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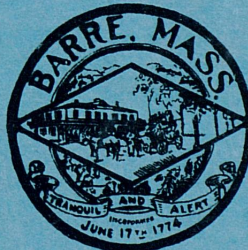


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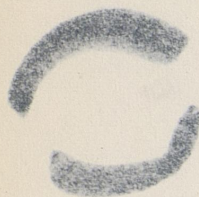
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PREFACE

By authority of a Presidential Letter, the Historical Records Survey was established in January, 1936, under the national direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans, as a federally sponsored project of the Works Progress Administration (now the Work Projects Administration). Since federal sponsorship ceased on August 31, 1939, the sponsorship of the Massachusetts unit of the survey has been undertaken by Frederic W. Cook, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The purpose of the project is to survey, preserve and render accessible historical source materials of all kinds. Its work has fallen naturally into the following main divisions: public records, private manuscripts, church records, early American imprints, historical portraits and newspapers. Practically all historical material falls under one or another of these divisions. In bringing this material under control certain techniques have been found practicable, depending on the nature of the subject matter, and using variously the methods of the inventory, the guide, the calendar, the check list or the index in the publication of the result. For public records, church records and portraits, the method of the inventory has worked best; for historical manuscripts, the guide or, in rare cases where the material was of unusual importance, the calendar; for imprints, the check list; for newspaper and court records, the index; and so on.

The actual work of gathering information concerning historical materials at their place of storage or custody has in most cases been preceded by a most necessary and, for both the custodian and posterity, important task, that of putting records in order; of cleaning, dusting, re-filing, and treating them; and, in short, doing everything possible to ensure their preservation. This function of the project, often performed by its workers under almost indescribable conditions of dust, filth, dampness, poor ventilation, and even vermin may well be regarded by future generations as a most important contribution of the survey.

Scarcely less important, however, are the editorial processes to which all field information must be subjected before publication. Here gaps and inadequacies are spotted, inconsistencies reconciled, and order brought out of chaos. In the field of public records it has been found necessary not only to sketch briefly the history of the county or town and its government but also to preface the inventory of each subordinate office or institution with an outline of its development, based upon its own records or upon statutory or other sources. In the inventories of church records, similarly, the preparation of the history of each church constitutes a task equally arduous with that of locating and listing its records. In Massachusetts two broader works have also been undertaken. The general historical background, statutory origin and functioning of county, city, or town offices have been studied with a view to providing satisfactory accounts of the development of county and municipal government generally. These latter undertakings are now happily nearing completion.

In the field of county records the surveys of eight of the fourteen counties of Massachusetts are nearing completion. In that of municipal records, approximately sixty of 350 cities and towns have been covered

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to date including several of the more populous. Editorial work is now also proceeding on six of an estimated ten volumes of the inventory of the records of the city of Boston. Some 200 manuscript depositories, large and small, have been surveyed and a preliminary guide to them published. An inventory of the records of Universalist churches in Massachusetts will soon be published, and field work is being carried on in other denominations, particularly in the Unitarian, Congregational, Baptist, and Jewish bodies. A catalogue of portraits painted before 1825 in Massachusetts has been published and editorial work is proceeding on similar listings for the other New England states and New York State. A listing of the publications of the Massachusetts unit of the survey follows at the end of this volume.

The inventory of the town archives of Barre is the fourth in the series of such inventories covering the towns and cities of Worcester County. The field work as well as the historical research for this volume were done principally by Gunhilde Heaney, under the supervision of Lincoln Ross. The field forms were edited in the Boston office by Oscar E. Nelson, Boyd Tucker and Lawrence Lehane under the supervision of Morris I. Wartow. Research for the historical sketch was done by Maurice Ross, the sketches both of the town's history, and of the various town offices and its general governmental development being written by the undersigned. The index was prepared under the direction of Charles Haskell. Editorial scrutiny was given the volume in the Washington office of the Historical Records Survey which is under the direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans. The survey is also indebted to the town officials of Barre, and to the librarian of the Woods Memorial Library, Miss Marion J. Herbert, for their cooperation and assistance; also to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Mr. Frederic W. Cook, without whose sponsorship this project would not be possible.

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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the Town and City Archives of Massachusetts is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the Archives of Barre in Worcester County, is volume VI of number 14 of the Massachusetts series.

The Historical Records Survey 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 town officials, 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 catalogue for printed sources.

The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey 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 city inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as bibliography of local archives.

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

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

F. C. Harrington
Commissioner of Work Projects

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The Town of
BARRE
WORCESTER COUNTY

1938

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SCALE IN THOUSAND FEET

RUTLAND

PETERSHAM

OAKHAM

LEGEND

- NUMBERED ROUTE
THICKLY POPULATED AREA

SOURCES: Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Dept. of Conservation, 30 SOMERSET ST.,
Boston, Map of Barre

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION,
Massachusetts Geodetic Survey Project,
Map of Barre.

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NEW BRAintree

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1686 the Indians sold to the colonists of Massachusetts for 23 pounds a tract twelve miles square called Naquog, part of which went to form the present town of Barre. The settlers knew that the Indians had no legal title to the land, and so little value, other than as a measure of peace and policy, was placed on the deed that it was not recorded until April 15, 1784.¹ The general court confirmed the title to this land on February 23, 1713, on condition that sixty families settle there within the next seven years, and that land be set apart for the location and support of the church and schools.² On November 15, 1720, Rutland township came into existence with the fulfillment of these requirements.³

By 1720 the "Northwest Quarter" of Rutland had attracted a few pioneer households.⁴ On November 7, 1733, at the meeting authorized by the general court on April 25, 1732,⁵ the proprietors of the "Northwest Quarter" of Rutland voted to divide their area into sixty-six fifty-acre lots and thirty-three farms of five hundred acres each, the remaining parcels of the approximately forty-four square miles of territory to be sold to new settlers.⁶ To increase the desirability of the region, roads leading into it were built and a bridge over the Ware River was constructed, while the abundant grazing land and water encouraged homesteading.⁷

It was not very long before the inhabitants of this region began the usual demand for autonomy. Distances of from ten to fourteen miles from some of its sections to the center of the town prevented effective participation in the Rutland government and schools. Church-going was so difficult that the dwellers in the upper district of the territory made an early effort to provide their own local institutions. To effect this improvement, the men of the Northwest Quarter on November 24, 1742, petitioned for the establishment of a separate town. They stated that they were "so far distant from the body of the Town as that they cannot attend their duty there without great difficulty...said Town have voted their Consent...they are daily increasing

1. (TRANSCRIBED PROPERTY RECORDS) in Middlesex County Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, Book 16, p. 511; Frederick C. Pierce, "Barre", in History of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Abijah F. Marvin, ed., 2 vols., Boston, C. F. Jewett and Company, 1879, I, p. 252; Matthew Walker, "Barre" in History of Worcester County, Massachusetts, D. Hamilton Hurd, ed., 2 vols., Philadelphia; J. W. Lewis and Company, 1889, I, p. 331

2. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of State, Massachusetts State Archives, 417 vols. in 418, mss., IV, "Court Records, 1709-1715", p. 336. Hereafter cited as Massachusetts Archives

3. Massachusetts General Court, Journal of the House of Representatives, 1715-1938, 218 vols. in 220, Boston, 1720-1938, 1720, p. 22. Hereafter cited as House Journal.

4. History of Worcester County, Ellery Crane, ed., 3 vols., New York, I, pp. 273-4

5. Province of Massachusetts Bay, General Court, Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, 1692-1780, 21 vols., Boston, 1869-1922, XI (1726-1733), appendix VI, ch. 132. Hereafter cited as Province Acts and Resolves

6. Walker, op. cit., I, pp. 332-3

7. Ibid., I, pp. 332, 356

and like to be a competent number if they had the Privileges of a Town....¹

The request was not granted, but on April 2, 1743 they were exempted from paying ministerial taxes as long as they had their own minister.² Even the proprietors of Rutland, weary of being taxed for improvements by which they did not benefit, petitioned for town status for the Northwest Quarter on April 6, 1749. They gave as their reason:

That the sd. Proprietors have been for above these fifteen Years at great & Constant Pains & Expense of time and many hundred Pounds in Running the Bounds, surveying, Dividing & Laying out Lots, finding out & clearing Roads, Building of Bridges, settling Inhabitants & paying for Preaching.... That there are now... above one hundred souls who stand in need of a Settled Gospel Ministry & Ordinances, and the Adult are Earnestly Desirous of them, but cannot obtain them without a proper Encouragement.... The Center of sd. Quarter is about Ten Miles distant from the place of Worship of the Original settlers & some parts of sd. Quarter about fourteen miles off, a very heavy inconvenience either to be warned to their common Town Meetings or to attend them or to serve as Town Officers....³

On April 14, 1749, the general court allowed the petition and ordered the erection of the Northwest Quarter "into a separate district with full power to choose Town Officers, grant and raise money from time to time to defray the necessary charges arising upon said district and for managing the other Affairs relating to said District, settling a Minister, erecting a meeting-house, granting and making all needful Roads and highways, together with all other Powers, Privileges and Immunities that Towns by Law enjoy, saving only the Privilege of sending one or more Representatives to the General Assembly..."⁴ This order was confirmed by the act of April 11, 1753, and by the King and his Council on July 7, 1756.⁵ The earliest preserved record of a district meeting is dated March 14, 1763.⁶ As was usual at this early date the church and town were closely related. The general court ordered on June 20, 1749, that a tax on lands be "levied and assessed . . . for erecting a Meeting House, Settling and Maintaining a minister...."⁷

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1. Province Acts and Resolves, III (1742-1756), notes on ch. 24, p. 653
 2. Ibid., p. 654
 3. Massachusetts Archives, CXV, "Towns, 1742-1751", pp. 453-455. See entry 245
 4. Province Acts and Resolves, XIV, (1747-1752), appendix IX, ch. 265, p. 234; Massachusetts Archives, CXV, "Towns, 1742-1751", pp. 456-474; "Towns, 1751-1754" pp. 363-364, (see entry 245b)
 5. Province Acts and Resolves, III, (1742-1756), ch. 25, p. 654; Massachusetts Archives, XXI, "Foreign Relations, 1751-1758," pp. 521, 525
 6. Town of Barre, Town Clerk, RECORD - TOWN OF BARRE, 1762--, (see entry 29), 7 vols., mss., I, pp. 60, 61. Hereafter cited as Town Record
 7. Province Acts and Resolves, XIV, (1747-1752), pp. 272, 666

Twenty-four years passed and Rutland District once more felt the urge to demand full township status. On June 22, 1773, a petition to the general court from the inhabitants of the district, presented by their agents, was read "Setting Forth . . . That the said District is of the content of six miles square and now contains about two hundred families; That ever since their incorporation they have joined with Rutland in the choice of a Representative, which they find very inconvenient, as many of the inhabitants of the said District live fifteen or sixteen miles from the place of election. And praying that the said District may be Incorporated into a Town and invested with the privileges to Towns belonging."¹ The petitioners were requested to notify the town of Rutland and the districts of Oakham and Hubbardston by serving attested copies of the petition to the clerks.² Since no answers were received, the petition was reread on February 10, 1774, and both houses of the general court ordered that the petitioners' "prayer be granted so far as to allow the petitioners to bring in a Bill for Incorporating."³

The choice of a name for the new town became a subject of keen controversy. In the actual act of incorporation, passed on June 17, 1774, the town was named Hutchinson, in honor of the former Governor Thomas Hutchinson a universally unpopular representative of the King.⁴ The inhabitants intensely disliked the name, and on February 5, 1776, petitioned that it be changed to Wilkes. They declared that in 1773 they had petitioned:

"for to be Sett off as a Town and So have the Connection with Rutland Subside and we So far Succeeded in our attempt as to obtain the approbation and Concurrence of both Houses: But the matter was not concurred by Governor Hutchinson, who was then in the Chair unless he could have the privilege of Filling the Blank but the House not willing to give up what they Viewed as their right the matter was not Completed Till Mr. Gage took the Chair who Very Soon after gave us a Specimen of what he was or intended to be to this Colony by filling up the Blank with that obnoxious name Hutchinson that well known Enemy to the natural and Stipulated rights of America which gave us a very Disagreeable Sensation of mind not Being able to Speake of the Town in which we Lived but our thoughts were necessarily Turned upon that ignominious Enemy of man kind and in a measure fill'd with Shame to tell where We Live when Requested. . . . Therefore we . . . did on the 17th of January last at a town meeting . . . voted unanimously to petition the general assembly of this colony to take

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1. Province Acts and Resolves, V, (1769-1780), p. 410
 2. House Journal, June 22, 1773
 3. Province Acts and Resolves, V, (1769-1780), pp. 410-411. See entry 249
 4. Ibid., p. 389; Massachusetts Archives, CXVIII, "Towns, 1764-1774", pp. 846-847. See entry 249

off and Cancil that obnoxious name Hutchinson . . . voted unanemously that it would give Content to the inhabitants of this Town to be incorporated by that Ever memorable friend to the rights and Liberties of America, namely Wilks."¹

On June 5, 1776, a resolve was passed to allow the change from Hutchinson to Wilkes.² On June 25, 1776, a bill changing the name to Barre was read twice.³ Finally November 7, 1776, after four additional readings, the latter act was passed.⁴

Both Wilkes and Isaac Barre, after whom the town was named as members of Parliament had been powerful champions of the colonists.⁵

When the Stamp Act had been introduced in Parliament by Grenville, Townshend its chief supporter, had spoken of the colonies as "children planted by our care, nourished by our indulgence, and protected by our arms". Practically alone in his opposition, Colonel Isaac Barre, a young Irish soldier of fortune had endeared himself to every American by the sensational retort:

"They planted by your care? No! your oppressions planted them in America! They nourished by your indulgence? They grew up by your neglect of them! They protected by your arms? The sons of liberty have nobly taken up arms in your defence! The people, I believe, are as truly loyal subjects as the King has; but a people jealous of their liberties, and who will vindicate them should they ever be violated!"⁶

Further resentment and hostility towards Tories and the mother country were plainly manifested by the complaint made to the general court relative to the conduct of John Caldwell, Captain John Black and Colonel William Buckminster in procuring a town meeting to consider Lord Howe's declaration for restoring peace in America by compromising disputed matters and by establishing the rights and privileges of the colonists. Although Caldwell had been a leader in the colonial cause in the town, and although Black and Buckminster had both fought at Bunker Hill and Buckminster been severely wounded there, the town was pleased when, on February 7, 1776, the court resolved:

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1. Province Acts and Resolves, V, (1769-1780), p. 676. See entry 250
 2. Idem, (notes); House Journal, May 29 - June 27, 1776, p. 135
 3. Province Acts and Resolves, V, (1769-1780), p. 676; House Journal, May 29 - June 27, 1776, p. 136. See entry 251
 4. Province Acts and Resolves, V, (1769-1780), p. 676. See also Town Record I, pages not numbered, for a copy of this act.
 5. Walker, op. cit., I, p. 345
 6. Quoted by George F. Babbitt at Barre Centennial Celebration, June 17, 1874. A Memorial of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Barre, published by the town, Cambridge, John Wilson and Son, 1875 p. 200. Hereafter cited as Barre Centennial. The names of both Wilkes and Barre have been joined to provide the name of the Pennsylvania city.

"that the Conduct of the said Caldwell and Black, in procuring a Town Meeting to be called for the purpose of considering the insidious Proposals contained in Lord Howe's Declarations before mentioned, was highly culpable, as it is of the most dangerous Tendency for a few Individuals to set up their private Opinions, on such important Subjects, in opposition to the general voice of America, and might have produced the worst Effects if they could have prevailed on the Inhabitants of the said Town to adopt the Plan they had proposed, which to the Honor of the said Town was rejected . . . that the Conduct of the said Caldwell, Black and Buckminster, in throwing out Reflections on the Congress and others in Authority, which were utterly groundless, had a manifest Tendency to defeat the Exertions of this and the United States for their mutual Defence, and to Subjugate as far as in them lay, this Continent to a despotic Power . . . that by their Conduct abovementioned, the said Caldwell, Black and Buckminster have proved themselves to be unfit to hold any office or Place of Trust within this State. . . . and them commit to the Common Goal . . ."¹

Barre's attitude toward the impending revolution was shown on June 10, 1776, when the town voted "to abide by the Continental Congress if they should declare us an Independent State and that we will defend the same with our lives and fortunes."² During the war Barre contributed more than its full quota of men and supplies. As is usual however, some men did more than their share in aiding the colonies and some shirked their duties. The town endeavored to equalize the value of the services of each man. Two lists were prepared, one showing what each man had advanced and done by way of credit for the prosecution of the war, and the other showing by valuation what each man's proportion should have been. The delinquents were expected to pay the balance against them into the town treasury and the legislature was petitioned and did authorize the collection of the sums assessed. After a few had settled their accounts, however, the matter was dropped.³

The "Barre Slave Case", tried before the Supreme Judicial Court in 1783, was the first and only test of the question of slavery under the state constitution. This case concerned a negro named Walker. Walker, or "Quork", was the slave of Nathaniel Jennison, a substantial farmer of Barre, who still claimed him as a slave, the adoption of the constitution in the spring of

1. Province Acts and Resolves, XIX, 1775-76, ch. 867, pp. 803-805. All three were shortly released on bonds but Caldwell was deprived of his commission as justice of the peace, Black of his commission as coroner and Buckminster of his pension as a wounded officer. Ibid., XIX, (1775-1776), ch. 1064, p. 890

2. Pierce, op. cit., I, p. 265

3. Walker, op. cit., I, p. 347; Massachusetts General Court, Acts and Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1780-1805, 13 vols., Boston, 1890-1898, Resolves, 1785, ch. 28. Hereafter the laws will be cited as follows: The session laws of 1780-1838 as Laws; of 1839-1914 as Acts; of 1915-1919 as General Acts or Special Acts; of 1919 to date as Acts. Resolves will be cited as Resolves or Special Resolves.

1780 notwithstanding. At having time Jennison needed Quork's services, but a neighbor, Caldwell, told the negro he was free and offered him employment. The slave left Jennison and secretly went to Caldwell's farm, where Jennison found him and attempted to force him to return. Jennison took the case to the Supreme Judicial Court which, at the April 1783 term, gave a decision freeing Quork and forever settling the question of slavery in Massachusetts.¹

Following the war, currency depreciated and credit was extinct. Despite a temporary act of 1782 making property legal tender for debts,² there was deep and widespread suffering among the people. Feeling ran high in Barre.^{2a} Many citizens of the town united in military bodies, one of which was led by Lieutenant Moses Smith. It was Smith who challenged the authority of Judge Ward and prevented the sitting of the court in Worcester in 1786. For his part in the rebellion Lieutenant Smith was suspended from the church and was suspected of the theft of the town's ammunition.³ On November 27, 1786 a committee of nine persons was elected, "to make Search for the Ammunition that belongs to the town which is taken without Leave from the Selectmen." The committee reported on December 18 that the missing ammunition had been found in the barn of a certain Joseph Smith "who does not know how it got there."⁴

A meeting was called on January 1, 1787 for the purpose of taking some action on a petition signed by some of the townspeople. A committee of seven was elected which was to report on January 18, 1787, and was empowered to draw up a petition to the general court "on any Subject that they shall judge proper to obtain peace and harmony again." The petition the committee drew up was accepted and sent to the general court:

"May it please your Excellency and the Honourable Council whereas application was made to sd town by number of its disaffected Inhabitants called Insurgents wishing the town to take up the matter as Mediators between Government and the disaffected subjects of sd town - we your petitioners deploring the situation of the Town, County, and Commonwealth in their present divided State, Disapproving in the Strongest manner the rising in arms in opposition to Government - deprecating the horrors of bloodshed in the Commonwealth; in particular one part of the County in arms against another, more especially Town and Neighbours against each other and . . . to all with accumulating horror an armed force ready to march from the Town at the call of Government while a party are ready to march in opposition from these Considerations and innumerable others familiar to our minds we pray your Excellency and your Honours to

1. Quork Walker vs. Jennison in Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the Year 1795, Boston, 1795, 10 vols. in series, IV of series I, p. 303; Walker op. cit., I, 352

2. Laws, 1782, ch. 21 2a. See entry 249

3. Walker, op. cit., I, pp. 349, 350. After the excitement of the rebellion had died down, Lieutenant Smith was reinstated in the church, regained civic favor and subsequently held many town offices.

4. Town Records, I, pages not numbered

seriously anticipate the consequences, and if consistent with your wisdom desist from prosecuting the matter with rigour until every conciliatory measure has been used consistant with the good safety and dignity of the Commonwealth - we your petitioners while attempting to mediate between the insulted Commonwealth and many of its disaffected subjects (of whom many have fought in the Glorious cause of their Country in the Late War, and on that account warmer in the affections of their fellow Citizens) beg leave to mention, that your petitioners are assured from some of the principle of sd subjects in whom we place confidence that the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of ye peace shall not be obstructed in doing business peaceably in the County of Worcester until after the next Session of the General Court provided their lives and properties can be safe from Seizure in consequence of their illegal opposition to Government, and they further assure us that they have petitioned your Excellency yesterday, than (that) an army may not march to Worcester and that they will not in consequence move or interrupt Sd Court - We your petitioners Sensible our local Scituation will not admit of our knowing every circumstance necessary to Judge with impartiality in the present dispute but we are assured of the uprightness of our intentions and the integrity of our hearts while we again pray your Excellency and your honours to anticipate the consequences we have above mentioned with deference to your more favoured scituation for determening your Superior Judgment, your Integrity and best Wishes for the good of the Commonwealth - your petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever pray."¹

The first church had been established on July 29, 1753, as the Congregational Church and Society in the Rutland District.² For more than half a century it remained the only church in town. The closeness of relations between the town and the church may be judged from the fact, that on April 7, 1806 it was in town meeting "Voted that the town will grant sufficient money to build a handsome Tower and Cupola provided Certain Individuals will give by Subscription Sufficient money for the purchase of a Bell and Clock and that the same shall be paid into the hands of a Committee of the Town Choose for that purpose."

A charge of immorality lodged against the minister, the Rev. James Thompson, and, in particular, dissatisfaction with his conduct during a "visitation of the school" on February 3, 1827 "where no person present, doubted his situation . . ." led to the holding of a church meeting, a

1. Town Record, I, pages not numbered. A copy of a letter dated August 17, 1791, signed by a Richard Mills states his regrets for having participated in Shays' Rebellion. Quoted in Barre Centennial, op. cit., I, p. 104

2. Walker, op. cit., I, p. 335

subsequent schism in the congregation, and the secession of some of the members to form a new church. On August 15, 1827 the new church was organized with a membership of twenty-three persons transferred from the first parish, two received by letter and five examined by a council and admitted by profession. The records of another meeting held on November 17, to adopt articles of agreement, show thirty-three names appended to the articles. A committee of three was elected to make out certificates to be filed in the office of the town clerk for such persons as wished to become members of the Evangelical Congregational Society. The final organizational meeting was held January 14, 1828.¹

The town records also contain certificates,² dated variously from 1826 to 1838, of membership in the Universalist and Baptist churches organized in 1838 and 1811, respectively.³ A Catholic mission station, established at Barre about 1838 by a Father Fitton and revived by his successor Rev. Matthew Gibson about 1854, was finally organized as St. Joseph's Church in 1858.⁴ Barre now has four churches at Barre Center: The Unitarian or First Parish, the Congregational, the Methodist, founded in 1844,⁵ St. Joseph's founded in 1849;⁶ and two churches at South Barre; St. Thomas' Roman Catholic, organized in 1909,⁷ and Christ Church, Episcopalian, established in 1910 through the gift of Sir Francis Willey, Lord Barnby, founder of the Barre Wool Combing Co.⁸

One of the reasons for autonomy cited by the inhabitants of the Northwest Quarter in their petition in 1742 was that they had "little or no benefit from the school in Rutland as they were too far away. . . ."⁹ Although district status was granted them in 1749 the earliest extant record regarding schools dates from 1765 and concerns three orders for money paid by the treasurer to three schoolmasters.¹⁰ At the annual town meeting of March 25, 1765 forty pounds was appropriated so that "school be kept in 6 parts."¹¹ We know that two years later school was being kept in six different homes within the district.¹² In 1769

1. Barre Congregational Church, Records, mss., book 1, 1827-1847, pages not numbered

2. Town Records, II, pages not numbered

3. First Universalist Church, Minute Book, 1838-1853, 1 vol., ms., in possession of town clerk, Barre. For an account of the Baptist Church see Walker, *op. cit.*, p. 341

4. Rev. John J. McCoy, History of the Catholic Church, Springfield Diocese, Boston, Hurd and Everts Co., 1900, pp. 8, 9, 154, 211, 212.

5. Barre Methodist Episcopal Church, Minute Books, 1844-1938, 2 vols., mss., in possession of Mrs. W. Peck, 10 Park St., Barre

6. Interview with Rev. Fr. M. W. Mulhane, pastor

7. Interview with Rev. Fr. William H. O'Malley, pastor

8. Christ Church, Minute Books, 1910-1938, 2 vols., mss., in possession of parish clerk, Baines Halliwell

9. Province Acts and Resolves, III (1742-1756), ch. 25, sec. 1

10. Town Record, I, p. 97

11. Ibid., I, March 25, 1765, page not numbered

12. Ibid., I, p. 106

it was voted to make assessments for "report of school . . . to be Laid out by the Discretion of the Selectmen."¹ Although a special committee in 1784 recommended the erection of eight schoolhouses and 100 pounds was appropriated for schools that year,² the first vote for the building of schoolhouses does not occur until November 18, 1790 when it was voted to build eight.³ A vote passed in 1792 is significant: "Voted that the Gentlemen Selectmen of Barre for the future be requested when they employ a Grammar School Master to direct him to the several Districts in Rotation, and keep said School in each district so long as their proportion of School Money for the year shall be sufficient to pay the expense."⁴ The school funds allocated to each district were therefore the same as the proportion of total taxes raised by each district. And since the time of only one schoolmaster was shared by all districts in rotation, it may be imagined how inadequate was the schooling furnished to each. It is also clear from this vote that the supervision of such schools as existed was entrusted to the selectmen, at least until 1800 when it began to be the practice to elect a "Committee to Visit Schools" consisting at first of only three members, but expanded later to include the minister and a member from each school district.⁵ These prudential or visiting committees hired teachers and determined the scholarly attainments of both teachers and pupils until the regular school committee of three was elected in 1860.⁶

On April 4, 1825, the town voted to raise \$1800 on condition that "the Inhabitants by subscription procure a good spot of land on which to erect an Academy and erect the same. . . . and after said building is fitted and ready to receive schollars there shall be two hundred dollars assessed each and every year for the term of nine years, which sum shall be turned over to the trustees of said Academy. And each family in said town shall have a right to send their schollars one quarter each free from Tuition for the term of nine years, subject to the direction of a Committee chosen by the Town for that purpose."⁷ A committee of three was chosen to appoint a non-resident committee to determine the location of the academy.⁸ No further action is recorded, however, and in 1834 a private high school was established in the town.⁹ On December 22, 1838, as a result, no doubt, of the normal school movement inaugurated by Horace Mann, the town voted to lease the second story of the town house to the state board of education for a term of three years at \$1.00 a year as a normal school.¹⁰ This school was suspended in 1841. On March 7, 1842 an article was inserted in the warrant "to see if the town will grant the use of the School room in the town house

1. Town Record, I, p. 132

2. Ibid., II, meeting of November 29, 1784, pages not numbered. The schoolhouse at the center was to be 25 feet by 30, the others 25 feet square

3. Ibid., II, pages not numbered

4. Ibid., II, pages not numbered

5. Ibid., II, pages not numbered, to IV, p. 264

6. Ibid., IV, p. 284

7. Ibid., III, p. 238

8. Ibid., p. 239

9. Pierce, op. cit., I, p. 263

10. Town Record, III; p. 442

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to Mr. --- during the summer for the Academy which he proposes commencing here, provided said room should not be wanted for the Normal School. . . . "1
No action was taken until May 6, 1844 when it was "voted that the town grant the School Room in the Town House for a high school without pay on condition the teacher keep the same in as good repair as it is now. . . . "2

A few years later on April 5, 1852, the town meeting appointed a committee of seventeen members, one from each school district to consider the advisability of establishing a high school. On the recommendation of the committee the town voted to establish the school and appropriated \$600 for instruction.³ In 1869 when the district system of school administration was abolished by state law the town voted that the selectmen and school committee take all necessary steps to comply.⁴ The joint committee then appraised each of the seventeen district school houses with their contents at \$8654.44, which were thenceforth turned over to the school committee for administration.⁵

The later development of the Barre public school system is summarized in Table I. It will be noted that, with the growth of population and wealth, an increasingly larger annual appropriation has been made for schools up to 1935, since which date the appropriation has somewhat declined. The number of separate schools reached its peak of eighteen in the middle of the nineteenth century, since which time the tendency has been to concentrate the students in fewer physical units for greater efficiency in teaching. The number of teachers has increased slightly from 28 in 1895 to 31 in 1937. Although total enrollment has fluctuated between a low of 313 in 1885⁶ and a high of 842 in 1935, that of 1937, 728, was almost exactly that of a century earlier. It may be said therefore, that the Barre schools have passed through their period of growth and reached maturity.

