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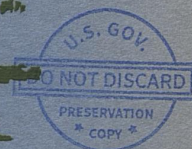
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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the Town Archives of New Hampshire is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of the town of Greenland, is number XIII of the Rockingham County series of towns.

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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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

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

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

The Survey program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child, who had been National Field Supervisor since the inauguration of the Survey. The Survey program operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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P R E F A C E

By authority of a Presidential Letter, the Historical Records Survey was initiated in January 1936 as a Nation-wide undertaking of the Work Projects Administration, but did not begin operations in New Hampshire until April 7. Prior to August 31, 1939, the Survey was Federally sponsored, but since that date it has been a local project sponsored by the University of New Hampshire. Until March 1940, this project was directed by Dr. Richard G. Wood. At that time Dr. Wood became State Supervisor of Research and Records Projects, and the present State Supervisor was appointed.

The purpose of the Survey is to make accessible to public officials, lawyers, historians and students of government the records of State, county and municipal offices. In addition, church records, including those of defunct organizations, are being inventoried so that a foundation may be laid for research in this field of social history. The present volume is the eighth in a series of inventories concerning town archives of New Hampshire. A key volume, Town Government in New Hampshire, and a volume entitled Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in the United States -- New Hampshire have recently been published. Five volumes of county archives and one volume on church records have also been issued. For a complete record of these published works of the Survey in New Hampshire, see List of Publications on page 71.

In addition to listing the records of the different town officers, the inventory sketches briefly the historical background of the town of Greenland and describes the organization of the offices whose records are listed. The essays on the individual offices present only material relating specifically to Greenland. For a history of the legal background of each office, and its State-wide implication, it is necessary to consult the key volume mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Records are described in entries whose style is formalized to give the following information: Title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, information on missing and discontinued records, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volumes or containers, and location.

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in charge of public records inventories, of the Central office.

The Survey wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation given and the courtesy shown to its workers by the Greenland officials and to the Women's Alliance of Federated Churches for the use of their club-room where much of the field work was done. The Survey is also indebted to the Secretary of State, the Manchester City Library, and the New Hampshire State Library for facilities granted the Survey in its research work. Labor funds have been furnished by the Work Projects Administration. The Survey wishes to acknowledge the contributions of the county of Hillsborough, the city of Manchester, and other cities and towns throughout the State towards non-labor expenses.

The inventory of the archives of the towns of Rockingham County is number 8 of the New Hampshire series. The Greenland inventory is volume XIII of the Rockingham series.

Copies of the inventory will be distributed to government agencies, colleges, the University, and to libraries in New Hampshire and outside the State. Requests for information concerning the published volumes should be addressed to the State Supervisor, Administration Building, Lincoln and Silver Streets, Manchester, New Hampshire.

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State Supervisor
New Hampshire
Historical Records Survey

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A. TOWN OF GREENLAND AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

The name Greenland appeared as early as the 1650's in reference to a farm owned by Francis Champernown and located on Great Bay within the bounds of Portsmouth. This farm was conveyed in 1657 by Champernown to Valentine Hill.¹

In May 1705 three men "on behalfe of themselves and the Inhabitants of Greenland, belonging to the Town of Portsmouth" petitioned to the Governor to have a minister and schoolmaster of their own.² This petition, referred to the selectmen of Portsmouth, resulted the following month (June 1705) in a vote by that town to pay Greenland its proportion of the 100 pounds devoted yearly to support a minister.³

The vote of June 1705 did not mention the matter of schools, but in April of the following year Portsmouth voted that the inhabitants of Greenland might

have one hundred and fifty accers of Land out of y^e Commons Lying and being at Greenland bounded To y^e sow west End of y^e great swamp and y^e s^d one hundred and fifty accers to be tacken out or deducted from what may fall to the Inhabitanse of Greenland of s^d Comons when ever ther shall be A division of all y^e towens Comons y^e s^d 150 accers to be Laid out by y^e Lote Layers when it may be most convenient for y^e Ministry and scool for the youse of that part of y^e towen.⁴

It was not until 1721 that Greenland secured the right to pay its Province rates separately from the parent town of Portsmouth, and it was not until 1732 that Greenland was represented in the Assembly.⁵ The Town Meeting Books do not begin until 1749.

