carefully read and eventually the various duties which have, at one time or another, been assigned to town officers will be listed and published.

Titles

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

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

Dates

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

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Labeling

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

Cross Reference

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

Indexes

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

Condition

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

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.

Location

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

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Brookline, a small irregularly outlined town, lies in the east central part of Windham County. The town is separated from others by natural division lines, a range of hills east and west, with the highest peak in the eastern range eleven hundred feet from the valley below. Brookline is bounded on the north by Athens, east by Westminster, southeast by Putney, southwest by Newfane and the West River, and northwest by Townshend.

The town is about six miles in length and from one and one-half to three miles in width and contains six thousand six hundred fifty-seven acres. The elevation, near the east town line, is called by Brookline townspeople, Putney Mountain, and by the inhabitants of Putney, Brookline Mountain.

The soil was and is more adequate for the raising of grass than grain. During a violent freshet a bed of kaolin or porcelain clay was laid open in this town, but has never been commercialized. Geologically the predominant rock is calciferous mica schist although there is some gneiss in the western part.

The land in Brookline occupying the valley of Grassy Brook is classified as suited to dairy farming. The remainder of the town is suitable for forestation only.¹

The early settlers of Brookline occupied their lands without title and left the matter of legal rights to the future. A somewhat larger group of settlers came into the territory north of the "Grassy Brook" settlement and were in the same predicament so far as legal titles were concerned. The group in the northern section, which afterwards was included in the town of Athens, was organized on November 24, 1779 under the name of the "Society of Adventurers and Proprietors." A committee was appointed to survey the land and subdivide it. This committee, with three other members, made up a prudential committee with discretionary powers to take such steps as might be necessary to secure legal title to the lands which they had occupied. A covenant was drawn up and signed.²

The "inhabitants of Grassy Brook" were invited to join an Athens group and sign the covenant, by vote of the prudential committee, December 6, 1779.³ A petition was sent to the General Assembly asking for the grant of a township including large parts of what is now Athens and Brookline. This was approved March 11, 1780 and the necessary fees being paid, the seal of the State

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1. Land Classification Map of the Vermont Extension Service.
 2. Ms., Town Clerk's Office, Athens.
 3. Records Proprietor's Pamphlet (Proprietor's Meetings and Miscellaneous Records), vol. 1, p. 1, Town Clerk's Office, Athens.

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was affixed to the Charter on May 3, 1780.¹

Difficulties of transportation made it inconvenient for the residents of the area now included in the town of Brookline to go to Athens to transact town business and attend town meetings. Therefore, on January 3, 1783, the inhabitants of Athens voted to consider the south part of the town, to the extent of 21 of the town's 68 proprietary holdings, as a separate society for the future. A record of this is to be found among unbound town papers in Athens and is signed by Jonas Gray, moderator for the town and for the society. Members of the south society petitioned the freemen of Athens on February 27, 1786 for permission to be released from connection with Athens so that they might join parts of Townsend and Putney to form a separate town. An act of the Assembly of October 18, 1788, confirmed this action and designated the territory as the "South Parish of Athens."² Permission was granted by Athens to the South Parish to petition the Assembly for incorporation into a separate town on September 2, 1794.³ On October 30, 1794, the Assembly incorporated the South Parish into the town of Brookline but provided that it should have no representation in the Assembly or conventions, the inhabitants voting on state and national elections with the towns from which they came.⁴

Organization of the town was effected at a town meeting on March 17, 1795, at the home of Ebenezer Harwood. The officers elected were: John Waters, town clerk; Peter Benson, moderator; Peter Benson, Lemach Blandin, and Jotham Stebbins, selectmen; and Abijah Moore, treasurer.⁵ A petition for representation in the Assembly was disapproved in 1796.⁶ Voters attended freemen's meetings in other towns depending upon where the voter lived and warnings by Athens were, by law, to be posted in Brookline as well. An act of the Assembly in 1797⁷ provided that the joint freemen's meetings might be held in the north part of Brookline. A law passed February 28, 1797, provided that parishes incorporated into towns should have the privileges of towns⁸ but there is no record of any further move by this town to secure representation until 1813,

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1. State Papers of Vermont, Charters granted by the State of Vermont, published by authority of the State, Bellows Falls, Vt., 1922, vol. 2, p. 8.
 2. Laws of Vermont, 1788, p. 3.
 3. Town and Freemen's Meetings (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), vol. 1, pp. unnumbered, Town Clerk's Office, Athens.
 4. Laws of Vermont, 1794, pp. 124-126.
 5. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 1.
 6. Assembly Journal, 1796, October, pp. 131-132.
 7. Laws of Vermont, 1797, p. 46.
 8. Laws of Vermont, digested and compiled, published by order of the legislature, 2 vols., 1808, Randolph, printed by Sereno Wright, vol. 1, ch. XLI, see 17.

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when a petition was sent to the Assembly asking for the right to be represented.¹

Efforts of Brookline to secure representation in the Assembly apart from Athens extended over more than ten years and resulted in a deadlock between the Assembly and the Governor and his council which ended in the seating of a representative without the concurrence of the Governor. A petition for representation was reported unfavorably in 1813 but in the same year Brookline was annexed to Athens for joint representation. A petition from both towns to terminate the annexation was acted on favorably in 1815 but another petition for separate representation was reported unfavorably. Similar petitions met a like end in subsequent years until 1819, when one was reported favorably and passed the Assembly. The Governor and council nonconcurring, the bill was referred to the next session. The following year, action again was referred to the next session. In 1822, the Assembly passed the bill and sent it to the governor and council, which sent it back nonconcurring. In spite of this, the Assembly acted favorably on a roll-call vote and again sent it to the Governor and council. It now was returned to the Assembly with a proposed amendment vitiating the main purpose of the bill. To this the Assembly nonconcurred and returned the bill to the Governor and council, where action was suspended until the next session.²

In 1823, the freemen of Brookline met at the warning of the constable and elected Benjamin Ormsby or Omsbee to represent them in the Assembly.³ His right to take his seat was challenged and the matter was referred to a special committee. The report of this committee reviewed the history of the case and recommended that, in its opinion, Brookline was entitled constitutionally to a seat in the assembly. The report was accepted in this way dispensing with the concurrence of the Governor and council. The bill, which was held over from the previous session, was dismissed.³

The name, Brookline, was adapted from Grassy Brook, which rises in Athens, runs through a deep valley in al almost straight line the entire length of the town from north to south and empties into West River on the southwest boundary. Grassy Brook derived its name from the open meadows in the northern part, which produced a heavy crop of grass, and where the pioneers of the region went to cut their hay.

The first settlement in this town was made about the year 1776. Although historians disagree as to who were the first settlers, Timothy Wellman and Lemach Blandin were among the earliest

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 55, see entry 1.
 2. Assembly Journal, 1813-1823, passim.
 3. Leonard Deming, Catalogue of the Principal Officers of Vermont, 1778-1851, Middlebury, Vt., 1851, p. 67.

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and their descendants are now living in Brookline.¹ It has been ascertained that Timothy Wellman, the earliest Wellman of Brookline, removed to this town from Norton, Massachusetts, and that he was born in 1757. From 1780 to 1790 settlers came into the town in great numbers.²

The Baptist Church of Brookline was organized in 1785. The Rev. Amos Beckwith was its first settled minister.³ Its first building was of logs, with slabs for seats, no floor, and with no means of heating.⁴ The present church building was erected in 1836. It was a Union church, to include Universalists, Methodists, and Baptists. It was dedicated in 1837. It was rededicated as a Methodist Episcopal Church in 1895. The building was sold in 1924 to private parties.⁵

The first school was held in the home of Cyrus Whitcomb.⁶ The first teacher is said to have been Lucy Skinner, daughter of one of the first settlers.⁷ Brookline is noted for having the only round schoolhouse in Vermont. Land on which it stands was deeded to the town by Peter Benson, August 10, 1821, for the sum of five dollars.⁸ Tradition has it that this unusual little building, constructed in 1822, was designed by Dr. John Wilson, an eccentric teacher and doctor, who, after his death, was reported to have been Captain Thunderbolt, a highwayman wanted in England where his partner, "Lightfoot," had been hanged.⁹ Preparations for the erection of the round schoolhouse were made in 1821. Bricks, placed several rods north of the present location, were washed down in the freshet of this same year. This brick building replaced a log schoolhouse which had served its purpose for about twenty-five years.¹⁰ The original furnishings consisted of the teacher's desk in the center, with benches in a semi-circle around her desk; those benches next to the wall were for larger pupils, each row toward the center of the room being smaller than the previous row.¹¹

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1. Zadock Thompson, History of Vermont, Burlington, 1842, part III, p. 35; Hamilton Child, Gazetteer of Windham County, Vermont, Syracuse, N. Y., July 1884, p. 159; Abby Maria Hemenway, Gazetteer of Vermont, Burlington, 1871, 5 vols., vol. 5, p. 847.
 2. J. W. Wellman, D. D., Descendants of Thomas Wellman of Lynn, Massachusetts, Boston, 1918, pp. 149-150.
 3. Child, op. cit., p. 162.
 4. Historical Scrapbook, Mrs. Arthur Wellman, vol. 4, pp. unnumbered.
 5. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 3, p. 461, see entry 8.
 6. Child, op. cit., p. 160.
 7. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 383.
 8. Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, vol. 3, p. 93, see entry 10.
 9. J. W. Wellman, D. D., Descendants of Thomas Wellman of Lynn, Massachusetts, Boston, 1918, pp. 149-150.
 10. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 51.
 11. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 31.

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The town was divided into three school districts in 1796.¹ In 1824 there were one hundred and eighty-four scholars in the four school districts of the town, a greater number than the entire population of the town today, the present population being one hundred and twenty.² Former students and friends gathered to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the old round schoolhouse, June 20, 1923, with a suitable program of commemoration.³ In 1925 the Brookline Union School, held in the round school building, won the silver attendance cup over thirty-three schools in Windham County, with an average attendance of 98.4%. In this school it is necessary for each pupil and the teacher to carry a noon lunch, and, to aid them, a hot luncheon equipment was presented them by the Vermont Women Teacher's Club.⁴ In October of 1927 Brookline was awarded the one hundred dollar Proctor prize for the rural school in Windham County showing the greatest improvement during the spring and summer of 1927. Lack of a suitable playground prompted the building of a new schoolhouse on a site donated by the Baptist Society.⁵ The schoolhouse now in use was built in 1928.⁶ On March 5, 1929, inhabitants of the school district voted to turn the Round Schoolhouse over to the town in care of the selectmen.⁷ Secondary education is provided at the Leland and Gray Academy in Townshend, the town paying \$75.00 tuition per pupil.⁸

The very earliest means of livelihood were ~~not~~ by the cutting and burning of wood in a kiln, from the ashes of which salts of lye were made, packed in wooden troughs and taken by the settlers on their backs over the hill to Putney, a settlement on the Connecticut River. During this early period, more business was carried on than at any other period in the town's history. The town in 1824, contained three stores, two hotels, two blacksmith shops, three sawmills, two grist mills, two tanneries, one potashery, one doctor, and one counsellor at law.⁹

The mill sites in Brookline were not good. However, in 1868 on Grassy Brook a saw and grist mill was erected. A freshet in 1869 took away the dam and part of the flume. It was rebuilt the following year with the same waterwheel running both mills. High water again in the late seventies took away the dam.¹⁰ In 1890,

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1. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 383.
 2. Historical Scrapbook, Mrs. Arthur Wellman, vol. 5, pp. unnumbered.
 3. Ibid., vol. 2, pp. unnumbered.
 4. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. unnumbered.
 5. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 21.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 34.
 7. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 4, p. 128, see entry 1.
 8. Auditors Annual Reports, 1939, see entry 3.
 9. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 379.
 10. Historical Scrapbook, Mrs. Arthur Wellman, vol. 4, pp. unnumbered.

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a steam mill was in operation and in 1891 Pierce's chair shop was running full time.¹ The earlier freshet of 1821 caused great damage to the town; roads across the hills became impassable, stores closed, small farms were sold and, the hillsides being deserted, the population decreased. The building of roads up the West River made it unlikely that traffic would again run through Brookline.²

In the early part of the nineteenth century a medical spring on Windmill Hill in the southern part of town, about a mile from Valley Road, was considered efficacious for cutaneous afflictions. This medicinal spring was very popular with persons from outside the State, who patronized Coddington Tavern and made stores possible until the decline of the spring's popularity. The stores closed in 1823 and the hotel in 1850. The spring still exists on the farm now known as Spring Farm but has not again been commercialized.

The first passways or roads led across the valley east and west; three of these were abandoned long before the close of the nineteenth century. Early business transactions took the people to Putney, as merchandise could be boated up and down the Connecticut River; therefore, these roads were built first. The first valley road that was built followed close under the hill upon the east side and has been rebuilt at different times and makes the pleasant passway which it now occupies.³

A lawsuit brought by Brookline against Westminster to recover a part of the cost of a bridge over the West River to Newfane was carried to the Supreme Court at its February term in 1932 and caused considerable discussion in legal circles, since it established the precedent that a stream constituted the boundary line between towns for the purpose of bridge and highway laws even though one bank or the other of the stream might be stipulated as the jurisdictional boundary.

The bridge was built by Brookline at the order of the Windham County court, the expense to be shared by the towns of Brookline, Newfane, Putney, and Westminster, as all benefitted from the construction of the bridge. Westminster refused to pay its share and the suit was brought in the county court. The verdict was for the plaintiff and the defendants appealed.

There were several plans on legal technicalities but the main contention was that the law, relative to the construction of bridges between towns, did not apply since, at the point where the bridge

1. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 383.
2. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 851.
3. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 858.