1. Town Records, III, p. 487

2. Ibid., III, p. 519

3. Ibid., IV, p. 146, 148

4. Acts, 1869, ch. 110; Town Record, IV, pp. 539, 541

5. Idem

6. This decline is attributed to the exodus of young men and women to metropolitan centers. Barre Gazette, Souvenir Supplement, May, 1897

Table I

School Statistics At Approximately Ten Year Intervals
1765 - 1865

Year	Cost	No Schools	No. of Scholars
1765 ¹	40 pounds	6	
1774 ²	41 pounds		
1775 ³	- o -		
1784 ⁴	100 pounds		
1795 ⁵	100 pounds	8	
1805 ⁶	\$700		
1815 ⁷	800	10	
1825 ⁸	800	12	
1835 ⁹	1200	14	
1838 ¹⁰	1300	13	711
1845 ¹¹	1800	15	
1855 ¹²	3186	18	734
1865 ¹³	5156	18	556

1. Town Record, I, March 27, 1765, pages not numbered
2. Ibid., I, April 11, 1774, pages not numbered
3. No money was granted for schools in 1775. Ibid., I, April 10, 1775, pages not numbered
4. Ibid., II, September 20, 1784, pages not numbered
5. Ibid., II, April 6, 1795, pages not numbered
6. Ibid., II, April 1, 1805, pages not numbered
7. Ibid., III, April 3, 1815, pages not numbered
8. Ibid., III, April 4, 1825, p. 237
9. Ibid., III, March 2, 1835, p. 391
10. Massachusetts Legislative Documents, 673 vols., published intermittently prior to 1826 and annually thereafter by the Commonwealth, 1838, p. 76. Two private schools were also in existence in Barre, according to this source. Twelve female teachers were employed in summer, twelve male teachers in winter. Of the \$1300 appropriation, \$1100 was for salaries of teachers.
11. Town Record, III, March 3, 1845, p. 529
12. Report of the School Committee of the Town of Barre, 1855-1856, pub. by the town, p. 20. The enrollment was 467 in the 17 summer schools and the cost \$2130.96. The enrollment was 598 in the 17 winter schools and the cost \$455.20. The winter term must therefore have been very brief. The terms varied between 1.75 and 3.75 months. The enrollment in the high school (four classes) was 202 and the cost \$600. The course of study in the high school was entirely elective until 1864 when required courses were established. Annual Reports, January 31, 1900, p. 47
13. Annual Report, Feb. 20, 1866, pp. 7, 8. The 17 summer schools enrolled 509, the 17 winter schools 524 at a total cost of \$4273.85. The high school attendance averaged 36 in the fall, 33 in the winter and 50 in the spring session, the total cost being \$882.80. The term varied from 2 to 6 months. See also Report of the School Committee, op. cit., 1865-6, p. 13

Table I (cont'd)

School Statistics at Approximately Ten Year Intervals (cont'd)
1875 - 1937

Year	Cost	No. of Schools	No. of Scholars	Year	Cost	No. of Schools	No. of Scholars
1875 ¹	\$5588	17	402	1915 ⁶	20,636	8	535
1885 ²	4971	14	313	1925 ⁷	53,407	9	834
1895 ³	7200	14	353	1935 ⁸	64,575	4	842
1905 ⁴	8700	13	406	1937 ⁹	61,000	3	728
1911 ⁵	15000	8	491				

1. Annual Reports, Feb. 21, 1876, pp. 6, 7; Report of the School Committee, 1875-6, pp. 15, 16. The figures were: Enrollment in 13 schools in the spring session, 328; in 13 schools in the fall session, 335; in 16 schools in the winter session, 365, all held at a cost of \$4037.45. The enrollment in the high school was 53 in the spring, 54 in the fall and 69 in the winter, the cost being \$1550.95. The school term of each session varied between 2.25 and 3.0 months.

2. Annual Reports, Feb. 20, 1886, p. 11; Report of the School Committee, 1885-6, pp. 5-7; Ibid., 1886-7, p. 4. The figures were: Enrollment in 13 schools in the spring term, 290; in 12 schools in the fall session, 255; in 12 schools in the winter session, 268; the total cost being \$3470.96. The enrollment in the high school was 33 in the spring, 46 in the fall, and 46 in the winter terms, and the cost \$1500. The terms varied from nine to twelve weeks. High school hours were thirty per week.

3. Annual Reports, Jan. 31, 1895, p. 41. There were 28 teachers that year. The common school terms were 10, 14 and 10 weeks for the spring, fall and winter terms, respectively; the corresponding terms in the high school being 12, 17, and 12 weeks.

4. Annual Reports, Dec. 31, 1905, pp. 45, 48, 49, 51, 59, 61. Of the total enrollment 56 were in the high school, 9 of these being pupils from other towns. There were 4 teachers in the high school besides supervisors of drawing and music and 15 teachers in the other schools. The terms were 12 weeks in the spring, 16 weeks in the fall and 8 weeks in the winter except in the high school where they were 12 weeks in winter.

5. Annual Reports, Dec. 31, 1911, pp. 59, 61, 64, 66, 67, 71, 72, 77-79. There were 20 regular teachers and three special teachers of drawing, music, and manual training.

6. Ibid., Dec. 31, 1915, pp. 3-5, 12, 17, 18, 28-31. The enrollment included 95 in the high school, which now had a domestic science course, including cooking. The term was 39 weeks in the common schools and 41 weeks in the high school. There were 20 teachers and 3 special teachers.

7. Ibid., Dec. 31, 1925, pp. 3, 4, 22, 23, 55, 58. The enrollment included 107 in the high school. The term was 39 and 41 weeks in the common and high schools, respectively. There were 25 teachers besides supervisors of music, drawing and manual training.

8. Ibid., Dec. 31, 1935, pp. 3-6, 18-20, 47, 48. The enrollment included 219 in the high school. The cost does not include receipts from the dog tax also applied to schools. There were 27 teachers and 5 special teachers. The term was 38 and 40 weeks in the common and high schools, respectively.

9. Ibid., Dec. 31, 1937, pp. 3-6, 50, 51. There were 26 teachers and 5 special teachers. The terms were 38 weeks in the grade schools and 39 weeks in the high school.

One of the earliest private schools established in Massachusetts for the education of the feeble-minded was the Elm Hill School, founded in Barre in June 1848 by Dr. Harvey B. Wilbur.¹ The Stetson Home Boys' School was founded in 1899 by Henry Augustus Pevear of Lynn in honor of his mother, Mary Anna Stetson, to give educational opportunities to homeless boys.²

The town library, one of the first public libraries in the state, was founded in 1857.³ For almost thirty years the library was housed in the post office.⁴ Predecessors of the public library were the small libraries established in each school district in 1842, when Barre took advantage of the legislative allocation of fifteen dollars from the school fund to each town that would add an equal or a larger sum for the purchase of books.⁵ In 1857 a bequest of \$500 was offered by the estate of Samuel S. Gates, a native of Barre, on condition that the town raise and appropriate a like sum for a public library.⁶ The town voted to accept the gift and a committee of five was elected to establish and open the library on November first following.⁷ In 1866 a gift of \$1,000 was made by another public-spirited resident of Barre. One aim of the Barre Library Association, incorporated on March 25, 1885, was to erect a suitable building. In 1886 Henry Woods of Boston, a native of Barre, bought land and financed construction of a \$25,000 brick building, the Woods Memorial Library Building, commemorating his deceased parents and brother. He presented the building in trust to the Barre Library Association. He also endowed the association with the Edwin Woods Fund of \$5,000.⁸ The title to the library building erected in 1886 and dedicated in 1887, is held by the library association, but it is to all intents and purposes public property.⁹ The association is in reality only a trustee for the administration of the property, solely for the public good, and not for any private use or advantage.¹⁰ A museum of fine arts and natural history is now maintained by the association in connection with the library, occupying the second floor of the library building.

The Barre Water Company, a private corporation established in 1894, supplied the town with water until April 2, 1906, when the town voted an appropriation of \$34,669.21 to buy the company's property with all the rights and privileges granted in the charter.¹¹ On May 27, 1932, an enabling act was passed providing for the construction of a sewerage system for

1. Twenty-Fifth Biennial Report of the Elm Hill School, Private Institution for the Education of Feeble Minded Youths, Barre, 1898

2. Barre Gazette, May 24, 1924, section C, 6B

3. "Report of the Library Committee" in Annual Report of the School Committee, 1887-1888, entry 138, p. 14.

4. Barre Gazette, "Souvenir Supplement", May, 1897

5. Acts, 1842, ch. 74

6. Barre Gazette, "Souvenir Supplement", May, 1897

7. Town Record, IV, pp. 230, 231

8. Barre Gazette, "Souvenir Supplement", May, 1897

9. Henry H. Cook, Dedication of the Woods Memorial Library Building at Barre, Mass., Dec. 30, 1887, Barre, Gazette office, 1888

10. Acts, 1885, ch. 105; 1888, ch. 186

11. Acts, 1894, ch. 365; Town Record, VI, p. 114. The town also assumed a note of the Barre Water Company which matured and was paid on August 26, 1906, the principal and interest amounting to \$39,794.21

the purpose of maintaining and protecting the purity of the water supply.¹ The conduits from the great Quabbin Reservoir to the Boston Metropolitan Water System pass through Barre, and the state pays the town \$900 annually as a part of the cost of maintenance of the system.²

Before the middle of the nineteenth century there had been considerable interest in securing for Barre adequate rail connection with Worcester and Boston. An act of the legislature in 1847 incorporating the Barre and Worcester Railroad Company was not taken advantage of by the original promoters, and the time of the enabling act was extended before anything definite was done.³ Meanwhile agitation for a railroad continued, and another act was passed extending the time further, and changing the name of the company to the Boston, Barre and Gardner Corporation.⁴ Still further extensions of time to the newly named road were granted on various occasions from 1851 to 1868.⁵ The committee of the Massachusetts House of Representatives gave in 1874 an explanation of the part this road has played in the local politics of the county:

This road (the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad) has figured conspicuously in all the contests for a division of Worcester County since it was chartered, in 1847. The building or not building of this road, it appears from the documents, has been held up, in terrorem over the people of the northwest corner of the county for more than twenty years. By Senate Document No. 140, for 1854, it was made to appear that some of those who, in 1853, favored a new county had been induced to change their minds, and to sign remonstrances in opposition to such new county by the statement that if the present county arrangements were allowed to continue, the city of Worcester would aid in the construction of this road; but that if a new county were formed, no funds could be expected from that city for such an investment. At all events the road was not in running order until long after the capstone was laid upon the new courthouse at Fitchburg.*⁶

The Barre and North Brookfield Railroad Company, chartered in 1852 and for which construction time was extended in 1854, 1856, and 1857, never materialized.⁷ Another line was projected under the name of the Ware River Railroad, to extend from Palmer to Winchendon, but chiefly because of the threat of a rival line construction was delayed. A charter was obtained,

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1. Acts, 1932, ch. 262
 2. Acts, 1934, ch. 307
 3. Acts, 1847, ch. 276; 1848, ch. 106
 4. Acts, 1849, ch. 55
 5. Ibid., 1851, ch. 63; 1853, ch. 336; 1856, ch. 114; 1857, ch. 93; 1859, ch. 97; 1863, ch. 84; 1865, ch. 18; 1868, ch. 30
 6. Massachusetts General Court; House Document No. 324, Boston, published by the Commonwealth, 1874
 7. Acts, 1852, ch. 176; 1854, ch. 382; 1856, ch. 29; 1857, ch. 142

however, and renewed from time to time.¹ The first section of this line, from Palmer to Gilbertville, was constructed in 1869, ground being broken for its extension to Winchendon the following year. It was finally completed and opened for operation in the fall of 1873. It is now a part of the Boston and Albany Railroad. The same year in which work was begun on this road still another line, the Massachusetts Central, aided by the town, obtained its charter.² Reorganized under the name of the Central Massachusetts Railroad Company, it ran trains through the town from Boston in 1887.³ This railroad, which is now part of the Boston and Maine system, still serves the town. Barre never obtained the street railway service contemplated when the Barre Street Railway Company received a charter in 1897 and renewals in 1900 and 1902.⁴

Before 1878 Barre had no means of telegraph and telephone communication with the outside world. In that year a telegraph wire was run along the Ware River Railroad for commercial and railroad use.⁵ Telephone service was established August 30, 1898, with two employees serving forty subscribers.⁶

Barre owes its industrial life to two rivers which flow through it: the Ware and Princè Rivers. As early as 1753, small saw and grist mills utilized the power. A more ambitious attempt to harness it was undertaken by Captain Seth Pratt, who in 1805 built a dam on the Ware River which served as a nucleus for several small mills near what is now Barre Plains.⁷ Prior to 1800, bricks were manufactured from native clay.⁸ In 1837 the Wadsworth Woolen Company was established to manufacture woolen goods.⁹

The industrial progress of Barre can be traced thereafter by comparisons of statistics available at approximately ten-year intervals. In 1838 the town's single cotton mill, with \$60,000 invested capital, had 2550 spindles, employed 55 males and 20 females and produced 720,000 yards of cotton goods valued at \$57,000. Two woolen mills with \$42,000 invested capital, employed 40 males and 26 females and produced 35,000 yards of woolen cloth worth \$104,000. These firms were industrial giants, however, as compared with the remaining establishments. There were two tanneries employing three persons, a shoe manufacturer employing ten, a hat-maker employing four (only four

1. Acts, 1851, ch. 326; 1857, ch. 126; 1867, ch. 76; 1869, ch. 138; 1873, ch. 217

2. Annual Reports, Feb. 22, 1870, pp. 8, 9; *ibid.*, 1871, p. 8; Acts, 1869, ch. 260

3. Acts, 1883, ch. 64; Walker, *op. cit.*, I, p. 359

4. *Ibid.*, 1897, ch. 217; 1900, ch. 124; 1902, ch. 268

5. Barre Gazette, Souvenir Supplement, May, 1897

6. Interview with manager of Worcester office of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company

7. Barre Centennial, *op. cit.*, p. 119

8. Walker, *op. cit.*, I, p. 356

9. Laws, 1837, ch. 81

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regular workers but an unspecified number of home or piece workers in addition), three scythe manufacturers employing five, one axe-maker employing two, two chair and cabinet-makers employing five, a maker of tinware employing six, five carriage manufacturers employing thirty-one, and a maker of copper pumps employing two.¹

Seven years later the production of the cotton mill had fallen to 555,000 yards but the increase of prices had sustained its value at \$55,400. The two woolen mills turned out approximately the same number of yards of wool but its value had risen to \$130,000. To the lesser establishments had been added: A manufacturer of machinery; a casting foundry; a maker of saddles, harnesses and trunks; and a maker of upholstery. One of the tanneries, two scythe factories, and one of the chair-makers had gone out of business since 1838 but \$7000 worth of railroad cars, coaches and chaises, turned out in 1845, had made up for the loss. Where in 1838, 607,000 palm-leaf hats worth \$167,200 had been manufactured, only 92,550 hats were made in 1845. But in the latter year that hat establishment paid \$20,000 in wages to 415 women and girls.²

Ten years later, in 1855, the invested capital of the cotton mill had increased to \$75,000, the number of spindles to 4096 and the production had more than doubled to 1,196,000 yards worth \$83,720. The greater productivity of labor is shown by the fact that only 30 males and 35 females were employed. The two woolen mills still employed 34 males and 27 females but the value of their product had shrunk to about \$80,000. The palm-leaf hat industry still employed five men and 600 women (the latter probably in home industry) to turn out hats valued at \$70,000. Another hat and cap-maker employed eight; two tinware-makers, twelve; the maker of saddles, harnesses and trunks, four. The other small establishments had disappeared but ten persons were employed in making boxes and packing cases for the other factories; four were employed in making casks; two in making window-sashes, doors and blinds; and two in making ploughs. The foundry making hollow ware and castings other than pig iron now employed eight men and its product had increased five-fold to 100 tons.³

By 1865 the Civil War had wrought many changes in Barre industry. The employment and value of the product of the foundry had shrunk 50%. The 20 men and 55 girls employed at the cotton mill turned out 520,000 yards of cloth but average prices had risen from \$.07 to \$.25 a yard so that the total value of the product was \$130,000. The 30 men and 17 women employed in the two woolen mills turned out over 400,000 yards of cloth valued at \$241,500. The product of the powder mill, as might be expected, had increased ten-fold

1. Massachusetts Legislative Documents, 1838, pp. 44, 45

2. Figures for 1838 taken from Massachusetts Legislative Documents, op. cit., pp. 44, 45; those for 1845 from a reprint in Barre Gazette for July 23, 1909 of article published in Barre Patriot for February 27, 1846

3. Industry of Massachusetts, 1855, prepared from official returns by Francis DeWitt, Secretary of the Commonwealth; Boston, William White, printer to the state; 1856, pp. 471, 472

to 525,000 pounds valued at \$184,750 and it employed fourteen persons. Two smaller establishments employing eleven persons made powder casks. Five establishments, employing in all 37 males and 90 females, made palm-leaf hats, hoods and bonnets valued at \$206,526. Two other firms employing 19 prepared the palm leaf. There were also eleven saw mills, one planing mill, two box factories, two cabinet shops, two tinware shops, and two makers of coffins, none of which employed more than two or three persons. The distinctively new industries were: Five flour mills; a printing and newspaper plant employing five; a mattress factory with six hands; two tailoring and dress-making shops with 16 workers; two soap-makers; an ice house; also a "daguerrian and photographic" establishment. Eight other persons were employed in making textile machinery; four in making ploughs and other agricultural tools; five in making saddles, harnesses, and trunks; two in stone-cutting; sixteen in building; eight as blacksmiths; nine in making boots and shoes.¹

During the nineteenth century Barre occupied an important place in the commercial life of the county. An early store was that of Benjamin Clark established in Barre Plains about 1815 and later moved to Barre Center. In 1824 the stock in trade of this store was valued at \$2500.² Charles F. Hovey, assisted by two other Barre residents, Henry Woods and Samuel P. Mandell founded the C.F. Hovey Company of Boston, at present one of the large department stores in that city. All three received their early training in merchandising in Barre.³ Twenty seven trading establishments and four general stores in Barre sold in 1905 goods to the value of \$331,000.⁴

Dairying, agriculture and the raising of cattle, sheep and swine have long been important in Barre where the Worcester County West Agricultural Society was incorporated on May 24, 1851 for the encouragement of agriculture.⁵ In 1838 there were 591 sheep in the town.⁶ In 1845 there were 2960 neat cattle, besides 460 swine and 470 sheep.⁷ Ten years later the number of sheep had fallen to 202; there were 119 steers, 468 heifers and 369 oxen; but the number of cows was 1587.⁸ It is said that from 1846 to 1850 the farmers of Barre brought in for sale at one of the stores 2,754,664 pounds of cheese valued at \$220,373 and 539,998 pounds of pork valued at \$37,800.⁹ Dairy products and the hay crops which were necessary to them continued to be the town's

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1. Massachusetts Industries, 1865, pp. 347-359
 2. Barre Centennial, op. cit., pp. 235, 236; VALUATION LIST FOR THE TOWN OF BARRE, 1800-1938, 86 vols., mss., I, unpagcd. See entry 82
 3. Barre Centennial, op. cit., p. 237
 4. Census of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1905, 4 vols., prepared under the direction of the Chief of the Bureau of the Statistics of Labor; Boston, Wright and Potter Printing Co., State Printers; 1909, IV, pp. 173, 272
 5. Acts, 1851, ch. 278
 6. Massachusetts Legislative Documents, 1838, pp. 44, 45
 7. Barre Gazette, July 23, 1909, reprint of article in Barre Patriot of February 27, 1846
 8. Industry of Massachusetts, 1855, op. cit., p. 472
 9. Barre Centennial, op. cit., p. 119

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chief non-industrial products. In 1865 there were 286 farms which, with their buildings, were valued at \$935,420. A total of 421 persons were employed on them.¹ In 1905 there were still 266 farms including 37 dairy farms; the total value of these farms was \$1,127,110; and the value of all farm products was \$360,580 of which dairy products constituted 41%, and hay, straw and fodder 31%.² By 1925 the number of farms had fallen to 157, by 1935 to 127.³ Of Barre's total land area of 28,349 acres 62% was included in farms at January 1, 1935 and 25% was improved land in 1934.⁴ The size of the average Barre farm in 1934, was 138 acres, one of the largest in Worcester County.⁵ Between 1924 and 1934 the number of cows milked in Barre had increased 21% from 1048 to 1263 and at the latter date was the largest in the county.⁶ Only 20% of Barre's total farm land is rented, and only 26% of her farms were not operated by full owners at January 1, 1935.⁷ A third of Barre's farm operators were part time farmers in 1934, working, on the average, half the year in other occupations.⁸

The principal manufacturing industries in the town today are the Charles G. Allen Company and the Barre Wool Combing Company, Ltd. The former, established in 1863 as a manufactory of farm implements, is today the producer of the Allen ball-bearing, drilling and tapping machine.⁹ The latter company was established in 1905 by Sir Francis Willey, Lord Barnby, of Bradford, England, with a capitalization of \$1,500,000. Two smaller companies, the Norway Worsted Company, Inc., and the Frank Willey Company were also founded by Lord Barnby.¹⁰ In 1922 Barre had eight manufacturing establishments with \$2,957,738 invested capital, annual production worth, \$2,507,695, and wages totalling \$702,064 paid to 685 workers.¹¹

A strike at the Barre Wool Combing Company in the summer of 1939 was important on its own account and also for its impact upon municipal finances. Because of the company's refusal to rehire four discharged girl workers, whom it declared guilty of insubordination, from 150 to 200 employees, members of a local of the United Textile Workers Union, affiliated with the

1. Massachusetts Industries, 1865, pp. 549, 550

2. Census of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1905, op. cit., IV, p. 72

3. Massachusetts State College, United States Department of Agriculture and County Extension Services in Agriculture and Home Economics, Worcester County - Agricultural Census Figures by Towns for 1925 and 1935 - County Totals from 1880 to 1935, in two parts, prepared under the direction of Geo. W. Wescott, Extension Economist, data from United States Agricultural Census Tabulations, mimeographed volume, part I, p. 5. Hereafter cited as Agricultural Census, 1925 and 1935

4. Idem

5. Idem

6. Ibid., part II, p. 77

7. Ibid., p. 97

8. Ibid., p. 99

9. Barre Gazette, May 24, 1934, vol., 100, 5A, 5B

10. Ibid., vol., 100, 5B; Crane, op. cit., II, p. 710

11. Crane, op. cit., II, p. 615

American Federation of Labor, went on strike July 25th. About 600 workers, members of the South Barre Employees Local Union, which the strikers called a "company union", refused to participate.¹ On July 31st, 40 state troopers were assigned to patrol the area, but these were removed by Governor Saltonstall on August 16th upon the promise of the strikers to preserve order.² On August 21st, however, disorder continuing, sixteen deputy sheriffs under the direction of H. Oscar Rocheleau, Sheriff of Worcester County, were engaged by the town.³ Two days later the situation became so tense that the sheriff closed all roads into the area, which was practically under martial law.⁴ The non-strikers, having meanwhile joined the C.I.O., hearings commenced on August 24th before an examiner of the National Labor Relations Board.⁵ The strike was finally settled September 21st at a meeting of representatives of both groups of workers, company officials and representatives of the National Labor Relations Board and the State Board of Labor and Arbitration.⁶

So burdensome had the cost of the strike become to the town that the town treasurer Clyde H. Swan appealed, although unsuccessfully, for state aid in meeting it. The salaries, board, and lodging of the deputy sheriffs together with other expenses amounted eventually to approximately \$36,000.⁷ The cost of guns, tear gas and other equipment amounted to \$4435.⁸ Subsequent allegations of corruption in the appointment of deputy sheriffs are currently under investigation.⁹ Meanwhile on March 15, 1940 the National Labor Relations Board certified the Textile Workers Union (C.I.O.) as the bargaining unit of the employees of the Barre Wool Combing Company by reason of a vote of 406 to 241 for the rival United Textile Workers.¹⁰

Barre is now served by two banks, the Barre branch of the Worcester County Trust Company and the Barre Savings Bank. The former had many predecessors: the First National Bank of Barre, organized in 1882; the Second National Bank of Barre, incorporated March 12, 1912; and finally, the Second National Bank, incorporated October 11, 1929.¹¹ The Barre Savings Bank was incorporated May 1, 1869.¹² Of the "Bank of Barre", chartered in 1848 for a limited term expiring October 1, 1851, there is no further record.¹³

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1. Boston Daily Globe, July 26 and 27, 1939
 2. Ibid., August 1, 1939; August 17, 1939
 3. Ibid., August 21, 1939
 4. Ibid., August 24, 1939
 5. Ibid., August 19, 1939; Boston Evening Globe, August 24, 1931
 6. Boston Evening Globe, September 21, 1939
 7. Boston Post, March 13, 1940
 8. Boston Herald, December 8, 1939. In the Boston Transcript of September 13, 1939 a news article appeared in which Clyde H. Swan, the town treasurer, stated that the cost of tear gas was \$800 a week
 9. Boston Post, March 13, 1940
 10. Boston Globe, March 16, 1940
 11. Barre Savings Bank, Bank Records; Sherman Porter, Moody's Banks and Insurance, Moody's Investors Service, New York, 1929, pp. 366, 2179
 12. Acts, 1869, ch. 220; Barre Savings Bank, Bank Records; also Annual Statement, July 15, 1938
 13. Acts, 1848, ch. 110

Apart from its other distinctions, Barre has enjoyed prestige as a summer resort. The Barre Village Improvement Society, incorporated in 1869,¹ has been active in improving local conditions. Its particular interest is the care of Barre Common and its trees, shrubs, and annual plantings.² Jacob Riis, reformer and social worker, who came to America from Denmark in 1870, found the district so attractive that in 1911 he purchased a farm in Barre and made his home there until his death in 1914.³ In 1925, the town received the land now known as Rockingstone Park as a gift from George Elias of Newton.⁴ In 1932 Arthur P. Felton, a former resident of Barre, gave the town a tract of land and buildings formerly used as fair grounds for the Worcester County Agricultural Society, to serve primarily for a high school athletic contests.⁵ He also gave \$10,000 for the maintenance and improvement of the buildings and grounds. Both Rockingstone Park and Felton Field are now administered by separate boards of trustees.⁶

The population has grown from a handful of settlers in 1730, to 100 persons in 1794, 734 in 1765, 1613 in 1790, and 3,509 in 1935.⁷ With an area of 44.3 square miles, Barre is the largest town in area in Worcester County.⁸ In shape the town is almost a square with its corners set to the north, south, east, and west. A cluster of no less than eight towns surrounds it. Phillipston touches it on the northeast corner; Hubbardston lies along the entire eastern boundary, Rutland and Oakham lie to the south, New Braintree and Hardwick to the west, and Dana and Petersham to the north. The present day villages within the town are called Barre Center, South Barre, Barre Plains, High Plains, White Valley, Rice Village (formerly Cold Brook), and Heald Village or the Valley.