The first settled minister in Greenland was the Reverend William Allen who was ordained on July 15, 1707, four years after his graduation from Harvard College.⁶ In 1756 Reverend Samuel McClintock was called to perform the duties of an associate pastor. Mr. Allen died in 1760 and the pastorate was left in the exclusive charge of Mr. McClintock.⁷

The support of the minister was a town obligation in the early days, and Greenland passed many votes in this connection. A few of these may well be cited to indicate their general nature.

In 1750 Reverend Mr. Allen was voted "Three hundred and fifty pounds money Old tenor as the currency was in September 1749 and that he shall have

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1. M. O. Hall, Rambles About Greenland * * *, pp. 74, 79, 80.
 2. New Hampshire State Papers, 9:320.
 3. State's Copy of Portsmouth Records (photostatic copy), vol. 2, p. 33 (1705).
 4. Ibid., p. 34 (1706).
 5. New Hampshire State Papers, 12:64, 66, 67; Laws of New Hampshire, 2:354 (1721).
 6. Hall, op. cit., pp. 95, 214.
 7. Ibid., p. 214; [State's Copy of] Greenland Town Records, (hereinafter cited as State's Copy), vol. 1, pp. 13, 14, 16, 17 (1756), see entry 2.

Six Sheep and their lambs pastured * * *,¹

When Reverend Mr. McClintock was summoned to act as a colleague with Mr. Allen the following votes were adopted:

Voted to give him Seven hundred pounds Old tenor * * * this time if he preach the Gospel for us during Mr. Allens life and no other priviledges--till after Mr. Allens decease.

Voted after Mr. Allens decease to give him twenty Cord of Wood and the improvement of the lower parsonage.

Voted to hyre him a house till we are able to build him a Parsonage house.²

The year after Mr. Allen's death it was voted that Mr. McClintock should "have the Orchard & Land adjoyning to the Parsonage House During his Ministry, he making the fence."³ In 1762 it was voted to give Mr. McClintock "Poles for his inner fence."⁴

It was voted in 1764 to give Mr. McClintock 600 pounds, old tenor, in addition to his regular salary for that year.⁵ After Mr. McClintock's death, it was

Voted To give the Widow Elizabeth Macclintock the original Salary of two hundred and twenty two Dollars and twenty two Cents, two thirds the usual quantity of wood with the improvement of the parsonage Buildings and that tract of Land called the lower parsonage for the present Year.⁶

This early church, like so many of the town churches in New Hampshire, was Congregational in denomination.⁷ A distinguishing feature was the long service of its ministers. Mr. Allen served 53 years; Mr. McClintock, 48 years; and one of their successors, Dr. Edward Robie, 65 years.⁸

Methodism was introduced in Greenland in 1808 through the preaching of the Reverend George Pickering who organized a church of 50 members.⁹ The Baptist faith had appeared at least by 1809, when the town voted "that the Congregationalist occupy the meeting house one half the time and the Methodist and Baptist the other half."¹⁰ The following year it was voted "that the Congregationalist occupy the Meeting house the first 3 months, the Methodist and Baptist the second 3 months--the Congregationalist the third 3 months--and the Methodist and Baptist the last 3 months of the ensuing year."¹¹ In 1811 it was voted "that the Meeting house be occupied by the different Socities similar to the year past only having respect to Valuation of Taxes as to the time each Socitley shall occupy the same."¹²

1. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 6 (1750), see entry 2.

2. Ibid., p. 16 (1756).

3. Ibid., p. 35 (1761).

4. Ibid., p. 39 (1762).

5. Ibid., p. 44 (1764).

6. Ibid., p. 303 (1804) [1805?].

7. Hall, op. cit., p. 214.

8. Inscription on tablet at church. See also Hall, op. cit., pp. 214-220.

9. Hall, op. cit., p. 201.

10. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 326 (1809), see entry 2.