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was built, the West River was in Newfane in its entirety, the high water mark on the east side being the boundary. The court held that this contention was specious and sustained the verdict of the county court.¹

In 1820 it was voted in town meeting that the selectmen should provide some means to have the burying ground fenced in. At an adjourned meeting in 1893 the cemetery committee was charged to report on the desirability of buying land to enlarge the cemetery, build driveways and enclose the cemetery. After examination and consideration a deed was accepted from the South Cemetery Association for said cemetery and it was renamed Riverside Cemetery. The cemetery was enlarged, carriage roads were made, and the entire cemetery was enclosed.² In 1907 the townspeople voted to assume the charge and care of the so called Samuel Bennett family cemetery upon terms and conditions as recorded in the Cemetery Record.³

Early town meetings were held in various homes until the year 1810 at which time it was voted to hold town meetings in the school building in the Middle School District.⁴ The first mention of a Town Meeting House appears in the warning for the March meeting of 1821, "to see if the town will vote to buy the old school house of the second school district for a Town house in said town and move it to some central place."⁵ However nothing developed from this suggestion. In 1837 the townspeople voted to hold future town meetings in the Union Meeting House in Brookline.⁶ This evidently proved unsatisfactory, since in 1841 the warning read in part, "to see if the Town will agree upon some suitable place to hold Town Meeting,"⁷ and in 1844 the townspeople voted that the selectmen appoint a place for holding town meetings.⁸ Meetings were held either in the Union Meeting House or the third school district until, in the year 1886, it was decided to obtain legal title to the Union Meeting House and make necessary repairs. However, until 1894, meetings were held in private homes. From 1894 to date they have been held in the Round School House, variously designated in warnings as the North School House, the Round School House, and North Meeting House.⁹

From the time of the early settlement until 1837, Brookline received no postal service and the people were sometimes troubled

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1. 4 Vt. 224
 2. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, pp. 73, 284, 287, see entry 1.
 3. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 377.
 4. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 31.
 5. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 84.
 6. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 129.
 7. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 153.
 8. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 193.
 9. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.

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to find their mail at Athens, Putney, and Newfane.¹ Through the efforts of Braxilla Stickney and Alvin Royden of Brookline, aided by General Martin Field of Newfane, a daily star mail route from Bellows Falls by way of Saxtons River, Cambridgeport, Westminster, Brookline, Fayettsville, and Williamsville to Dover was started August 29, 1837. This service was discontinued from 1870 to 1880. Then in 1908 the Rural Free Delivery replaced the Star Route.²

Numerous boundary changes have taken place in Brookline and the phraseology of the old statutes does not make a clear picture. The act of 1788, establishing the South Parish gives its lines in part as follows: "beginning of the southeasterly corner of Athens and extending westerly on the north line of Putney to the south-westerly corner of Athens aforesaid, thence extending northerly, to be bounded on the east and west line of said town." The extent of territory occupied was to embrace twenty-one property shares, the north and south lines to be parallel.³

The act of 1794 incorporating the town added to this tract that part of Putney lying "west of a line beginning in the south line of Westminster, at the northwest corner of lot number one, in the thirteenth range of the lots laid out in the town of Putney, thence running a straight line to the southwest corner of lot number eight in the fourteenth range and thence to the northwest corner of Samuel Bennett, Junior's lot, and the west line of Ezekial Wilson's lot, to the Dummerston line." This extended Brookline considerably farther south than is now the case.⁴

Lines between Brookline and Putney were established jurisdictionally by an act of 1804 as follows "beginning at a certain stake and stones, forty-four rods west of Westminster south-west corner; thence running south seventeen degrees west, three hundred and twenty-four rods, thence south forty-seven degrees west, thirty-two rods; thence twenty-seven west, fifty-seven rods, thence south twenty degrees west to the north line of the eighth lot in the fourteenth range (thence westward on the line of said lot, to the town line horetofore established between said Brookline, and Putney; thence on said line, to the south line of said towns)."⁵

A part of the town of Newfane was annexed to Brookline in 1820. The act reads in part, "a part of the town of Newfane . . . bounded southerly by a line, extending straight with the south line of said Brookline, from the southwest corner thereof, to the easterly bank of the said river (West River), at low water marks; thence up the northerly and easterly bank of said river, at low water mark, to the north line of said Newfane; thence on said

1. Hemenway, op. cit., p. 383.

2. Historical Scrapbook, Mrs. Arthur Wellman, vol. 1, p. 67.

3. Laws of Vermont, 1788, p. 3.

4. Laws of Vermont, 1794, pp. 124-6.

5. Laws of Vermont, 1804, October session, p. 20.

Historical Sketch

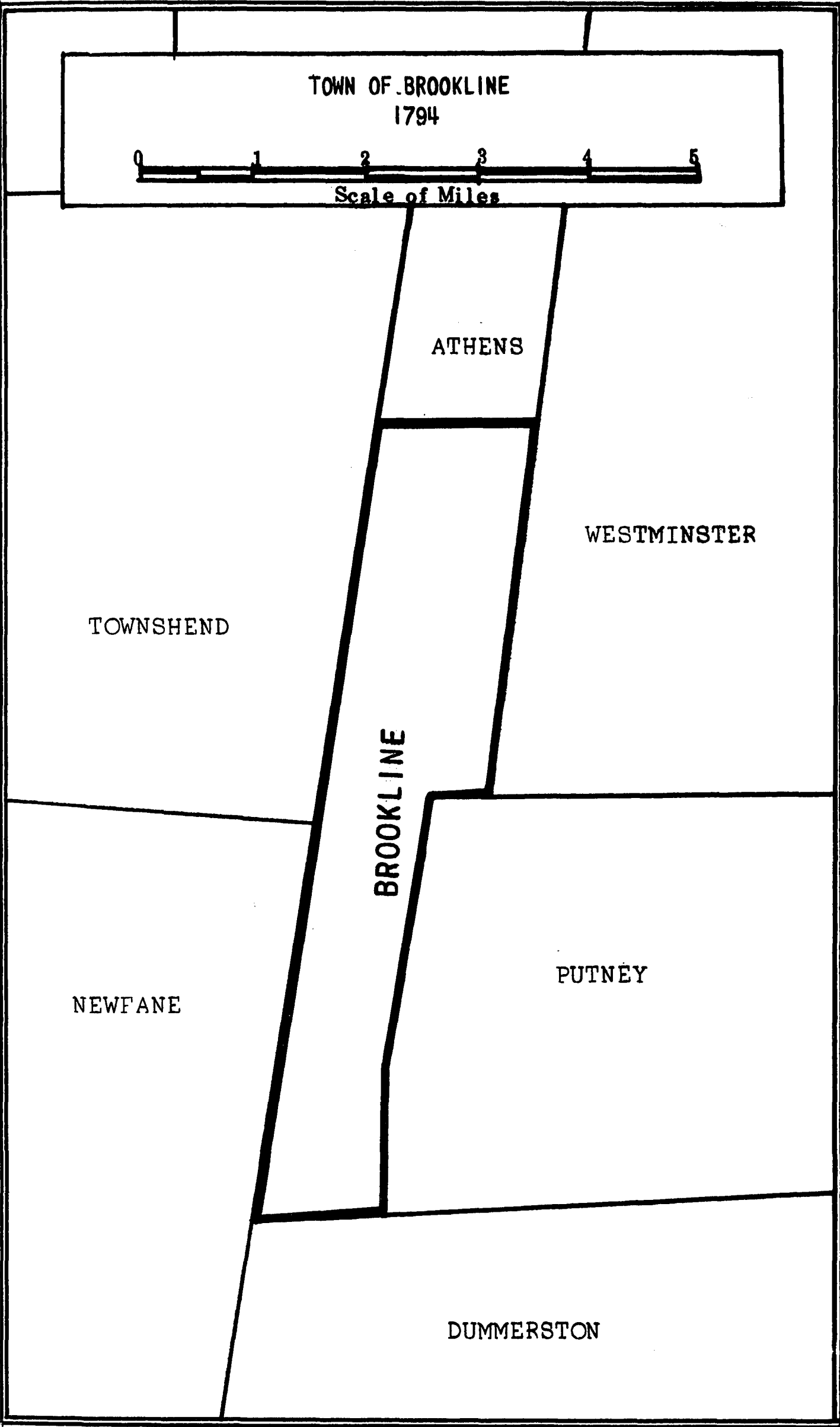
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mentioned line, to the west line of Brookline."¹

The selectmen of Putney were named as a committee for that town in 1829 to establish the line between Putney and Brookline. The selectmen of Brookline likewise were appointed a committee and June 19 was fixed as the date for a survey by the county surveyor.² The survey, which fixed the south and southwest bounds as they now stand, is recorded in the records of the two towns.³

BROOKLINE CENSUS: 1800: 412; 1810: 451; 1820: 391; 1830: 376;
1840: 328; 1850: 285; 1860: 243; 1870: 203; 1880: 205; 1890:
162; 1900: 171; 1910: 137; 1920: 105; 1930: 101.⁴

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1. Laws of Vermont, 1820, ch. 33.
 2. Mss. in files of Vt., Historical Society.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 2, p. 26, see entry 1.
 4. United States Census Reports, 1800-1930.



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BOUNDARY CHANGES IN BROOKLINE 1794 - 1939



Scale of Miles

ATHENS

- 1. Part of Putney annexed, 1804. (Laws of Vermont, pp. 20-1)
- 2 & 3. Part of Newfane annexed, 1820. (Laws of Vermont, p.41)
- 3 & 4. Part taken into Putney by boundary agreement of 1829. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, of Putney, Book 2, pp. 443-4; also Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records of Brookline, Book 2, p. 26.)

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TOWN OF BROOKLINE
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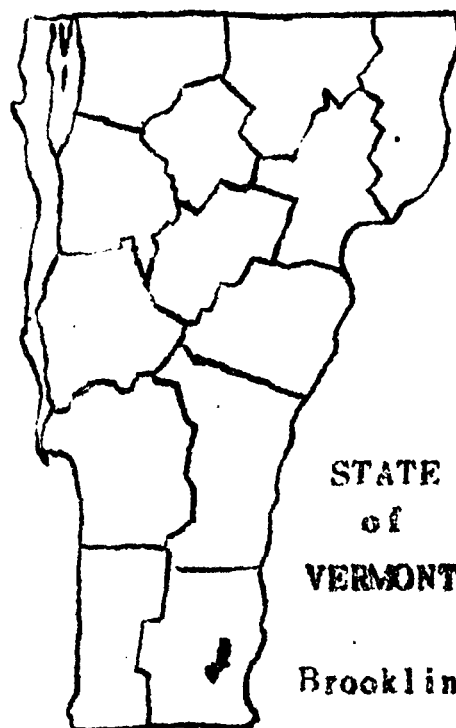
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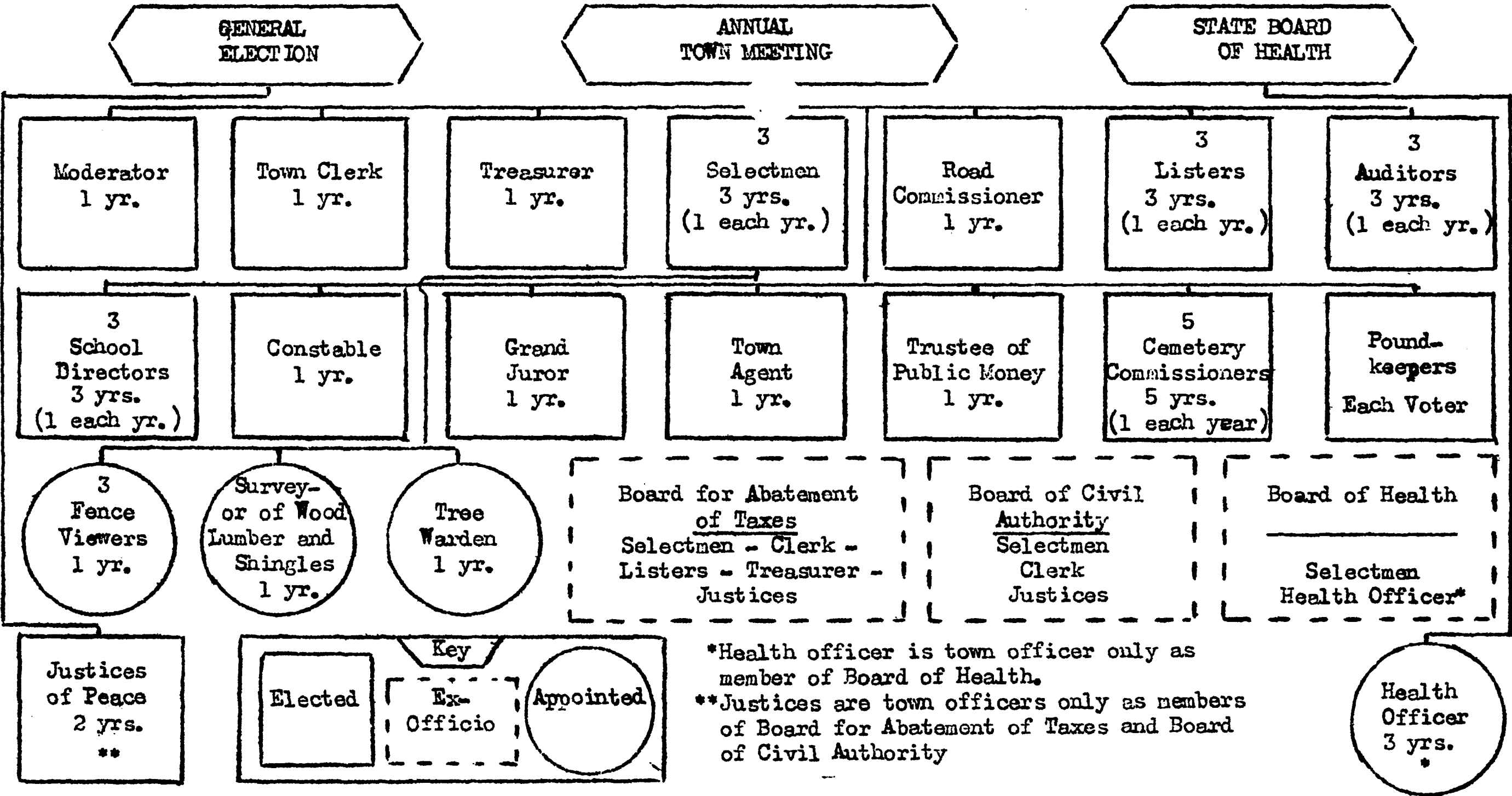
NEWFANE

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**STATE
of
VERMONT**
Brookline

DIAGRAM OF TOWN GOVERNMENT OF BROOKLINE 1939



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HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All the extant records in the inventory of the town of Brookline, except a few of the records of the selectmen, road commissioner, school directors, overseer of poor, and cemetery commissioners, are located in the office of the town clerk, Mr. Arthur C. Wellman, who is also town treasurer. The selectmen's records are at the residence of Mr. Lester Rink; also the records of the overseer of the poor are kept by Mr. Rink. Some of the records of the road commissioner are located at the residence of H. E. Bush, road commissioner. The school directors' records are kept at the residence of G. Allbee, a member of the school board. Mr. Allbee is also one of the cemetery commissioners and the order book stubs for this office are kept by him. Unless otherwise specified in the inventory all records are kept in the safe.