1. Acts, 1896, ch. 192

2. Interview with Mr. Sherwood C. Case, chairman of the executive committee

3. Article by Betty Boyd in Springfield Republican, March 26, 1932; Annual Reports, 1914, p. 21

4. Barre Gazette, May 24, 1934, C, 12E

5. Acts, 1934, ch. 248

6. See pp.

7. See p.

8. Agricultural Census, 1925 and 1935, op. cit., part I, p. 5

TABLE II. POPULATION¹

	1749	1765	1776	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840
Number of Families				297					
Free White Males 16 Years and Above				426					
Free White Males Under 16 Years				401					
Free White Males				748					
All Other Free Persons				38					
All Other Free Persons Except Indians Not Taxed					71	59			
Foreigners Not Naturalized							1	5	
Total Number of Free Colored Persons							36	12	
Persons Engaged in Agriculture							322		529
Persons Engaged in Commerce							13		17
Persons Engaged in Manufactures and Trades							86		198
Persons Engaged in Learned Professions and Engineers									9
Number of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Service									10
Total Population	100	734	1,329	1,613	1,937	1,971	2,077	2,503	2,751

	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1935
Total Whites	2,962	2,961	2,562							
Total Free Colored	14	12	10							
Total Population	2,976	2,973	2,572	2,419	2,239	2,059	2,957	3,357	3,510	3,509

1. The figure for 1749 is approximate, taken from a petition on file in the Massachusetts Archives, CXV, "Towns, etc., 1742-1751", p. 454. The figure is taken from Early Census Making in Massachusetts, 1643-1765, with a Reproduction of the Lost Census of 1765 Recently Found, Boston, 1905. The figure for 1776 is taken from Collections of the American Statistical Association, Containing Statistics of Population in Massachusetts, prepared by Joseph B. Felt, Vol. 1, Part II, Boston, 1845. The figures for 1790-1900 are originally from U.S. decennial census publications as summarized in Census of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1905, op. cit., I, p. 811. The figures for 1910-1930 are taken from the decennial U.S. census publications which, together with those of the state census of 1935, are summarized in Decennial Census 1935, compiled by Frederic W. Cook, Secretary of the Commonwealth, and William N. Hardy, State Census Director, pamphlet, no date or place of publication, p. 15

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TABLE III. AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES AS ASSESSED

Date	No. of Polls	Value of Personal Estate	Value of Real Estate	Total Value Real and Personal Estate	Tax Rate per \$1000	Total State, County, Town Tax
1800 ¹	391			\$ 183,962	\$ 8.00	
1813 ¹	444			199,207	8.20	
1820 ¹	479			198,450	14.00	
1824 ¹	535			39,658 ⁶	56.00 ⁸	
1830 ²	617			841,030	3.00	\$ 3,019.21
1834 ²	650			93,033 ⁷	45.00 ⁹	5,009.10
1842 ³	705			1,207,550	4.90	6,975.11
1852 ⁴	758		\$ 117,708	117,708 ⁷	60.00 ⁹	8,229.56
1861 ⁵	769	\$ 547,830	1,133,030	1,680,860	7.60	14,110
1870 ⁵	639	579,048	1,253,140	1,832,188	14.20	27,989
1880 ⁵	645	424,255	1,044,860	1,469,115	15.60	25,227
1890 ⁵	591	404,906	1,044,320	1,449,226	14.00	21,471
1900 ⁵	620	327,995	1,123,785	1,451,780	15.00	23,022
1910 ⁵	941	486,111	1,564,385	2,050,496	15.00	32,639
1920 ⁵	841	1,066,805	2,052,015	3,118,820	35.00	113,363
1930 ⁵	1023	847,580	2,142,490	2,990,070	34.00	103,708
1937 ⁵	1067	335,796	1,988,155	2,323,951	35.00	83,472

Date	Persons Assessed	No. of Dwelling Houses	Acres of Land Taxed	No. of Horses	No. of Cows	No. of Meat Cattle	No. of Swine
1861 ⁵		473	26,961	483	1,829		
1870 ⁵		484	26,320	448	1,712		
1880 ⁵		491	26,879	462	1,596		
1890 ⁵	620	492	26,297	542	1,565	754	184
1900 ⁵	642	507	26,292	620	1,766	537	113
1910 ⁵	634	546	26,847	553	1,468	525	174
1920 ⁵	654	614	26,757	403	1,094	555	232
1930 ⁵	673	636	26,050	252	1,122	491	79
1937 ⁵	812	665	25,608	182	1,222	445	69

1. Figures taken from VALUATION LIST FOR THE TOWN OF BARRE, op. cit., I, unpagéd

2. Ibid., II, unpagéd

3. Ibid., II, p. 72

4. Ibid., III, p. 34

5. As assessed May 1. Figures are taken from "Aggregates of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc." Public Document No. 42, in 1861, Public Document No. 36, in 1870 and Public Document No. 19, thereafter in Public Documents of Massachusetts, 596 vols. published by the Commonwealth

6. This valuation is noted as being at "reduced value"

7. This valuation is noted as being "at 10%." Presumably this means 10% of actual value

8. This tax rate is high because valuations are inordinately low

9. This tax rate is probably 10 times as high as it would have been, had not valuations been at 10% of true value

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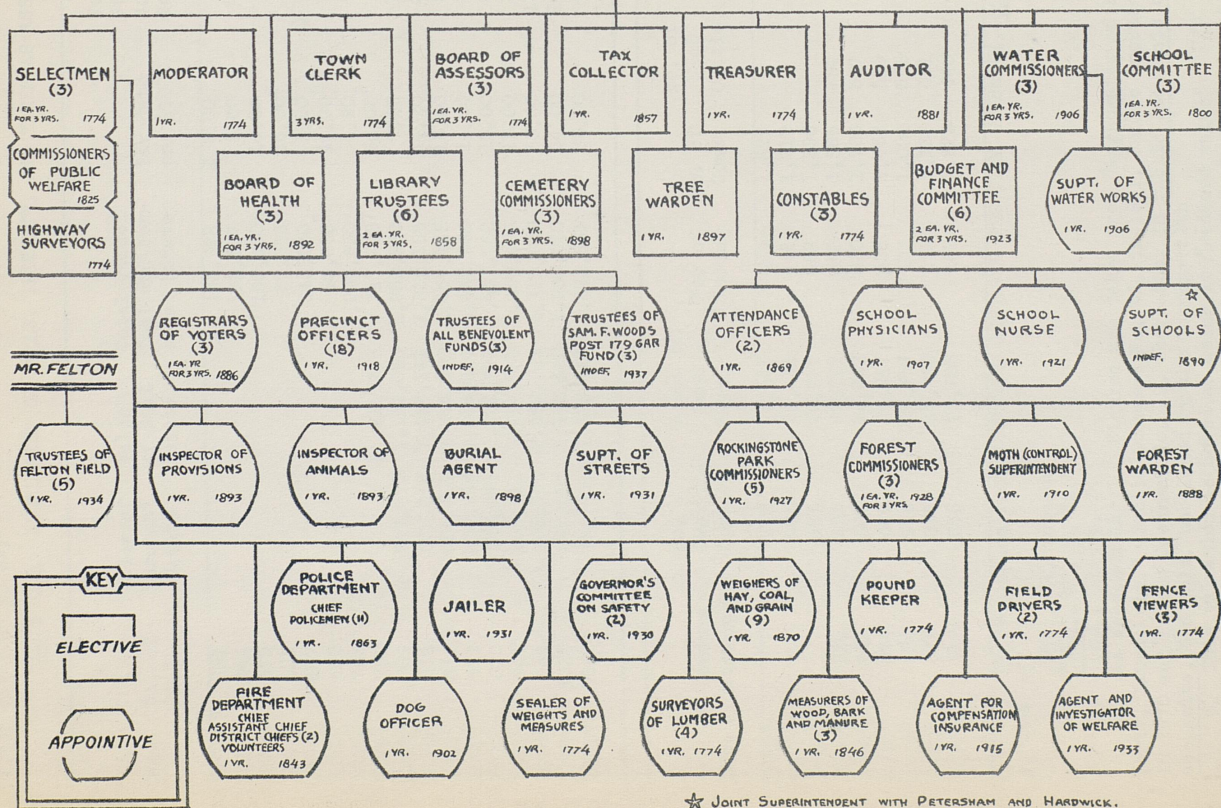
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CHART OF TOWN GOVERNMENT - BARRE - 1940.

SHOWING NAME OF OFFICE, NUMBER OF INCUMBENTS AND DATE OF ORIGIN OF OFFICE

ELECTORATE



☆ JOINT SUPERINTENDENT WITH PETERSHAM AND HARDWICK.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Governmental Organization¹

Although the act incorporating the Rutland District gave it full power to choose town officers,² it cannot be definitely known what the first ones were. It may be presumed, however, that some, if not all, of the officers chosen on March 14, 1763, the date of the earliest recorded meeting, had their origin in 1749. These officers were: five selectmen, two constables, two tythingmen, a treasurer, a town clerk, two wardens, six surveyors of highways, four hog reeves, two deer reeves, two fence viewers, two field drivers, a pound keeper who also served as a sealer of leather, a sealer of shingles and clapboards, and a clerk of the market who was also a surveyor of wheat and flour.³ A sealer of lumber was added the next year, 1764; a sealer of weights and measures in 1770; and in 1774, to provide leadership in the impending struggle against the Crown, a committee of correspondence, inspection and safety.⁴

The act of June 17, 1774 incorporating the district as a town stipulated: "That all the several district officers in said district that have been chosen into, and have actually been legally in office in said district until the passing of this act, shall be and hereby are impowered to continue and exercise all the powers, in the several offices in said town, that they might, by law, have exercised in said district if this act had not been made, until new officers may be shosen in said town. . . ."⁵ At the first town meeting March 13, 1775 the existing district offices were continued by the town with a few minor changes.⁶ Two new committees were added, however, a committee of three to "settle with the treasurer" and a committee to confer with the Minute Company. It was also voted "not to choose Assessors."⁷

1. For an account of the functioning of town government in Massachusetts towns generally, see Works Projects Administration, *Historical Records Survey, Town and City Government in Massachusetts*, Boston, to be published in 1940

2. See p. 6

3. *Town Records*, I, pp. 60, 61

4. *Ibid.*, I, pp. 67, 135 and unnumbered pages, 1774-1785

5. *Province Acts and Resolves*, V, (1769-80), p. 389

6. *Town Record*, I, pages not numbered. The surveyors of highways were called "collectors and surveyors" and their number increased from six to seven. The office of sealer of weights and measures was combined with that of clerk of the market

7. *Idem*

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After the Revolution some new town offices sprang into being but all except one were short-lived. Haywards were chosen from 1783 to 1786; a packer of beef and pork in 1790; and a surveyor of flax and hemp in 1790, 1791 and 1799.¹ A sealer of leather, first separately elected in 1791, had apparently greater usefulness, since the office was filled until 1879.² Meanwhile the office of sealer of shingles and clapboards had lapsed after 1763.³

As in most early Massachusetts towns the affairs of town and church were closely intermingled. On June 20, 1749 the general court ordered a tax assessed on the inhabitants of the Rutland District to build a meetinghouse and maintain a minister.⁴ The election of tythingmen and wardens, the former to collect church taxes and preserve public morals, the latter to enforce church attendance, attest the closeness of the relation. Wardens were elected until 1790, while tythingmen continued to be chosen until 1817.⁵ Agitation for a new meetinghouse resulted in the election from 1790 to 1818 of a committee to further that purpose. Although the eleventh amendment to the constitution of the Commonwealth, transferring the right to elect pastors and maintain meetinghouses from towns, precincts and other bodies politic to the religious societies themselves, had been adopted by the legislatures of 1832 and 1833 and was destined within a month to be ratified by the people of the state, Barre voted in October, 1833 to repair and paint the old meetinghouse "in consideration of the Town using the same for Municipal purposes."⁶ From 1839 to 1870 officers were elected to attend to the ringing of the church bell in week-days and to the town clock, but since these functions were of service to the entire community, they should not really be considered church officers.⁷ Church and state may therefore be regarded as finally separated in Barre by 1840.

Meanwhile from 1810 to 1816 the election of a committee to provide for a singing school⁸ testified to a cultural as distinguished from a utilitarian aspect of town affairs. The election from 1820 to 1835 of a committee for pursuing and detecting thieves⁹ should not, however, be

1. Town Record, I, II, unnumbered pages, 1783-1799

2. Ibid., II, unnumbered page; Selectmen's Register, I, page not numbered.

3. Ibid., I, p. 61

4. Province Acts and Resolves, XIV, (1747-1752), pp. 272, 666

5. Town Record, I, p. 61 to II, not numbered; III, p. 90

6. Ibid., III, 374; "Constitution or Form of Government for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." Articles of Amendment, Art. II, in General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, 1932, published by the Commonwealth, Boston, Wright and Potter Co., 1932

7. Ibid., III, p. 449; IV, pp. 86, 560

8. Ibid., II, page not numbered; III, pp. 42, 84

9. Ibid., III, pp. 136, 137, 391

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interpreted as the reflection of an alarming crime wave in Barre but rather as an early manifestation of the same feeling which makes detective stories interesting today. A town agent or solicitor, previously chosen when occasion demanded, became a regularly elected officer in 1821.¹ Seven years later a gauger of casks was added to the list of elective offices. This office was filled until 1858.²

During the first century of the town's history, from 1749 to 1850 the functions of the office of selectmen show little development.³ Aided in the administration of the schools by the visiting committees, in the collection of taxes by the constables, in the handling of poor relief by the vendue system, the selectmen still retained the general management of town affairs between town meetings. Although separate overseers of the poor were elected from 1825 to 1832, their duties thereafter developed upon the first three selectmen to be elected.⁴ Highway matters, including both rate collection and highway work, were still in the hands of separately elected highway surveyors. The only officers added during the period were the measurers of wood and bark, first appointed by the selectmen in 1846,⁵ and the fire wards elected after 1830, and, under the name of fire engineers, appointed by the selectmen beginning with 1843.⁶

After 1855 the growth of town offices began in earnest. The office of tax collector was set up in 1857; that of library trustees in 1858; and an administrative school committee in 1860; all elective offices.⁷ The first police officer, forerunner of the police department, was appointed by the selectmen in 1863.⁸ A liquor agent to suppress the illegal sale of liquor appears from 1865 to 1868, from 1872 and then once again in 1915.⁹ The first truant officers were appointed by the selectmen in 1869.¹⁰ A measurer of grain was appointed in 1870, an office later expanded into the present-day weighers of hay, coal and grain.¹¹ An elective town auditor replaced the auditing committee in 1881.¹² Meanwhile, registrars of voters were appointed by the selectmen commencing in 1886 to share the burdens of the town clerk in this regard.¹³ In

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1. Town Record, III, p. 154
 2. Ibid., III, p. 273; IV, p. 247
 3. See p. 40
 4. Town Record, III, p. 357; IV, p. 112
 5. Selectmen's Register, pages not numbered
 6. Town Record, III, p. 319; Selectmen's Register, page not numbered
 7. Ibid., IV, pp. 228, 238, 284
 8. Ibid., p. 359
 9. Annual Reports, 1865-1868, 1870-1872, 1915
 10. Town Record, IV, p. 536
 11. Ibid., IV, p. 562
 12. Ibid., V, p. 115
 13. Ibid., V, p. 195

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1890 the first superintendent of schools was appointed jointly by the school committees of Barre, Petersham and Hardwick.¹

The board of health, an elective office, appears first in 1892.² Two other health officers, the inspector of provisions and animals and a separate inspector of animals, were appointed by the selectmen beginning in 1893 and 1900, respectively.³ Meanwhile, in 1898 three cemetery commissioners and a burial agent were elected.⁴ A gradually growing concern for the town woodlands was first reflected in the appointment of a forest warden in 1888, of a tree warden in 1897 and of a moth superintendent in 1910.⁵ A dog officer was appointed beginning with 1902.⁶ The taking over by the town of the plant of the Barre Water Company in 1906 required the election of water commissioners to administer it.⁷ The next office to be set up was that of agent for the Schuyler Miller Benevolent Fund, administered for the benefit of the town poor. First established in 1911, this office was expanded to a committee of, first two, then three trustees in 1914, to administer income from all such funds.⁸

Barre has accepted the state law extending the benefits of workmen's compensation insurance to the town's laborers.⁹ To handle claims arising under the act an agent for compensation was appointed by the selectmen beginning in 1913.¹⁰ The division of the town into two voting precincts in 1918 was accompanied by the appointment by the selectmen of precinct officers.¹¹

In the last two decades only minor new offices have been created. A budget and finance committee of six persons was elected, beginning in 1923, to scrutinize and make recommendations concerning town appropriations.¹² Five commissioners were appointed by the selectmen in 1927 to manage Rock- ingstone Park.¹³ Beginning with the next year, a forest commissioner was appointed, also by the selectmen.¹⁴ In 1930, two persons were appointed to

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1. Town Record, V, p. 320
 2. Annual Report, 1892, p. 3
 3. Selectmen's Register, pages not numbered
 4. Town Record, V, p. 573; Annual Report, 1898
 5. Selectmen's Register, I, page not numbered; Town Record, V, p. 537; Annual Report, 1910
 6. Town Record, VI, p. 3
 7. Ibid., VI, p. 122
 8. See p. 68 (Tr. of Benevolent Funds)
 9. Acts, 1913, ch. 807. See records of such acceptance in file in office of secretary of state, State House, Boston
 10. Annual Reports, 1915
 11. Selectmen's Register, II, p. 62
 12. Town Record, VI, p. 522
 13. Selectmen's Register, I, pages not numbered
 14. Idem

the governor's committee on safety.¹ In 1934, five trustees of Felton Field, another gift to the town, were appointed.² When the local Grand Army post disbanded in 1937, three trustees were appointed by the selectmen to manage its funds.³

During the period since 1850, the selectmen's office was one of growing power and responsibility. At various times and through changing subordinates, the selectmen had ultimate responsibility for highway matters after 1867, a responsibility which has again developed upon them since 1932 as commissioners of highways, who appoint annually a superintendent of streets.⁴ Although the first three elected selectmen were replaced as overseers of the poor by separately elected overseers in 1886, the function reverted to the whole board again in 1933 when they were constituted commissioners of public welfare.⁵ In this capacity they have appointed a welfare agent since 1933.⁶ In all, the number of separate offices subject to the appointment of the selectmen is now twenty-seven.⁷

Barre has rejected the optional state laws providing for pensions and two weeks vacation with pay for the town's laborers,⁸ also that law providing for the installation of an accounting system by the Commonwealth.⁹ It has accepted however, two other laws, one providing for the setting-up of continuation schools and the other providing that only traps that kill or take the animal alive unharmed may be used in the trapping of fur-bearing animals.¹⁰

1. Selectmen's Register, I, page not numbered

2. See p. 93

3. Town Record, VII, p. 98

4. See p. 92

5. Town Record, VII, pp. 46, 135

6. See chart, p. 28

7. *Idem*

8. Respectively, Acts, 1912, ch. 503; 1914, ch. 217. See records of such rejection in office of secretary of state, State House, Boston

9. Acts, 1922, ch. 516. See records of such rejection in office of secretary of state, State House, Boston

10. General Acts, 1919, ch. 311; Acts, 1934, ch. 275, sec. 4. See records of acceptance in office of secretary of state, State House, Boston

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Records System¹

The first two volumes of the town records (entry 29) covering the period 1763-1811 are in need of immediate attention. The earlier volume, 1762-1786, contains many pages which are torn from the binding, the edges of the paper being worn and rotted, the leather binding shabby and breaking from the pages. The volume should be emery processed and a copy made of it for users. The copy should be rearranged, written chronologically in order, and indexed.

Another great need is for a complete series of annual town reports in the town hall. The set shown in the inventory (entry 2) is the library set. Another set in the town hall would have utility and be an insurance measure against future loss. Scattered volumes now reposing in various town offices could, with the cooperation of officials, be assembled to form a virtually unbroken series.

The Survey discovered a group of records (entries 7-11, incl.) in the library building basement in a state of decay. They were transferred to the town vault with the permission of the selectmen and library trustees. In their present depository the records are assured of preservation but they are not accessible to users because they need to be separated by departments. It is recommended that these unbound records, a large number of which are original annual reports, the only ones recorded, be segregated by departments, and arranged chronologically either in large protective folders or in bound volumes which could be indexed alphabetically by subject, giving year of the record and page number.

It is recommended that the unbound certificates of births, marriages, and deaths, and notices of intentions of marriage (respectively, entries 38, 44, 48, 41) be filed in drawers or file boxes in a manner so that they may be used with less necessity of hunting. At present these records are arranged by years in rolls, or tied up by the year and placed in file boxes. The file boxes in use are of such a size that these records cannot be filed in an upright position.

1. For an account of the record-keeping systems of Massachusetts cities and towns generally, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts, op. cit

3. HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The town hall is a wooden structure built just a century ago, in 1838. It is heated by a number of small stoves in the various rooms, which add to the fire hazard. Although the town vault in the basement is of fire-resistant materials, having a thick steel outer door and inner sheet steel doors, the adjoining basement room, the public welfare room on the second floor, and the attic storeroom are not so protected. Not only are those storage rooms a danger to the records in them, but with the exception of the public welfare room there are no really adequate offices for the transaction of town business. Consequently many of the town officials keep their records in their homes. The most urgent housing need in Barre is therefore that of a modern town hall with adequate office facilities as well as fire-resistant storage places for records.

In addition, the town vault requires more shelving to accomodate current and future records. In order to make better use of the available storage space in the attic storeroom, new letter-size files should be installed in the present metal cabinets to replace the irregular-sized drawers now in use.

The condition of records in the town hall and the public library is summarized in the following tables:-

Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street				
Depository	Town Vault	Bsmt. Room Adj. Vault	Public Welfare Room	Attic Store Room
Location	Basement	Basement	2nd	3rd
*Dimensions	10x8x8	12x12x10	25x15x11	25x15x9
Cubic Feet	640	1440	3025	3375
Fire Proof	Yes	No	No	No
Shelving	Steel	None	None	None
Containers	Steel&Wood	Steel	Steel&Wood	Wood
Lighting	Fair	Good	Good	Good
Accessibility	Good	Good	Good	Good
Arrangement	Good	Good	Good	Poor
Physical Condition	Good	Fair	Good	Fair
Room for Expansion	Limited	Ample	Ample	Ample
Departments having Records There	Selectmen Town Clerk Assessors Reg. of Voters Water Comm. Cemetery Tax Collector Treasurer School Comm. Library Sealer of W. & M. Welfare Highway Surveyors	Selectmen Assessors Reg. of Voters	Welfare	Selectmen Treasurer Welfare

*Dimensions are given as length by width by height in feet.

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Barre Public (Woods Memorial) Library, 20 Pleasant Street				
Depository	Basement Vault	Storage Closet	Trustees' Room	Main Room
Location	West Cor. Bsmt.	1st	1st	1st
*Dimensions	10x8x10	3x5x8	18x15x12	35x15x12
Cubic Feet	800	120	3240	6300
Fireproof	Exterior	No	Exterior	Exterior
Shelving	Wood	Wood	None	None
Containers	None	None	Wood	None
Lighting	Good	Good	Good	Good
Accessibility	Good	Good	Good	Good
Arrangement	Fair	Good	Good	Good
Physical Condition	Fair	Good	Good	Good
Room for Expansion	Ample	Ample	Ample	Ample
Departments Having Records There	Selectmen School	Selectmen Town Clerk School	Fire Library	Library Selectmen

*Dimensions are given as length by width by height in feet.

Some school records are kept in the superintendent's office in the Barre High School, while records of the school nurse are found there and in the High Plains School and the Center School. Records of the Infirmary are found at that institution on West Street. Conditions in these offices are as follows:-

	Barre High School 4 West Street		High Plains School	Center School	Barry Infirmary
Depository	Supt's Office	School Nurse's Off.	School Nurse's Off.	School Nurse's Off.	Office
Location	1st	1st	3rd	2nd	1st
Dimensions	12x10x12	12x8x12	12x10x8	10x8x10	10x8x10
Cubic Feet	1440	1552	800	800	960
Fireproof	No	Yes	Exterior	No	No
Shelving	Wood	None	None	None	None
Containers	Wood	Wood	Wood	Wood	Wood
Lighting	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Accessibility	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Arrangement	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Physical Condition	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Room for Expansion	Ample	Ample	Ample	Ample	Ample
Departments Using	School	School (Nurse)	Welfare School (Infirmary) School (Nurse)	School (Nurse)	School (Nurse)

Housing, Care and Accessibility of the Records (First entry on p. 41)

Town officials having records in their homes or offices are:-

Name	Address	Office Held	Records of
Clyde H. Swan	Barre Bank Building, South Street	Treasurer	Treasurer
Grace B. Glidden	West Street	Cl. of Assrs.	Assessors
Edgar H. Glidden	West Street	Tax Collector	Tax Collector
Thomas M. Casey	106 Vernon Ave., S. Barre	Sealer of W.&M.	Sealer of W.&M.
Anita M. Rich	Opp. Common, Barre Plains	Chairman	Budget and Finance Comm.
Joseph F. Fleming	5 West Street	Secretary	Library Trustees
William B. Fleming	9 Pleasant Street	Supt. of Sts.	Supt. of Sts.
James B. Murphy	Finan's Garage, opp. Common	Water Comm.	Water Comm.
Jack Oddy	8 High Street	Chief of Fire Dept.	Fire Dept.
Ernest W. Lincoln	Pleasant Street	Chief of Police	Police Dept.
Charles H. Carr	Christian Hill	Chairman	Bd. of Health
Esther Pessenden	Barre Plains	Chairman	Cemetery Comm.
Edward B. Blanchard	South Street	Agent and Investigator	Comm. of Pub. Welfare
		Nurse	Bd. of Health
		Town Clerk	Clerk and Selectmen

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations and Symbols

Alpha.	Alphabetically	"	inch(es)
arr.	arranged, arrangement	incl.	inclusive
art.	article	Lib.	Library
ave.	avenue	ms(s).	manuscript(s)
bdl(s).	bundle(s)	no.	number
bldg.	building	off.	office
bsmt.	basement	op. cit.	the work cited
ch.	chapter	p., pp.	page, pages
chron.	chronologically	ptd.	printed
cl.	clerk	rm.	room
coll.	collector	s.	south
comm(s).	commissioner(s)	sec.	section
--	current	secy.	secretary
dept(s).	department(s)	st.	street
discont.	discontinued	strm.	storeroom
ed.	editor	supt.	superintendent
env(s)	envelope(s)	T.H.	Town Hall
estab.	established	treas.	treasurer
'	foot, feet	va.	vault
fl.	floor	vol(s).	volume(s)
hdw.	handwritten		
ibid.	in the same place		
idem.	the same		

Explanatory Notes

Titles

Exact titles are shown in upper case without parentheses. Assigned titles are shown in upper case within parentheses. Explanatory or descriptive titles are in lower case within parentheses either following, preceding, or within the exact title. Variations of title within a record series are noted, unless they are slight. When there are several titles to a series of records, the most recent is used as the title of the entry.

Cross References

Cross references are made in each entry to records of the same series found in other entries. References to similar records are embodied in a separate line immediately following the entry. References below subject headings and following subheadings are made to other record series suggested by the headings of subheadings. Where no comment is made regarding prior or subsequent records, it is to be presumed that none were found.

Indexes

See the table of contents for page references to individual offices; the chronological and chronographical indexes, for records within certain date periods; and the general subject index for special subjects.

Condition of Records

If no comment is made regarding the condition of records, it may be assumed to be satisfactory.

Dimensions

Except where otherwise indicated, dimensions of volumes, file boxes, or maps are shown in inches; dimensions of volumes in the order of length along binding edge, width, and thickness; dimensions of file cases, boxes and drawers in the order of height, width, and depth.

Location

The location noted is that of the date of the final field check of the inventory from two to four months prior to publication. Many records, especially current ones, are in constant use by officials, and subject to frequent transfer from office to vault or from vault to office. Shifts from one vault to another also occur, but less frequently. The Historical Records Survey cannot guarantee that the record will be found in the location noted, but merely that the record was there at the date of the inventory field check.

I. SELECTMEN¹

Although selectmen were probably chosen by the Rutland District as early as 1749, the first extant record of their election is under date of March 14, 1763 when five were elected for one year.² When the Rutland District was incorporated as the Town of Hutchinson, later Barre, on June 17, 1774, the five selectmen then in office continued to function as provided by law until the election of new town officers.³

At the first town meeting held March 13, 1775 five selectmen were elected,⁴ and the same number continued to be elected annually until 1897. In that year the board was reduced to three and the term of office was made three years.⁵ No further change occurred until 1912 when the three selectmen were again elected for terms of one year.⁶ This method continued until 1933 when the membership of the board was made rotating, one selectmen being elected each year for a three-year term.⁷ Since 1933 no change has occurred in the number, term or method of election of selectmen.⁸

In addition to their general supervision of town business, the selectmen of Barre have had special care of poor relief, highways and schools. Until the election of the first overseers of the poor in 1825, the selectmen administered poor relief. This was probably true even though in some years, such as 1788, the town "voted to Sell the Poor at Publick Oction (sic) to the lowest bidder for one year at so much pr. week."⁹ Even under such an arrangement there must have been many details concerning individual cases to be settled by the selectmen. In other years, such as 1763, the question of poor relief as discussed at the town meeting was: "to see what sum of money they will grant to support poor."¹⁰ In such years the selectmen may have had complete charge of poor relief. Although overseers of the poor were elected annually from 1825 to 1832, they were abolished in that year and the first three selectmen to be elected were named overseers, an arrangement which lasted through 1885.¹¹ In 1886 separate overseers were again elected.¹² The selectmen were thenceforth relieved of administration of poor relief until 1933 when it was voted that the selectmen be commissioners of public welfare, an office which they have since held.¹³ Since 1933 they have

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts, op. cit.

2. Town Record, I, p. 60

3. Province Acts and Resolves, V, 1769-80, p. 389

4. Town Record, I, page not numbered

5. Ibid., V, p. 532

6. Ibid., VI, p. 233

7. Ibid., VII, p. 15

8. Ibid., VII, p. 135

9. Ibid., II, page not numbered

10. Ibid., I, p. 69

11. Ibid., III, p. 357; V, p. 112

12. Ibid., V, p. 237

13. Ibid., VII, pp. 46, 135

appointed a welfare agent and investigator to act for them in handling individual cases.¹

When no highway surveyors were elected, as from 1868 to 1883, the selectmen contracted with various individuals for the repair of highways and bridges.² Again from 1883 to 1898, the selectmen appointed a highway commissioner, who was sometimes called a superintendent of streets or roads.³ From 1899 to 1917, except in 1914 when a highway surveyor was again elected, the selectmen served as highway surveyors.⁴ From 1917 to 1930 a road surveyor was elected annually.⁵ In 1932 it was voted that selectmen should be ex officio highway commissioners,⁶ and in this capacity they have annually appointed a superintendent of streets.⁷

Prior to the election of an administrative school committee in 1860,⁸ the selectmen also had general care of school matters. This is confirmed by votes of 1769 and 1792.⁹ From 1869 to 1916 the selectmen also frequently appointed the truant officers.¹⁰ Prior to the appointment of separate registrars of voters in 1884, the selectmen shared with the town clerk the duty of listing voters and certifying elections.¹¹ For the creation of other offices filled by the appointment of the selectmen, see sketch of governmental organization, and the chart of town government.¹²

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall. In addition to the following records, see entry 64 for notifications to town clerk of appointment of town officers 1861-1912; entry 68 for acceptance of jurors 1800-1912; entry 123 for authorization of note issues 1837--.