11. Ibid., p. 329 (1810).

12. Ibid., p. 334 (1811).

When the Reverend Ephraim Abbot was summoned to the Congregational pastorate in 1813, the town passed a vote which apparently gave the Congregationalists the exclusive right to occupy the meeting-house during Mr. Abbot's ministry.¹ Soon afterward the town took a step toward helping the other societies to procure a meeting-house of their own by voting "that the Methodist and Baptist Societies have liberty to cut them a frame for a Meeting house off the upper Parsonage."² In 1815 a vote was passed "not to erect the Methodist Meeting on the old Meeting hill (so called)."³ Whether this rescinded the prior vote, or merely had to do with the location of the contemplated building is difficult to say. At the same time it was voted "To give the Methodist & Baptist societies their privileges in the parsonages to be taken out of the upper Parsonage."⁴ A subscribers' agreement for erecting a Methodist and Baptist meeting-house is recorded in the town minutes the same year.⁵ The statement is made that the church was also built that year,⁶ but it was probably only roughly completed, since the town voted four years later "that the Methodist Society have hemlock logs from the upper parsonage for lathing their Meeting house."⁷ This building was moved across the street in 1836 and was burned shortly afterward. The present building was built the following year.⁸

The subscribers' agreement of 1815 contained the last mention of the Baptists found in the Town Meeting Books, and it is probable that the career of this denomination in Greenland was of short duration.

The Methodist and Congregational denominations continued as separate entities until 1922 when they formed a federated church, which has continued to the present day. The winter services are held in the Methodist Church of 1837 and the summer services are held in the Congregational Church of 1756.⁹

The first reference to a school in Greenland dates back to the time when Greenland was still a part of Portsmouth. At a Portsmouth town meeting of 1702 it was voted "That five pounds yearly be given for the Incorridgment of a Scooll at Greenland."¹⁰

It has already been shown that Greenland petitioned in 1705¹¹ for a schoolmaster of its own, and that Portsmouth passed a vote in 1706, relating to the use of land from the commons for school purposes in Greenland.¹²

In 1756 Greenland voted that "the School house be moved near to where the Old meeting house now stands."¹³ Another vote for moving the school house was passed in 1764.¹⁴ It appears that school sessions were regularly shifted about at times, since there was a while when it was voted periodically

1. State's Copy, vol. 1, pp. 345, 346 (1813), see entry 2.

2. Ibid., p. 356 (1814).

3. Ibid., p. 359 (1815).

4. Ibid.

5. Ibid., p. 366 (1815).

6. Hall, op. cit., p. 201.

7. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 376 (1819), see entry 2.

8. Hall, op. cit., p. 201.

9. Information obtained from Mrs. Carrie Beck, former church clerk, April 29, 1941, by Herbert E. Brown.

10. State's Copy of Portsmouth Records (photostatic copy), vol. 2, p. 26 (1702).

11. New Hampshire State Papers, 9:320 (1705).

12. State's Copy of Portsmouth Records (photostatic copy), vol. 2, p. 34 (1706).

13. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 15 (1756), see entry 2.

14. Ibid., p. 44 (1764).

that the school should be moved to the Bay Side during certain months.¹

In 1767 it was voted that a new school house should be built "By the Buring Yeard" and that the old building should be sold and moved.² It was proposed in 1772 that the town should "maintain two School this year, a reading & writing School three Months at the South part of the Town & three Months at the Bay-Side & a grammar School in the Centre * * *." The voters rejected the proposal, and voted instead to "have but one School."³

A vote of 1781 recompensed Clement Weeks to the amount of \$20 for keeping school "two Months from Novem^r 1779 to Jan^ry 1780."⁴ In 1782 it was voted that school be kept the whole year in the center of the town.⁵ In 1787 it was

Voted the school shall be kept at the Center their proportionable part of the time from this date.

Voted The school shall be moved to the Bayside after the time is expired at the Center.