The office of the town clerk and treasurer is located at the residence of Mr. Arthur C. Wellman. The house is a wooden frame building built about 1843 and is located on a cross road running from the valley road in Brookline to Route 30, Newfane. The living room is used as an office and the safe is kept in the adjoining hall. Approximately a fifth of the records are kept in the safe, others being located in a desk in the living room, in a desk in a bedroom, on top of the safe, and in the attic. The house is not fireproof and is located several miles from any fire station; also in case of fire the safe would be subject to a drop of several feet and would be likely to spring open.

The living room is heated by a small stove and is well lighted by three windows; there is no electricity. A card table may be set up in the living room which makes the working conditions very favorable; and if this room is too crowded a table in the kitchen can be used. The town clerk is willing to have the records inspected during reasonable hours and is always very helpful and courteous.

TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

I. TOWN CLERK

A town clerk was elected at the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 to serve for a term of one year.¹ Since 1796 a town clerk has been elected annually,² except for the year 1797 when the town meeting was not recorded. An assistant town clerk was appointed in the years 1843, 1846-49, 1865, 1867, 1897, 1924, 1927-33.³ The town clerk is a member of the board for abatement of taxes,⁴ and in 1892 this officer was added as a member of the board of civil authority.⁵

Governmental

1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) RECORD(s), 1750--. 4 vols. (1-4). Title varies: Brookline Town Book, 1750-1836, vol. 1; Records, 1850-1915, vol. 3; no title, 1815-1858, vol. 2.

Record of warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings, 1795-96, 1798--: warnings, show place, date, and time meeting was to be held; list of articles to be voted, names of signers-selectmen, occasionally date recorded, and clerk's attest; minutes, show place and date meeting was held, election of officers, action taken by town on articles of warning and other town affairs, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original warnings, 1801-1909 scattered dates, see entry 38-xliv. Also contains recorded miscellaneous items, viz:

- i. Agreement for support of minor child, 1919, showing date of agreement, names and residences of parties involved, conditions, names of signers-principals and witnesses, and attest of clerk; vol. 4.
- ii. (Attachments), 1917, entry 10.
- iii. Auditors' report, 1858, showing date of report; itemized list of receipts and disbursements of the selectmen, overseer of poor, and treasurer; balance on hand in treasury, names of signers-auditors, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- iv. (Birth Records), 1750-1852, entry 16.
- v. Board of civil authority meetings, 1886-1914, 1916--: minutes of meetings, showing place and date meeting was held, action taken on revision of check list and abatement of taxes, amount of abatement; occasionally name of taxpayer, attest of clerk of board, date recorded, and town clerk's attest; vols. 3, 4. For original warnings and minutes of meetings, 1869, 1914, see entry 38-v; for tax abatements, 1859, 1875, 1938, see entries 40-i and 61.

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

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- vi. Business establishment certificate, 1922, showing recital of authority, names and addresses of principal(s); name, location and kind of business; date of certificate, name of signer-principal making certificate, affidavit, date and time recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 4. For original certificate, 1922, see entry 38-vi.
- vii. (Chattel Mortgages), 1880, 1883, entry 15.
- viii. (Death Records), 1789-1845, entry 18.
- ix. Earmarks, 1800-1836 scattered dates: record of marks to identify cattle and sheep, showing name of owner, description of marks, clerk's attest, occasionally date recorded; vols. 1, 2.
- x. Estray notices, 1807-8, 1820, showing date of notice, date animal was found, description of animal; request to prove property, pay charges, and remove; name of signer-subscriber, date recorded, and clerk's attest; 1807 adds estray appraisal, showing date of appraisal, description of animal, name of subscriber, amount of appraised valuation, names of signers-appraisers; vol. 1. For original notice, 1807, see entry 38-xiii.
- xi. (Fence Divisions), 1828, entry 75.
- xii. (Freemen's Meetings), 1806-- , entry 2.
- xiii. Freemen's oaths, 1803, 1820-21, 1823, 1826, 1828, 1833-41, 1858-76, 1916-- , showing name(s) of person(s) taking oath, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1-4.
- xiv. Highway district boundaries, 1829, showing district number, location and description of boundaries, date of establishment, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xv. Jurors drawn, list of, 1834-1915 scattered dates, showing date of notice, names of jurors, occasionally terms served, name of signer-county clerk, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 3. For original records, 1894-1925 scattered dates, see entry 38-xviii.
- xvi. (Lien Notes), 1875-84, entry 14.
- xvii. (Marriage Records), 1779, 1825-57, 1860-82, entry 17.
- xviii. (Officers' Appointments), 1841-49, 1860-1914, 1916, 1918, 1923-24, 1929-- , entry 5.
- xix. Officers oaths, 1795-1858, 1880-- , showing names of persons elected, and mark indicating whether or not they were sworn; vols. 1-4. For original papers, 1883-1918 scattered dates, see entry 38-xxv.
- xx. Ordination of church officials, 1808, 1834, showing date of meeting, name of person to be ordained, name and denomination of church, names of members of council and of church each represents, election of moderator and clerk, names of members added to council and name of church each represent, date and manner of ordination, names of signers-moderator and clerk of council; certificate of ordination showing date of ordination, name and denomination of person ordained, name of church assigned, name of signer-clerk of church, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2.

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- xxi. Record of Bonds of Town Officers of Town of Brookline, Vt., 1893-98, entry 6.
- xxii. Return of militia membership, 1843, 1845, showing place and date of return, number of company and regiment, names of members, certificate of service by commanding officer, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxiii. Roads discontinued, 1820, 1829-30, 1841, 1871, 1878, 1900, 1935, showing recital of authority, location and description of roads discontinued, disposition of land, date of discontinuance, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1-4. For original papers, 1819, 1820, 1841, 1900, see entry 38-xxxiv.
- xxiv. (Road Mileages), 1892--, entry 43.
- xxv. (Road Surveys), 1822-58, 1862-93 scattered dates, entry 42.
- xxvi. School directors' meetings, 1909--: record of minutes of meetings, showing date of meeting, election of officers, and town clerk's attest; vols. 3, 4.
- xxvii. School district returns, 1808-60, showing date of report, number of district, names of heads of families, number of children, name of signer-school district clerk, date recorded, and town clerk's attest; 1818, 1820-22 adds age limitation; 1825 omits names of heads of families; vols. 1-3.
- xxviii. School money, division of, 1858-93, showing school district number, amount allotted each district, date of division names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 2, 3. For related records, 1844-93, see entry 40-ii.
- xxix. School property, appraisal of, 1893, showing date of appraisal, recital of authority, school district number, valuation of each district, names of signers-selectmen, and town clerk's attest; vol. 3.
- xxx. Selectmen's meetings, 1916--, showing place and date of meeting, certification of elections of chairman of board for ensuing year, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and town clerk's attest; vol. 4.
- xxxi. Teachers' licenses, 1846-57, showing place and date license was issued, name and qualifications of teacher, term of license, name of signer-superintendent of common schools, date recorded, and town clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxxii. Town line surveys, 1823, 1829, showing names of towns bordering the line in question; location, description of survey and establishment of town line; date of survey and establishment, names of signers-committee from each town, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2. For original surveys, 1821, 1823, 1829, see entry 38-xliii.
- xxxiii. Warnings to depart town, 1805-17, showing name(s) of person(s) warned, instructions to officer, date of warning, names of signers-selectmen; officers return of service, showing date and description of service, attest of serving officer, accounting of fees, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 1. For original papers, 1805-17, see entry 38-xlv.

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Chron. entry. Vol. 1, 1750-1836, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of head of family for births, of deceased for deaths, of groom-bride for marriages, no index for remaining material; vol. 2, 1815-58, partial table of contents for town meeting and miscellaneous records; vols. 3, 4, 1850--, partially indexed alph. under type of contents; also separate index for vital statistics, see entry 19. Hdw. 184-446 pp. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ - $14 \times 9\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$.

2. (FREEMEN'S MEETINGS), 1806--. In vols. 1-4 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-xii.

Record of warnings and minutes of freemen's meetings for primary and general elections of county, state, and federal officers: warnings show date and time meeting was to be held, purpose, name of signer-constable; minutes, show place and date meeting was held, list of candidates and tabulation of ballots, occasionally attest of moderator or constable, date recorded, and clerk's attest. For original warnings, 1894-98, see entry 38-xv; for original related election records, see entries, 38-viii, x, and xxix.

3. AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT, 1895, 1913--. 28 vols. and 8 duplicate vols. for 1895, 1915, 1925-27, 1929-31; also 26 duplicate vols. for 1895, 1912, 1916--, in Vermont State Library at Montpelier. Title varies: The Financial Report, 1895, 1 vol.; Annual Report of the Auditors, 1913-35, 23 vols.

Contains:

- i. Accounts of town officers, 1895, 1913-23; report of money received for services rendered, showing name of officer and of office held, amount paid for services rendered.
- ii. Auditors recapitulation, 1913--, showing summary of assets and liabilities of the town.
- iii. Births, report of, 1913-30, 1932--, showing date of birth, name and sex of child, names of parents. For birth records, see entry 16.
- iv. Cemetery commissioner's report, showing itemized account of receipts and disbursements. For related records, 1898, see entry 38-vii.
- v. Deaths, report of, 1913-15, 1919-24, 1926-29, 1931--, showing date of death, name and age of deceased; 1914 adds sex of deceased. For death records, see entry 18.
- vi. District health officer's report, 1922, showing name and number of cases of communicable diseases and prevalence of each in the town during previous year.
- vii. Grand list, 1913-22, 1931, showing total value of real estate and personal property, amount of grand list; number, rate, and amount of polls.
- viii. Marriage, report of, 1913, 1915, 1920, 1922-23, 1925-26, 1929, 1932-35, 1937--, showing date of marriage, names of groom and bride. For marriage records, see entry 17.
- ix. Overseer of poor's report, 1895, 1913-14, 1916, 1927-32, 1934--, showing itemized accounts of disbursements; 1895, 1932 and 1938 adds itemized accounts of receipts.
- x. Road commissioner's report, showing itemized account of receipts and disbursements. For related records, 1899, see entry 38-xxxiii.

- xi. School directors' report, showing itemized account of receipts and disbursements and balance on hand at end of fiscal year, disbursements listed under school districts; 1913 shows only total amount of orders drawn; 1936 shows net expenses to town for supervisor, advanced instruction, transportation, trained teachers; a chart of receipts and disbursements over a five-year period and estimated receipts and expenses for ensuing year. For related records, 1896-1916 scattered dates, see entry 38-xxxvii.
- xii. School superintendent's report, 1917-19, 1921, 1923-- , showing statement of conditions generally found in schools in districts, summary of attendance, recital of laws affecting conduct of schools, specific recommendations for schools in Brookline; 1928 adds list of schools in the district and shows whether standard or superior rating. For related records, 1860-1906 scattered dates, see entry 38-xxxviii.
- xiii. Selectmen's report showing itemized list of disbursements only.
- xiv. Summary of expenses, 1913-23, showing summary of expenses of selectmen, general town, school, and highway accounts.
- xv. Town officers, list of, 1925-- , showing names of office, and name(s) of incumbent(s).
- xvi. Treasurer's report, showing receipts and disbursements and balance on hand at end of fiscal year; 1937 adds report of old age assistance tax.

No obvious arr. No index. Printed. Aver. 20 pp. $8\frac{3}{4}$ x 6 x $1\frac{1}{8}$. In desk in office.

For original papers, 1826-95 scattered dates, see entry 38-ii.

4. (CHECK LISTS OF VOTERS), 1826-1908, 1932-34, 1936, 1938.
1 bundle, 8 sheets.

Alphabetical list of voters with a cross beside the name indicating casting of ballot. No index. Hdw. Bundle, $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 2; 8 sheets, 16 x $10\frac{1}{2}$. Bundle, 1826-1908, in chest in attic; 8 sheets, 1932-34, 1936, 1938, on top of safe.

5. (OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS), 1841-49, 1859-1914, 1916, 1918, 1923-24, 1929-- , 1841-49, 1860-1914, 1916, 1918, 1923-24, 1929-- in vols. 2-4 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-xviii; 1859-60, 1869-70 scattered dates in vol. for 1844-1930 of Journal (Selectmen's Record of Orders), entry 40-iii.

Record of appointments of town officers, showing date of appointment, name of person appointed, name of office appointed to, length of term of office, name of signer(s)-appointing official(s), date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1841, 1844, 1909, 1911, see entry 38-xxiv.

6. RECORD OF BONDS OF TOWN OFFICERS OF TOWN OF BROOKLINE, VT., 1899-1920, 1926-29, 1932-33, 1936. 2 vols. 1893-98 in vol. 3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-xxi.

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Record of bonds of town officers, showing names of principals and sureties; date, amount, conditions, and term of bond; name of office bonded for; names of signers-principal(s), surety(ies), and witness(es) date recorded, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 88 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3/8. 1 vol., 1893-1919, in chest in attic; 1 vol., 1920-36, in safe.

For original bonds, 1808-1937, see entry 7.

7. (OFFICERS' BONDS), 1808-1937 scattered dates. 1 bundle. Original bonds of the town officers, showing information as in entry 6 with original signatures and date of filing instead of names of signers and date recorded, and adds signature of justice of peace. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. In chest in attic.

Property Titles

8. LAND (and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1788--. 8 vols. (1-8). Title varies: Deed Book, 1802-18, vol. 2; Records, 1804-99, vols. 3-6; no title, 1788-1806, vol. 1.