Minutes and Reports

1. SELECTMEN'S REGISTER (Minutes of Meetings), 1846--. 2 vols.
No title, 1935--.

Discussions and votes on town improvements, appointment of town officers, appropriations; granting of licenses, permits, petitions; report of receipts from rental of town property, copies of lists of jurors, records of perambulations of town bounds, record of location of guideposts; place, date of meeting;

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1. See p. 85
 2. Town Record, IV, p. 509; V, p. 161
 3. Town of Barre, Selectmen, SELECTMEN'S REGISTER (Minutes of Meetings) 1846-1938, 2 vols., nss., I, pages not numbered. See entry 1. Hereafter cited as Selectmen's Register
 4. Annual Report, 1899-1917
 5. Ibid., 1917-1930
 6. Selectmen's Register, I, 1932 meeting
 7. Ibid., 1931-34, I, pages not numbered; 1935-37, II, p. 63
 8. As distinguished from the "committees to visit schools", elected from 1804 through 1869
 9. See p. 13
 10. Town Record, IV, p. 536. See p. 73
 11. Ibid., I to V, passim
 12. See p. 28

names of members present. Also contains: Day Book (Record of Orders Drawn on Treasurer), 1931--, entry 20; (Minutes of Meetings of Commissioners of Public Welfare), 1934--, entry 167. Meetings arr. by date of meeting, orders by order no. No index. Hdw. 125 pp. $13\frac{1}{4}$ x 9 x 1. 1 vol., 1846-1934, bsmt. va.; 1 vol., 1935--, Case's Jewelry Store, Exchange St.

2. ANNUAL OFFICIAL REPORTS (of Town Officers), 1846--. 8 vols. Title varies slightly.

Contains:

- i. Annual published report of selectmen, 1850--: Expenditures of all town departments, showing name of department or account; amount, purpose of expenditure; amount of appropriation, total expenditures, unexpended balance. 1850-92, 1898-1911, 1933-- includes appropriations and expenditures for road, street, and highway construction and maintenance. 1850-92 includes inventory of highway equipment.
- ii. Jury list, 1896--: Names, occupations of persons liable for jury service.
- iii. Report of committee on street lights, 1927: Recommendations for installation, relocation, removal of lights, showing present and proposed locations, date of report, signatures of committee members.
- iv. Report of committee on boys' and girls' club work, 1921: Narrative report of organization and farm instruction activities, including names of personnel, amount of appropriation; amount, purpose of expenditure; unexpended balance.
- v. Warrant for town meeting, 1889--: Place, date of meeting; text of articles to be voted upon, directions to constable, signatures of selectmen.

Also contains reports of town departments and officers described in entries 30, 84, 95, 111, 129, 131, 133, 136, 149-152, 159, 168, 204, 207-209, 216-230, 232-233, 236, 240, 241, 244. Arr. by subject. No index. Ptd. 150 pp. 9 x 6 x $\frac{1}{4}$ to 500 pp. 9 x 6 x 3. Storage closet, first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

3. (ORIGINAL ANNUAL REPORTS OF SELECTMEN), 1809, 1912. 3 envs. Reports itemizing expenditures of all town departments: Name of department; amount, purpose of expenditure; signatures of selectmen. Arr. by name of department. No index. Hdw. 11 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

4. (Financial) REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BARRE, 1862-63. 1 vol.

Published report of expenditures of all town departments. Includes reports on liquor agencies. No arr. No index. Ptd. 8 pp. 8 x 6 x $\frac{1}{8}$. Widener Lib., Cambridge.

5. REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BARRE UPON GUIDE POSTS, 1845-71. 1 bdl.

Number, location of guideposts; date of report, signatures of selectmen. Arr. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 8 x 3 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

For record of location of guideposts 1846--, see entry 1.

6. (STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT), 1922, 1932. 2 vols.
Report of periodic audit of receipts and expenditures, assets and liabilities, cash balance of each town department; certification, date of audit.
Arr. by date of audit. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 19 pp. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

Petitions and Warrants
(See also entries 1, 214)

7. (ORIGINAL WARRANTS FOR TOWN MEETINGS), 1821--. 5 bdl.

Missing: 1851-88.

Time, place, date of meeting; list of articles, instructions to constable for posting, date of issue, constable's return, signatures of selectmen.
Arr. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 4 x 5. 2 bdl., 1821-1908, bsmt. va.; 3 bdl., 1909--, residence of Edward B. Blanchard (cl.), South St.

For copies of warrants 1889--, see entry 2-v, 1762--, see entry 29; for petitions for insertion of articles in warrants 1815--, see entries 9, 24; for petitions for issuance of warrants 1826-68, see entry 10; for warrant for special town meeting 1897, see entry 227-ii.

8. (HIGHWAY PETITIONS), 1810-1921. 10 bdl. 1921-35 in (Miscellaneous Petitions), entry 9; 1935-- in (Correspondence and other Miscellaneous Papers), entry 4.

Petitions for road and highway construction, repair, relocation, alteration; Signatures of petitioners; purpose, date of petition; location of highway, disposition of petition. Also contains: (Record of Surveys), entry 15; (Plans for Proposed Roads), entry 16. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 8 x 6 x 3. 9 bdl., 1810-1921, bsmt. va.; 1 bdl., 1814-21, closet, first fl., Wood Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

9. (MISCELLANEOUS PETITIONS), 1815-1935. 5 bdl., file box. 1935-- in (Correspondence and other Miscellaneous Papers), entry 24.

Petitions for insertion of articles in town-meeting warrants, special town meetings, telephone pole locations, construction of pipes and conduits; Signatures of petitioners; subject, date of petition. Also contains: (Highway Petitions), 1921-35, entry 8. Arr. by date of petition. No index. Hdw. and typed. Bdl., 8 x $3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$; file box, $13\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{5}{4} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$. 4 bdl., 1 file box, 1815-1935, bsmt. va.; 1 bdl., 1826-38, closet, first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

10. PETITIONS AND WARRANTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1826-68. 3 bdl.
Petitions for issuance of warrants calling meetings of qualified voters: Names of petitioners, proposed articles of warrant, date of petition. Includes warrants: Names of selectmen, list of articles, date of warrant. Arr. by date of petition and warrant. No index. Hdw. Paper poor. 8 x 4 x 2

11. DOG WARRANTS, 1895-99. 1 bdl. System discont. 1899.
Warrants issued to constables to kill or cause to be killed unlicensed dogs, and to file complaints against owners of dogs damaging property: Name of constable; signatures, seal of selectmen; date of issue, return; costs of service. Arr. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

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Selectmen - Licenses; Road

Licenses

(See also entries 1, 112)

12. (COPIES OF LICENSES ISSUED), 1839--. 6 bdl. Missing: 1852-61, 1864-94, 1913-32.

Licenses to operate slaughterhouses, livery stables, poolrooms, restaurants, theatres, to hold auctions, and to sell petroleum products: Name, address of licensee; nature, location of business; date of issue, expiration; license number, signatures of selectmen. Arr. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

13. (RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES), 1838-1903. 1 vol.

Approval or dismissal of applications for licenses: Name of licensee, type of license, decision of selectmen; place, date of meeting. Also contains: (Record of Victualers' Licenses), entry 14. Arr. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. $11 \frac{1}{8} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$.

14. (RECORD OF VICTUALERS' LICENSES), 1793-1805, 1838-1903. 1793-1805 in Day Book (Record of Orders Drawn on Treasurer), entry 20; 1838-1903 in (Record of Action Taken on Applications for Licenses), entry 13.

Name, residence, business address of licensee; license number; date of issue, expiration; place, date of selectmen's meeting.

Roads

(See also entries 8, 29, 73, 88)

15. (RECORD OF SURVEYS), 1810-1921. In (Highway Petitions), entry 8. Location, length, angles, markers, points of compass of road; date of survey, surveyor's diagram. Arr. by date of survey.

16. (PLANS FOR PROPOSED ROADS), 1810-1921. In (Highway Petitions), entry 8.

Plans showing distances between markers, points of compass; description, location, length, boundaries of road; scale of plan, date of submittal, signature of surveyor. Arr. by date of submittal.

17. (HIGHWAY MAPS), 1907-34. 35 maps.

Maps showing lay-out and relocation of highways, and construction of culverts. A.W. Dean, W.I. Thompson. Black-and-white, blueprint. $1":40'$. 37×16 .

18. (PLANS OF TOWN FARM AND PROPOSED ROAD), 1844, 1862. 3 plans in 1 file box.

Plans (2) of farm to be purchased by town for use as town farm, 1844: Area of land; location of buildings, cart roads, wells, orchard. Plan (1) of proposed town road, 1862: Area of land taken, name of former property owner, location of road. No arr. No index. Black-and-white. $1":4$ rods 13×13 .

Aid to Veterans
(See also entry 62-iii)

19. STATE AND MILITARY AID (Papers), 1863---. 8 bdl. Last entry 1930.
Contains:
- i. Applications for military aid and soldiers' relief, 1879-1921: Name, address, age, occupation, marital status, service record, physical condition of applicant; place, date of birth, enrollment; date, cause of discharge; signature of adjutant general, date of application.
 - ii. Applications for state aid, 1863-1921: Name, address, age, sex, occupation, marital status of applicant; military service or relationship to serviceman; signature of applicant, date of application, attestation of notary public.
 - iii. Certificates of reasons for disbursements of state and military aid, 1863-1921: Name, address, age, financial resources of applicant; description, valuation of property; date of application.
 - iv. Returns from state commissioner of state aid and pensions relative to claims allowed, 1863-1921: Date of return, name of town, names of recipients, amount charged to state; amount deducted, allowed; period of aid, signature of state commissioner. Arr. by date of return.

Financial Records
(See also entries 2-i, 3, 4, III-i)

20. DAY BOOK (Record of Orders Drawn on Treasurer), 1793-1930. 13 vols. Missing: 1806-29, 1861-71. Title varies: Warrants, 1793-1805, 2 vols.; Orders Drawn by Selectmen on the Treasurer of the Town of Barre, 1830-60, 5 vols. 1931-- in Selectmens' Register (Minutes of Meetings), entry 1.
- Name of payee, department charged; amount, purpose, number, date of order; signatures of selectmen. Also contains: (Record of Victualers' Licenses), 1793-1805, entry 14; (Record of Orders Drawn on Dog Fund), 1858-60, entry 22; (Record of Warnings to Leave Town), 1793-1805, entry 28. 2 vols., 1793-1805, arr. by subject; 11 vols., 1830-1930, arr. by order no. No index. Hdw. to 1860, hdw. on ptd. form thereafter. 300 pp. $17\frac{1}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$. 8 vols., 1793-1805, 1851-60, 1896-1930, bsmt. va.; 3 vols., 1830-51, bsmt. va.; Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.; 2 vols., 1872-95, attic, T.H.
- For original orders 1838-- , see entry 115.

21. (Public Works Construction) AGREEMENTS, 1785-1924. 1 file box. Name, address of contractor; articles of agreement, names of witnesses; date of contract, memorandum. Arr. by date of contract. No index. Hdw. and typed. $13\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 4\frac{3}{4}$.

For correspondence relative to contracts 1827-- , see entry 24.

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22. (RECORD OF ORDERS DRAWN ON DOG FUND), 1858-60. In Day Book (Record of Orders Drawn on Treasurer), entry 20. Missing: 1861-64. Dog fund transferred by law to county treasurer 1864. Name of payee; amount, purpose, date, number of order; place, date of selectmen's meeting at which order was drawn.

23. PAPERS (Bills) PERTAINING TO (Cost of) BUILDING TOWN HOUSE, 1837-39. 1 bdl.
Receipted bills for labor and materials used in construction of Town Hall: Name, signature of payee; amount, purpose, date of payment. No arr. No index. Hdw. 6 x 3 x 1. Closet, main fl., Wood Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

Miscellaneous

24. (CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1827--. 7 bdls., 2 file boxes. Missing: 1828-61.
Correspondence relative to claims against the town, appointment of town employees, requests for salary increases, letters of resignation, contracts for town construction work, and other miscellaneous departmental correspondence. Also contains: (Highway Petitions), 1935--, entry 8; (Miscellaneous Petitions), 1935--, entry 9; List of Jurors, 1913--, entry 68. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. Bdls., $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$; file boxes, $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{3}{4}$ x 18. 1 bdl., 1827, closet, main fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.; 3 bdls., 1862-1925, bsmt. va.; 3 bdls., 1886-88, attic, T.H.; 1 file box, 1926-30, bsmt. rm., T.H.; 1 file box, 1930--, Case's Jewelry Store, Exchange St.

25. (RECORD OF FENCE DIVISIONS AGREEMENTS), 1718--. 1718-1895 in (Record of) Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 33; 1762-- In Record (of Town Meetings and other Town Records) Town of Barre, entry 29. Names of disputing parties, text of dispute; nature, date of agreement. Arr. by date of agreement.

26. (CERTIFICATES OF PERAMBULATIONS OF TOWN BOUNDARIES), 1858--. 1 file box, 1 bdl. Missing: 1900-1927.
Location of relocated boundaries, date of perambulation, signatures of selectmen. Arr. by date of perambulation. No index. Hdw. Bdl., 8 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$; file box, $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $4\frac{1}{4}$.
For record of perambulations 1762--, see entry 29; 1846--, see entry 1.

27. (Original) WARNINGS OUT OF TOWN, 1763-99. 1 bdl.
Name, age, last address of person warned; date of arrival, name of resident volunteering refuge; date of notice to town clerk of warning, date of warning, signature of constable. Arr. by date of warning. No index. Hdw. 12 x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. Storage closet, first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

28. (RECORD OF WARNINGS TO LEAVE TOWN), 1790-91, 1793-1805. 1790-91 in (Record of) Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 33; 1793-1805 in Day Book (Record of Orders Drawn on Treasurer), entry 20.
Name, last address of person warned; cause, date of warning; place, date of selectmen's meeting. Arr. by date of warning.

- 28A. LIST OF VOTERS IN THE TOWN OF BARRE, 1803-79. 73 vols. (dated).
Missing: 1804-5, 1809-10, 1825-26, 1830, 1832, 1837, 1839, 1841-42, 1844, 1847-48, 1850, 1864, 1866-67, 1870, 1874, 1877. Title varies: List of Voters, 1803-40, 53 vols.

Names of qualified voters as prepared by the selectmen. Includes announcements of selectmen's meetings for the purpose of correcting and revising the voting lists, showing place, date, time of meeting; signatures of selectmen. Arr. alph. by name of voter. No index. Hdw. 20 pp. 10 x 8 x 1/8. 53 vols. 1803-40, bsmt. va.; 20 vols., 1843-79, storage closet, first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

For subsequent related records, see entry 74.

II. TOWN CLERK¹

Although it is probable that a town clerk was elected annually by the Rutland District as early as 1749 the first record of such an election is under date of March 14, 1763 when a town clerk was elected for one year? When the district became a town, a town clerk was also elected for one year at the first town meeting, March 3, 1775.³ No change in the clerk's term of office or method of election took place until 1914 when the term was made three years.⁴

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall. In addition to the following records, see entries 2-i, 3, 4, for reports of departmental expenditures; entry 123 for clerk's counter-signature on stubs of notes 1837--.

Minutes and Reports

29. RECORD - TOWN OF BARRE, 1762--. 7 vols., numbered. First volume destroyed by fire. Title varies slightly.

Vote on articles in town meeting warrants, reports of departmental officials, committee appointments; record of perambulations of town boundaries, acceptance of new roads, election results; place, date of meeting. Includes copies of warrants for town meetings, oaths of office of town officials, jury lists, copies of militia lists, certificates of church membership. Also contains: (Record of Fence Division Agreements), entry 25. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 672 pp. 10 x 10 3/4 x 3 1/4.

For printed warrants for town meetings 1889--, see entry 2-v; for minutes of special town meeting 1897, see entry 227-ii.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.

2. Town Records, I, p. 60
3. Ibid., I, p. not numbered
4. Ibid., VI, p. 289

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30. (CLERK'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS SENT TO SELECTMEN), 1893--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Contains:

- i. Births: Name of father, sex of child, date of birth. 1896-- includes name of child, mother. 1898-99, 1902 includes notations of nationality of parents.
- ii. Deaths: Name of deceased, date of death. 1897, 1902-3, 1907-21 includes cause of death. 1898-99, 1902 includes notations of average age of deceased.
- iii. Marriages: Names of parties, date of marriage. 1896, 1907-- includes addresses of parties. 1906-8 includes ages of parties.

31. (REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDING A NEW MEETINGHOUSE), 1790-1818. 1 bdl.

Estimated cost of construction, names of pew purchasers, amount collected from sale of pews, amount due from pew owners, signatures of committeemen. No. arr. No index. Hdw. Writing faded. 6 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Storage closet, first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

32. RECORD (of the Meetings of) BARRE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, 1873-74. 1 vol.

Actions proposed, discussions of funds necessary to defray expenses, names of committee members, date of meeting. Arr. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 95 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$.

Vital Statistics

(See also entries 30, 187, 195)

33. (Record of) BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, 1718-1895. 4 vols.

Contains: (Record of Fence Division Agreements), entry 25; (Record of Warnings to Leave Town), 1790-91, entry 28; (Record of) Births, entry 36; (Record of) Marriages, 1755-1895, entry 42; (Record of) Deaths, 1746-1895, entry 46; (Record of New Arrivals), 1784-98, entry 71. Arr. by subject and chron. thereunder. For index 1718-1845, see entry 34; for index to births 1845--, see entry 37; for index to marriages 1845--, see entry 43; for index to deaths 1845--, see entry 47. Hdw. to 1845, hdw. on ptd. form thereafter. 400 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 2.

For printed transcriptions of vital statistics 1749-1850, see entry 35.

34. INDEX TO BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1718-1845. 1 vol.

Contains: Index to Births, entry 37; Index to Marriages, 1755-1845, entry 43; Index to Deaths, 1746-1845, entry 47. Arr. alph. by name. Hdw. on ptd. form. 227 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$.

35. BARRE VITAL RECORDS (Record of Births, Marriages, Deaths), 1749-1850. 1 vol.

Births: Name of child, names of parents, date of birth. Marriages: Names of contracting parties, date of marriage. Deaths: Name of deceased, names of parents, date of death. Arr. alph. by name. No index. Ptd. 276 pp. 6 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Franklin P. Rice, Worcester, 1903. Widener Lib., Harvard

University, Cambridge. (Duplicate vols. in American Antiquarian Society Lib. and Free Public Lib., Worcester.)

36. (Record of) BIRTHS, 1896--. 1 vol. 1718-1895 in (Record of) Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 33.

Name, sex, color, condition of child; place, date of birth; names, address, birthplaces of parents; occupation of father, name of informant; date of recording, registered number. Arr. by date of birth. For index, see entry 37. Hdw. 300 pp. $17\frac{3}{4}$ x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

37. INDEX TO BIRTHS, 1845--. 1 vol. 1718-1845 in Index to Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 34.

Name of child, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by name of child. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. $11\frac{1}{4}$ x $9\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

38. (ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH), 1902--. 3 file boxes. Missing: 1906-8.

Name, address, sex, color of child; date of birth; names, address, occupations, ages, birthplaces of parents; maiden name of mother; name, address of informant; number, date of certificate; signature of clerk. Arr. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. $5\frac{1}{4}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$.

39. DEPOSITION (of) BIRTHS, 1898--. 1 vol. Last entry 1925.

Correction of birth records in entry 36: Name, sex, birthplace of child; date of birth; name, address, birthplace, occupation of father; maiden name, address, birthplace of mother; signature, address of informant; relationship of informant to infant; nature, date of deposition. Arr. by date of deposition. Hdw. on ptd. form. No index. 75 pp. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

40. (Record of) INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE, 1792--. 4 vols. Title varies: Publications, 1792-1867, 2 vols.

Names, addresses, ages, occupations, prior marital status, birthplaces of contracting parties; names of parents; number, date of registration, 2 vols., 1792-1867, arr. by date of registration; 2 vols., 1867--, arr. by registration no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 2 vols., 1792-1867, 265 pp. 13 x $8\frac{1}{4}$ x 1 ; 2 vols., 1867--, 150 pp. 16 x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

41. NOTICE OF INTENTION OF MARRIAGE, 1921--. 5 vols., 1 file box 2 bdls.

Names, signatures, addresses, ages, occupations, color, birthplaces, prior marital status, oaths of prospective bride and groom; names of parents; date of notice, registered number, signature of clerk. Includes guardian's permission to marry and certificates of divorce where necessary. 5 vols., 1921--, arr. by date of notice; 1 file box, 2 bdls., 1933--, arr. by registered no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Vols., 100 pp. 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$; file box, $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$; bdls., 12 x 4 x 2 . 5 vols., 1921--, 1 file box, 1933-35, bsmt. va.; 2 bdls., 1936--, residence of Edward B. Blanchard (cl.), South St.

42. (Record of) MARRIAGES, 1896--. 1 vol. 1755-1895 in (Record of) Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 33.

Names, addresses, ages, color, occupations, prior marital status, birthplaces of bride and groom; place, date of marriage; date of recording;

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names of parents; name, address of person officiating; registered number. Arr. by date of marriage. For index, see entry 43. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. $17\frac{3}{4}$ x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

43. INDEX TO MARRIAGES, 1845--. 1 vol. 1755-1845 in Index to Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 34. Names of bride and groom; volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by names of parties. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

44. (ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE), 1854--. 1 bdl. 2 file boxes. Missing: 1855-1907. Names, address, ages, color, occupations, birthplaces, prior marital status of bride and groom; date of notice of intention; place, date of marriage; number, date of certificate; names of parents, signature of clerk, person officiating. Arr. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1 bdl., 1854, 8 x 3 x 2; 2 file boxes, 1908--, $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{4}$.

45. DEPOSITION (of) MARRIAGES, July 12, 1918. 1 vol. Contains only 1 entry. Correction of marriage record in entry 42: Names, address, ages, birthplaces, prior marital status of bride and groom; place, date of marriage; name of father, maiden name of mother; name, address of person officiating; signature, address of informant; relationship of informant to contracting parties, signature of clerk; nature, date of deposition. Arr. by date of deposition. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 75 pp. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

46. (Record of) DEATHS, 1896--. 1 vol. 1746-1895 in (Record of) Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 33. Name, address, age, sex, color, occupation of deceased; place, date of death; place of burial; name of spouse; names, birthplaces of parents; name of reporting physician, date of recording. Arr. by date of death. For index, see entry 50. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. $17\frac{3}{4}$ x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

47. INDEX TO DEATHS, 1845--. 1 vol. 1746-1845 in Index to Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 34. Name of deceased, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

48. (ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES OF DEATH), 1875--. 2 bdls., 2 file boxes. Name, address, sex, color, age, birthplace, marital status of deceased; cause, place, date, time of death; place, date of interment or cremation; names, birthplaces of parents; name of informant; number, date of certificate; name, address of undertaker. Arr. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 2 bdls., 1875-1907, 8 x 3 x 2; 2 file boxes, 1908--, $5\frac{1}{4}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$.

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49. TOWN DEEDS, 1762--. 6 bdls. Deeds of land conveyed to town: Name, address of grantor; location, description of property; amount of consideration, conditions of deed; signature of grantor, county register of deeds; signatures of witnesses; certification of justice of the peace; date, hour, minute of recording with county

registry of deeds; volume and page reference to recorded instrument, date of instrument. Arr. by date of instrument. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$. 4 bdl.s., 1762-1914, bsmt. va.; 2 bdl.s., 1914-- , treas. off., Barre Bank Bdlg., South St.

50. TOWN LEASES, 1791-1907. 10 bdl.s.

Name, address, signature of lessor, lessee; location, description of property; provisions, terms, date of lease; attestation of notary public. Arr. by date of lease. No index. Hdw. and typed. $8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$.

51. (INSURANCE POLICIES ON TOWN PROPERTY), 1899-- . 10 bdl.s.

Name, address of insurance company, agent; number, conditions of policy; amount of principal, premium; date of issue, expiration. Arr. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. 4 bdl.s., 1899-1909, bsmt. va., 6 bdl.s., 1909-- , treas. off., Barre Bank Bdlg., South St.

52. (RECORDED INSTRUMENTS), 1789-- . 4 vols. Missing: 1844-98.

Contains transcripts of the following instruments:

- i. Assignment of wages, 1899-- , showing same information as in entry 54-i.
- ii. Notices of conditional bills of sale, 1899-- , showing same information as in entry 54-ii.
- iii. Notices of foreclosure, 1899-- , showing same information as in entry 54-iii.
- iv. Pew deeds of Congregational meetinghouse 1789-1843: For description, see entry 55.
- v. Personal property mortgages, 1899-- , showing same information as in entry 54-iv.
- vi. Writs of attachment, 1837-43: Names of litigants, description of property; cause, date of action; ad damnum, return date, seal of court; signature, attestation of clerk of court; constable's return.

Arr. by date of recording. 1789-1885, no index; for index 1886-- , see entry 53. Hdw. to 1888, hdw. and typed on ptd. form thereafter. 1 vol., 1789-1843, 200 pp. $15 \times 9\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$; 3 vols., 1899-- , 578 pp. $16 \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 3$.

53. INDEX OF INSTRUMENTS RECORDED, 1886-- . 2 vols.

Names of parties; type, date of instrument; volume and page reference. Arr. by date of instrument. Hdw. on ptd. form. 60 pp. $12 \times 8 \times \frac{1}{4}$.

54. (ORIGINAL INSTRUMENTS NOT CALLED FOR), 1810-1912. 9 bdl.s.

Contains:

- i. Assignment of wages: Name, address of assignor, assignee; amount, conditions, date of instrument; place of payment, consent of spouse; date of recording, discharge. For transcripts of assignments 1899-- , see entry 52-i.
- ii. Notices of conditional bills of sale: Name of contracting parties; description of real estate, personal property; name of record owner of real estate, signature of vendor or attorney, statement of retention of title by vendor until full payment is made, terms of payment, amount of unpaid purchase price; date of agreement, recordings; signature, attestation of clerk. For transcripts of bills of sale 1899-- , see entry 52-ii.

- iii. Notices of foreclosure: Name of mortgagor, mortgagee; description of property, nature of breach of conditions, names of witnesses; manner, date of foreclosure; date of recording; signature, attestation of clerk. For transcripts of Notices 1899--, see entry 52-iii.
- iv. Personal property mortgages: Name of mortgagor, mortgagee; location, description, valuation of property; amount, consideration, conditions, date of instrument; date of recording. Includes acknowledgments: Attestation, date of act; signature, seal of notary public; expiration date of commission. For transcripts of mortgages 1899--, see entry 52-v.

55. (RECORD OF DEEDS TO PEWS OF FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY), 1840-43.
1 vol.

Name, address of grantor, grantee; location, number of pew; amount, conditions, date of instrument; signature of grantor, witness, justice of peace, clerk; date of recording, discharge. Arr. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. $8\frac{1}{4}$ x $6\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

Licenses and Permits
(See also entries 1, 11?)

56. (RECORD OF DOG LICENSES ISSUED), 1858--. 11 vols., 5 bds.
Name, address of owner; name, breed, sex, color, age of dog; number, date of license; signature of clerk. Arr. by license no. No index. Hdw. to 1933, hdw. on ptd. form thereafter. 11 vols., 1858-1933, 100 pp. 8 x 6 x 1; 5 bds., 1933--, 6 x 4 x 2.

For list of registered dogs 1858-67, see entry 70.

57. BURIAL (and Removal) PERMITS, 1884--. 2 bds., 1 file box.
Missing: 1895-1902.

Name of petitioner; name, age of deceased; cause, place, date of death; place of burial, date of permit, signature of physician. Arr. by date of permit. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 2 bds., 1884-1907, 8 x 3 x 2; 1 file box, 1907--, $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $10\frac{3}{4}$ x $1\frac{3}{4}$.

58. (Stubs of Miscellaneous) LICENSES, 1931--. 3 vols.
Name, address of licensee; type, number, date of license; signature of clerk. Arr. by date of license. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 6 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

Military Records
(See also entry 85)

59. MILITIA LIST, 1841-95. 3 bds.
Names of residents liable for military duty; date of compilation, filing; signatures of assessors and clerk. Arr. alph. by name of resident. No index. Hdw. 8 x 6 x 4.

For copies of militia lists 1762--, see entry 29.

60. BARRE'S ROLL OF HONOR, 1775-1900. 1 vol.
Name of serviceman; name of regiment, company, date, name of war. Arr. by date of war and thereunder alph. by name of serviceman. No index. Hdw. 15 pp. 14 x $10\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$.