Land records, 1788--: deeds, mortgages, indentures and other instruments affecting real estate showing names and addresses of principals, consideration, description of property, conditions of instruments, recital of title, date of instrument, names of signers-principal(s) and witnesses, acknowledgment, date and time recorded, and clerk's attest; occasionally marginal notations of mortgage discharges.

For original deeds, 1795-1924, see entry 9.

Also contains recorded miscellaneous items, viz:

- i. (Attachments), 1799-1852 scattered dates, entry 10.
- ii. (Fence Divisions), 1821, 1845, 1864, 1881, 1922, entry 75.
- iii. Fence viewers' decisions, 1821, 1845, showing date of decision, names of disputants, location and description of fence to be built and maintained by each, names of signers-fence viewers, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 3, 4.
- iv. Land surveys, 1794, showing date of survey, name of owner, number of acres, location of lots, description of survey, names of signers-committee, occasionally name of original owner, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- v. (Milk Check Assignments), 1935, entry 39.
- vi. Pole line permits, 1806, 1921, 1936, showing name of company building line, conditions and location of proposed line, date of petition, name of signer-petitioner, grant of petition, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 7, 8.
- vii. Record of (Executions and) Attachments on Real Estate and Personal Property, 1795-1925 scattered dates, entry 11.
- viii. (Road Mileages), 1931, entry 43.
- ix. (Road Surveys), 1805, 1857, entry 42.
- x. Tax collector's report, 1925, showing years and amounts of taxes unpaid, cash received on account, amount of fees and additional costs of collection, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 8.

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- xi. Tax notice, 1925, showing date of notice and sale, name of owner, location and amount of property to be sold, name of signer-collector; vol. 8.
- xii. Trust fund bonds, 1843, 1853, 1882-83, 1885-86, 1902, showing names and addresses of principal and surety; date, amount, and conditions of bond; names of signers-surety and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vols. 4-7.
- xiii. West River Railroad, record of aid, 1872, showing date and place of meeting, description of financial assistance to be given, instructions as to issuance of bonds, date of report, names of signers-commissioners, names of taxpayers and amount of grand list, date recorded, and clerk's attest; vol. 6. For original of same, see entry 38-xlvii.

Chron. entry, Vol. 1, 1788-1806, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor for land records; vol. 2, 1802-18, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor for land records and type of contents for miscellaneous records; vol. 3, 1804-40, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor for land records, plaintiff-defendant, defendant-plaintiff for attachments and executions, and by both disputants for fence viewer's decisions; vol. 4, 1840-68, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee for land records, and by type of contents for miscellaneous records; vol. 5, 1853-68, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor for land records, and by type of contents for a portion of the miscellaneous records; vol. 6, 1864-99, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantee-grantor, grantor-grantee for land records, plaintiff-defendant, defendant-plaintiff for executions, both disputants for fence viewers' decisions, and by type of contents for miscellaneous records; vols. 7-8, 1899-- indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor, mortgagor-mortgagee, mortgagee-mortgagor for land records, and by first letter of surname of principals for miscellaneous record. Hdw. 357-600 pp. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{4} - 16\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

9. (DEEDS), 1795-1924. 2 bundles.
Original deeds, showing information as in entry 8 with original signatures instead of names of signers, volume and page reference where recorded. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. $8\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2} - 10 \times 4 \times 4\frac{1}{4}$. In chest in attic.

10. (ATTACHMENTS), 1799-1852 scattered dates, 1917. 1799-1852 scattered dates in vols. 1-4 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8-i; 1917 in vol. 4 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-ii.
Record of attachments on real and personal property, showing names and addresses of plaintiff-defendant, recital of authority, name and location of court, ad damnum, summons to defendant to appear, date and occasionally time of trial, plea of the case, amount of damages, summons of trustee(s) if any, return date of writ, place and date of issuance of writ, name of signer-court official, name of person recognized as surety for costs, amount of surety, attest of signer-court official; officer's return of service, showing place and date of service, name of defendant, description of property attached, date

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copy of writ was filed in town clerk's office, occasionally date copy of writ was delivered to defendant, attest and title of signer-serving official, occasionally accounting of fees, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

11. RECORD OF (Executions and) ATTACHMENTS ON REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1827-32, 1861---. 3 vols. (two unnumbered; 2). Title varies: Record of Attachments on Real Estate in Brookline, 1827-32, 1 vol.; Brookline Record of Writs, 1861-94, 1 vol. Executions, 1795-1925 scattered dates, in vols. 1-4, 6, 8 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8-vii.

Abstract of attachments, showing names and residences of plaintiff and defendant, amount of claim, date and place of court, name and title of serving officer; officer's return of service, showing place and date of service, name of defendant, description of property attached, date copy of writ was filed in town clerk's office, occasionally date copy of writ was delivered to defendant, attest and title of signer-serving official, occasionally accounting of fees, date and time recorded, clerk's attest; 1890--- omits officer's return of service on personal property attachments, and adds occasionally marginal notations of discharge of attachments showing place and date of discharge, attest of court, date recorded, and clerk's attest; release of attachment, 1935, showing names of plaintiff-defendant, name of court, order for discharge of attachment, volume and page reference where attachment is recorded, place and date of filing of discharge, names of signer-plaintiff and plaintiff's attorney, date recorded, and clerk's attest. Executions, 1795-1925 scattered dates, 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 issuance of execution, name and title of signer-court; officer's return, showing occasionally name of plaintiff, place and date service was made, name of defendant, description of property; occasionally names of appraisers, date appraisal was made, amount of appraisal valuation, accounting of proceeds of sale of property levied on, date return of execution was made to court; name of signer-serving officer, accounting of fees, date recorded, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. Vols. for 1827-32, 1861-94, no index; vol. for 1890---, no index for personal property attachments; real estate attachments indexed alph. under first letter of surname of plaintiff. Vol., 1827-32, hdw.; vols., 1861-94, 1890---, hdw. and hdw. under printed headings. 36-172 pp. 8 x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 1/8 - 14 x 9 x $\frac{3}{4}$. 1 vol., 1827-32, in chest in attic; 2 vols., 1861-94, 1890---, on top of safe.

For original writs, 1799-1925, see entry 12; for original release of attachment, 1810, see entry 38-xxxi.

12. (ATTACHMENTS AND EXECUTIONS), 1799-1925. 3 bundles. Original writs of attachments and executions, showing information as in entry 11 with original signature instead of names of signers and date received for filing instead of date recorded. Arr. chron. No. index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9 x 4 x 4. In chest in attic.

13. RECORDS (of Conditional Sales), 1884---. 3 vols. (2-4)

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Title varies: Journal - Liens and Conditional Sales,
1884-1900, vol. 2.

Records of conditional sale contracts, 1895-98, 1903--, showing names of vendor and vendee, date of contract, description of property, conditions and amount of sale; names of signers-vendor, vendee and witness; occasionally address of vendor-vendee, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

Also contains recorded miscellaneous items, viz:

- i. (Chattel Mortgages), entry 15.
- ii. (Lien Notes), entry 14.
- iii. (Milk Check Assignments), 1932, entry 39.

Chron. entry. Vol. 2, 1884-1900, no index; vols. 3, 4, 1901--, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of mortgagee-mortgagor, mortgagor-mortgagee for mortgages, vendor-vendee, vendee-vendor for conditional sales, maker-payee, payee-maker for liens. Vols. 2, 3, 1884-1924, hdw., vol. 4, 1924--, hdw. and hdw. on printed forms pasted in vols. 216-300 pp. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{3}{4}$ - $14 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$. Vols. 2, 3, 1884-1924, on top of safe; vol. 4, 1924--, in safe.

14. (LIEN NOTES), 1875--. 1875-84 in vol. 3 of (Town Meetings and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-xvi; 1884-- in vols. 2-4 of Records (of Conditional Sales), entry 13-ii.

Record of lien notes, showing names of maker-payee, place and date lien was made, amount of note, terms of payment, description of property, name of signer-maker, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

15. (CHATTEL MORTGAGES), 1880, 1883--. 1880, 1883 in vol. 3 of (Town Meetings and Miscellaneous) Records(s), entry 1-vii; 1884-- in vols. 2-4 of Records (of Conditional Sales), entry 13-i.

Records of mortgages on personal property, showing names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, description of property, conditions of mortgage, date of instrument, names of signers-mortgagor and witnesses, acknowledgments, affidavit of both parties, certification, date recorded, and clerk's attest; officer's return of chattel mortgage foreclosure, 1908, 1921, showing recital of authority, date of instrument, names of mortgagee and mortgagor, description of property, place and terms of sale, itemized account of charges and amount collected by sale, date and amount paid to mortgagor, attest of foreclosing official, date and time recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1884-1909 scattered dates, see entry 38-xi.

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16. (BIRTH RECORDS), 1750-1852. In vols. 1-3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-iv.

Family records of births, showing name of head of family, name of child, date of birth; occasionally place of birth, date of christening, and maiden name of mother; date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For related records, 1857--, see entries 20-i, 21; for birth certificates, see entries 22, 24; for birth reports, see ontry 3-iii.

17. (MARRIAGE RECORDS), 1779, 1825-57, 1860-82. In vols. 1-3

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of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-xvii. Record of marriages, showing names and addresses of groom and bride, date and attest of marriage, name of signer-performing official, date recorded, and clerk's attest; 1857, 1860-82 adds age and number of marriage of groom and bride, and occupation of groom.

For related records, 1857-81, 1883-94, 1897-- , see entries 20-iii, 25; for marriage certificates, see entry 27; for marriage reports, see entry 3-viii.

18. (DEATH RECORDS), 1789-1845. In vols. 1, 2 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-viii.

Deaths recorded with family birth records, showing name and occasionally age of deceased, date of death.

For related records, 1857-- see entries 20-ii, 28; for death certificates, see entry 30; for death reports, see entry 3-v.

19. INDEX TO TOWN BOOKS, 1, 2 and 3, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, 1750-1882. 1 vol.

Index serving births in (Birth Records), entry 16; marriages in (Marriage Records), entry 17; and deaths in (Death Records), entry 18, showing name of head of family for births, groom-bride for marriages, name of deceased for deaths, volume and page reference. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of heads of families for births, names of groom for marriages, and names of deceased for deaths, and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 50 pp. 8 3/8 x 5 3/8 x 1/8. On top of safe in hall.

20. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1857-96. 2 vols. (1, 2). Title varies: Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths, 1857-67, vol. 1.

Contains:

- i. Births, showing place and date of birth; name, sex, and condition of child; name, residence, and birthplace of parents; occupation of father. For related records, 1750-1852, see entry 16.
- ii. Deaths, showing place and date of death; name, age, sex, and condition of deceased; disease or cause of death, occupation of male if over 15 years of age, names of parents. For related records, 1789-1845, see entry 18.
- iii. Marriages, 1857, showing date of marriage; name, address, age, and birthplace of groom and bride; occupation of groom, names of parents, number of marriage, name and title of performing official. For related records, 1799, 1825-57, 1860-82, see entry 17.

Chron. entry under the three divisions. For index to births and deaths, see entry 29; to marriages, see entry 26. Hdw. under printed headings. Vol. 1, 1857-67, condition poor; vol. 2, 1868-96, condition fair. 58-168 pp. 17 1/2 x 17 1/4 x 3/4 - 15 3/4 x 10 1/2 x 3/4. On top of safe.

21. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1897-- . 1 vol. (3).

Record of births, showing information as in entry 20-i, adding race or color, name of medical attendant, date of recording, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. For index, see entry 29. Hdw. under printed headings. Condition poor. 74 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 1/2. On top of safe.

22. (BIRTH CERTIFICATES), 1897-1902. 1 bundle.

Unbound birth certificates, showing place and date of birth, sex, and race or color of child; name, birthplace, age, and residence of mother; name, age, occupation, and birthplace of father; condition of child as to live or stillbirth, signature of medical attendant. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. $4 \times 7\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$. On top of safe.

For birth records, see entry 16.

23. BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, BURIAL AND TRANSPORTATION PERMITS, 1903-38. 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. (Birth Certificates), entry 24.
- ii. (Burial and Transportation Permits), entry 31.
- iii. (Death Certificates), entry 30.
- iv. (Marriage Certificates), entry 27.

Arr. chron. under type of record. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 310 certificates, 620 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 2$. On top of safe.

24. (BIRTH CERTIFICATES), 1903-38. In Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burial and Transportation Permits, entry 23-i.

Original birth certificates, showing place and date of birth; name, race or color, and sex of child; maiden name, age, birthplace, and residence of mother; name, age, occupation, and birthplace of father; number of child of mother; condition of child as to live or stillbirth and cause of later; signature and address of informant, date filed, and recorded; 1920-38 adds whether twin, triplet or other and number in order of such birth, statement of legitimacy, occupation of mother, number of children of mother now living, color of parents, certificate of attending physician or midwife showing condition of child at birth, time child was born, signature and address of physician or midwife, date recorded, and clerk's attest; 1931-38 adds whether child was premature or full term; occupation of parents, date last worked, and total time employed; number of children born alive and now living, number born alive and now dead and number stillborn.

For birth records, see entry 16.

25. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1883-94, 1897---. 2 vols. (3,4).

Marriage records, showing information as in entry 20-iii, adding place and date recorded, and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. Vol. 3, 1883-94, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of groom; vol. 4, 1897--- indexed alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride; also separate index, see entry 26. Hdw. on printed forms. 74-100 pp. $14 \times 8 \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$ - $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. On top of safe.

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

Index to marriages in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 20-iii, and Marriage Record, entry 25, showing names of groom-bride, bride-groom, date of marriage, volume and page reference. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. $14 \times 8 \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$. On top of safe.

27. (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES), 1903-38. In Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burial and Transportation Permits, entry 23-iv.

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Original marriage certificates, 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, signature of groom and bride, date recorded, and clerk's attest; certificate of performing official, showing name of groom and bride, place and date ceremony was performed; name, denomination, and residence of clergyman; date recorded and clerk's attest; 1909-38 adds oath of groom or bride as to truth of statements, signature of notary public or justice of the peace; minor's permit showing place and date issued; name of father, mother or guardian; names of bride and groom, signature of father, mother or guardian, and witnesses.

For marriage records, see entry 17.

28. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1897--. 1 vol. (3).

Records of deaths, showing information as in entry 20-ii adding race or color, name of medical attendant, occasionally name of informant. Chron. entry. For index, see entry 29. Hdw. under printed headings. 76 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. On top of safe in hall.

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

Index serving births in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 20-i, Record of Births, entry 21; and deaths in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 20-ii, Record of Deaths, entry 28, showing name of child or deceased, volume and page reference; occasionally maiden name of deceased female if married. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of child or deceased and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. On top of safe.

30. (DEATH CERTIFICATES), 1903-38. In Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burial and Transportation Permits, entry 23-iii.

Original death certificates, showing place and date of death with special information for hospitals, transients or non-residents, showing former or usual residence, how long at place of death, name of hospital or institution; name, color, age, sex, marital status, and birthplace of deceased; occupation if male over 15 years of age, names of parents, duration of last illness, disease or cause of death, whether or not autopsy was performed, date recorded, signature of attending physician, name of husband or wife, birthplace of parents, informant's name and address, place and date of burial, name and address of undertaker, length of time physician attended deceased and date deceased was last seen alive by physician, time death occurred, principal and contributing cause of death, signature and address of attending physician, date certificate was made out, date filed, and signature of health officer; 1930-38 adds trade, profession or particular kind of work done; type of industry or business in which work was done, date deceased last worked and total time spent at this occupation, type of operation if one was performed; whether or not death was due to accident, suicide or homicide; date of injury and where occurred, whether or not injury occurred in industry, home or public place, whether or not disease or injury was related to occupation of deceased.

For death records, see entry 18.

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31. (BURIAL AND TRANSPORTATION PERMITS), 1903-38. In Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burial and Transportation Permits, entry 23-ii.

Original burial and transportation permits, showing name and address of person to whom issued, number of permit, name and age of deceased, date of death, disease causing death, name of medical attendant, proposed place and date of burial or removal, undertaker's name and address, authorization of health officer or town clerk, date permit was issued; 1905-38 adds proposed date, place and manner of entombment; certification of undertaker of delivery of body to sexton or cemetery keeper and certification by sexton or cemetery keeper as to disposition of body; includes copies of transportation permits for bodies received from other points for burial in Brookline.

32. (GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION RECORDS), 1794-1869 scattered dates. 1 bundle.

Inscriptions copies from gravestones, showing name and age of deceased, date of death, occasionally date of birth, names of parents, marital status, name of cemetery, name of signer-person making survey. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 4 x 6 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. On top of safe.

Licenses, Fees, Permits

33. (DOG LICENSES), 1904-9, 1917---. 5 vols.

Stubs 1904-9, 1917-35, and carbon copies, 1935---, of dog licenses, showing name of town where issued, license number, name of owner; size, age, color, breed, sex, and name of dog; amount paid for license, term of license, date issued, and signature of town clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50-100 stubs, 50-100 pp. 4 x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1904-9, 1917-30, in chest in attic 2 vols., 1930---, in desk in office.

34. (BUSINESS LICENSE), 1915. 1 sheet.

Original business license, showing names of persons issuing license; name, location, and nature of business; date of expiration, date of issuance, affidavit, original signatures of issuing officials. No index. Hdw. 6 x 8. In chest in attic.

Military Records

35. MILITARY RECORDS, 1810-37. 1 vol.

Records of warrants and minutes of meetings of the sixth Company, third regiment, first brigade, first division of the Vermont Militia: warrants, 1811-15, 1818, 1822-31, 1835-37, show date warrant was received, names and titles of officers receiving warrant; date, time, and place meeting to be held; occasionally purpose of meeting, arms and equipment to be carried; minutes, 1811-15, 1818, 1822-28, show place and date meeting was held, roll call of members, action taken on company business, inspection of company, summary of drills performed, attest of orderly sergeant, and occasionally election of officers. Also contains:

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- i. Fines assessed, 1810-12, 1828, showing number of regiment, brigade, and division; name and rank of officer designated as collector, name(s) of person(s) fined, number of company to which they belong, amount of fine assessed, kind of offence committed, place and date assessment was made, name and rank of signer-company officer; occasionally certificate of exemption, showing name of person exempted, reason for exemption, date and place of certificate was made, name and rank of signer-company officer.
- ii. Inspection returns, 1829, 1835-37, showing date of return, name and rank of officers and names of soldiers of company, number and kinds of equipment as: swords, guns, bayonets and belts, iron and steel rods, priming well and bush, spare flints, canteens, knapsacks, cartridge box and belt; date and attest of commanding officer.
- iii. Warrant for collection of fines, 1828-29, 1836, showing name and rank of serving officer, recital of authority, name and address of person fined, kind of offence, amount of fine assessed, instructions to serving officer, return date of warrant, date warrant was issued, name of signer-official issuing warrant; officer's return of service showing place and date of service, manner in which service was made, and attest of serving officer.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 190 pp. $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$.
On top of safe.

36. ENROLLED MILITIA, 1860-66. 1 vol.

Record of men enrolled for militia, showing name, age, and occupation of enrollee; remarks, date of attest, names of signers-selectmen; the remarks occasionally include notations of deaths, showing designation of company, regiment, and brigade in which enrollee served, date of death; notations of exemptions with reason for exemptions; record of service, showing date of enlistment, designation of company, regiment and brigade in which enrollee served, date of discharge and promotions. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of enrollee and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under printed headings. 122 pp. $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. On top of safe.

37. (ENROLLED MILITIA AND CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE), 1809-76
scattered dates. 1 bundle.

Original records of men enrolled for militia, showing names of persons eligible for military duty, signatures of listers, date of record; occasionally age and occupation of eligible persons and affidavit of listers; certificates of service, showing date of certificate, name of person serving, designation of company, term of service, and signature of commanding officer. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. 8 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$. In chest in attic.

Miscellaneous

38. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1800-1937. 14 bundles.
Original unbound papers filed with town clerk:

- i. Agreements, 1823-24, 1842, 1908, 1911, 1916, showing names of principals, date and place agreement was made, purpose of agreement, location and description of property, terms and conditions of payment, signatures of principals, date and place filed, and clerk's attest.
- ii. Auditor's reports, 1826-95 scattered dates, showing date of report, itemized list of receipts and disbursements of the town, school, highway, and general accounts; signatures of auditors, date filed, and clerk's attest. For related records, see entry 3.
- iii. Ballots, 1903, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1913-14, 1916, showing date and purpose of election, name(s) of candidate(s), mark indicating intention of voter.
- iv. Bank deposit returns, 1865, showing name of bank, place and date of return, recital of authority, names of depositors and amount on deposit by each, signature of bank treasurer.
- v. Board of civil authority warnings and minutes of meetings, 1869, 1914: warnings, show place, date, and time meeting was to be held; purpose of meeting, place and date of warning, signatures of selectmen; minutes, show date and place meeting was held, action taken on town affairs; occasionally date next meeting was to be held; signatures of clerk of board. For records of meetings, see entry 1-v.
- vi. Business establishment certificate, 1922, showing information as in entry 1-vi.
- vii. Cemetery commissioners' report, 1898, showing date of report, itemized list of receipts and disbursements of preceding year, notes on care and up-keep of lots, summary, balance on hand, signatures of cemetery commissioners. For related records, 1895, 1913--, see entry 3-iv.
- viii. Certificate of nomination and caucus records, 1894, 1898, 1900, 1910, 1912, 1914, showing place and date meeting held, names of petitioners, date of petition, affidavit of presiding officer; date, time, and place filed; and clerk's attest. For related election records, see entries 2, 38-x and xxix.
- ix. Certificate of paid-up stock, 1897, showing place and date certificate was made, names and addresses of stock-holders amount of stock held by each, affidavit of president of company, signature of president for the company, and clerk's attest.
- x. Certificate of votes, 1861-1922 scattered dates, showing place and date meeting was held, names of candidates and tabulation of votes, attest of presiding officer and town clerk. For related election records, see entries 2, 38-viii and xxix.
- xi. Chattel mortgages, 1884-1909 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 15.
- xii. Declaration of retention of voter's residence, 1910, showing date and declaration of intention to retain residence, name and address of voter.
- xiii. Estray notice, 1807, showing date of notice, date animal was found, description of animal, request to prove property,

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- pay charges and remove, signature of subscriber. For record of estray notices, see entry 1-x.
- xiv. Fence divisions, 1845, 1847, 1900, showing information as in entry 75.
 - xv. Freeman's meeting, warnings for, 1894-98, showing information as in entry 2.
 - xvi. Highway surveyors, list of, 1822, showing place and date record was made, names of surveyors appointed, signatures of selectmen.
 - xvii. Highway tax bill receipts, 1823-49 scattered dates, showing amount received by selectmen, certification of the use of said amount by highways, date of receipt, signatures of highway surveyors.
 - xviii. Jurors drawn, lists of, 1894-1925 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 1-xv.
 - xix. Justices of peace, lists of, 1891, 1898, 1900, 1906, 1909, 1923, showing place and date of issuance, names of justices, date of qualification, attest of county clerk, place and date filed, and town clerk's attest.
 - xx. Lands sequestered, 1878, 1882, showing date of record, purpose of sequestration, names of persons renting land, amount of rents received from land, signatures of listers.
 - xxi. Last will and testament, 1872, showing place will was made, name of court, recital of authority, name and residence of maker, names of witnesses, date and place court was held, order of court, name of registrar, recital of contents of will relative to disposal of real and personal property, name of executor, order of revocation of previous wills, date of will, signatures of maker and witnesses, attest of registrar, date received and recorded, volume and page reference of recording, and clerk's attest.
 - xxii. Maintenance bonds, 1830, 1842, 1857, 1882, 1886, showing recital of authority, name of maker; date, amount, consideration, and condition of bond; signatures of maker and witnesses; date, time, and place recorded; and clerk's attest.
 - xxiii. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1876-1914, pertaining to town affairs.
 - xxiv. Officers' appointments, 1841, 1844, 1909, 1911, showing information as in entry 5.
 - xxv. Officers' oaths, 1883-1918 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 1-xix.
 - xxvi. Personal property inventory, 1810, 1829, 1861, 1914, showing name and residence of deceased, recital of authority, itemized list and description of property and appraised valuation, place and date of appraisal, signature of appraisers.
 - xxvii. Petition for continuance of mail route, 1857, showing name of person to whom petition is made, place and date of petition, description and location of mail route, reasons for continuance, signatures of petitioners.
 - xxviii. Petition for non-issuance of dog license, 1897, showing name

- of owner of dog, reason for non-issuance of license, signatures of petitioners, place and date recorded, and clerk's attest.
- xxix. Primary petitions, 1916, showing name of office, name and address of proposed candidate, party affiliation, date of election, certification, addresses and signatures of petitioners, place and date of petition, affidavit; candidate's statement of expenses, showing place and date statement was made, amount of election expense, date of election, signature of candidate, affidavit, date filed, and clerk's attest. For related election records, see entries 2, 38-viii, and x.
 - xxx. Receipt for ballots, 1898, showing place and date of issuance, name of person delivering ballots, description and number of ballots received, signature of receiving official.
 - xxxi. Release of attachment, 1810, showing information as in entry 11.
 - xxxii. Request for aid for town poor, 1833, 1835, 1837, 1839, showing name of petitioner, name of pauper, reason for request, date of request, and signature of petitioner.
 - xxxiii. Road commissioner, report of, 1899, showing amount of grand list to be used for roads, road mileage, disbursements for maintenance of highways for fiscal year; disbursements of state tax on roads built or repaired, description and location of road, total costs, signature of road commissioner, date of report, affidavit, date and place filed, and clerk's attest. For related records, 1895, 1913--., see entry 3-x.
 - xxxiv. Roads discontinued, 1819, 1820, 1841, 1900, showing information as in entry 1-xxiii.
 - xxxv. Road mileage certificates, 1909-24 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 43.
 - xxxvi. Road surveys, 1801-1906 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 42.
 - xxxvii. School director's report, 1896-1916 scattered dates, showing place and date of report, itemized list of receipts for year, total amount, debt for schools, estimated value of school bonds; itemized list of disbursements for year, total amount, signatures of school directors, and school directors' affidavit. For related records, 1895, 1911--., see entries 3-xi, 64.
 - xxxviii. School superintendent's reports, 1860-1906 scattered dates, showing statement of conditions found in schools in district, summary of attendance, recital of laws affecting conduct of schools, and specific recommendation for schools in town. For related records, 1917-19, 1921, 1933--., see entry 3-xii.
 - xxxix. Statement of United States deposit money, 1865, showing name of town, recital of authority, amount of money held by town, rate and amount of interest, and signature of treasurer.
 - xl. State tax bills and receipts, 1837, 1896-99, 1907-25, 1929, 1931-32, 1937, showing amount due on grand list for state school tax, state highway tax, also amount due

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- on state poll tax, state direct tax; 1931 and 1932 adds flood tax; 1937 adds old age assistance tax; and receipts, show place and date of receipt, amount received for state school, highway, poll, direct, flood, and old age assistance taxes, and signature of State Treasurer.
- xli. Tax returns, 1884-87, showing name of school district clerk, number of school district, amount of grand list, rate per dollar, amount of taxes, date of return, and signature of school district clerk.
- xlii. Text book committee, report of, 1879, showing recital of authority, recommendations for new books, list of new books, place and date of report, and signatures of committee.
- xliii. Town line surveys, 1821, 1823, 1829, showing location of town line, date and description of survey, signatures of surveyor and committee, date filed, and clerk's attest. For related records, 1823, 1829, see entry 1-xxxii.
- xliv. Town meeting warnings, 1801-1909 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 1.
- xlv. Warnings to depart town, 1805-17, showing information as in entry 1-xxxiii.
- xlvi. Warrant for removal of town pauper, 1842, 1868, showing place and date of hearing, names of justices of peace, names and titles of complaining officials, name and residence of pauper, statement of findings of court, order and manner of removal, name of town where pauper was to be transferred, date return was to be made, place and date of warrant, signatures of justices of peace; officer's return of service, showing date of service, name of pauper and members of his family, manner of removal, name of town pauper was transferred to, name and title of official in charge of pauper, date copy of warrant was left with official receiving pauper, affidavit of serving official, date and place filed, and clerk's attest.
- xlvi. West River Railroad, record of aid, 1872, showing information as in entry 8-xiii.
- Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on printed forms. 8 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12 x 3 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. In chest in attic.

39. (MILK CHECK ASSIGNMENTS), 1932, 1935. 1932 in vol. 4 of Records {Conditional Sales}, entry 13-iii; 1935 in vol. 8 of Land {and Miscellaneous} Records, entry 8-v.

Record of milk check assignments, showing name of payer, date of assignment, name and address of assignee, amount of order, terms of payments, name of signer-assignor, statement of acceptance by payer, name of signer-agent of payer, date and time recorded, and clerk's attest.

II. SELECTMEN

Three selectmen were elected at the first annual town meeting

Selectmen

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held March 7, 1795, each to serve for a term of one year.¹ The procedure of electing three selectmen, each for one year terms, was followed annually for the years 1796, 1798-1908.² At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1909, three selectmen were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years.³ From 1910 to date, one selectmen has been elected annually for a term of three years.⁴ For the years 1817, 1843, 1845, 1871-72, they were elected to perform the duties of the overseer of poor,⁵ and for the years 1922-31, 1935 to date, one member of the board has been chosen to perform these duties.⁶ Possible for the years when no mention is made in the records of the election of the overseer of poor, the selectmen, or one of them, performed the duties of overseer of poor. In the years 1827, 1925, and 1927-30 they performed the duties of town agent.⁷ In 1887 and 1889, they performed the duties of road commissioner;⁸ and in 1929 they served as trustees of public money.⁹ Prior to 1839 the selectmen and the justices of the peace, meeting with two or more of the listers abated taxes;¹⁰ and at present the selectmen are members of the board of civil authority,¹¹ and board for abatement of taxes.¹² The selectmen and the health officer constitute the local board of health.¹³ For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-xiii and xiv; for minutes of meetings recorded by town clerk, see entry 1-xxx.

40. JOURNAL (Selectmen's Record of Order), 1844---. 2 vols.
No title, vol. for 1844-1930.

Record of orders drawn by the selectmen, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose and amount of order; occasionally certification of auditors; 1897-1930 adds the total amount of orders drawn during the fiscal year.

Also contains recorded miscellaneous items, viz:

- i. Abatement of taxes, 1859, 1875, showing name of taxpayer and amount of abatement; vol. for 1844-1930. For tax abatement, 1886-1914, 1916---, see entry 1-v; for original paper, 1938, see entry 61.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vols. 1-4, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 390.
 4. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 5. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 4, passim.
 7. Ibid., vols. 1, 4, passim.
 8. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 246, 259.
 9. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 126.
 10. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 11. The Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. xiii, sec. 49.
 12. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
 13. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5278, 5279.

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- ii. Division of school money, 1844-93, showing school district number, amount allotted each district, date of division, names of signers-selectmen, and date recorded; vol. for 1844-93. For related records, 1858-93, see entry 1-xxviii.
 - iii. (Officers' Appointments), 1859-60, 1869-70 scattered dates, entry 5.
- Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 275-300 pp. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1 - 12\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times 1$. Vol. for 1844-1930, on top of safe; vol. for 1930--, at residence of Lester Rink, selectmen.
- 41. (SELECTMEN'S ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1930-31, 1933--. 7 vols. Stubs of orders drawn by the selectmen, showing name of payee; date, number, amount, and purpose of order; balance of account. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs, 100 pp. $3\frac{3}{4} \times 11 \times 5/8$. 2 vols., 1930-31, 1933-34, in chest in attic; 5 vols., 1934--, at residence of Lester Rink, selectmen.
 - 42. (ROAD SURVEYS), 1805, 1822-58, 1862-93 scattered dates. 1805, 1857 in vols. 2, 5, of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8-ix; 1822-58, 1862-93 scattered dates in vols. 1-3 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-xxv. Record of road surveys, showing date and declaration of establishment, recital of authority, description of survey; names of signers-surveyors, committee and/or selectmen; date recorded, and clerk's attest; 1826 adds names of persons receiving damages and amount allowed. For original surveys, 1801-1906 scattered dates, see entry 38-xxxvi.
 - 43. (ROAD MILEAGES), 1893--. 1893-- in vols. 3, 4 of (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-xxiv; 1931 also in vol. 8 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8-viii. Record of road mileages, showing number of miles of traveled highways, number of miles of new and discontinued roads during past year, total mileage not including pent roads, names of signers-selectmen, affidavit of selectmen, attest of justice of peace and town clerk. For original certificates, 1909-24 scattered dates, see entry 38-xxxv.

III. LISTERS

Three listers were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 to serve for a term of one year.¹ Three listers, each to serve for a term of one year, were elected annually for the years 1796, 1798-1908.² At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1909, three listers were elected to serve the following terms: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years.³ For the years 1910 to date, one lister has been

1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 390.

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elected annually for a term of three years.¹ Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes,² and at present the listers are members of the board for abatement of taxes.³

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, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath of taxpayer, signatures of listers, date of receipt, summary of information, listers memorandum; 1923, 1929 adds amount of poll tax. Arr. alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 9 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. In chest in attic.

45. REAL ESTATE GRAND LIST, 1855-59. 1 vol.
Record of real estate appraisal, showing name of owner, school district number, number of acres, description of property, valuation listed under headings as follows: buildings with not more than 10 acres attached, mills, factories, stores, mines, buildings on public lots, farm houses, barns, sheds with three acres of land attached, swamp land and wood land; transfers under each heading, showing year, name of person to whom transferred, description and valuation of property transferred. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 138 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 21 x 7/8. In chest in attic.

46. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISAL OF THE REAL ESTATE, 1860--. 20 vols. and 13 duplicate vols. for 1882-1926, 1930. Title varies: Quintennial Valuation, 1860, 1 vol.; Quinquennial Valuation, 1865, 1870, 2 vols.; Grand List Quadrennial Valuation, 1874, 1878, 2 vols.; Quadrennial Valuation of the Real Estate, 1882-1910, 8 vols.
Record of real estate appraisals, showing name of owner, description of each parcel of real estate, including estimated number of acres if known, appraisal valuation. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 44 pp. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 3/8. 17 vols., 1860-1926 and 12 duplicate vols. for 1882-1926 in chest in attic; 3 vols., 1930--., and 1 duplicate vol. for 1930 on top of safe.

47. ABSTRACTS OF INDIVIDUAL LISTS AND GRAND LISTS, 1814, 1822-23, 1825-27, 1829-30, 1832-34, 1841-50, 1852--. 1 bundle, 100 vols. Title varies: Grand List, 1830, 1833, 1841-50, 1852-1910, 71 vols.; Grand Lists, 1814, 1822-23, 1825-27, 1829, 1832, 1834, 1 bundle.

1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vols. 3, 4, passim, see entry 1.
2. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
3. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.

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Names and addresses of taxpayers, description of property, real and personal valuation, exemptions, offsets, total assessments, grand list (1% of assessed value), grand list total, division of grand list among school districts, signatures of listers, date and attest of town clerk; 1842-1922 scattered dates adds date and declaration of listers' oaths, signatures of listers, affidavit; 1890, 1894 adds listers' certificates of filing, showing certification of duties performed, date of certificate, signatures of listers; 1890, 1894, 1926 adds notice of grievance meeting, showing recital of authority; place, date, and time meeting was to be held; purpose of meeting, date of notice, signatures of listers; 1911-28 adds clerk's certificate of filing, showing place, date and time grand list was filed; and signature of town clerk.

Also contains:

i. Ratable Polls, 1926-28, entry 48.

Vols. entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer; bundle. arr. alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw., and hdw. under printed headings. Vols., 20-45 pp. $10\frac{3}{4} \times 17\frac{3}{4} \times 3/8$ - $15 \times 31\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$; bundle, $11 \times 4 \times 2$. 86 vols. 1830, 1833, 1841-50, 1852-1925, 1 bundle, 1814, 1822-23, 1825-27, 1829, 1832, 1834, in chest in attic; 14 vols., 1926--, on top of safe.

48. Ratable Polls, 1916--. 23 vols. 1926-28 also in Abstract of the Individual Lists and Grand List, entry 47-i.

List of persons required to pay a poll tax, showing name and residence of taxpayer, amount of poll, certification and signature of the listers, date and time filed, signature of the town clerk. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 24 pp. $16 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$. On top of safe.

49. (LISTERS' FIELD BOOKS), 1873-75, 1880-81, 1884-87, 1889-90, 1896, 1902, 1920. 15 vols.

Record of property to be assessed for taxes, showing name of taxpayer and list of taxable property. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer by school districts. No index. Hdw. Condition fair. 44-80 pp. $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2}$ - $9 \times 5\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$. In chest in attic.

IV. TREASURER

A treasurer was elected at the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 to serve for a term of one year.¹ A treasurer was elected annually with the exception of the years 1800, 1827, 1833, 1860, 1927-28 and 1934, when the election of a person to perform the duties of this office was not recorded,² and the town meeting was not recorded for the year 1797. In 1892-93 the treasurer was designated collector of taxes,³ and for the years 1911 to date the

1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vols. 1-4, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 273, 282.

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treasurer has received the current taxes.¹ In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of the board for abatement of taxes.² For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-xvi.

50. JOURNAL (Town Treasurer's Accounts), 1795--. 3 vols. No title, 1795-1884, 1 vol.

Treasurer's record of itemized receipts and disbursements: receipts from taxes, cemetery funds, dog license fees and general accounts, show date of receipt, name of payer, purpose and amount of receipt; disbursements under headings selectmen, school directors, overseer of poor, town roads and general accounts, show date of payment, name of payee and amount of payment; occasionally auditor's certification; 1867-84 adds purpose of payment. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 250-360 pp. $12 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 1 - 13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$. On top of safe.

51. (TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS - SCHOOLS), 1893--. 2 vols.

Treasurer's record of itemized receipts and disbursements of school accounts, showing date payment was made, name of payee, total amount paid for teachers, school directors' salaries and expenses, supplies, fuel, repairs, transportation and board, tuition paid to other towns, and miscellaneous disbursements. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. Vol., 1893-1932, condition poor. 288-300 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \frac{3}{8} \times 1 - 10\frac{1}{4} \times 7 \frac{3}{8} \times 1$. Vol. for 1893-1932, on top of safe; vol. for 1932--, in desk in office.

52. JOURNAL (Treasurer's Accounts - Road Commissioner), 1893--. 3 vols.

Treasurer's record of itemized receipts and disbursements for general highway accounts: receipts, show date payment was received, name of payer, amount received, total receipts for fiscal years; disbursements, show date payment was made, name of payee, occasionally purpose, amount of payment, total payments for fiscal years; auditor's annual certification; 1930-- includes receipts and disbursements of overseer of the poor's accounts, contents as above; 1937-- the general highway account is subdivided into state aid construction account, state aid back road account, state aid town money account, and resurfacing account; 1936 has separate account of disbursements, contents as above, of person who assigned his property to the town in return for his care the rest of his life; 1938 has separate account for flood work, showing disbursements, contents as above. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 121-300 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2} - 10 \times 8 \times 1\frac{3}{4}$. Vol. for 1893-1918, in chest in attic; vol. for 1918-30, on top of safe; vol. for 1930--, in desk in office.

53. JOURNAL (Treasurer's Accounts - Cemetery), 1893--. 1 vol.

Treasurer's record of itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements of cemetery commissioners and cemetery-trust funds: receipts, show date of receipt, name of payer, purpose, and amount of receipt; disbursements, show date of payment, name of payee, purpose, and amount

1. Information received from present town clerk, who has held office since 1909.
2. Laws of Vermont, 1929, No. 54.

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of payment; annual statement of receipts and disbursements; balance on hand; occasionally auditor's certification. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 145 pp. $10\frac{1}{4} \times 7\frac{7}{8} \times 5\frac{5}{8}$. In desk in office.

54. (PAID BILLS), 1821-51, 1919--. 2 bundles. Creditor's statements of bills paid by the treasurer, showing names of creditor and debtor, date of statement, itemized or summarized description of goods or services, credits, balance due, acknowledgment of payment, date paid, occasionally date contracted. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on printed forms. Aver. $8 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$. In chest in attic.

55. (CANCELED ORDERS OF TOWN OFFICERS), 1936-38. 4 bundles, 40 loose orders. Original orders issued by various town officers and paid by the treasurer, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of order; signature(s) of issuing official(s), indorsements, and bank cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. $3\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$; loose order, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$. Bundles, 1936-37, in desk in office; 20 orders, 1938, loose in treasurer's book in desk; 20 orders, 1938, loose in treasurer's record book of road commissioner's accounts in desk.

56. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1925--. 24 vols. Stubs of checks issued by the treasurer for town expenses, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of check; deposits, and balance on hand. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50-100 stubs, 50-100 pp. $3 \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2} \times 14 \times \frac{3}{4}$. 2 vols., 1925-26, in chest in attic; 19 vols., 1926-33, in desk in bedroom; 3 vols., 1933--, in desk in office.

57. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1936--. 23 envelopes. Original checks issued by the treasurer for town expenses, showing name of payee; date, number, and amount of check; signature of treasurer, indorsement(s), and bank cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. $3 \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$. In desk in office.

58. JOURNAL (Tax Rate Book), 1907-16. 1 vol. Record of taxes assessed, showing name of taxpayer; division of tax for town, highway and school; total tax, amount due, remarks, total grand list, total percent raised on the dollar, certification and signatures of selectmen; 1911-16 adds amount of discount, and amount of tax paid. Tax warrant, showing rate of assessment, name of collector, purpose of warrant, penalty, date of warrant, signature and title of issuing official. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 181 pp. $7 \times 4\frac{1}{8} \times 5\frac{5}{8}$. On top of safe.

59. (POLL TAX RECORD), 1921-27. 1 vol. Record of poll taxes assessed, showing name of taxpayer, recital of authority, amount of poll tax, final date of payment, date assessed. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 80 pp. $6\frac{3}{4} \times 4 \times 3\frac{3}{8}$. In chest in attic.

V. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

At a special town meeting held December 26, 1836 three trustees of public money were elected.¹ From 1838-45 three trustees were elected to serve for a term of one year.² One trustee has been elected annually since 1846 with the exception of the years 1849, 1869 and 1883 when no mention of the election of this official is made in the records.³ In 1929 the selectmen served as trustees of public money.⁴ The title of this office has varied slightly.

60. (TRUSTEES' RECORD OF SURPLUS REVENUE), 1837-1936. 1 vol. Trustees' record of surplus money, showing names of makers of notes, place and date of report, amount of each note, total amount, signature of trustee; occasionally names of sureties; amount of interest collected and paid out; receipts of payments of notes, showing place, date, and amount of receipt; name of payer, name of signer-trustee. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 146 pp. $7\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{8} \times 5\frac{7}{8}$. On top of safe.

VI. AUDITORS

A committee of two to settle the accounts of the treasurer was elected at the annual town meeting held March 3, 1800.⁵ Committees consisting of two or three members with similar duties were elected as follows: committee to settle with the treasurer, 1802, 1814, 1816;⁶ committee to settle town accounts, 1801, 1803;⁷ committee to settle with the selectmen and treasurer, 1804-6, 1808-10, 1815, 1818-19, 1826;⁸ committee to settle with the selectmen, 1807, 1825;⁹ committee to settle with the treasurer and overseer of poor, 1811-13, 1817, 1827-28;¹⁰ committee to settle with the selectmen and overseer of poor, 1814, 1816, 1829, 1831, 1840;¹¹ committee to settle with the selectmen, treasurer and overseer of poor, 1820-24, 1830, 1832-39.¹² At the annual town meeting held March 1, 1841, three auditors were elected, each to serve for a term of one year.¹³ This procedure was followed annually until 1916.¹⁴ At the annual town meeting held March 6, 1917,

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 2, p. 104, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 2, passim.
 3. Ibid., vols. 2-4, passim.
 4. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 126.
 5. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 6.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, passim.
 7. Ibid., vol. 1, pp. 7, 9.
 8. Ibid., vol. 1, passim.
 9. Ibid., vol. 1, pp. 21, 104.
 10. Ibid., vol. 1, passim.
 11. Ibid., vols. 1, 2, passim.
 12. Ibid., vols. 1, 2, passim.
 13. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 151.
 14. Ibid., vols. 2-4, passim.

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three auditors were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years.¹ Since 1918 one auditor has been elected annually for a term of three years.² For printed reports compiled by the auditors and filed with the town clerk, see entry 3.

VII. TAX COLLECTOR

A tax collector was elected at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1796, to serve for a term of one year.³ A tax collector was elected for the years 1798, 1803, 1811, 1815-16, 1822, 1835, 1844 and 1894.⁴ The constable served as collector for the years 1795, 1800-1802, 1804-10, 1812-14, 1817-21, 1823-34, 1837-40, 1842-43, 1846-50, 1853-54, 1856-57, 1862-73, 1875-87, 1889, 1895 and 1897-1906.⁵ In 1892-93 the treasurer was designated collector of taxes;⁶ and for the years 1911 to date the treasurer has received the current taxes and the constable has collected the delinquent taxes.⁷ For the years not shown no information could be found regarding the election of this officer. In the years 1819-20, an additional collector of a special highway tax was elected.⁸ For collector's report, 1925, see entry 8-x.

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 1860.⁹ In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board.¹⁰ During the years 1839 to 1860 the duties of this office were performed by the board of civil authority.¹¹ Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes.¹²

61. TAXES ABATED BY BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY, 1938. 1 sheet. Record of taxes abated, showing name of taxpayer, date tax was due,

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 4, p. 19, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 4, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 4. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.
 5. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 273, 282.
 7. Information received from present town clerk, who has held office since 1909.
 8. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, pp. 67, 71, see entry 1.
 9. Laws of Vermont, 1860, No. 23.
 10. Laws of Vermont, 1929, No. 54.
 11. The Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 12. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.

Board of Civil Authority; School
Directors

kind of tax, amount abated, signatures of chairman of civil authority board and town clerk. No arr. No index. Hdw. 10 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. At residence of E. Howe, tax collector.

For related records, 1859, 1875, see entry 40-i, for related records, 1886-1914, 1916--, see entry 1-v.

IX. BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The board of civil authority, consisting of the selectmen and justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature in 1839.¹ In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member.² Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office.³ During the years 1839-60 the duties of the office of the board for abatement of taxes were performed by this board.⁴ For records of minutes of meetings of the board, see entry 1-v; for check lists as revised by this board, see entry 4.

X. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Three school trustees were elected at a special town meeting held April 21, 1796.⁵ The election of these officers does not again appear in the records until 1819 and 1820 when two and three persons, respectively, were elected to serve as a school committee;⁶ in the years 1828-33, three persons to serve as a superintending school committee were elected.⁷ For the years not shown above no record was found of the election of these officers. At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1846, a superintendent of common schools were elected.⁸ From 1850 to 1892, with the exception of the years 1884 and 1889-90 when no record appears, one superintendent of common schools was elected annually.⁹ At the annual town meeting held March 7, 1893, three school commissioners were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years.¹⁰ Since 1894, one has been elected annually for a term of three years.¹¹ The title "School Commissioners" was changed in 1918 to "School Directors," which has continued to be the title since that date.¹² In 1890, one person was elected as a member of the county board of education.¹³ For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-xi; for minutes of meetings as recorded by town clerk, see entry 1-xxvi.

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1. The Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 2. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 52, sec. 1.
 3. Statutes of the State of Vermont, 1787, pp. 151, 152.
 4. The Revised Statutes of Vermont, 1839, ch. 13, sec. 49.
 5. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 2, sec entry 1.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 67.
 7. Ibid., vols., 1, 2, passim.
 8. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 218.
 9. Ibid., vols., 2, 3, passim.
 10. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 282.
 11. Ibid., vols., 3, 4, passim.
 12. Ibid., vol. 4, passim.
 13. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 264.

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62. VERMONT SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1882, 1886-1911, 1913-29, 1931--.
78 vols.

Questionnaire of teacher, certification of teacher and superintendent, list of pupils, visitor's register, annual school statistics, health service, pupil progress, attendance record, registration, list of transfers and of other re-entries and withdrawals, amount of transportation and board. Attendance records entered alph. under first letter of surname of scholar and chron. thereunder; no arr. for remainder of vol. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 24 pp. $11\frac{1}{4} \times 9 \times \frac{1}{4}$. 70 vols., 1882-1929, in chest in attic; 8 vols., 1932--, on top of safe.

63. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1923--. 15 vols.

Copy of a statistical report of the superintendent of schools and school directors to the State Board of Education, showing attendance by schools, reports of elementary and high school teachers, high school and advanced instruction, elementary school tuition, pupils attending school in town from other districts; school director's report, showing school valuation and indebtedness, receipts and disbursements, date, signatures of school board and superintendent of schools, date recorded, and attest of clerk of school board. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 12 pp. $11 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times 1/16$. On top of safe.

64. REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, 1911-14. 3 vols.

Financial report made by the school directors, showing itemized list of receipts and disbursements of schools, total receipts, total cost of schools and balance on hand, amount of tuition paid, name(s) of scholar(s), term of school and total amount of tuition, names of school directors and amount paid each for services, signature of auditor; report of superintendent of schools, showing statement of condition found in schools in district, summary of attendance, recommendation for schools for forthcoming year. No obvious arr. No index. Printed. Aver. 8 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 1/8$. In chest in attic.

For original papers, 1896-1916 scattered dates, see entry 38-xxxvii.

65. (SCHOOL CENSUS), 1822-97 scattered dates, 1 bundle.

Original school census, showing names of head of families, number of children between ages 4-18, date of report, number of school district, attest of school clerk; 1833 adds certification as to age limitation, length of school term, number of male and female teachers; 1844 adds names of students, number of weeks taught by male and female teachers and amount paid each. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. $9 \times 3\frac{1}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$. In chest in attic.

66. (SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1902-8, 1917--. 14 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn by the school directors, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of order; balance brought forward, balance on hand. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs, 100 pp. $3\frac{1}{4} \times 10 \frac{7}{8} \times 5/8$. 6 vols., 1902-26, in chest in attic; 8 vols., 1926--, at residence of G. Allbee, school director.

67. (SCHOOL DIRECTORS' RECORD OF ORDERS), 1936--. 1 vol.
Record of orders drawn by the school directors, showing name of payee, total amount of order; expenditures listed under following headings: teachers' salaries, books, magazines and newspapers, instructor's supplies, salary and traveling expenses, superintendent's office equipment, health and medicine, janitor's supplies and tools, fuel, repairs, furniture and equipment, transportation, tuition, insurance, school directors' salaries, miscellaneous; column totals. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 128 pp. 10 x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 3/8. At residence of G. Albee, school director.

XI. ROAD COMMISSIONER

At the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 four highway surveyors were elected to serve for a term of one year.¹ Highway surveyors were elected annually for the years 1796, 1798-1877 and 1879-84, the number varying from four to nine.² At the annual town meeting held March 3, 1885 three road commissioners were elected to serve for a term of one year.³ Three road commissioners were elected in the years 1886 and 1888.⁴ In the years 1887 and 1889, the selectmen performed the duties of this office.⁵ In 1892, three street commissioners were elected for a term of one year.⁶ From 1893 to date, one road commissioner has been elected annually to serve for a term of one year.⁷ For the years 1890-91 no mention was made of the election of this officer. For printed copy of financial report for voters, see entry 3-x; for original report, 1899, see entry 38-xxxiii.

68. (ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1917-24, 1927-30, 1937--. 8 vols.
Stubs of orders drawn by the road commissioner, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of order; balance brought forward, balance on hand. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs, 100 pp. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 11 x 5/8. 4 vols., 1917-30, in chest in attic; 4 vols., 1937--, at residence of H. E. Bush, road commissioner.

69. (BRIDGE PLANS), 1937. 9 plans.
Plans for Brookline Grassy Brook bridge, showing a view of proposed site with approaches, rip-rap and bearing plate detail, supports; specifications for barricades, signs and lights; general details and standard structures for bridges. Blueprints. 36 x 22. On top of desk.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vols., 1-3, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 236.
 4. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 240, 252.
 5. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 246, 259.
 6. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 273.
 7. Ibid., vols., 3, 4, passim.

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Overseer of Poor; Moderator

70. (TIMEKEEPER'S RECORDS), 1937--. 5 vols.

Timekeeper's record, showing name of foreman, dates of week worked, name of laborer, kind of labor performed, daily working hours, total hours worked per week, rate per hour, total wages for week, total labor cost for week. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 24 pp. 7 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. At residence of H. E. Bush, road commissioner.

XII. OVERSEER OF POOR

The three selectmen were elected to perform the duties of overseer of poor in the years 1817, 1843, 1845 and 1871-72.¹ At the annual town meeting held March 4, 1844, one overseer of poor was elected to serve for a term of one year.² From 1844-1921, 1932-34, one overseer of poor has been elected annually with the exception of the above years and in 1862 when no mention was made of the election of this officer.³ For the years 1922-31 and 1935 to date, one selectman has been chosen as overseer of the poor.⁴ The records show that in 1811-13, 1817, 1820-24, 1827-28, 1830, 1832-39 there was a committee elected to settle with the treasurer and overseer and in 1814, 1816, 1829, 1831, 1840 there was a committee elected to settle with the selectmen and overseer.⁵ Although the records do not state that an overseer of poor was elected in these years, it is possible that the selectmen served as overseers. For printed copy of the financial report for voters, see entry 3-ix.

71. JOURNAL (Overseer of Poor Account Book), 1884--. 1 vol.

Overseer's record of itemized receipts and disbursements: receipts, show name of payer; date, amount, and source of receipt; disbursements, show name of payee, number, date, purpose, and amount of order; occasionally auditor's certification. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 212 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 x $\frac{3}{4}$. At residence of L. Rink, overseer of poor.

72. (OVERSEER OF POOR'S ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1926--. 4 vols.

Stub of orders drawn by the overseer of poor, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs, 100 pp. 3 1/8 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. At residence of L. Rink, selectman.

XIII. MODERATOR

At the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 one moderator was elected to serve for a term of one year.⁶ Since 1796 one

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vols. 1-3, passim., see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 191.
 3. Ibid., vols. 2-4, passim.
 4. Ibid., vol. 4, passim.
 5. Ibid., vols. 1, 2, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.

Cemetery Commissioners; Sextons;
Constable

(73-74)

moderator has been elected annually,¹ except for the year 1797 when no record of the town meeting minutes could be found. This office keeps no records.

XIV. CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Three cemetery commissioners were elected at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1893 to serve for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.² For the years 1894-96 one was elected annually to serve for a term of three years.³ At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1897 three were elected to serve terms as follows: one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years,⁴ making a total of five commissioners. Since 1898, one has been elected annually to serve for a term of five years.⁵ For printed copy of the financial report for the voters, see entry 3-iv; for original report, 1898, see entry 38-vii.

73. (CEMETERY MAP), 1893. 1 map.

Map of a cemetery believed to be Riverside Cemetery, showing names of owners, number and location of lots. J. B. Stebbins. Hand drawn. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 19 $\frac{1}{2}$. In desk in bedroom.

74. (CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1923--. 1 vol.

Stubs of orders drawn by the cemetery commissioners, showing name of payee; number, date, purpose, and amount of order; balance brought forward, balance on hand. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs, 100 pp. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 10 $\frac{7}{8}$ x 5 $\frac{5}{8}$. At the residence of G. Allbee, cemetery commissioner.

XV. SEXTONS

Two sextons were elected at the annual town meeting held March 9, 1807 to serve for a term of one year.⁶ Two were elected annually, with the exception of the years 1809-10, 1816, 1819, 1822, 1827, when no election to this office was recorded.⁷ From 1837-40, three sextons were elected.⁸ This non-record keeping office was discontinued after 1840.

XVI. CONSTABLE

One constable was elected at the first annual town meeting held

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vols. 1-4, passim., see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 282.
 3. Ibid., vol. 3, passim.
 4. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 310.
 5. Ibid., vols., 3, 4, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 21.
 7. Ibid., vols., 1-2, passim.
 8. Ibid., vol. 2, passim.