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61. ROLL OF HONOR, 1775, 1861-65, 1917-18. 2 bdls.

Contains:

- i. Civil war roll of honor, 1861-65: Name, address, age, occupation, physical description of servicemen; place, date of enlistment; name of enrolling officer, date of discharge. Includes correspondence, notice of hospitalization or death.
- ii. Revolutionary war roll of honor, 1775: Name, rank of serviceman.
- iii. World war roll of honor, 1917-18: Name, address, rank, registration number of serviceman; name of company, regiment.

62. PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO CALLS FOR SOLDIERS (Civil War), 1861-65. 1 bdl.

Contains:

- i. Certificates of enlistment from provost marshal's office, 1864: Date, place of enlistment; name of enlisted person, term of enlistment, regiment and division of service to which assigned, town of residence, district number; signature of provost marshal.
- ii. Certificate of mustering officer, 1864: Name of officer, district number, division of service; name of town and county of residence, place where certificate was made out, date of certificate, signature of officer.
- iii. Correspondence to selectmen from soldiers' wives and widows seeking news of husbands, asking for or acknowledging receipt of state aid, 1865.
- iv. List of discharged and deceased soldiers, sent to selectmen from office of adjutant general or surgeon general, 1865: No. of regiment, date list received at office of adjutant general; name, company number, occupation, residence of discharged or deceased soldier; date of discharge or death, place of death, battle engaged in, signature of adjutant general or surgeon general.
- v. Notifications to selectmen from office of adjutant general of "muster outs" of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1865-1866: Date of notification, company number and regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers disbanded, date mustered out, signature of adjutant general.
- vi. Original orders from selectmen to treasurer to pay bounty money, 1862: Name of treasurer; amount, purpose, date of order; signatures of selectmen.
- vii. Receipts from recruits for bounty money received of treasurer, 1862: Statement of receipt; amount, date of receipt; purpose of money as authorized by vote of town, signature of recipient.
- viii. Return copies of descriptive lists of a detachment of recruits enlisted from Barre for the Massachusetts Volunteers, 1864: Name, age, physical description, occupation of recruit; number of regiment or division of service, state of residence, place of enlistment, date of muster, name of camp of rendezvous. Includes a written receipt of bounty money received from town treasurer to pay men on descriptive list; date, place of receipt; purpose, amount of money received; signature of secretary of company.
- ix. Return of enlistment into army and navy made by adjutant general to provost marshal, 1864-65: Date of certificate, place where certificate was made out; name, residence, age, occupation of enlisted man; name of division of service into which mustered; term, date of enlistment; name of enlisting officer, signature

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of adjutant general or recruiting officer; statement of acceptance by examining surgeon.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 8 x 6 x 4.

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(See also entries 1, 2, 29, 67, 80, 125)

63. (NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICE), 1934--. 2 bdl. Prior records destroyed.

Name, address, signature of candidates; names, addresses, signatures of voters; title, term of office; signature of clerk, registrar of voters; date of filing. Arr. by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 28½ x 12 x ½.

64. (NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS SUBMITTED BY SELECTMEN), 1861-1912. 6 bdl.

Notices of appointive officers named by selectmen: Names of appointees, offices; date of meeting, notification; signatures of selectmen. Arr. by date of notification. No index. Hdw. 8 x 2 x 2.

65. (WARRANTS NOTIFYING TOWN OFFICERS OF THEIR ELECTION), 1865-75. 1 bdl.

Name of town officer, date of election; constable's certification of notification, date of notification, amount due for constable's service; signature of clerk, constable. Arr. by date of notification. No index. Hdw. 7 x 3 x 2.

Miscellaneous

66. POLL TAX (List as Found by Assessors for Town Clerk), 1863-1918. 9 vols. (dated). Missing: 1864-68, 1870-93, 1895-1913, 1917. System discount. 1918. Title varies slightly.

Name, address, occupation of poll; signatures of assessors. Arr. alph. by name of poll. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 12 x 5½ x 3/8.

67. CORRESPONDENCE, 1926--. 2 file boxes.

Administrative communications with county, city and town officials; requests for information, and replies thereto. Arr. by date of letter. No index. Hdw. and typed. 18 x 9½ x 1¾.

68. LIST OF JURORS, 1800-1912. 3 bdl. Missing: 1870-73, 1875-1910. 1913-- in (Correspondence and other Miscellaneous Papers), entry 24.

Name, address, occupation of juror; date of acceptance, signatures of selectmen. Arr. alph. by name of juror. No index. Hdw. 8 x 6 x 3. 1 bdl., 1800-1860, closet, first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.; 2 bdl., 1861-1912, bsmt. va.

For copies of lists of jurors 1846-- , see entry 1; 1762-- , see entry 29; for annual published jury list 1896-- , see entry 2-ii.

Registrars of Voters

69. (COUNTY TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PAYMENT OF DOG LICENSE FEES), 1874-1901. 1 bdl.

Name of town clerk; amount, date of receipt; number of license, signature of county treasurer. Arr. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 5 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

70. DOG LISTS, 1858-67. 2 bils.

List of registered dogs: Name of owner, number of dogs owned; names, descriptions, license numbers of dogs; signatures of assessors, date of registration. Arr. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. 12 x 9 x 3. For record of dog licenses issued 1858-- , see entry 56.

71. (RECORD OF NEW ARRIVALS), 1784-98. In (Record of) Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 33.

Name, age, former and new address of arrival; date of arrival, notice to clerk.

72. (PLANS OF BARRE COMMON), 1792, 1835. 2 plans.

Plans showing lay-out of Barre Common with abutting residences and names of owners. Zenas Winslow, John King. Mounted, black-and-white. 1 plan, 1792, faded, 1":10 rods, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$; 1 plan, 1835, 1":5 rods, 24 x 18.

73. (MAPS - TOWNSHIP OF BARRE), 1734, 1875, 1918. 3 maps.

Maps showing division of town into farms and house lots; location of houses, railroads, highways, rivers, streams, division of second precinct. S.D. Kendall. Boston, J. Mayer & Co. Black-and-white. 1":125 rods. 25 x 21 $\frac{1}{2}$.

III. REGISTRARS OF VOTERS¹

Prior to 1886 the selectmen and town clerk listed voters and certified elections.² Since 1886 the selectmen have appointed the three registrars, one annually for a term of three years.³ The town clerk is ex officio clerk of the board of registrars.

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall. In addition to the following records, see entries 2-i, 3, 4, for reports of departmental expenditures; entry 63 for registrar's signature on nomination papers of candidates for town office 1934--.

74. REGISTRY OF VOTERS, 1877-- . 9 vols. Title varies: General Register of Voters, 1877-1920, 3 vols.

Name, address, age, birthplace, signature of registrant; nature, place of employment; minutes of naturalization proceedings, residence as of April

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, I-V, passim

3. Ibid., V, p. 195; Selectmen's Register, I, pp. not numbered; II, p.

first, date of registration. Arr. alph. by name of registrant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 12 x 9 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$.

For prior related records, see entry 28A.

75. (VOTING LISTS), 1928--. 2 file boxes.

Name, address of voter. Includes list of voters lapsed by the board of assessors. Arr. alph. by name of voter. No index. Typed. 2 x 9 x 18. 1 file box, 1928-29, bsmt. rm., T.H.; 1 file box, 1930--, residence of Edward B. Blanchard (town cl.), South St.

76. (APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION), 1928--. 3 bdl., 1 file box.

Name, address, age, birthplace, signature of applicant; place of employment; minutes of naturalization proceedings, previous residence, date of registration. Arr. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Bdl., 6 x 3 x 3; file box, 2 x 9 x 18. 3 bdl., 1928-36, bsmt. va.; 1 file box, 1937--, bsmt. rm., T.H.

77. (APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION BY ABSENTEE VOTERS), 1936, 1938.

1 file box, 1 bdl.

Name, address, legal residence, signature of applicant; date of application; certification, signatures of registrars. Arr. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. File box, 2 x 9 x 18; bdl., 12 x 9 x $\frac{1}{4}$. 1 file box, 1936, bsmt. va., T.H.; 1 bdl., 1938, residence of Edward B. Blanchard (town cl.), South St.

78. (CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCE SUBMITTED BY ASSESSORS), 1922--.

1 file box.

Name, past and present address of person certified; ward, precinct number; date of certification, signatures of assessors. Arr. by date of certification. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 2 x 9 x 18. Bsmt. rm., T.H.

79. (Stubs of) NOTICES SENT TO VOTERS (to Prove Legal Residence, 1934-36. 1 vol. System estab. 1934, discont. 1936.

Name of voter, town; text, date of notice. Arr. by date of notice. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 40 pp. 11 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$.

IV. PRECINCT OFFICERS¹

In March 4, 1918, the town voted to have the selectmen designate two voting precincts, number one for Barre Center, and number two for South Barre.² The selectmen annually appointed a warden, clerk, six election officers and a policeman to serve at each precinct.³ The precinct officers turn their election records over the the town clerk.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.

2. Town Record, IV, p. 421

3. Selectmen's Register, II, p. 62

80. MINUTE BOOK (Minutes of Precinct Meetings), 1918-- . 9 vols. Names of ballot officers, candidates for office; date of election, tally; election results, date of meeting. Arr. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5/8. Bsmt. va., T.H.

V. BOARD OF ASSESSORS¹

On June 20, 1749 the General Court ordered a land tax to be "levied and assessed . . . for a term of five years next ensuing; . . . And the Assessors of the said District for the time being are hereby impowered to assess the said Lands; And the Collectors or Constables to collect and pay in the same to the Treasurer of the said District for the Time being."² A similar order was passed on November 2, 1754 stipulating that the tax was "for the three years next ensuing; . . . and that the Collectors for the time being be empowered agreeable to the Law, to collect the same and pay it unto the Treasurer of the said District, who shall be appointed to receive the same."³ Although there is no extant record for the period prior to 1763, the record of the meeting held on April 11th of that year states that "Selectmen assess dist. (district) as much as needful to pay debts by Com. (committee) settling with treas. and for support of poor."⁴

The first regular election of assessors took place in 1768 when three were elected for one year.⁵ No change in number or term occurred until March 1, 1897 when the term of office was made three years, one assessor being elected annually.⁶ This practice has continued to date.⁷

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall. In addition to the following records, see entries 2-i, 3, 4 for reports on departmental expenditures; entry 59 for certification of residence of persons liable for military duty, 1841-95; entry 70 for certification of dog lists 1858-67; entry 75 for list of voters lapsed by assessors 1928--; entry 78 for certificates of residence submitted to town clerk by assessors 1922--; entry 98 for certificates of poll assessments submitted to collector 1924--; entry 99 for commitment of school tax 1813-69; entry 100 for commitment of uncollected taxes 1899-1902; entries 105, 106, 231 for assessors' warrants for collection of taxes 1808-82, 1928--.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.

2. Province Acts and Resolves, XIV, 1747-1752, p. 272

3. Ibid., III, 1747-1752, p. 666

4. Town Records, I, p. 64

5. Ibid., I, p. 115

6. Ibid., V, p. 532

7. Ibid., VII, p. 136

Minutes

81. (MINUTES OF ASSESSORS' MEETINGS), 1931--. 2 file drawers. Discussion and decisions on tax rates, allowance of abatements, reports of appraisals of properties; signature of clerk, date of meeting. Includes correspondence from state department of corporations and taxation and from local property owners. Also contains: (Copies of Titles to Property Taken for Non-Payment of Taxes), entry 94. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 12 x 13 x 24. Off., residence of Mrs. Grace B. Glidden (cl.), West St..

Valuations and Assessments
(See also entry 91)

82. VALUATION LIST FOR THE TOWN OF BARRE, 1800--. 86 vols. (3 vols., 1800-1849, 1-3; 6 vols., 1850-1908, unlabeled; 77 vols., 1861--, dated). Title varies: Assessors, 1800-1828, 1 vol.; Valuation, 1829-49, 2 vols.; Taxes, 1850-56, 1 vol.; Valuation and Taxes, 1857-1908, 5 vols.

Name of taxpayer, number of polls in family, number of acres of real estate, valuation of real and personal property; amount of tax on polls, real estate, personal property; total annual valuation, total number of polls; amounts of state, county, town taxes; tax rate. 1861-- includes table of aggregates showing total number of polls, total valuation of real and personal property, tax rate per \$1,000 valuation, number of property owners assessed; total state, county, town taxes; number of dwelling houses, acres of land taxed, horses, cows, neat cattle, swine. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. 3 vols., 1800-1849, hdw.; 83 vols., 1850--, hdw. on ptd. form, 79 vols., 1800-1931, bsmt. va.; 7 vols., 1932--, residence of Grace B. Glidden (cl.), West St.

For poll tax list as found by assessors for town clerk 1810--, see entry 62; for property tax commitments 1861--, see entry 96; for poll tax commitments 1861--, see entries 96, 97.

83. THE VALUATION AND TAXES OF THE TOWN OF BARRE, 1855--. 39 vols. Published record of assessments on polls, personal and real property: Name of taxpayer; description, valuation of property; amount, type, date of tax. Arr. by year and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Ptd. 75 pp. 8 x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

For tax commitments 1861--, see entries 96, 97.

84. (ANNUAL PUBLISHED VALUATION LIST), 1855-93. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Name of taxpayer, number of polls in family; description, valuation of real and personal property tax; tax rate, total amount of town tax.

85. VALUATION (Field Books), 1810-1913. 221 vols. (labeling varies). Canvass of taxpayers: Name of taxpayer, number of polls in family, number of acres of real estate, valuation of real and personal property, total annual number of polls, total valuations; amounts of state, county, town, special taxes; tax rate for each kind of tax. 1824-1913 includes number of persons liable to military duty; number of dogs, fowl; total tax per taxpayer; also includes annual table of aggregates showing total number of

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polls; total valuation, tax, amounts of special taxes; tax rate. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. 102 vols., 1810-60, hdw.; 119 vols., 1852-1913, hdw. on ptd. form. 23 pp. 14 x 9 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

86. TAXPAYERS' LISTS, 1827-56. 2 bdl.s.
Taxes due since last returns by tax collector: Name of taxpayer; amount, period, type, date of tax; annual total, signature of collector. Arr. by year. No index. Hdw. 10 x 3 x 8.

87. (ASSESSMENTS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 1), 1822, 1837. 2 vols.
Assessments levied on polls and real estate to build a schoolhouse, 1822, and to defray expenses for moving and repairing schoolhouse, 1837: Name, address of taxpayer; amount, date of assessment. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. Writing faded, paper poor. 35 pp. 6 x 4 x $\frac{1}{8}$.

For commitment of tax for support of district school 1813-69, see entry 99.

88. (SPECIAL ROAD ASSESSMENTS), 1830. 1 vol.
Assessments on polls and real and personal property to build a road in northeastern part of town: Name of taxpayer; amount, itemization, date of tax; total tax. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. Writing faded. 12 pp. 15 x 6 x $\frac{1}{8}$.

Abatements

(See also entries 92, 96, 100, 101, 103, 107, 108)

89. ABATEMENT (and Exemption) RECORD, 1909--. 3 vols.
Abatement of property tax, and exemption from poll tax: Name, address of taxpayer; amount, type, date of tax; amount, cause, date of abatement or exemption; balance due. Arr. by date of abatement or exemption. No index. Hdw. 95 pp. 11 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$. 1 vol., 1909-18, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1919--, residence of Grace B. Glidden (cl.), West St.

90. (COPIES OF POLL, REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT CERTIFICATES), 1931--. 3 bdl.s.
Certificate number, name of town; amount, year of tax; names, address of taxpayer; location of property; cause, amount of abatement; balance due, signatures of assessors. Arr. by certificate no. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 4 x $\frac{3}{4}$. Off., residence of Edgar H. Glidden (coll.), West St.

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(Tax authorized by law 1929)

91. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE (Assessments), 1929--. 10 vols.
Name, address of owner; name, model, valuation, type, date of registration of vehicle; amount, period, date of tax. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Hdw. 25 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x $\frac{1}{4}$. 3 vols., 1929-31, bsmt. va.; 7 vols., 1932--, residence of Grace B. Glidden (cl.), West St.

For excise commitments, see entry 107.

92. (RECORD OF ABATEMENTS), 1929---. 1 vol..
Name of owner; registration number, description of vehicle; amount, period, date of assessment; cause, date of abatement; date of payment. Arr. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw., 100 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Residence of Grace B. Glidden (cl.), West St.

Deeds, Tax Titles, Wills

93. (ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS, TAX TITLES, WILLS), 1922---. 12 vols.
Prior records destroyed by fire.

Contains:

- i. Deeds: Description, location of property; date of instrument, recording; amount of consideration, area of land, volume and page reference to instrument recorded in county registry of deeds; name, address of grantor, grantee; amounts, number of mortgages (if any). Includes plan of land showing area, boundaries, and names of abutters.
 - ii. Record of authorizations from state commissioner of corporations and taxation to the town to sell at public auction to the highest bidder tax title deeds held by town: Name of former property owner, year of levy, date of tax sale, volume and page reference to instrument recorded in county registry of deeds, certificate number (if registered in land court), estimated present value of land.
 - iii. Wills: Name, residence of deceased; case number; text, date of will; name of executor, date of appointment; names, addresses of heirs; relationship to deceased; itemization, total value of real estate; amount of money deposited in banks.
- Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantee. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 500 pp. 8 x 5 x 3. Residence of Grace B. Glidden (cl.), West St.

94. (COPIES OF TITLES TO PROPERTY TAKEN FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES), 1931---. In (Minutes of Assessors' Meetings), entry 81.
Name of former property owner, tax collector; location, description of property; amount, date of tax; date of demand, foreclosure; volume and page reference to instrument recorded in county registry of deeds; date, day, hour, minute of recording.

VI. COLLECTOR¹

The act incorporating the Rutland District passed June 20, 1749 stipulated that "the Collectors or Constables (were) to collect" a land tax.² In 1764 "constables to gather town rates" were elected.³ Again on February 22, 1786 the general court, "on the petition of the Selectmen of

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Province Acts and Resolves, XIV, 1747-1752, p. 272

3. Town Records, I, p. 69

the town of Barre, setting forth the difficulties they labour under in collecting from certain persons" passed a resolve "That Lemuel Osgood, one of the present Constables of the town of Barre, be, and he is, hereby authorized and empowered, to receive the rate bills or estimates made by the town . . . and also to collect the same from all such delinquents. . . ."1 It is clear from the above that constables performed the duties of tax collector for general town rates as highway surveyors did for highway rates or services.² In some years, however, the collection of taxes was auctioned off. In 1788 the town voted "to Set up at Vandue the Collection of all Rates and Taxes the said Town shall be Assessed for, for this present year to the Lowest Bidder."³ In some years such as in 1817 and 1824 the selectmen were allowed to "receive proposals (for collecting taxes) from those who feel disposed to serve in that office."⁴ In any case the person was usually elected a constable to clothe him with adequate authority.

In 1857 the office was filled by election for the first time, the office being combined with that of treasurer in 1857, 1858 and from 1862 to 1879.⁵ From 1880 through 1891 the same official was elected annually to the three offices of collector, treasurer and town clerk.⁶ Beginning in 1892 the collector was again elected separately each year, a practice which has continued to date.⁷

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall. In addition to the following records, see entries 2-i, 3, 4, for reports on departmental expenditures; entry 86 for taxpayers lists submitted to assessors 1827-56.

Reports

95. (COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1897--.

In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Contains:

- i. Delinquency, 1911-12: Name, address of taxpayer; amount of unpaid tax, total.
- ii. Financial statement, 1897--: Total, 1897-1928, and breakdown of poll, property, and excise tax, 1929--, showing amount of tax committed, collected, abated, outstanding; amount of transfer to treasurer, cash on hand. 1931-33 includes old age assistance tax.
- iii. Statement of method of assessing and collecting, 1910.

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1. Laws, 1784-85, ch. 28
 2. See pp. 92, 95
 3. Town Record, II, pages not numbered
 4. Ibid., III, pp. 128, 205
 5. Ibid., IV, pp. 228, 246, 325; V, p. 75
 6. Ibid., V, pp. 94, 340
 7. Ibid., V, p. 340 to VII, p. 135

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Collector - Commitments; Receipts

Commitments

(See also entries 95-ii, 118, 120)

96. TAX COLLECTOR'S (Property Tax Commitment) BOOK, 1861--. 78 vols.
System estab. 1861.

Name, address of taxpayer; location, description, valuation of property; amount of assessment, date of commitment; amount of interest, abatement; date of payment. Also contains: Poll Tax (Commitments), 1861-1923, entry 97. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 121 pp. 11 x 9 x 1. 70 vols., 1861-1930, bsmt. va.; 8 vols., 1931--, residence of Edgar H. Glidden (coll.), West St.

For valuation lists 1800--, see entry 82.

97. POLL TAX (Commitments), 1924--. 14 vols. 1861-1923 in Tax Collector's (Property Tax Commitment) Book, entry 96.

Name, address of poll; amount, date of tax, interest, payment. Arr. alph. by name of poll. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 5/8. 7 vols., 1924-31, bsmt. va.; 7 vols., 1932--, residence of Edgar H. Glidden (coll.), West St.

For poll lists 1800--, see entry 82.

98. (CERTIFICATES OF POLL ASSESSMENTS), 1924--. 1 file box.

Name, address of taxpayer; precinct, ward number; date of certification, signatures of assessors. Arr. by date of certification. No index. Hdw. on ptl. form. 18 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$.

99. (COMMITMENT OF TAX FOR SUPPORT OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS), 1813-69.
23 bdl's.

Name, address of taxpayer; valuation of property; amount, date of assessment; total valuation, assessment; number of pupils by district; tax rate per pupil, district; amount of state grant, signatures of assessors. Arr. by date of assessment. No index. Hdw. 6 x 3 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

For assessments on school district number 1, 1822, 1837, see entry 87.

100. (Record of) UNCOLLECTED TAXES (by Reason of Abatement), 1899-1902. 1 vol.

Name of taxpayer, year of assessment; amount, type, date of tax; amount of abatement, interest, total tax; total annual commitments, abatements; signatures of assessors. Arr. by date of tax. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Receipts

(See also entries 95-ii, 108, 110, 111-iii, 112)

101. COLLECTOR'S CASH (Receipts From Property Taxes), 1903--. 20 vols.
Missing: 1905-9.

Name of taxpayer; amount, type, date of assessment; amount, date of abatement; amount of interest accrued; amount, date of receipt. Includes record of cash transfers to treasurer. Also contains: Poll Tax Cash, 1903-4. 1910-30, entry 102; (Assessors' Warrants for Collection of Property Taxes), 1928--, entry 105; (Assessors' Warrants for Collection of Poll Taxes), 1928-30, entry 106. Arr. by date of income. No index. Hdw. 101 pp. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. 12 vols., 1903-30, bsmt. va.; 8 vols., 1931--, residence of Edgar H. Glidden (coll.), West St.

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Excise

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102. POLL TAX CASH, 1931--. 8 vols. 1903-4, 1910-30 in Collector's Cash (Receipts from Property Taxes), entry 101.
Name of taxpayer; date of tax, exemption; amount of interest accrued; amount, date of receipt, transfer to treasurer. Also contains: (Assessors' Warrants for Collection of Poll Taxes), entry 106; (Old Age Assistance Tax Receipts), 1931-33, entry 110. Arr. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1931, bsmt. va.; 7 vols., 1932--, residence of Edgar H. Glidden (coll.), West St.

103. (COPIES OF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RECEIPTS), 1925-27. 9 vols.
Name of payer; amount, type, year of tax; amount of abatement, interest accrued; amount, date of receipt; signature of collector. Arr. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. $13\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

Tax Warrants

104. BILLS OF ASSESSMENT, 1838-82. 1 bdl. Missing: 1883-1927.
Contains: (Assessors' Warrants for Collection of Property Taxes), entry 105; (Assessors' Warrants for Collection of Poll Taxes), entry 106. Arr. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 18 x 11 x 2.

105. (ASSESSORS' WARRANTS FOR COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES), 1838-82, 1928--. 1838-82 in Bills of Assessment, entry 104; 1928-- in Collector's Cash (Receipts from Property Taxes), entry 101.
Name of town, collector; amount, type, year of tax; amount, date of transfer of tax receipts to treasurer; date of warrant, signatures of assessors.

106. (ASSESSORS' WARRANTS FOR COLLECTION OF POLL TAXES), 1838-82, 1928--. 1838-82 in Bills of Assessment, entry 104; 1928-30 in Collector's Cash (Receipts from Property Taxes), entry 101; 1931-- in Poll Tax Cash, entry 102.
Name of town, collector; amount, type, year of tax; amount, date of transfer of tax receipts to treasurer; date of warrant, signatures of assessors.

Motor Vehicle Excise

(Tax authorized by law 1929; see also entry 95-ii)

107. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE (Commitments), 1929--. 10 vols.
Name of owner, year of assessment; amount of tax, abatement; amount, date of payment. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times 5/8$. Residence of Edgar H. Glidden (coll.), West St.
For excise assessments, see entry 91.

108. CASH (Receipts) MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, 1929--. 11 vols. Title varies: Motor Excise Tax List, 1929-30, 2 vols.
Name of taxpayer; amount, date of tax, abatement, interest, costs; total; amount, date of receipt, transfer to treasurer. Arr. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. 71 pp. $11 \times 8 \times \frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1929-30, bsmt. va.; 9 vols., 1931--, residence of Edgar H. Glidden (coll.), West St.

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Treasurer - Reports

Old Age Assistance Tax

(Tax authorized by law 1931, valid 1931-33; see also entry 95-ii)

109. OLD AGE ASSISTANCE (Tax Commitments), 1931-33. 3 vols. Name of taxpayer; amount, date of tax; date of payment. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 8½ x 7 x 5/8. Residence of Edgar H. Glidden (coll.), West St.

110. (OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TAX RECEIPTS), 1931-33. In Poll Tax Cash, entry 102. Name of taxpayer; amount, date of tax, receipt, transfer to treasurer.

VII. TREASURER¹

Although a treasurer was probably elected at the first meeting of the Rutland District in 1749, the earliest extant record is that of May 14, 1763, when a treasurer was elected for one year.² A treasurer was also elected at the first meeting of the new town on March 13, 1775.³ Although a treasurer was elected annually after 1763, in 1857, 1858, in the period 1862 to 1879, he was also elected collector.⁴ Again in the period 1880 to 1891 the treasurer was both collector and town clerk.⁵ Since 1892 the treasurer has not held any other office.⁶

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the office of Clyde H. Swan (treasurer), Barre Bank Building, 4 South Street.

Reports

(See also entries 2-1, 3, 4)

111. (TREASURER'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1892-.. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Contains:

- i. Expenditures on orders of selectmen, for interest payments, state and county taxes, town tax refunds: Amount, purpose of expenditure; amount of cash on hand.
- ii. Funds: Name, amount, purpose of fund; amount of interest receipts, expenditures, balance.
- iii. Receipts of taxes, interest, license fees, and miscellaneous transfers from town departments: Amount, source of receipts; total.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, I, p. 60

3. Ibid., I, pp. not numbered

4. Ibid., IV, p. 228; V, p. 75

5. Ibid., V, pp. 94, 340

6. Ibid., V, p. 375; VII, p. 135

Treasurer - General Accounts; Orders,
Invoices, Vouchers

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General Accounts

(See also entries 2-i, 3, 4, 111, 129)

112. CASH BOOK, 1916--. 3 vols. Missing: 1888-1915.

Receipts from taxes and assessments, loans, water charges, departmental revenue, licenses: Name of payer, department credited; amount, source, date of receipt. Expenditures for departmental expenses, trust funds, notes and bonds: Name of payee, department charged; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; voucher number. Also contains: Journal (of Town Notes Issued in Anticipation of Taxes) - Town of Barre Treasurer, entry 124. Arr. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 8 x 12 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

For transfer of tax receipts by collector, see entries 95-ii, 101, 102, 105, 106, 108, 110, 111-iii.

113. LEDGER, 1888--. 3 vols.

Summary of accounts as posted from Cash Book, entry 112: Name of account; amount, date of debit, credit posting. Arr. alph. by name of account. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1888-1926, bsmt. va.; T.H.; 1 vol., 1927--., Case's Jewelry Store, Exchange St.

114. EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS, 1930--. 1 vol. System estab. 1930.

Analysis of expenditures of each town department: Name of department; amount, date of appropriation; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; order number, departmental balance. Arr. alph. by name of department. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 18 x 1.

Orders, Invoices, Vouchers

115. (PAID ORDERS), 1838--. 1 chest, 87 bdl's., 1 file box.

Selectmen's authorizations to treasurer to pay departmental bills: Name of payee, department charged; amount, number, date of order; signatures of selectmen. Also contains: (Paid Vouchers), entry 118. Arr. by date of order and thereunder by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Chest, 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10; bdl's., 12 x 6 x 9; file box, 10 x 4 x 8. 1 chest, 40 bdl's., 1838-1930, bsmt. va., T.H.; 47 bdl's., 1886-1935, attic strm., T.H.; 1 file box, 1936--., treas. off.

For record of orders 1793-1930, see entry 20; 1931--., see entry 1.

116. DRAFT REGISTER, 1915--. 5 vols. Missing: 1928-32.

Recording of orders drawn for payment of departmental expenses: Name of payee, department charged; amount, number, date of draft. Arr. by date of draft. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 1. 4 vols., 1915-34, bsmt. va., T.H.; 1 vol., 1935--., treas. off.

117. (RECEIPTED INVOICES), 1809--. 237 bdl's., 2 file boxes.

Name of payee, department charged; amount, itemization, date of invoice; amount, certification, date of payment. Arr. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Bdl's., 8 x 5 x 3; file boxes, 4 x 6 x 10. 180 bdl's., 1809-1930, bsmt. va., T.H.; 57 bdl's., 1886-1936, attic strm., T.H.; 2 file boxes, 1937--., treas. off.

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Treasurer - Checks and Bank
Accounts; Notes, Bonds, Trust Funds

118. (PAID VOUCHERS), 1838--. In (Paid Orders), entry 115.
Name of payee, department charged; amount, number, date of voucher; order
number, signature of department official.

Checks and Bank Accounts

119. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1903--. 73 bdls., 8 file boxes.
Name of payee, department charged; amount, number, date of check. Also con-
tains: (Check Stubs), 1929--, entry 121. Arr. by check no. No index. Hdw.
on ptd. form. Bds., $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 3$; file boxes, $11 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 10$. 73 bdls., 1903-
25, bsmt. va.; 8 file boxes, 1926--, attic strn.; T.H.

120. (MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS), 1913--. 2 bdls., 3 file boxes.
Name of bank; amount, date of deposit, withdrawal; bank balance. Also con-
tains: (Duplicate Bank Deposit Slips), entry 122. Arr. chron. No index.
Typed on ptd. form. Bds., $9\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$; file boxes, $11 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 10$. 2 bdls.,
1913-28, bsmt. va., T.H.; 2 file boxes, 1928-33, attic strn., T.H.; 1 file
box, 1934--, treas. off.

121. (CHECK STUBS), 1911-28. 8 vols. Missing: 1916-24. 1929-- in
(Canceled Checks), entry 119.
Name of payee, department charged; amount, number, date of check. Arr. by
check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 140 pp. $9\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{3}{4} \times 1$.

122. (DUPLICATE BANK DEPOSIT SLIPS), 1913--. In (Monthly Bank State-
ments), entry 120.
Name of bank; amount, itemization, date of deposit.

Notes, Bonds, Trust Funds
(See also entries 111-ii, 112, 209)

123. DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION (Stubs of Town Notes
Issued on Anticipation of Taxes), 1837--. 3 bdls., 12 vols. No
title, 1837-1906, 3 bdls.
Name of purchaser; amount, purpose, number, issue and maturity date of note;
amount of previous issues, interest rate, unsold balance, date of authoriza-
tion; signatures of selectmen, treasurer, town clerk; method, place, date of
redemption. Includes acknowledgment of payment of notes, 1837-1906. Arr.
by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Bds., $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times \frac{1}{4}$; vols.,
10 pp. $18 \times 13 \times \frac{1}{4}$. 3 bdls., 10 vols., 1837-1930, bsmt. va., T.H.; 2 vols.,
1931--, treas. off.

124. JOURNAL (of Town Notes Issued in Anticipation of Taxes) - TOWN
OF BARRE TREASURER, 1881-1917. 1 vol. 1916-- in Cash Book,
entry 112.
Name, address of payee; amount, number, date of note; interest rate; date of
issue, maturity; amount, date of payment; order number. Arr. by date of
issue. No index. Hdw. 724 pp. $14 \times 8 \times \frac{3}{4}$. Bsmt. va., T.H.

125. (FIDELITY BONDS OF TOWN OFFICIALS), 1801--. 6 bds. Name, address, position of official; names, addresses of sureties; names of witnesses; amount, conditions, date of bond. Arr. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$. 5 bds., 1801-1904, bsmt. va., T.H.; 1 bd., 1905--, treas. off.

126. (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BONDS), 1858--. 1 bd., 1 file box. Name, address of licensee, surety; amount, conditions, date of bond; signatures of witnesses; signature, seal of notary public; expiration date of commission. Arr. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1 bd., 1858-1927, 9 x 4 x 2; 1 file box, 1928--, $10\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$. Bsmt. va., T.H.

127. (Disbursements of) SCHUYLER MILLER FUND, 1907-14. 1 vol. System estab. 1907. Disbursements from income of fund for food, fuel, clothing for widows and orphans: Name of recipient, merchant; amount, accounting, date of disbursement. Arr. by date of disbursement. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4} \times 5/8$. Bsmt. va., T.H. For subsequent related records, see entry 132.

VIII. AUDITOR

An article in the warrant for the meeting of the Rutland District on April 11, 1763, referred to a committee "settling with Treas."² Again on November 18, 1763 a report was rendered by a committee of three who had been chosen on April 17, 1761 "to settle." The record states that they "turned in accts. up to that date."³ Although in the early years these committees were not always chosen annually, they appear to have been fairly regularly elected after March 13, 1775. In some years such as 1819 the town voted to have the selectmen serve on the committee.⁴ Down to 1878 the committee was still called "the committee to settle with the Treasurer."⁵ In 1878 the committee, now called the "auditing committee," was composed of two members elected for a one year term.⁶ From 1881 to date the committee has been replaced by a single auditor, elected annually.⁷

128. TOWN AUDITOR'S BOOK (Analysis of Departmental Appropriations and Expenditures), 1927--. 3 vols. System estab. 1927. Name of department; amount, date of appropriation; amount, itemization, date of expenditure; order number, departmental balance. Arr. by name of dept.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, I, pp. not numbered, art. 4

3. Ibid., I, pp. 64, 72

4. Ibid., III, p. 128

5. Ibid., V, p. 50

6. Ibid., V, p. 50

7. Ibid., V, p. 115; VII, p. 135

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Budget and Finance Committee -
Trustees Of All Benevolent Funds

and thereunder by month. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 13 x 14 x 1. Treas. off., Barre Bank Bldg., 4 South St.

For state auditor's reports of departmental audits 1922, 1932, see entry 6.

129. (REPORT OF VERIFICATION OF TOWN ACCOUNTS), 1876-80, 1882-89, 1891--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Certification of examination and verification of accounts of collecting and disbursing town officers, by auditing committee 1876-80; by auditor 1882-89, 1891--.

IX. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE¹

In 1923 the town "voted to elect a committee of six to be known as (a) Budget and Finance Committee," two members to be elected each year.² The duty of the committee was "to make up a Budget of Town expenditures to present to the voters at each annual Town meeting." Two members have been elected annually for three-year terms since 1923.³

130. (MINUTES OF MEETINGS), 1926--. 2 bdl.s. Discussion and decisions regarding departmental appropriations and expenditures, transfers of reserve fund. Arr. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 10 x 2. 1 bdl., 1925-31, treas. off., Barre Bank Bldg., 4 South St.; 1 bdl., 1932--, residence of T. M. Casey (chairman), 106 Vernon Ave., S. Barre.

131. (COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1924--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Amount of reserve-fund appropriation; record of transfers to departmental accounts, showing name of account; amount, date of transfer; unexpended balance.

X. TRUSTEES OF ALL BENEVOLENT FUNDS¹

The Schuyler Miller Fund was established by the will of Schuyler Miller who left a bequest of the income of his estate for "poor orphans and widows."⁴ In 1911, 1912, and 1913 an agent was elected to administer the fund. In 1914 the town voted to elect a committee "to administer the income of all monies

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, VI, p. 522

3. Ibid., VII, p. 135

4. Abstract of will held by the treasurer of the Barre branch of the Worcester County Trust Company

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left the town by bequest for the needy poor of the town, to be expanded from each fund by the committee." The committee of three took the name of trustees of all benevolent funds.¹ The trustees were elected until March 10, 1925, after which date the office was filled by appointment by the selectmen.²

132. (RECORD OF FUNDS), 1921--. 1 vol.
Name of testator, excerpt of will; name, amount, conditions, date of fund; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; balance. Also contains: (Record of Funds of the Samuel F. Woods Post 179), 1937--, entry 134. Arr. alph. by name of fund and thereunder by date of expenditure. No index. Typed. 100 pp. 10 x 7 x 1. Off. of Clyde Swan (treas.), Barre Bank Bldg., South St.

133. (TRUSTEES' ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1916-17. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.
Brief statement of administration of funds. 1916 includes extract from wills, showing name, purpose of fund.

XI. TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL F. WOODS POST 179, G.A.R. FUND³

When Post 179 disbanded in 1937 and left its funds to the town, the town in March 1937 voted to accept them and to have the selectmen appoint three trustees.⁴

134. (RECORD OF FUNDS OF THE SAMUEL F. WOODS POST 179), 1937--. In (Record of Funds), entry 132.
Name, amount, conditions, date of fund; amount, date of expenditure; balance.

XII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE³

Prior to the election of a school committee the selectmen had general supervision of schools, although from 1800 to 1869 prudential or visiting committees hired teachers and examined the scholarly attainments of pupils.⁵ On April 7, 1800 a "Committee to Visit Schools" composed of three members was elected for one year.⁶ This committee was not again elected until May

1. Town Record, VI, p. 295. In 1914 the committee consisted of two members

2. Selectmen's Register, I, pages not numbered; II, p. 62

3. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

4. Town Record, VII, p. 98; Selectmen's Register, II, p. 63

5. See p. 13

6. Town Record, II, p. not numbered

School Committee - Minutes and Reports

19, 1804 when two members were chosen.¹ The committee existed from 1804 to 1859 although its membership, usually including the minister and a member from each school district, varies from two to fourteen.²

Finally in 1860 a regular school committee of three was established, one member being elected each year for a term of three years.³ Nine years later the system of school districts was abolished.⁴ Although before 1888 their number has varied from two to five, since that year the membership of the school committee has invariably been three.⁵ Their term and method of election has remained unchanged.⁶

In March, 1890, the town voted to join with Petersham and Hardwick in employing a superintendent of schools.⁷ The three towns still constitute a school union and the arrangement concerning the school superintendent is still in effect.

In 1916 the school committee took over the duty of appointing two attendance officers from the selectmen who had appointed those truant or attendance officers annually since 1869.⁸ Since 1907 the committee has also appointed annually two school physicians and since 1921 a school nurse.

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall.

Minutes and Reports

135. SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES (of Meetings), 1856--. 3 vols. Appointment of employees, approval of annual budget and special appropriations, hearing of reports of special committees, discussions and decisions pertaining to purchase of text books and supplies; date of meeting. Also contains: (List of Teachers), entry 142. Arr. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ to 300 pp. $10 \times 11 \times 1$. 1 vol., 1856-92, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1893--, supt. off., High School, West St.

136. (SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1899--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Narrative report of administration, faculty; recommendations for improvements, appropriations. 1899 includes statistics of pupils and teachers.

137. SCHOOL RETURNS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1899--. 39 vols. Title varies: School Census, 1899-1910, 12 vols. Statistics on teachers, pupils, enrollment, attendance; analysis of receipts

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1. Town Record, p. not numbered
 2. Ibid., II, pp. not numbered to IV, p. 264
 3. Ibid., IV, p. 284
 4. Ibid., IV, p. 534
 5. Annual Report, 1861 to 1937
 6. Town Record, IV, p. 534 to VII, p. 135
 7. Ibid., V, p. 320
 8. Report of school committee in Annual Report, 1916, p. 3

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and expenditures. Includes names and addresses of school committee members, and names of truant officers. Arr. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 pp. $11\frac{3}{4} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$. 16 vols., 1899-1914, bsmt. va.; 23 vols., 1915-- , supt. off., High School, West St.

138. (Original) REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF BARRE, 1818, 1821-22, 1838-89. 1 bdl., 47 vols. Missing: 1819-20, 1846-51.

Enrollment and attendance statistics; names of teachers, pupils; recommendations pertaining to teaching methods, school policy, repairs to buildings; financial statement; date of report. Arr. by date of report. No index. Hdw. to 1853, ptd. thereafter. Bdl., $10 \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$; vols., 16 pp. $7 \times 5 \times \frac{1}{8}$ to 30 pp. $10 \times 8 \times \frac{1}{4}$. 1 bdl., 1818, 1821-22, 17 vols., 1838-56, 1859-63, bsmt. va.; 30 vols., 1857-58, 1864-89, storage closet, first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

For annual published reports 1899-- , see entry 136.

Pupils' Records

(See also entries 136, 137, 150-ii,-iv,-v,-vii; 151, 155-157)

139. (ATTENDANCE RECORDS OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS), 1838-44. 16 vols. Name, age of pupil; name of parent, school teacher; dates of absence, tardiness; names of textbooks charged to each pupil, total school enrollment. Includes names of school committee members and dates of their visits to district schools. Arr. by school term. No index. Hdw. Writing faded. 200 pp. $8 \times 7 \times \frac{3}{4}$. Bsmt. va., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

For subsequent summarized reports of attendance, see entries 137, 138.

140. (BARRE ACADEMY RECORD BOOK), 1867-84. 1 vol. Weekly scholarship, attendance, and deportment record of pupils in Barre Academy, predecessor of Barre High School: Name, class of pupil; grades in each subject, dates of absence, deportment rating, period of school term. Includes receipts from tuition fees, 1873: Name of pupil, town; amount, date of receipt. Arr. by school term. No index. Hdw. 125 pp. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times 1$.

141. MEDICAL INSPECTION, 1908. 6 vols. Name, age, birthplace, grade, physical condition of pupil; results of examination. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. 60 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$.

Record of Teachers

(See also entries 136-138, 147, 150-vi,-vii)

142. (LIST OF TEACHERS), 1856-- . In School Committee Minutes (of Meetings), entry 135. Name, address, grade, salary of teacher; number of pupils under 5 years of age, over 15 years of age; total number of pupils. No arr.

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Records; School District No. 1

Financial Records

(See also entries 2-i, 3, 4, 135-138, 140, 150-iii)

143. (ORIGINAL PAY ROLLS), 1911--. 11 bdl.

Name, signature, school, salary of employee; date of payroll. Also contains: (Pupils' Eye and Ear Tests), entry 157. Arr. by date of payroll. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 x 8. 1 bdl., 1911-14, bsmt. va.; 10 bdl., 1915--, supt. off., High School, West St.

144. (RECEIPTED BILLS FOR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT), 1811-1914. 15 bdl.
System discount. 1914.

Name, address of creditor; amount, itemization, number, date of bill; date of payment. Also contains: (Canceled Checks), entry 146. Arr. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

145. SCHOOL COMMITTEE BILLS AND ACCOUNTS (Record of Disbursements), 1884-1914. 5 vols. Missing: 1890-92. System discount. 1914.

Disbursements for salaries, maintenance of schools, supplies, transportation of pupils: Name of payee; amount, purpose, date of disbursement. Arr. by date of disbursement. No index. Hdw. 30 pp. 10 x 8 x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

146. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1811-1914. In (Receipted Bills for Supplies and Equipment), entry 144.

Name of payee; amount, purpose, number, date of check.

School District No. 1
(See also entries 99, 139)

147. (MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETINGS), 1863-69. 1 vol.

Election of officers; discussions and decisions relating to repairs of school buildings, water and wood supply, appointment of teachers. Arr. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

For petitions and warrants for school district meetings 1826-68, see entry 10.

148. (Receipts and) EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, 1836-69.
2 vols.

Receipts from taxes levied for school purposes: Name of payer; amount, source, date of receipt. Expenditures for salaries, supplies, maintenance: Name of payee; amount, purpose, date of expenditure. Arr. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. Writing faded, paper poor. 100 pp. 16 x 7 x 1.

For record of assessments 1822, 1837, see entry 87.

XIII. ATTENDANCE OFFICERS¹

In 1869 the town voted to have the selectmen appoint three truant officers annually.² The office became elective in 1889, and in that year and from 1891 to 1899, two were elected annually; in 1890 one was elected.³ From 1900 to 1915 one to four officers were again appointed by the selectmen (except in 1911 and 1912 when none was appointed or elected), the usual number being two.⁴ Since 1916, when the title was changed to attendance officer, two have been appointed annually by the school committee.⁵

In addition to the following record, see entry 150-vi for annual published list of attendance officers 1900-1910, 1913--.

149. (ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE), 1894-1902. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Narrative report of cases of truancy investigated, corrected or prosecuted; recommendations to parents.

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS¹

At the March meeting in 1890 the town voted to join with Petersham and Hardwick in employing a superintendent of schools.⁶ The three towns have since constituted a school union and the arrangement for joint employment of a superintendent is still in effect. The superintendent serves as secretary of the school committee.

150. (SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE), 1890--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Narrative report of school activities, attendance, curricula, school buildings; recommendations for improvements. Includes the following reports and statistics:

- i. Calendar, 1898--: Opening and closing dates of terms, school holidays.
- ii. Enrollment, 1890--: Number of children of school age in the town, number of pupils by school and grade.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, IV, p. 536

3. Annual Report, 1889-1915

4. Idem.

5. Report of School Committee in Annual Report, 1916, p. 3; School Committee Minutes, III, 257

6. Town Record, V, p. 320

- iii. Financial tables, 1891--:
 - a. Amount of superintendent's salary, amount of contribution by town and state, 1891-94.
 - b. Total amount of appropriation, expenditure, balance, cost per pupil, 1895-1901.
 - c. Valuation of school property, 1900-1901.
 - d. Breakdown of receipts by source, amount; expenditures by purpose and thereunder by name of payee, amount of payment; total receipts and expenditures, 1906--.
- iv. High school principal's report of activities; names of graduates; average, total enrollment, 1890--. 1909 includes courses of study, with names of subjects, types of course. 1928-- includes program of graduation exercises.
- v. Honor roll, 1916--: Names of pupils with perfect record of attendance.
- vi. Personnel: Names of committee members (1900--), truant or attendance officers (1900-1910, 1913--), showing names, salaries, educational and teaching background of teachers.
- vii. Supervisors' reports of aims and methods of instruction, work done by pupils:
 - a. Music supervisor, 1900--.
 - b. Drawing supervisor, 1905--.
 - c. Home economics, 1916--.
 - d. Manual training, 1916--.

XV. SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

School health work was begun in 1906.¹ Two school physicians have been appointed annually by the school committee since 1907.²

In addition to the following record, see entries 141, 152, 153, 155-157 for other medical records of pupils.

151. (PHYSICIANS' ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SUPERINTENDENT), 1909--.

In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Brief statement of health conditions in the schools; table showing number of pupils examined; number, nature of defects found, corrected.

XVI. SCHOOL NURSE³

A school nurse has been appointed annually by the school committee since 1921.⁴

1. Annual Report, 1906, p. 47

2. Ibid., 1908, p. 66; 1936, pp. 37, 38

3. For the statutory origin and duties of this office see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

4. Annual Report, 1921, p. 17; 1936, p. 30

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Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the nurse's office, Henry Wood High School.

Reports and Schedules

152. (NURSE'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE), 1921--.

In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Narrative report of health conditions, recommendations for improvements; table showing number of visits to schools, homes; number of pupils examined; number, nature of defects found, treated.

153. (COPIES OF ANNUAL REPORTS SENT TO SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS), 1931--. In The Day's Plan (Schedule of Nurse's Activities), entry 154.

Statistical summary of treatments, school and home visits, physical examinations of pupils; number, type of inoculations administered; period of report, signature of nurse.

154. THE DAY'S PLAN (Schedule of Nurse's Activities), 1931--. 7 vols. (dated). System estab. 1931.

Time, date of arrival to and departure from office; names of schools visited, nature of work performed; notations on home visits, speedometer readings at all stops. Also contains: (Copies of Annual Reports Sent to Superintendent of Schools), entry 153. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 10 x 8 x 1.

Pupils' Health

(See also entries 141, 151-153)

155. (PERMANENT PHYSICAL RECORDS), 1918--. 3 file boxes.

Name, address, sex, school, grade of pupil; place, date of birth; names, birthplaces, occupations of parents; periodic check of height, weight, sight, hearing; record of defects requiring treatment, history of prior diseases and immunizations, remarks. Arr. by grade and thereunder alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 10 x 18. 1 file box, 1918--, nurse's off., first fl., Barre High School; 1 file box, 1918--, nurse's off., second fl., Center School; 1 file box, 1918--, nurse's off., third fl., High Plains School.

156. (HEALTH RECORDS), 1931--. 2 file boxes. System estab. 1931.

Contains:

- i. Dental certificates submitted to parents, 1931--: Certification of completion of dental work: Name of pupil, signature of dentist, parent; date of certificate.
- ii. Dental work estimates submitted to parents, 1931--: Name, grade of pupil; name of dentist, results of examination, approximate cost of dental work, date of estimate, signature of parent.
- iii. Health progress sheets, 1931--: Name of teacher; name, grade of pupil, condition, progress of pupil's health; date of sheet.
- iv. Notices to parents regarding dental clinic services, 1931--: Name of pupil, school, dentist; statement, cost of clinic services; nature of dental work needed, date of notice; signature of dentist, parent.

- v. Notices to parents regarding hearing tests, 1931--: Name of parent, result of pupil's audiometer test; place, approximate date of future examination; signature of parent.
- vi. Notices to parents regarding pupil's need for medical attention, 1931: Name of pupil; nature of physical defect, signature of teacher or physician, parent; date of notice.
- vii. Pediculosis notices submitted to parents, 1931--: Name of parent or guardian, statement of pupil's head condition, suggested treatment, date of notice, signature of parent.
- viii. Principal's statistical reports of sight and hearing tests submitted to superintendent of schools, 1931--: Name, total enrollment of school; number of pupils defective in eyesight, hearing; number of parents notified, signature of principal, date of report.
- ix. Tonsil clinic notices submitted parents, 1931--: Name of parent, date of clinic, charge for operation, directions to parents, date of notice, signature of parent.

157. (PUPILS' EYE AND EAR TESTS), 1911--. In (Original Pay Rolls), entry 143.
Name, grade of pupil; type, results, date of examination. Arr. by date of test.

XVII. LIBRARY TRUSTEES¹

In 1857 a special committee of five members was elected to present a plan for the establishment of a town library.² From 1858 to 1887 three library trustees were elected annually.³ From 1887 to 1889, the number was increased to five, still elected annually.⁴ From 1889 to date there have been six library trustees, two elected annually for terms of three years.⁵

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall.

Minutes and Reports

158. (Minutes of Meetings), 1885--. 1 bdl., 1 vol. Title varies: Library Association Records, 1885-88, 1 bdl.
Appointment of employees, approval of bills, purchase of books, acceptance of bequests, recommendations to librarian. Arr. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Bdl., 9 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$; vol., 250 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. 1 bdl., 1885-88, trustees' rm., first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.; 1 vol., 1889--, residence of Mrs. Anita M. Rich (secy.), opposite Common, Barre Plains.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, IV, pp. 230, 231

3. Ibid., IV, p. 230 to V, p. 255

4. Ibid., V, pp. 255, 298

5. Ibid., V, p. 298 to VII, p. 135; Annual Report, 1889-1937

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Circulation; Financial Records

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159. (TRUSTEES' ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1889--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Narrative report by library committee, 1889; trustees, 1890--, on acquisitions, donations, lectures; recommendation for appropriation. 1889-94 includes amount of appropriation; amount, purpose of expenditure. Also includes:
- i. Librarian's report, 1899--: Statistical tables showing circulation classified by subjects, total number of borrowers, amount of receipts and expenditures.
 - ii. Treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures, 1890--: Amount, source of receipt; amount, purpose of expenditure; totals.

160. (ORIGINAL ANNUAL REPORTS TO SELECTMEN), 1858-76. 1 bdl. Reports of library activities: Summary of receipts and disbursements, number of accessions, total circulation. Arr. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 8 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$.

For annual published reports 1889--, see entry 159.

Accessions and Circulation
(See also entries 159, 160)

161. ACCESSION RECORD, 1857--. 5 vols. Classification, title, source, number of accession; name of author, publisher; place, date of publication; size, binding, cost of book; date of accession. Arr. by accession no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. Main rm., first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

162. CIRCULATION RECORD, 1927--. 6 vols. Daily statistics on circulation of books: Number of borrowers; amount of collection from fines; total number of books issued in each subject classification. Arr. by day. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 13 x 12 x 1. Main rm., first fl., Woods Memorial Lib., 20 Pleasant St.

Financial Records
(See also entries 2-i, 3, 4, 158-160, 162)

163. (RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES), 1889-1918. 1 vol. Discont. as record of library trustees 1918. Receipts from appropriations, trust funds, fines: Name of payer; amount, source, date of receipt. Expenditures for salaries, books, maintenance: Name of payee; amount, purpose, date of expenditure. Arr. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$. For record 1918--, kept by treasurer, see entry 112.

164. (ORDERS FOR PAYMENT), 1889-1918. 1 vol. Discont. as record of library trustees, 1918. Authorizations for payment of bills: Name of payee; amount, purpose, date, number of order; signatures of trustees. Arr. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 10 x 4 x $1\frac{1}{4}$. For record 1918--, kept by treasurer, see entry 115.

165. (CHECKS AND BANK STATEMENTS), 1902-12. 2 bdl. Discont. as record of library trustees 1912.

Contains:

- i. Canceled checks: Name of payee, bank; amount, number, date of check. For record 1912--, kept by treasurer, see entry 119.
- ii. Check stubs: Name of payee; amount, purpose, number, date of check. For record 1912--, kept by treasurer, see entry 121.
- iii. Monthly bank statements: Name of bank; amount, date of deposit, withdrawal; bank balance. For record 1912--, kept by treasurer, see entry 120.

Arr. by month. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 9 x 3½ x 4.

166. BILLS AND RECEIPTS, 1902-14. 6 bdl. System discont. 1914.

Contains:

- i. Copies of acknowledgments of receipts from fines, 1902-14: Name, signature of payee; amount, number, date of receipt.
- ii. Paid bills, 1902-14: Name of creditor; amount, itemization, number, date of bill; date of payment. For record 1914--, kept by treasurer, see entry 117.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 9 x 5 x 3.

XVIII. COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE¹

Prior to the election of the first overseers of the poor in 1825 the selectmen had charge of the administration of poor relief.² Three overseers were elected annually from 1825 to 1832.³ Beginning in 1832 and through 1885 the first three selectmen elected each year served as overseers.⁴ In 1886 three overseers of the poor were again elected, but the term of office was made three years, one overseer being elected annually.⁵ No further change occurred until 1911 when the overseers were again elected annually.⁶ In 1929 the title of the office was changed to board of public welfare in accordance with state law. In 1933 it was voted that the selectmen should thenceforth be commissioners of public welfare.⁷

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. See p. 40

3. Town Record, III, pp. 232, 357

4. Ibid., III, p. 357; V, p. 112

5. Ibid., V, p. 237

6. Ibid., VI, p. 216

7. Ibid., VII, pp. 46, 135

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(See also entries 186-187)

167. (MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE), 1934--.
In Selectmen's Register (Minutes of Meetings), entry 1.
Discussions and votes on appointments, distribution of appropriations, grants of aid, reimbursements to and from other municipalities and from the state, reports of receipts from sale of town farm produce; place, date of meeting; names of members present.
168. (ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORTS OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, SENT TO SELECTMEN), 1850--. In Town of Barre - Annual Official Reports, (of Town Officers), entry 2.
Report of overseers of the poor, 1850-1927; board of public welfare, 1928--:
i. General aid, 1928--: Total amount of cash grants; breakdown of administrative expenditures; showing name of payee; amount, purpose of expenditure; total.
ii. Infirmary, 1850--: Number of inmates; total cost of support, administrative expenditures; total receipts from sale of cattle, farm and dairy produce. 1865-1916 includes names of inmates.
iii. Mothers' aid or aid to dependent children, 1935--: Total amount of expenditure.
iv. Old age assistance, 1931--: Number of cases; total amount of cash grants, expenditures for supplies and medical aid; amount of appropriation, balance.
For selectmen's reports on departmental expenditures, see entries 2-i, 3, 4.

General Cases
(See also entry 168-i)

169. PAUPER REGISTER, 1845--. 4 vols., 1 bdl., 1 file box.
Missing: 1901-5. No title, 1928--., 1 file box.
General cases, 1869--: Name, address, prior addresses, age, color, sex, occupation, physical condition, place of birth, settlement status, military record, marital status, case number of applicant; vital statistics of spouse, children, and parents; amount of property, insurance; date, disposition of application; dates of visits, monthly summary of aid rendered. Also contains: (Register of Persons Sent to State Almshouse), 1869-73, entry 176; (Case Histories of Infirmary Inmates), 1845-1900, 1928--., entry 178; (Copies of Reports of Aid Rendered to Dependent Children, Sent to State Department of Public Welfare), 1938--., entry 186; (Copies of Reports of Aid Rendered to Dependent Children, Sent to State Security Board), 1938--., entry 187; (Applications for Aid to Dependent Children), 1938--., entry 188. 4 vols., 1845-82, 1906-32, arr. by case no.; 1 bdl., 1882-1900, arr. by date of aid; 1 file box, 1928--., arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Vols., 150 pp. 15 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$; bdl., 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8; file box, 2 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1 bdl., 1845-1900, 1906-32, bsmt. va.; 1 file box, 1928--., public welfare rm., second fl.; T.H.