Town Agent; Grand Jurors;
Board of Health

March 7, 1795 to serve for a term of one year.¹ One constable was elected for the years 1796, 1798-1840, 1842-1906, 1909-23, 1925 to date.² In the years 1841 and 1907-8, two constables were elected, and the year 1924 one constable was appointed.³ For the years 1795, 1800-1802, 1804-10, 1812-14, 1817-21, 1823-34, 1837-40, 1842-43, 1846-50, 1853-54, 1856-57, 1862-73, 1875-87, 1889, 1895, 1897-1906, the constable performed the duties of tax collector.⁴ In the years 1892-93 and 1911 to date, it has been understood that the constable was collector of delinquent taxes.⁵

XVII. TOWN AGENT

Two town agents were elected at a special town meeting held March 16, 1826 to serve for a period of one year.⁶ In 1827 the selectmen performed these duties.⁷ In 1828 a town agent was elected at a special meeting held September 2.⁸ One town agent has been elected annually since 1829,⁹ except for the years 1925, 1927-30, when one selectman performed the duties;¹⁰ and for the years 1829, 1836, 1855 and 1860-61 when no record was found of the election of this officer. This office keeps no records.

XVIII. GRAND JURORS

At the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 one grand juror was elected to serve for a term of one year.¹¹ One or two grand jurors have been elected for the years 1796, 1798 to date.¹² This office keeps no records.

XIX. 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.¹⁴

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vols. 1-4, passim.
 3. Ibid., vols. 2-4, passim.
 4. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.
 5. Information received from present town clerk, who has held office since 1909.
 6. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 118, see entry 1.
 7. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 121.
 8. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 128.
 9. Ibid., vols. 1-4, passim.
 10. Ibid., vol. 4, passim.
 11. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 12. Ibid., vols. 1-4, passim.
 13. Ibid., vols. 1, 2, passim.
 14. Laws of Vermont, 1892, No. 92.

At present the State Board of Health upon recommendation of the selectmen of the town appoints a health officer to serve for a three year term and until his successor is appointed.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 health officer's report for voters, see entry 3-vi.

XX. FENCE VIEWERS

Three fence viewers were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 to serve for a term of one year.³ Fence viewers were elected annually for the years 1796, 1798-1906 the number elected varying from two to four.⁴ From 1907 to date, three fence viewers have been appointed annually by the selectmen.⁵

75. (FENCE DIVISIONS), 1821, 1828, 1845, 1864, 1881, 1922. 1821, 1845, 1864, 1881, 1922 in vols. 3-7 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 8-ii; 1828 in vol. 1 of (Town Meetings and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 1-xi. Record of fence division agreements, showing names of principals, date of agreement, location and description of fence to be built, and maintained by each, names of signers-principals and witnesses, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1845, 1847, 1900, see entry 38-xiv.

XXI. POUNDKEEPERS

At the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 one poundkeeper was elected to serve for a term of one year.⁶ One or two poundkeepers were elected annually for the years 1796, 1798-1828, 1830-53, 1856-73, 1875-82, 1884-89, 1891-1906.⁷ In the years 1874, 1907-25 and 1937 one poundkeeper was appointed.⁸ In 1821 this officer also performed the duties of inspector of leather and sealer of weights and measures.⁹ In the years not shown, the records do not show the election or appointment of this officer. In the year 1926, it was voted that each man be a poundkeeper and each man's yard a pound,¹⁰ and although the records do not show how this office

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1. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5275, 5279.
 2. Public Laws of Vermont, 1933, ch. 219, secs. 5278, 5279.
 3. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 1.
 4. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.
 5. Ibid., vols. 3-4, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 7. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.
 8. Ibid., vols. 3-4, passim.
 9. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 78.
 10. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 98.

Sealer of Weights and Measurer;
Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and
Shingles; Inspector of Leather

is taken care of today it was gathered from a conversation with the town clerk that each man was a poundkeeper and each man's yard a pound. This office keeps no records.

XXII. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

One sealer of weights and measures was elected to serve for a term of one year at the first town meeting held March 7, 1795.¹ One officer was elected annually for the years 1796, 1798-1881, except for the year 1845 when two were elected,² and the years 1813, 1836-37, 1865, 1872-74, 1876-77, 1879, when no election of this officer was found recorded. In the years 1806-8, 1811, 1819, 1821-22, 1829, 1835, 1838-39, 1855 the duties of this office were combined with those of the inspector of leather.³ In 1821, the duties were performed by the poundkeeper.⁴ This non-record keeping office was discontinued after 1881.

XXIII. SURVEYOR OF WOOD, LUMBER AND SHINGLES

On March 31, 1841 four wood measurers to serve for a term of one year were appointed by the selectmen following the request of seven legal voters.⁵ One inspector of lumber was elected at the annual town meeting held March 1, 1870.⁶ One was elected annually in the years 1873-76, 1878-80, 1882-1906.⁷ Since 1907, one or two have been appointed annually to perform the duties of this office.⁸ In the year 1892 the title was changed to measurer of wood and lumber,⁹ and in 1918, to surveyor of wood, lumber and shingles.¹⁰ For the years not shown above no record was found of the election or appointment of this officer. This office keeps no records.

XXIV. INSPECTOR OF LEATHER

A leather sealer was elected at the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1795 to serve for a term of one year.¹¹ One leather sealer or inspector of leather was elected annually for the years 1796, 1798-1906, with the exception of the years 1813, 1827-28, 1836-37, 1854, 1857, 1877, when no election to this office was found recorded.¹² The duties of inspector of leather were combined with the

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 1, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.
 3. Ibid., vols. 1, 2, passim.
 4. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 78.
 5. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 156.
 6. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 105.
 7. Ibid., vol. 3, passim.
 8. Ibid., vols. 3, 4, passim.
 9. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 273.
 10. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 26.
 11. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 12. Ibid., vols. 1-3, passim.

Tree Warden; Tythingmen;
Haywards; Coffin Committee

duties of sealer of weights and measures for the years 1806-8, 1811, 1819, 1822, 1829, 1835, 1838-39, 1855.¹ In 1821, the duties of inspector of leather were performed by the poundkeeper.² After 1907 this non-record keeping office was discontinued.

XXV. TREE WARDEN

One tree warden was elected at the annual meeting held March 5, 1907, to serve for a term of one year.³ No mention of any other election to this office is made until 1913, when one tree warden was elected.⁴ In the years 1916-18, 1920, 1923 and 1925-33, one was elected to serve for a term of one year and one has been appointed annually since 1934.⁵ For the years not shown above no record of the election or appointment of this officer was found. This office keeps no records.

XXVI. TYTHINGMEN

Two tythingmen were elected at the first town meeting held March 7, 1795 to serve for a term of one year.⁶ From one to four were elected annually for the years 1796, 1798-1840, with the exception of the years 1809 and 1836 when no election to this office was recorded.⁷ This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1841.

XXVII. HAYWARDS

One hayward was elected at the first town meeting held March 7, 1795 to serve for a term of one year.⁸ For the years 1796-1840 from one to nine were elected annually,⁹ with the exception of the year 1819 when no election to this office was recorded, and in 1797 when the minutes of the annual town meeting apparently were not recorded. In 1841 this office was discontinued. For the year 1833 the six haywards elected were called hog constables.¹⁰ This office kept no records.

XXVIII. COFFIN COMMITTEE

Two persons to comprise a coffin committee were elected at the

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, 2, passim, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 78.
 3. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 375.
 4. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 424.
 5. Ibid., vol. 4, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 7. Ibid., vols. 1-2, passim.
 8. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 1.
 9. Ibid., vols. 1-2, passim.
 10. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 62.

Funeral Superintendent

annual town meeting held March 3, 1817.¹ In 1820 and 1823, two were elected respectively,² and in 1828, three were elected.³ These are the only years for which the election of this committee is recorded, and thus far no statutory provision for this non-record keeping office has been found.

XXIX. FUNERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

Two funeral superintendents were elected at the annual town meeting held March 1, 1808, to serve for a term of one year.⁴ In 1820 a committee of three was elected to superintend funerals.⁵ These are the only years in which the record of the election of these officers is shown and thus far no statutory provision has been found for such an office. This office kept no record.

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1. (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Record(s), vol. 1, p. 60, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 1, pp. 71, 78.
 3. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 175.
 4. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 23.
 5. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 71.

Records Covered In the Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of The Town of Brookline, Vermont, 1939 (This includes 398 volumes, 39 bundles, 10 sheets, 10 maps, 23 envelopes, and 40 loose orders.)

| Title under which the vol. series, etc., is generally known | Dates Covered | Quantity |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Town Meeting Records | 1750-- | 4 vols., $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ - $14 \times 9\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Annual Report of Town Officers | 1895, 1913-- | 28 vols., aver. $8\frac{3}{4} \times 6 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$. |
| Check List of Legal Voters | 1826-1908, 1932-1934, 1936, 1938 | 1 bundle, 8 sheets. bundle, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times 2$; sheets aver. $16 \times 10\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Record of Town Officers' Bonds | 1899-1936 scattered dates | 2 vols., aver. $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{8}$. |
| Officers' Bonds | 1808-1937 scattered dates | 1 bundle, $8\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Land Records | 1788-- | 8 vols., $12\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ - $16\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Deeds | 1795-1924 | 2 bundles, $8\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ - $10 \times 4 \times 3\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Records of Executions and Attachments on Real Estate and Personal Property | 1827-32, 1861-- | 3 vols., $8 \times 6\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ - $14 \times 9 \times \frac{3}{2}$. |
| Attachments and Executions | 1799-1925 | 3 bundles, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ - $9 \times 4 \times 4$. |
| Records of Conditional Sales | 1884-- | 3 vols., $10\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{3}{4}$ - $14 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Index to Town Books, 1, 2, and 3, Births, Marriages, Deaths | 1750-1882 | 1 vol., $8 \frac{3}{8} \times 5 \frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$. |
| Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths | 1857-96 | 2 vols., $17\frac{1}{2} \times 17\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ - $15\frac{3}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$. |
| Record of Births | 1897-- | 1 vol., $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. |
| Birth Certificates | 1897-1902 | 1 bundle, $4 \times 7\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$. |
| Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates and Burial and Transportation Permits | 1903-38 | 1 vol., $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 2$. |
| Marriage Record | 1883-94, 1897-- | 2 vols., $14 \times 8 \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$ - $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. |

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|---|------------------------------|--|
| Index of Marriage Records | 1857-1904 | 1 vol., 14 x $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Record of Deaths | 1897-- | 1 vol., 14 x $8\frac{3}{8}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Index of Birth and Death Records | 1857-1905 | 1 vol., 14 x $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Gravestone Inscription Records | 1794-1869 scattered dates | 1 bundle, 4 x 6 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Dog Licenses | 1904-09, 1917-- | 5 vols., 4 x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Business License | 1915 | 1 sheet, 6 x 8. |
| Military Records | 1810-37 | 1 vol., $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$. |
| Enrolled Militia | 1860-66 | 1 vol., $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Enrolled Militia and Certificates of Service | 1809-67 scattered dates | 1 bundle, 8 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Miscellaneous Unbound Papers | 1800-1937 | 14 bundles, aver. 8 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$ - 12 x 3 x $7\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Selectmen's Record of Orders | 1844-- | 2 vols., $12\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 1 - $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{4}$ x 1. |
| Selectmen's Order Book Stubs | 1930-31, 1933-- | 7 vols., aver. $3\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 x $5\frac{1}{8}$. |
| Tax Inventories | 1932-- | 7 bundles, aver. 9 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{3}{4}$. |
| Real Estate Grand List | 1855-59 | 1 vol., $16\frac{1}{4}$ x 21 x $7\frac{1}{8}$. |
| Quadrennial Appraisals of the Real Estate | 1860-- | 20 vols., aver. $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $17\frac{1}{4}$ x $3\frac{1}{8}$. |
| Abstract of the Individual List and Grand List | 1814-- scattered dates | 99 vols., 1 bundle, vols., $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $17\frac{3}{4}$ x $3\frac{1}{8}$; bundle, 15 x $31\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Ratable Polls | 1916-- | 23 vols., aver., 16 x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Listers' Field Books | 1873-1920 scattered dates | 15 vols., $6\frac{1}{4}$ x 3 x $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9 x $5\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. |

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|---|----------------------------|---|
| Town Treasurer's Accounts | 1795--- | 3 vols., 12 x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 - 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Treasurer's Accounts of Schools | 1893--- | 2 vols., 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 1 - 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 1. |
| Treasurer's Accounts of Road Commissioner | 1893--- | 3 vols., 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10 x 8 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. |
| Treasurer's Accounts of Cemetery | 1893--- | 1 vol., 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ x $\frac{5}{8}$. |
| Paid Bills | 1821-51, 1919--- | 2 bundles, 8 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 - 8 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Canceled Orders of Town Officers | 1936--- | 4 bundles, 40 loose orders, bundles, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; loose orders, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Check Book Stubs | 1925--- | 24 vols., aver. 3 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 x $\frac{3}{4}$. |
| Canceled Checks | 1936--- | 23 envelopes, aver. 3 x 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Tax Rate Book | 1907-16 | 1 vol., 7 x 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 5/8. |
| Poll Tax Record | 1921-27 | 1 vol., 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 4 x $\frac{3}{8}$. |
| Trustees' Record of Surplus Revenue | 1837-1936 | 1 vol., 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ x $\frac{5}{8}$. |
| Taxes Abated By Board of Civil Authority | 1938 | 1 sheet, 10 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. |
| Vermont School Registers | 1882-- scattered dates | 78 vols., aver., 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 9 x $\frac{1}{4}$. |
| Statistical Report of Schools | 1923--- | 15 vols., aver., 11 x 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 1/16. |
| Report of School Directors | 1911-14 | 3 vols., aver., 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1/8. |
| School Director's Order Book Stubs | 1902-8, 1917--- | 14 vols., aver., 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 10 $\frac{7}{8}$ x $\frac{5}{8}$. |
| School Census | 1822-97 scattered dates | 1 bundle, 9 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. |

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|---|-------------------------------|---|
| School Directors' Record of Orders | 1936--- | 1 vol., $10 \times 7\frac{3}{4} \times 3/8$. |
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| Bridge Plans | 1937 | 9 maps, aver. 36×22 . |
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