170. WELFARE AND INFIRMARY (Journal of Relief Expenditures), 1917--.
5 vols. Title varies: Journal, 1917-30, 1 vol.; Ledger, 1930-31, 1 vol.; no title, 1932-37, 2 vols.

Name of aid recipient, payee; amount, itemization, date of expenditure; total expenditures. 1932-- includes volume and page reference to Ledger (of Relief Expenditures), entry 171. Also contains: (Monthly Statistics of Expenditures), 1932--, entry 173; (Journal of Infirmary Expenditures), 1917--, entry 179; (Journal of Expenditures for Dependent Children), 1932--, entry 189; (Journal of Expenditures for Outside Aid), 1932--, entry 193; (Monthly Statistics of Expenditures for Old Age Assistance), 1932--, entry 200. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 15 x 12 x $\frac{3}{4}$. 1 vol., 1917-30, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1930-34, residence of Charles H. Carr (agent), Christian Hill; 2 vols., 1935--, public welfare rm., second fl., T.H.

171. LEDGER (of Relief Expenditures), 1930--. 2 vols.

Name of recipient, vendor; date of first grant of aid; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; amount, date of payment. 1931-- includes volume and page reference to Welfare and Infirmary (Journal of Relief Expenditures), entry 170. Also contains: (Ledger of Infirmary Expenditures), 1913--, entry 180; (Ledger of Expenditures for Dependent Children), 1931--, entry 190; (Ledger of Expenditures for Outside Aid), entry 194. 1 vol., 1930-32, arr. by name of recipient; 1 vol., 1931--, arr. alph. by name of recipient. 1930-32, indexed alph. by name of recipient; 1931--, no index. Hdw. 150 pp. 11 x 8 x 1; 350 pp. 18 x 10 x 2. 1 vol., 1930-32, residence of Charles H. Carr (agent), Christian Hill; 1 vol., 1931--, cabinet, public welfare rm., second fl.

172. JOURNAL (Approval of Bills for Commodities), Mar. 1932--. 1 vol., 1 folder. Missing: Nov.-Dec. 1932. No title, 1933--, 1 folder.

Name of recipient, dealer; amount, date of bill; total amount due each dealer, date of commissioners' meeting. Also contains: (Record of Approval of Infirmary Bills and Pay Rolls), entry 181. Arr. by date of commissioners' meeting. No index. Hdw. to Oct. 1932, typed thereafter. Vol., 50 pp. 7 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$; folder, 12 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., Mar. 1932-Oct. 1932, residence of Charles H. Carr (agent), Christian Hill; 1 folder, 1933--, file cabinet, public welfare rm., second fl., T.H.

173. (MONTHLY STATISTICS OF EXPENDITURES), 1932--. In Welfare and Infirmary (Journal of Relief Expenditures), entry 170.

Statistics compiled for inclusion in monthly report to state department of public welfare: Amounts, itemization of expenditure; classification of cases, date of report.

174. TOWN (Commodity) ORDERS FOR SUPPORT OF POOR, 1861-62. 1 bdl.

Name, address of recipient; amount, nature, date, number of order. Arr. by date of order. No index. Hdw. 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4.

175. (INTERVIEWER'S MEMORANDA), Nov. 1930-Feb. 1931. 1 vol. System estab. 1930, discont. 1931.

Notes of interviews with applicants and recipients: Names, addresses, ages, employment histories, settlement status of family members; amount, nature, date of aid; remarks. No arr. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 10 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Residence of Charles H. Carr (agent), Christian Hill.

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Infirmery

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176. (REGISTER OF PERSONS SENT TO STATE ALMSHOUSE), 1869-73. In Pauper Register, entry 169.
Name, age, sex, color, height, complexion of inmate; date of commitment.

Infirmery
(See also entry 168-ii)

177. ALMSHOUSE (Commitment) REGISTER, 1904--. 1 vol.
Name, age, birthplace of inmate; date of commitment; cause, date of death. Arr. by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 15 x 13 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Desk, off., Town Infirmery, West St.

178. (CASE HISTORIES OF INFIRMERY INMATES), 1845-1900, 1928--. In Pauper Register, entry 169. Missing: 1901-27.
Name, age, birthplace, sex, color, physical and mental condition, marital and settlement status, employability of inmate; nationality of parents; names, birthplaces of children; date of admission, discharge or death; case number.

179. (JOURNAL OF INFIRMERY EXPENDITURES), 1917--. In Welfare and Infirmery (Journal of Relief Expenditures), entry 170.
Name of employee or vendor; amount, itemization, date of expenditure; monthly total.

180. (LEDGER OF INFIRMERY EXPENDITURES), 1931--. In Ledger (of Relief Expenditures), entry 171.
Name of employee or vendor; amount, date of expenditure; monthly total. Includes volume and page reference to (Journal of Infirmery Expenditures), entry 179.

181. (RECORD OF APPROVAL OF INFIRMERY BILLS AND PAY ROLLS), Mar. 1932--. In Journal (Approval of Bills for Commodities), entry 172.
Name of vendor or employee; amount, itemization, date of bill; amount, monthly total, date of approval; date of payroll.

182. (Annual Financial) REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR (Town Farm), 1847. 1 bdl. 1898-1929 in Town Infirmery Inventories, entry 184.
Receipts from sale of produce, reimbursements by other towns: Name of payer; amount, source, date of receipt. Expenditures for food, maintenance; Name of payee; amount, purpose, date of payment. Includes inventory of farm assets. No arr. No index. Hdw. 8 x 3 x $\frac{1}{4}$.
For reports on receipts from sale of town farm produce 1934--, see entry 167.

183. ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES, 1860-78. 6 vols.
Expenditures for supplies, labor, maintenance: Name of payee; amount, accounting, date of expenditure. Arr. by date of expenditure. No index. Hdw. Writing faded, paper poor. 40 pp. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

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Aid to Dependent Children

184. TOWN INFIRMARY INVENTORIES, 1898--. 1 vol., 1 folder.

Missing: 1930-32. No title, 1898-1929, 1 vol.

Annual inventory of stock, produce, provisions, equipment: Description, quantity, value of property; date of inventory. Also contains: (Annual Financial) Report of the Overseers of the Poor (Town Farm), 1898-1929, entry 182. Arr. by year. No index. Hdw. Vol., 430 pp. 15 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$; folder, 9 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. 1 vol., 1898-1929, bsmt. va.; 1 folder, 1933--., cabinet, public welfare rm., second fl.; T.H.

185. (EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS BETWEEN SUPERINTENDENTS OF INFIRMARY AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR), 1861-78. In (Correspondence), entry 201.

Name of superintendent, spouse; term of service, outline of duties, amount of consideration, date of contract; signatures of overseers and superintendent.

Aid to Dependent Children

(See also entry 168-iii)

186. (COPIES OF REPORTS OF AID RENDERED TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, SENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE), 1938--. In Pauper Register, entry 169.

Name, address of applicant; relationship of applicant to children, number of dependent children; date of approval, first grant of aid; monthly amount of aid, signature of reporting official, date of report.

187. (COPIES OF REPORTS OF AID RENDERED TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, SENT TO STATE SECURITY BOARD), 1938--. In Pauper Register, entry 169.

Name, address, age, sex, citizenship, prior address, case number of applicant; relationship of applicant to children, population of place of settlement; date of application, approval; amount, date of first grant of aid; names, sex, places and dates of birth of dependent children; total number in household.

188. (APPLICATIONS FOR AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN), 1938--. In Pauper Register, entry 169.

Name, address, marital status of applicant; relationship of applicant to children; names, addresses, marital status, places and dates of birth, physical and mental condition of parents; names, places and dates of birth, schools and grades or occupations of children; amount of property, insurance, debts, monthly income, monthly expenses; date of application; signature of applicant, witness. Includes copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates; case correspondence with state supervisor of aid to dependent children.

189. (JOURNAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN), 1932--. In

Welfare and Infirmary (Journal of Relief Expenditures), entry 170.

Name of aid recipient, payee; amount, itemization, date of expenditure; total expenditures; volume and page reference to (Ledger of Expenditures for Dependent Children), entry 190.

190. (LEDGER OF EXPENDITURES FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN), 1931--. In

Ledger (of Relief Expenditures), entry 171.

Name of recipient, date of notice to and approval by state department of public welfare, amount recommended by state; amount, date of payment; volume and page reference to (Journal of Expenditures for Dependent Children), entry 189.

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Outside Aid; Old Age Assistance

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191. (RECORD OF AID RENDERED TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN), 1938--. In (Record of Aid Rendered), entry 198.
Name of parent or guardian, place of settlement, amount of allowance, date of notification to state department of public welfare; amount, date of payment; date of cessation of aid, case number.
192. (MONTHLY SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN), 1938--. In (Record of Aid Rendered), entry 198.
Date of summary; amount, itemization of grants of cash and medical aid; totals. Arr. by date of summary.

Outside Aid

193. (JOURNAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR OUTSIDE AID), 1932--. In Welfare and Infirmary (Journal of Relief Expenditures), entry 170.
Name of aid recipient, payee; amount, itemization, date of expenditure; total expenditures; volume and page reference to (Ledger of Expenditures for Outside Aid), entry 194.
194. (LEDGER OF EXPENDITURES FOR OUTSIDE AID), 1932-33. 1 vol. 1930-- in Ledger (of Relief Expenditures), entry 171.
Name of recipient, vendor; place of settlement; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; monthly total. 1932-- includes volume and page reference to (Journal of Expenditures for Outside Aid), entry 193. Arr. by name of recipient, chron. entry. Indexed alph. by name of recipient. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Residence of Charles H. Carr (agent), Christian Hill.
195. (RECEIPTED INVOICES - BILLS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR OUTSIDE AID RENDERED), 1802-1903. In (Correspondence), entry 201.
Discont. as record of the commissioners of public welfare 1903.
Name of aid recipient, municipality; amount, nature, date of aid; date of bill, payment.
For record 1903-- kept by treasurer, see entry 117.

Old Age Assistance

(See also entries 109, 110, 168-iv)

196. (COPIES OF REPORTS OF AID RENDERED, SENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE), 1931--. In (Applications for Aid), entry 197.
Name, address, settlement status of applicant; amount, date of aid; date of report, signature of reporting official, remarks.
197. (APPLICATIONS FOR AID), 1931--. 1 file box.
Name, address, prior addresses, age, sex, place and date of birth, citizenship, marital and settlement status of applicant; name, address, place and date of birth of spouse; names, birthplaces of parents; names, addresses, ages, incomes of relatives; amount of income, real and personal property, insurance; weekly budget of expenditures, date of application; signature of applicant, witness. Includes copies of birth and marriage certificates and naturalization papers. Also contains: (Copies of Reports of Aid Rendered, Sent to State Department of Public Welfare), entry 196. Arr. alph. by name

of applicant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 24$. Cabinet, public welfare rm., second fl., T.H.

198. (RECORD OF AID RENDERED), 1931--. 3 vols.

Name of recipient, case number, place of settlement; date of first grant, notification to state; amount, date of payment; monthly total. Includes record of federal allotments. Also contains: (Record of Aid Rendered to Dependent Children), 1938--, entry 191; (Monthly Summary of Expenditures for Dependent Children), 1938--, entry 192; (Monthly Summary of Expenditures for Old Age Assistance), entry 199. Arr. by case no. and chron. thereunder. Indexed by case no. Hdw. 300 pp. $15 \times 10 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1931, residence of Charles H. Carr (agent), Christian Hill; 2 vols., 1931--, cabinet, public welfare rm., second fl., T.H.

199. (MONTHLY SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE), 1931--.

In (Record of Aid Rendered), entry 198.

Date of summary; amount, itemization of grants of cash and medical aid; totals. Arr. by date of summary.

200. (MONTHLY STATISTICS OF EXPENDITURES FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE), 1932--. In Welfare and Infirmary (Journal of Relief Expenditures), entry 170.

Statistics compiled for inclusion in monthly report to state department of public welfare: Amounts, itemization of expenditures; amount of reimbursement by other municipalities and the state, date of report.

Miscellaneous

201. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1802--. 32 bdl., 1 file box. Missing: 1904-32.

Correspondence with federal Social Security Board, state and municipal welfare departments, hospitals, Civilian Conservation Corps. Also contains: (Employment Contracts Between Superintendents of Infirmary and Overseers of the Poor), 1861-78, entry 185; (Receipted Invoices-Bills From Other Municipalities for Outside Aid Rendered), 1892-1903, entry 195. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. Bdl., $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$; file box, $24 \times 24 \times 24$. 31 bdl., 1802-1903, bsmt. va.; 1 bdl., 1838-45, attic str., third fl.; 1 file box, 1933--, public welfare rm., second fl.; T.H.

For correspondence with state supervisor of aid to dependent children 1938--, see entry 188.

202. INDENTURES, 1792-1863. 1 bdl.

Original agreements between residents and overseers of the poor for binding over minors as servants: Name, sex, age of child; name, signature, address, occupation of master; provisions, conditions, term of indenture; signatures of witnesses, overseers of poor; date of agreement. Arr. by date of agreement. No index. Hdw. Writing faded, paper poor. $8 \times 2 \times 3$.

Agent and Investigator of Welfare -
Board of Health

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XIX. AGENT AND INVESTIGATOR OF WELFARE¹

The selectmen in their capacity as commissioners of public welfare made the first appointment of an agent and investigator of welfare on March 7th, 1933.² An agent has been appointed annually thereafter.³ The agent serves as clerk of the commissioners.

XX. BOARD OF HEALTH¹

Prior to the election of a separate board of health, the selectmen probably had charge of health matters in their general supervisory capacity. A five-man board of health was first elected in 1892.⁴ The following year the number was reduced to three, one being elected for one year, one for two years and one for three.⁵ Thereafter up to the present time, one member has been elected each year for a three-year term.⁶ One member of the board acts as clerk.⁷

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the residence of Mr. Jack Oddy (chairman), 8 High Street.

203. (MINUTES OF MEETINGS), 1926---. 1 vol.
Discussions regarding prevention and treatment of contagious diseases, rules adopted for protection of public health, appointment of health agents. Arr. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 13 x 1.

204. (BOARD'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1898---. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Contains:

- i. Contagious diseases, 1898-99, 1917-22, 1928---: Number, types of cases; total number.
- ii. Narrative report of health conditions, board activities, recommendations, 1898-99, 1917-22.
- iii. Receipts and expenditures; 1930---: Amount of appropriation; amount, purpose of expenditure; unexpended balance. 1932--- includes receipts of alcoholic-license fees, showing amount of receipt, transfer to treasurer, cash on hand. For selectmen's reports on departmental expenditures, see entries 2-i, 3, 4.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Selectmen's Register, I, p. not numbered
3. Ibid., II, p. 61
4. Annual Report, 1892, p. 3
5. Town Record, V, p. 410
6. Ibid., V, p. 410 to VII, p. 136
7. Town of Barre, Board of Health, (MINUTES OF MEETINGS) 1926-1938, 1 vol., ms., p. 44. See entry 203

- iv. Rules and regulations, 1898-99: Rules governing reporting and control of contagious diseases, abatement of nuisances, inoculations, interments, handling and sale of food. 1899 includes additions governing quarantine and care of infected school children.

205. RECORD OF DISEASES DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, 1915--.
2 vols.

Name, address, age, occupation, settlement status of patient; nature of disease, date of notification, period of quarantine, name of informant, disposition of case. Arr. by date of notification. No index. Hdw. 60 pp. 14 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

For annual published reports on contagious diseases 1898-99, 1917-22, 1928--, see entry 204-i.

206. (MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS), 1934--. 1 letter file.

Contains:

- i. Alcohol license stubs: Name of licensee; number, purpose of license; date of issue, expiration; amount of fee.
 - ii. Clinical records: Date, purpose of clinic, names of attending physicians, costs of physician's services.
 - iii. Correspondence: Letters from hospitals concerning bills incurred, and to and from state department of health and sanitation relative to dog bites, drinking water, flood damage, sewerage, quarantine.
 - iv. Hospitalization records: Name of patient, hospital; date of admittance; amount, period of bill; date of record.
 - v. Pasteurization license stubs, 1935--: For description, see i.
 - vi. Quarantine records: Name of patient, type of disease, number of persons affected by quarantine, number of miles travelled and amount charged for posting quarantine, date of record.
- Arr. by subject and thereunder alph. by name of party. No index. Typed and hdw. 13 x 13 x 4.

XXI. INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS¹

An inspector of provisions and animals was appointed by the selectmen from 1893 through 1898.² In 1899 the title of the office became inspector of animals and provisions, the incumbent being still appointed annually by the selectmen until 1900.³ In that year the offices were separated, both an inspector of animals and an inspector of provisions being appointed.⁴ Since then an inspector of provisions has been appointed annually by the selectmen.⁵

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Selectmen's Register, I, pp. not numbered

3. Ibid., I, pp. not numbered

4. Idem.

5. Annual Report, 1900-1937

207. (INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1911-16, 1921--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Number, types of slaughtered animals inspected; monthly, annual totals; number condemned. 1925 includes total number of miles traveled.

XXII. INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS¹

This office was combined with that of inspector of provisions from 1893 to 1899.² In 1900 the two offices were separated and an inspector of animals was separately appointed.³ Although the office was called inspector of cattle in 1910⁴ and was not listed at all in 1915,⁵ it has been filled by annual appointment by the selectmen in all other years to date.⁶

208. (INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1906-17, 1929--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Number of stables, barns inspected; number, types of animals inspected, quarantined; number of tubercular animals killed; monthly, annual totals. 1906-10 includes number, types of slaughtered animals inspected, condemned.

XXIII. CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS¹

Prior to the election of cemetery commissioners matters concerning the burying ground or cemetery were dealt with by the selectmen or, as in 1789, by the election of a special committee.⁷ Three commissioners were elected by ballot on March 7, 1898, for terms of one, two and three years, respectively.⁸ Since 1899 one commissioner has been elected annually.⁹

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall.

209. (COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1899--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Total amount of appropriation; name, amount of trust fund; breakdown of ex-

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Selectmen's Register, I, pp. not numbered

3. Ibid., annual appointments

4. Annual Report, 1911, p. 12

5. Ibid., 1916, p. 7

6. Ibid., 1906-37

7. Town Record, II, p. not numbered

8. Ibid., V, p. 573

9. Ibid., V, p. 573 to VII, p. 136

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Burial Agent

penditures showing name of payee; amount, purpose of expenditure; total expenditures. 1899-1911 includes narrative report of care of cemeteries, recommendations.

For reports on departmental expenditures, see entries 2-i, 3, 4.

210. (PLANS OF CEMETERY LOTS), 1932---. 1 vol.

Names of cemetery, lot owner, persons interred; location, diagram of lot. Includes headstone inscriptions. Arr. alph. by name of cemetery. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Residence of Ernest W. Lincoln (chairman), Pleasant St.

211. (PLAN OF LINCOLN CEMETERY LOTS), Aug. 12, 1911. 1 plan.

Name of lot owner, names of person interred; location, diagram of lot. Author, publisher unknown. Blank-and-white, mounted. Writing illegible, paper poor. Scale, 1":40'. 20 x 15.. Residence of Ernest W. Lincoln (chairman), Pleasant St.

212. (Inscriptions on Headstones at) THE CALDWELL BURIAL GROUND, 1746-1834. 1 vol.

Name, age of deceased; date of birth, death; names of parents; number of headstone. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Ptd. 16 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1/8.

For other headstone inscriptions 1932---, see entry 210.

213. GRAVE YARD DEEDS, 1832. 1 bdl.

Name, address of grantor, grantee; amount of consideration; description, bounds of lot; date of deed; signature of grantor, attestation of justice of peace; signatures of witnesses. No arr. No index. Hdw. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

214. (PETITIONS FOR TRANSFER OF RIVERSIDE CEMETERY FUNDS), 1909. 1 bdl.

Petitions to selectmen by owners of lots in Riverside Cemetery for transfer of private funds to the town. Arr. by date of petition. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 1.

XXIV. BURIAL AGENT¹

A burial agent was elected in 1898 and 1899 and thereafter appointed annually by the selectmen. With the exception of 1905 and 1916 when two were appointed; 1915, when there were three; and 1912 and 1913 when there is no record of any; one agent has been appointed annually by the selectmen since that date.² The burial agent keeps no records.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Annual Report, 1898-1938

XXV. WATER COMMISSIONERS¹

A privately owned water company called the Barre Water Company was incorporated in 1894 to supply the town with water.² In this act the town was given "the right at any time to take by purchase or otherwise, the franchise, corporate property and all the rights and privileges of said corporation, on payment to said corporation of the actual cost of its franchise, works and property of all kinds," including in the cost interest at 5% on the investment.³ The purchase was required, however, to be approved by a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting at a meeting legally called for the purpose.⁴ In accordance with the foregoing provision, on April 2, 1906 it was "voted that the town do buy the Barre Water Company's property, with all rights and privileges as granted by the company's charter. . . ."⁵ A committee of three was elected to negotiate the "price to be paid said Water Works and franchise as provided. . . ."⁶ A board of three water commissioners was elected, one for three years, one for two and one for one year, one being elected each year for a three-year term.⁷ Since 1906 vacancies have been filled by election for a term of three years.⁸ The board chooses a chairman from among its members and hires a superintendent of the water works who also serves as clerk.

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the basement vault, Town Hall.

Minutes and Reports

215. (MINUTES OF MEETINGS), 1906-14. In (Receipts and Expenditures), entry 218.

Discussions and decisions concerning contracts, excavation and installation of pumps, salaries, water rates, appointment of employees.

216. (COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1896--.

In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Report of Barre Water Company, 1896-1905; water commissioners, 1906--:

- i. Narrative report of activities, results of water analyses, recommendations.
- ii. Receipts and expenditures: Breakdown of receipts, showing amount, source, 1896-1906; total receipts, 1896--. Breakdown of expenditures showing name of payee; amount, purpose of expenditure, 1896-1906, 1912, 1924--; total expenditures, 1896--.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Acts 1894, ch. 365

3. Ibid., sec. 11

4. Idem.

5. Town Record, VI, p. 114

6. Ibid., VI, p. 115

7. Ibid., VI, p. 122

8. Ibid., VII, p. 136

Water Commissioners - Receipts Expenditures; Plant Operation

For selectmen's reports on departmental expenditures, see entries 2-i, 3, 4.

217. COST OF BARRE WATER COMPANY SYSTEM (Annual Financial Reports), 1895-1915. 1 bdl.

Reports of expenditures for real estate, equipment, supplies, salaries, construction, repairs, interest on loans; total expenditures. Arr. by year. No index. Typed. 8 x 3½ x 1/16.

For record of expenditures 1895--, see entry 218

Receipts and Expenditures
(See also entries 2-i, 3, 4, 216-ii, 217, 225)

218. (RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES), 1895--. 3 vols.

Receipts from water consumers, services: Name of payer; amount, source, date of receipt. Expenditures for salaries, supplies, equipment, rebates: Name of payee; amount, accounting, date of expenditure. Also contains: (Minutes of Meetings), 1906-14, entry 216. Arr. by date of transaction or by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 218 pp. 14 x 8 1/8 x 3/4. 2 vols., 1895-1914, bsmt. va.; 1 vol., 1915--, residence of William B. Fleming (supt.) 9 Pleasant St.

For record of receipt of water rates by treasurer 1916--, see entry 112.

219. LEDGER (Summary of Accounts), 1895--. 4 vols. Title varies: Journal, 1895-1925; 3 vols.

Accounts of water consumers: Name, address of consumer; number of outlets, gallons consumed; rate per gallon; amount, date of charge; amount, date of payment. Arr. by date of charge. Indexed alph. by name of account. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 16¼ x 9 x 2¼. 3 vols., 1895-1925, bsmt. va.; 1 vol., 1925--, residence of William B. Fleming (supt.), 9 Pleasant St.

220. DAY BOOK (Receipts From Water Consumers), 1924--. 1 vol.

Name, address of consumer; number of gallons used, cost per gallon, amount of charge; amount, date of payment. Arr. alph. by name of consumer. No index. Hdw. 450 pp. 5 x 17 x 2. Residence of William B. Fleming (supt.) 9 Pleasant St.

221. (BILLS FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES), 1910--. 16 bdl.
System estab. 1910.

Name of payee; amount, itemization, date of bill; date of approval, payment; signatures of commissioners, voucher number. Arr. by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8½ x 3 x 3. 8 bdl., 1910-18, bsmt. va.; 8 bdl., 1919--, residence of William B. Fleming (supt.), 9 Pleasant St.

Plant Operation
(See also entry 216-i)

222. (ORIGINAL CONTRACTS), 1894--. 1 file box, 1 desk drawer.

Agreements for building reservoir and laying water pipe lines: Names, signatures, addresses of contracting parties; articles, specifications, date of contract. Arr. by date of contract. No index. Typed on ptd. form.

File box, 12 x 3 x 12; desk drawer, 4 x 10 x 18. 1 file box, 1894-1914, bsmt. va.; 1 desk drawer, 1915--, residence of William B. Fleming (supt), 9 Pleasant St.

For approval of contracts 1906-14, see entry 215.

223. (Reservoir Statistics), BARRE WATER DEPARTMENT - HEIGHT OF WATER IN RESERVOIR, 1896-1920. 1 vol.

Height of water, amount of water drawn monthly, daily waather reports; dates water is drawn from auxiliary reservoir, record of specimens sent for analysis to state department of public health. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$.

224. (WATER ANALYSIS), 1906-18. 1 bdl. System discount. 1918. Description, results, date of analysis; number of specimens analyzed. Arr. by date of analysis. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. $6\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$.

For annual published reports of analyses 1896--, see entry 216-i.

Miscellaneous

225. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1901--. 1 box, 2 desk drawers. Correspondence pertaining to purchase of supplies, equipment, construction. Arr. by date of correspondence. No index. Hdw. and typed. Box, $12 \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 22$; desk drawers, $2 \times 8 \times 12$. 1 box, 1901-16, bsmt. va.; 2 desk drawers, 1917--, residence of William B. Fleming (supt.), 9 Pleasant St.

226. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE, 1895-1914. 1 bdl. System discount. 1914. Name, signature of applicant; location of property; nature of service requested, amount of charge; number, date of application. Arr. by application no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. $8 \times 2\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

227. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1894-97. 1 bdl. Contains:

- i. Copy of bylaws of Barre Water Company, 1894: Rules and regulations of administration.
- ii. Copy of town meeting warrant "to see if town will vote to rent, of the Barre Water Company, the hydrant service, or take any action in relation thereto", 1895: Date, time, place of meeting; articles of warrant; return, signature of constable; date of return, minutes of meeting; signature, seal of town clerk.
- iii. Original easement on land taken by Barre Water Company, 1895: Name, address of land owner; location of property, amount of consideration, volume and page reference to copy of instrument recorded in county registry of deeds, date of instrument, signature of land owner.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. $8 \times 4 \times 2$.

228. (MAPS), 1894-96, 1912. 6 maps. Maps of reservoir, pipe connections showing location of hydrants, and water gates. Samuel H. Pitcher, Worcester. Black-and-white, blueprint. $1" : 40'$. $32 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

XXVI. SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS¹

A superintendent of streets was first appointed by the selectmen on March 10, 1931.² Since that year they have appointed one annually.³

229. TIME BOOK (Daily Work Record), 1933--. 3 vols.

Name of employee; hourly rate of pay; type, period of work; quantity, type of equipment; cost of equipment, maintenance; date of work. Arr: chron. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 9 x 14 x 1. Residence of Joseph F. Fleming (supt), 5 West St.

XXVII. HIGHWAY SURVEYORS¹

Although highway surveyors were probably chosen as early as 1749 when the Rutland District was established, the earliest extant record, that of March 14, 1763, indicates that six highway surveyors were elected.⁴ They not only superintended highway construction and repairs but also collected highway rates or taxes in money or in an equivalent amount of labor.⁵ From 1763 to 1867 a varying number of highway surveyors were elected each year.⁶ From 1868 to 1883 the selectmen had charge of highway matters, contracting with various individuals for highway and bridge work.⁷ During the next decade until 1892 they appointed an official variously known as highway commissioner, superintendent of streets or superintendent of roads to supervise highway work. From 1892 to and including 1898 a highway commissioner was appointed annually by the selectmen.⁸ The selectmen again served as highway surveyors from 1899 to 1917, except in 1914 when a highway surveyor was elected. From 1920 to 1930 a road surveyor was elected annually.⁹ On March 2, 1931, a highway surveyor was elected following the vote of the town authorizing the selectmen to enter into an agreement with the state department of public works for the repair and general improvement of the town highways as provided in Chapter 81 of the General Laws.¹⁰

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Selectmen's Register, I, pp. not numbered

3. Annual Report, 1931-37

4. Town Record, I, p. 61

5. Ibid., I, p. 121

6. Ibid., I-IV, annual elections, 1763-1867

7. Ibid., IV, p. 509; V, p. 161

8. Selectmen's Register, I, 1892-98, 1931-34; II, 1935-37, pp. not numbered

9. Town Record, VI, p. 461

10. Ibid., VI, pp. 659, 662

Rockingstone Park Commissioners -
Trustees of Felton Field

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230. (SURVEYORS' ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1893-1932.
In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Contains:

- i. Financial table, 1893-97, 1912-32: Total amount of appropriation; breakdown of expenditures for construction and maintenance of roads, streets, bridges, culverts, showing name of payee; amount, purpose of expenditure. For reports on appropriations and expenditures 1850-92, 1898-1911, 1933--, see entry 2-i; for other reports on departmental expenditures, see entries 3, 4.
- ii. Inventory of equipment, 1893-97: Type, quantity, valuation of equipment; total valuation. For inventory 1850-92, see entry 2-i.
- iii. Moth superintendent's report, 1917-21, 1923-30, entry 233.
- iv. Tree warden's report, 1917-21, 1923-30, entry 232.

231. HIGHWAY SURVEYORS' (Tax Bills and) WARRANTS (for Collection of Highway Taxes-Submitted by Assessors), 1908-67. 7 bdl.

Contains:

- i. Copies of bills for highway taxes levied on polls and property owners: Name of taxpayer; description, valuation of property; amount, date of tax.
 - ii. Warrants: Name, address of taxpayer; amount, itemization, rate of tax; total tax, name of surveyor, date of warrant.
- Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. Writing faded. $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$.
Bsmt. va., T.H.

XXVIII. ROCKINGSTONE PARK COMMISSIONERS¹

On March 6, 1926 the town accepted a gift of a plot of land "to be known as Rocking Stone Park".² On March 15, 1927, five persons were appointed to serve for one year as Rockingstone Park Commissioners.³ Since then five commissioners have been appointed annually by the selectmen.⁴ The commissioners keep no records.

XXIX. TRUSTEES OF FELTON FIELD

In 1932 Arthut P. Felton, a former resident of Barre, gave the town a tract of land and buildings which formerly served as a fair ground, for use as a high school athletic field and for other athletic contests. It was named Felton Field and a large boulder suitably inscribed was set up as a

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, VI, p. 576

3. Selectmen's Register, I, 1927 appointments

4. Ibid., II, p. 62

memorial marker. The donor also gave the town the sum of \$10,000 for the maintenance and improvements of the field.¹ In 1934 Mr. Felton was authorized to name three persons who, with the chairman of the selectmen and the chairman of the school committee or other members of those boards designated by them, were to act as a board of trustees of Felton Field.² Five trustees have been appointed annually since 1934 according to the above provisions.³ The trustees are empowered by the act to manage the field, erect buildings thereon, and provide suitable equipment. The town may also appropriate money for these purposes.⁴ The trustees keep no records.

XXX. TREE WARDEN⁵

A tree warden has been elected annually since April 5, 1897.⁶

232. (WARDEN'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1909, 1912-16, 1922, 1934---. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Contains:

- i. Financial table, 1934---: Total amount of appropriations; breakdown of expenditures showing name of payee; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; total.
- ii. Moth superintendent's report, 1910-11, 1922, entry 234. For report combined with report of highway surveyors 1917-21, 1923-30, see entry 231-iii.
- iii. Narrative report of brush cutting, elm leaf beetle spraying, including total amount of appropriation, expenditures; recommended appropriation, 1909, 1912-16, 1922.

XXXI. FOREST COMMISSIONER⁵

A single forest commissioner was appointed in 1928.⁷ In 1929 a single commissioner was appointed for a three-year term.⁸ In 1933 three men were appointed, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Thereafter one was appointed annually for a three-year term.⁹ The forest commissioner keeps no records.

1. Barre Gazette, Anniversary Edition, May 24, 1934, vol. 100, 4E

2. Acts, 1934, ch. 248

3. Selectmen's Register, II, p. 63

4. Acts, 1934, ch. 248

5. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

6. Town Record, V, p. 537 to VII, p. 136

7. Selectmen's Register, I, p. not numbered

8. Idem.

9. Ibid., II, p. 62; Annual Report, 1929-37

Moth (Control) Superintendent -
Constables

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XXXII. MOTH (CONTROL) SUPERINTENDENT¹

A moth (control) superintendent has been appointed annually by the selectmen since 1910.²

233. (SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1909, 1912-16, 1931--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Contains:

- i. Financial table, 1931--: Total amount of appropriation; breakdown of expenditures, showing name of payee; amount, purpose of expenditure; total.
- ii. Narrative report of activities, including total number of moth nests found; amount of appropriation, expenditures for inspection and spraying; recommended appropriation, 1909, 1912-16. For report combined with tree warden's report 1910-11, 1922, see entry 232-ii, for report combined with highway surveyors' report 1917-21, 1923-30, see entry 230-iii.

XXXIII. CONSTABLES¹

The act of incorporation of the Rutland District passed June 20, 1749, stipulated that "the Collectors or Constables (were) to collect" a land tax.³ The earliest extant records, those of March 14, 1763 state two constables were elected that year.⁴ Constables to gather town rates or taxes were elected annually until the method of "vendue" or auction of the tax collecting privilege to the lowest bidder began to be used about 1788. In such cases the successful bidder was usually elected both collector and constable.⁵ Although the number has varied from three in 1938 to eleven in 1904, constables have been elected each year.⁶ Additional constables have been appointed when the selectmen deemed it necessary as in 1905; in the period 1908 to 1922 inclusive; in 1924; and in the period 1933 to date.⁷

The constables keep no records, but see entries 2-v, 7, 227-ii for return on town-meeting warrants 1821--; entry 11 for warrants to kill unlicensed dogs 1895-99; entry 27 for service of warnings out of town 1763-99; entry 52-vi for return on writs of attachment; entry 65 for election notification warrants 1865-75.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Annual Report, 1910-37

3. Province Acts and Resolves, XIV, 1747-52, p. 272

4. Town Record, I, p. 60

5. Ibid., I, p. 69; II, pp. not numbered

6. Ibid., VI, p. 2; VII, p. 136

7. Selectmen's Register, I, appointments for 1909, 1917; II, p. 44

XXXIV. POLICE DEPARTMENT¹

On November 3, 1863 a single police officer was appointed by the selectmen.² The next record is in 1887 when 19 were appointed, also by the selectmen.³ From then on a variable number of police officers have been appointed annually. The office of chief of police was not created until 1925, since which time a chief has also been appointed annually by the selectmen.⁴

In addition to the following records, see entries 2-i, 3, 4, for reports on departmental expenditures.

234. POLICE RECORDS (of Arrests), 1934--. 1 vol. Name, address of offender; nature of offense, date of arrest, name of arresting officer, disposition of case. Also contains: (Motor Vehicle) Accident Records, 1934-37, entry 235. Arr. by date of arrest or accident. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 12 x 1. Residence of Joseph F. Fleming (chief), 5 West St.

235. (Motor Vehicle) ACCIDENT RECORDS, 1937--. 1 file box. 1934-37 in Police Records (of Arrests), entry 234. Names, addresses of parties involved; place, cause, date, time of accident; amount of damage, nature of personal injuries, registration numbers of vehicles, disposition of case. Arr. by date of accident. No index. Typed. 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Chief's off., Finan's Garage, opposite Common, Barre Plains.

XXXV. JAILER¹

It is probable that a jailer or keeper of the lock-up was appointed as early as 1838 when a town lock-up was built in the basement of the new town house. The first record of such an office, however, was in 1931 since which time a jailer has been appointed annually by the selectmen.⁵ The jailer keeps no records.

XXXVI. FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

In 1830 the town voted to choose eight fire wards and bought fire hooks and hose for the engine company.⁶ From 1831 to 1843 the number of fire wards

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, IV, p. 359

3. Selectmen's Register, I, p. not numbered

4. Annual Report, 1925-37

5. Selectmen's Register, I, pp. not numbered; II, p. 61

6. Town Record, III, pp. 319, 325

varied from five to six.¹ In 1843 the town accepted an act establishing a fire department.² From 1843 to and including 1918 from two to six engineers were annually appointed by the selectmen.³ From 1919 to 1928 a fire chief and two assistants were appointed annually.⁴ After 1928 a chief, an assistant chief and a district chief were appointed annually with another district chief added after 1930.⁵ All other members of the department are volunteers who are paid by the hour for fire fighting.

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the storage closet, first floor, Woods Memorial Library, 20 Pleasant St. In addition to the following records, see entries 2-i, 3, 4, for reports on departmental expenditures.

236. (ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1890--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

Contains:

- i. Appropriations, 1893: Amount, purpose of appropriation.
- ii. Inventory, 1890-93, 1912: Table of equipment, showing amount of quantity, valuation of article; total valuation.
- iii. Narrative report of organization, total number of calls, recommendations for appropriation and purchase of equipment. 1890-1915 includes types, causes, dates of principal fires; names of property owners; amount of damage, insurance.

237. (RECORD OF FIRES), 1922--. 2 file boxes.

Location, description, valuation of property; name of owner, occupant; cause, date, time of fire; amount of damage, insurance; description of personal injuries, fatalities; signature of chief. Arr. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 5 x 12. Residence of William B. Fleming (chief), 9 Pleasant St.

For annual published reports on principal fires 1890--., see entry 236-iii.

238. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CONQUEROR ENGINE COMPANY NO. 2 OF BARRE, 1858. 1 vol. and duplicate (dated).

List of offices, order of business at meetings, preamble and articles of constitution; duties of foreman, assistant foreman, clerk, foreman of hose, stewards, standing committees; rules and regulation of administration. No arr. No index. Ptd. 14 pp. 4½ x 3 x 1/8.

239. (ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE), 1838. 1 sheet.

Certificate showing names of members of Barre Engine Company who have served for one year. No arr. Hdw. 6 x 3 x 1/8.

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1. Town Record, III, pp. 338, 379, 416, 447, 463
 2. Ibid., III, p. 506; Acts, 1843, ch. 26
 3. Selectmen's Register, I, pp. not numbered
 4. Ibid., pp. not numbered
 5. Ibid., I, II, pp. not numbered

Forest Warden - Dog Officer -
Governor's Committee on Safety -
Sealer of Weights and Measures

XXXVII. FOREST WARDEN¹

Two forest fire wards were appointed by the selectmen in 1888.² From 1890 to and including 1907 two to five fire wards were appointed annually.³ After 1907 and to date one forest warden was appointed annually, the custom being to appoint the fire chief to the position after the creation of that office in 1919.⁴

240. (WARDEN'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1909, 1911--.

In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.

.Narrative report showing number, causes of forest fires; number of permits issued for setting fires in the open air; amount of appropriation and expenditures, with name of payee, amount and purpose of expenditure; amount of receipts due. 1912-- includes amount, purpose of expenditure for equipment. 1915 includes amount of appropriation recommended for ensuing year.

For reports on departmental expenditures, see entries 2-i, 3, 4.

XXXVIII. DOG OFFICER¹

The first dog officer was appointed in 1902, since which date one has been appointed annually by the selectmen.⁵ The dog officer keeps no records.

XXXIX. GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON SAFETY¹

On March 4, 1930 the selectmen appointed three persons for one year to this committee.⁶ Since 1930 two members have been appointed annually.⁷ The committee keeps no records.

XL. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES¹

On April 11, 1763 the inhabitants of the Rutland District voted "to

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Selectmen's Register, I, p. not numbered

3. Annual Report, 1890-1907

4. Ibid., 1907-37; Selectmen's Register, I, p. not numbered; II, p. 58

5. Town Record, VI, p. 3; Selectmen's Register, II, p. 61

6. Selectmen's Register, I, pages not numbered

7. Ibid., 1 to 11, p. 62

procure weights and measures for standards".¹ On March 5, 1770 the first sealer was elected.² Five years later at the first town meeting, held March 13, 1775, a sealer of weights and measures was also elected for one year.³ The office continued to be filled by annual election until 1837, since which date the sealer has been appointed annually by the selectmen.⁴

241. (SEALER'S ANNUAL PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1923--. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2. Number, types of weighing and measuring devices sealed, adjusted; total number of inspections; number of peddlers' licenses issued, inspected; total amount of fees received. 1923, 1925 includes breakdown of expenditures, showing name of payee; amount, purpose of expenditure. For reports on departmental expenditures, see entries 2-i, 3, 4.

242. SEALER'S (Office) RECORD BOOK, 1912--. 3 vols. Certification of measuring and weighing devices: Name, address of owner; location, nature of business; name, type of device; results, date of test; amount of fee, date of payment, certificate number. Arr. by date of test. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 5/8. 2 vols., 1912-31, bsmt. va., T.H.; 1 vol., 1932--, residence of Edgar H. Glidden (sealer), West St.

243. (SEALER'S FIELD BOOK), 1921--. 17 vols. Field tests of weighing and measuring devices: Name, address of owner; location, nature of business; name, type of device; results, date of test; amount of fee, signature of sealer. Arr. by date of test. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 10 x 5 x 1. Residence of Edgar H. Glidden (sealer), West St.

XLI. SURVEYORS OF LUMBER⁵

This office dates from 1764 when a sealer of lumber was elected.⁶ The title of the office was changed to surveyors of lumber in 1819 and has so remained.⁷ Until 1847 one surveyor of lumber was elected annually,⁸ but from 1847 until 1930 the number elected varied from one to six, the usual number being five.⁹ From 1930 through 1935 six men were appointed annually

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1. Town Record, I, p. 65
 2. Ibid., I, p. 135
 3. Ibid., I, p. not numbered
 4. Ibid., III, p. 417. A sealer of weights and measures appointed by the selectmen annually is shown in Annual Reports, 1890-1937
 5. For the statutory origin and functions of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts
 6. Town Record, I, p. 67
 7. Ibid., III, p. 128
 8. Ibid., IV, p. 7
 9. Ibid., IV, p. 7; VI, p. 520; Annual Reports, 1890-1930

Weighers of Hay, Coal, and Grain -
Measurers of Wood, Bark, and
Manure - Pound Keeper

to this office by the selectmen.¹ In 1936 and 1937 the number was reduced to four.² The surveyors keep no records.

XLII. WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, AND GRAIN³

A measurer of grain was appointed by the selectmen in 1870.⁴ In 1886 the title was changed to weigher of grain.⁵ In 1888 four weighers of coal were appointed and four or five were elected each year from 1891 through 1899.⁶ In 1900 the office became appointive, from one to eleven weighers being appointed by the selectmen each year, the number in 1938 being nine.⁷ From one to three weighers of coal in baskets also appear to have been appointed by the selectmen from 1914 through 1924 but they appear to have had an existence independent of that of the other weighers.⁸ These officers keep no records.

XLIII. MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK, AND MANURE³

The first record of the appointment of these officials was in 1846.⁹ They have sometimes been called surveyors of wood, bark, and manure as in the period 1890-99, 1904, 1907-09 and 1911.¹⁰ From one to eight measurers or surveyors have been elected in 1859, 1891-99, 1903, 1904, 1907-09 and 1911. In 1910 and 1912-15, inclusive, the office appears not to have been filled. In all other years since 1846 from three to nine persons have been appointed by the selectmen, three being the number in 1938.¹¹ These officers keep no records.

XLIV.. POUND KEEPER³

Although a pound keeper may have been elected by the Rutland district

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1. Selectmen's Register, I, pp. not numbered
 2. Annual Reports, 1936, 1937
 3. For the statutory origin and functions of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts
 4. Town Record, IV, p. 562
 5. Selectmen's Register, I, p. not numbered
 6. Ibid., I, p. not numbered; Annual Reports, 1891-99
 7. Annual Reports, 1900-38
 8. Ibid., 1914-24
 9. Selectmen's Register, p. not numbered
 10. Annual Reports, 1890-1911
 11. Town Record, IV, p. 263; V, p. 376; VI, p. 307; Selectmen's Register, II, p. 61; Annual Reports, 1890-1938

from 1749 on, the earliest extant record shows that a pound keeper and sealer of leather was elected on March 14, 1763.¹ In 1766 the two offices were separated and a pound keeper was elected annually until 1837 when the office became an appointive one.² A pound keeper is now appointed annually by the selectmen.³ The pound keeper has no records.

XLV. FIELD DRIVERS⁴

Although it is possible that field drivers were elected as early as 1749 when the Rutland District was incorporated, they are first noted in the earliest extant election record, that of March 14, 1763. On that day two field drivers were elected.⁵ From two to fourteen field drivers were elected annually thereafter until 1924.⁶ In 1924 the office became appointive and seven were appointed by the selectmen that year.⁷ Since 1925 the selectmen have appointed field drivers annually, the present number being two.⁸

244. (PUBLISHED REPORT TO SELECTMEN), 1915. In Annual Official Reports (of Town Officers), entry 2.
Narrative report of impounding of stray cattle: Name of owner; copy of notification, expense account; certification of payment and release.

XLVI. MODERATOR⁴

Although it is probable that a moderator was elected to preside over the meetings of the Rutland District as early as 1749, the earliest extant record of the choice of a moderator "to regulate the meeting" is that of March 14, 1763.⁹ Thereafter a moderator was elected for each meeting until March 4, 1912 when the term of office was made one year.¹⁰ Since 1912 a moderator has been elected annually.¹¹ The moderator keeps no records.

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1. Town Record, I, p. 61
 2. Ibid., I, p. 89
 3. Annual Report, 1936, p. 7
 4. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts
 5. Town Record, I, p. 60
 6. Ibid., III, pp. 109, 111, 128, 390; VI, p. 398
 7. Selectmen's Register, I, unnumbered page
 8. Ibid., II, p. 62
 9. Town Record, I, p. 61
 10. Ibid., VI, p. 233
 11. Ibid., VII, p. 135

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Fence Viewers - Agent for Compensation Insurance - Appendix - Manuscripts

XLVII. FENCE VIEWERS¹

Although fence viewers may have been elected as early as 1749 when the Rutland District was incorporated, the earliest extant record is that of March 14, 1763, when two fence viewers were elected.² Until 1933 from one to five fence viewers were elected each year.³ From 1933 through 1937 three fence viewers have been appointed annually by the selectmen.⁴ The fence viewers keep no records.

XLVIII. AGENT FOR COMPENSATION INSURANCE¹

An agent for compensation insurance has been appointed annually by the selectmen since 1915.⁵ The agent keeps no records.

APPENDIX - MANUSCRIPTS

Unless otherwise specified all records are in the Massachusetts Archives, State House, Boston.

245. (PETITION FOR TOWNSHIP), Apr. 6, 1749. 1 sheet.
Petition of committee of the proprietors of Rutland to the general court, asking that the northwestern part be established as a separate town. Hdw. 2 pp. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$. Vol. CXV, "Towns, 1742-1751", pp. 453-5.

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, I, p. 60

3. Ibid., I-VI, 1763 to 1924 (especially III, pp. 109, 128, 155); VI, p. 1; Annual Report, 1899-37

4. Annual Report, 1933-37

5. Selectmen's Register, I, page not numbered; Annual Report, 1915-37

246. (ACT FOR ERECTING NORTHWESTERLY PART OF RUTLAND INTO RUTLAND DISTRICT), April 11, 1753.

Act setting up Rutland District with all the powers and privileges of towns except that of sending a representative to "general assembly", in which the inhabitants shall join with those of the Town of Rutland, and shall be duly warned by the Town of Rutland of meetings for choice of such representative through the clerk of the District who shall direct the constables to warn as in the case of the other town meetings; further that the inhabitants of Rutland District shall share the expense of such representative with the inhabitants of the Town of Rutland. Hdw. 2 pp. 8 x 13. Massachusetts Archives, CXVI, "Towns, etc., 1751-1754", pp. 363-364.

247. (ASSESSMENT ON TOWNSHIP), Jan. 3, 1754. 1 sheet.

Copy of vote of general court assessing the Rutland District four pounds for expenses of sending a representative to the court. Hdw. 1 p. 5 7/8 x 7 1/2. CXVI, "Towns, etc., 1751-1754", p. 557.

248. (REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION OF FRENCH NEUTRALS), June 6, 1760.

Report of committee stating, among other things that John Meloso has been assigned to Rutland District. Approved by general court January 27, 1761, also by Governor Francis Bernard.

249. (BILL FOR INCORPORATION OF TOWN OF HUTCHINSON), June 10, 1774. 2 sheets.

Whereas northwesterly part of Rutland was incorporated at session of general court held March 28, 1753 as the Rutland District, is now "filled with inhabitants", and finds it inconvenient to join with Town of Rutland and Districts of Oakham and Hubbardston in choice of representatives by reason of the distance from the place of election, said Rutland District is incorporated as the Town of Hutchinson and its inhabitants invested with all the powers and privileges of towns. Hdw. 2 pp. 7 1/2 x 12. "Towns, etc., 1763-1774", pp. 846-847.

250. (PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME), February 5, 1776. 2 sheets.

Petition of inhabitants of Hutchinson stating that whereas they as inhabitants of the Rutland District had sought incorporation as a town, and whereas Governor Hutchinson would not grant petition unless he could fill in the name and the House would not give up its rights, so that the matter was not completed until Mr. Gage filled in the blank with the "obnoxious" name, Hutchinson; therefore petitioners at town meeting on January 17, 1776 voted to petition assembly and do hereby so petition it to cancel name of Hutchinson and substitute the name of Wilks. Hdw. 4 pp., 6 1/2 x 8 1/2. Folder marked "Acts of 1776, Chapter 18."

251. (ACT CHANGING NAME OF TOWN FROM HUTCHINSON TO BARRE), November 2, 1776. 1 sheet.

Whereas the general court in June, 1774 incorporated the Rutland District as the Town of Hutchinson and whereas the inhabitants of the town have petitioned that said name be discontinued, it is enacted that said town shall be called Barre and its officers shall exercise their powers as before. Hdw. 2 pp. 8 1/2 x 14. Folder marked "Acts, Chapter 18, 1776."

252. (PETITION AGAINST EXCESSIVE TAXATION), Jan. 16, 1786. 1 sheet. Petition of fifty-nine inhabitants to the senate and house of representatives describing the deplorable condition of the townspeople due to excessive taxation and asking for relief through the issuance of paper currency to be used as legal tender or that their property be appraised for full value and taken in payments of debts. 2 pp. Hdw. 9 x 12. American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts Colonial, Shay's Rebellion Collection, p. 151.

Clerk of the Market and Surveyor of Wheat and Flour -
Deer Reeves - Hog Reeves - Sealer of Shingles and Clabords

Part C - Defunct Offices

XLIX. CLERK OF THE MARKET AND SURVEYOR OF WHEAT AND FLOUR¹

Although this office may have been filled as early as 1749, the earliest extant record is that of 1763. This official was elected annually from 1763 to 1776, the office becoming defunct thereafter.² In 1772 he was called clerk of the market and sealer of weights and measures.³

L. DEER REEVES¹

Two deer reeves were elected each year from 1763 to 1769, inclusive.⁴

LI. HOG REEVES¹

It is probably that hog reeves were elected annually from 1749 on. There is at any rate a definite record of the election of two in the year 1763.⁵ Since then they have been elected annually, numbering variously from two to twenty-two, up to 1832, after which year the office was discontinued.⁶

LII. SEALER OF SHINGLES AND CLABORDS¹

This officer was elected in only one year, 1763.⁷

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, I, p. 61 and annual meetings 1763 to 1776

3. Ibid., I, p. 149

4. Town Record, I, pp. 61, 129

5. Ibid., I, p. 61

6. Ibid., III, pp. 175, 356

7. Ibid., I, p. 61

LIII. TYTHINGMEN¹

Although tythingmen were probably elected at the first meeting of the Rutland District in 1749, the first record of the election of two tythingmen was in 1763.² The same number were elected annually until 1817, when the town "voted not to Choose Tything-men."³

LIV. WARDENS¹

Although it is possible that (Lord's Day) wardens were chosen as early as 1749, the earliest extant record of their election is that of May 14, 1763.⁴ Two wardens were elected annually until 1790 when the office became defunct.⁵

LV. COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE, INSPECTION AND SAFETY¹

Five men were elected to this committee annually for the years 1774 through 1785. After the latter year the committee was discontinued.⁶

LVI. HAYWARDS¹

Three haywards were elected in 1763 and four in 1786.⁷

1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, I, p. 61

3. Ibid., III, p. 90

4. Town Record, I, p. 61

5. Ibid., II, not numbered

6. Ibid., I, pp. not numbered

7. Ibid., I, pp. not numbered

LVII. SURVEYOR OF FLAX AND HEMP¹

A surveyor of flax and hemp was elected in 1790, 1791, 1799 and 1801.²

LVIII. PACKER OF BEEF AND PORK¹

The office was filled by election in only one year, 1790.³

LIX. SEALER OF LEATHER¹

The first sealer of leather was elected in 1791.⁴ This office was elective until 1873 when it was made appointive.⁵ The office ceased to exist with the 1879 appointment.⁶

LX. COMMITTEE FOR SINGING SCHOOL¹

On November 30, 1806 the town elected a committee of three persons to hire "a Master and lay out the money for the benefit of the Town a Singing School."⁷ Usually, as in 1813, the town appropriation was "\$100 for support of a singing school . . . town being divided . . . into 4 parts & \$20 to be expended in each quarter, and the last \$20 to be expended in the center."⁸ The committee numbered five in 1813, and one in 1816 when the office became defunct.⁹

LXI. COMMITTEE FOR THE PURSUING AND DETECTION OF THIEVES¹

In 1820, a committee of five persons was chosen "to report proper measures for pursuing and detecting thieves." Upon the recommendation

1. For the statutory origin and functions of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

2. Town Record, II, pp. not numbered

3. Ibid., II, page not numbered

4. Idem

5. Selectmen's Register, I, not numbered

6. Ibid., I, not numbered

7. Town Records, II, not numbered

8. Ibid., III, p. 42

9. Ibid., III, pp. 42, 84

Town Agent - Gauger of Casks - Offices
Pertaining to Town Clock or Town Bell

of this committee another committee of five "directors" and a committee of eight "pursuers" were elected. The duty of the directors was "on being informed of a larceny, immediately assemble to adopt measures for the pursuit and the detection of the thief, also to audit all accounts of expenses in pursuing thieves"; the duties of the "pursuers" was "when requested to go in pursuit of thieves, under the direction of Directors."¹

Committees for the pursuing and detection of thieves were chosen annually until 1835.² Since that date the office has been defunct. A private society called the "Thief and Rogue Detecting Society" whose purpose is the detection of thieves was established soon after the Civil War, and is still in existence.³

LXII. TOWN AGENT⁴

A committee was elected in 1773 to defend the town in a law suit,⁵ but from that time until 1821 an agent was elected whenever the town had need of one.⁶ From 1821 through 1912 an agent was elected annually "to prosecute and defend all actions brought for or against the town."⁷ Since 1912 the custom has again been for the selectmen to appoint an attorney when needed.

LXIII. GAUGER OF CASKS⁴

A gauger of casks was elected annually from 1827 through 1858.⁸

LXIV. OFFICES PERTAINING TO TOWN CLOCK OR TOWN BELL

An officer was elected in 1839 "to ring the bell as usual." This

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1. Town Record, III, pp. 136, 137
 2. Ibid., III, p. 391
 3. Interview with Mr. John L. Smith, present clerk
 4. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts
 5. Town Record, I, pp. not numbered
 6. Ibid., III, p. 154
 7. Ibid., VI, p. 235
 8. Ibid., III, p. 273; IV, p. 247

referred to the bell on the meetinghouse.¹ In 1850 a man was elected "to keep clock on the Unitarian Meeting-house in order and running."² Annual elections to this office occurred until 1870 when an officer was elected "to Ring bell at noon and at nine o'clock in the evening."³ Since that date there has been no election of a town officer for these purposes, the duties presumably having been taken over by church officials.

LXV. LIQUOR AGENT⁴

A liquor agent was elected annually from 1865 to 1868, also from 1870 to 1872, inclusive.⁵ In 1915 two agents for the suppression of the illegal sale of liquor were appointed by the selectmen.⁶

LXVI. AGENT OF TOWN IN REGARD TO CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS RAILROAD

An agent to carry out the above purpose was elected annually from 1889 to 1902.⁷

LXVII. STREET LIGHT SUPERINTENDENT

A single street-light superintendent was elected in 1891. Again in 1927 a committee of three on street lights was elected, the term of office in each case being one year.⁸

LXVIII. INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS⁴

An inspector of petroleum products was appointed by the selectmen in 1911.⁹

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1. Town Record, III, p. 449
 2. Ibid., IV, p. 86
 3. Ibid., p. 560
 4. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts
 5. Annual Report, 1865-68, 1870-72, incl.
 6. Ibid., 1915
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 8. Ibid., 1891-1927
 9. Ibid., 1911

Agent for the Care of Soldiers'
and Sailors' GravesLXIX. AGENT FOR THE CARE OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES¹

A caretaker of soldiers' graves was appointed by the selectmen in 1925. In 1926 an agent was elected for one year. Thereafter the office does not appear again until 1933, 1934 and 1935 in each of which years two agents were elected.²

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