Voted The school shall be moved to the rode leading to Hampton after the time is expired at the Bayside.⁶

In 1793 it was voted "to Build a School hous at the South part of the Town: and likewis to pay the Proprietors of the Schoolhouse at the West part of the Town for theirs."⁷ A family that had moved in from Portsmouth was permitted, by a vote of 1798, to send their children to school in Greenland.⁸

Three school districts were established in 1807; the number was reduced to two in 1808, the Winnicut River to be the dividing line.⁹

At some time prior to 1850 the town must have reverted to the system of three districts, since in that year it was voted "that all the money received raised appropriated shall be equally devided among the three school districts."¹⁰ Three years later it was voted that all money "arriving for schooling be equealy divided between the three school districts."¹¹ In accordance with a State law,¹² Greenland became a single school distriot in 1885. As such it is now a member of Supervisory Union No. 16.¹³

Brackett Academy was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1824 when twelve men "and their successors together with the Principle Instructor" were made a body politic to be known as the Trustees of the Brackett Academy in Greenland. It was stipulated that the majority of the trustees should not be residents of Greenland.¹⁴ A building was erected between this time and

1. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 37 (1760), et passim 1761-1766, see entry 2.

2. Ibid., p. 51 (1767).

3. Ibid., p. 74 (1772).

4. Ibid., pp. 144, 145 (1781).

5. Ibid., p. 151 (1782).

6. Ibid., p. 185 (1787).

7. Ibid., p. 223 (1793).

8. Ibid., p. 263 (1798).

9. Ibid., pp. 318, 319 (1807), p. 321 (1808).

10. [Town Meeting Books], (hereinafter cited as T. M. B.), vol. 3, p. 11 (1850), see entry 3.

11. Ibid., p. 65 (1853).

12. See New Hampshire Laws of 1885, ch. 43.

13. New Hampshire State Board of Education Directory * * * 1940-1941, p. 5.

14. Laws of New Hampshire, 9:369 (1824).

the first meeting of the trustees held in August 1826. The academy's benefactor, George Brackett, gave property and money equivalent to \$2000 and this, in addition to a like sum contributed by other interested persons, was used to found the academy.¹ Mr. Brackett terminated a description of his gift as follows:

Though goodness without knowledge is weak and feeble, yet knowledge without goodness is dangerous, and * * * both together form the noblest character and lay the surest foundation of usefulness to mankind.²

Reverend Ephraim Abbott, the president of the board of trustees, was the first principal. He resigned both offices in 1829.³ The funds became exhausted during the next two years and the building was rented to any competent teachers with satisfactory references who applied to the trustees.⁴

There were several teachers who conducted the school under these conditions, but in 1854 the town set forth the terms under which it would contract with the trustees for the use of Brackett Academy for schools and for a town hall. The town stipulated that it must not be subjected to any material expense aside from that of keeping the building and grounds in repair.⁵ Apparently a contract was made, for in 1862 it was resolved that the town desired the selectmen to take charge of the building "with power to rent the same * * *",⁶ and in 1873 the town voted to establish a high school in the building with the town constituting a high school district. Three men were chosen temporarily to perform the duties of high school and prudential committees. It was also voted that \$500 be raised by taxation, in addition to money raised by tuitions, to maintain the high school.⁷ There is no evidence, however, that the provisions of this vote were actually carried out at that time.

In 1876 the legislature amended the act incorporating Brackett Academy. This amendment removed the prohibition against the majority of the trustees being residents of Greenland. In fact, the entire membership might be chosen from local residents. The amendment further authorized the trustees to convey to the town the real estate belonging to the academy.⁸ Shortly afterward, the trustees held a meeting, accepted the amending act, and filled the vacancies in their board by electing eight new trustees who had been nominated by the town at the request of the trustees already in office. The reorganized trustees voted to offer a long lease on the building for town and school purposes providing the town would refit it, keep it in repair, and pay the insurance. It was also stipulated that the town uses must in no way interfere with the keeping of the school.⁹

1. Hall, op. cit., p. 143.

2. Ibid., p. 147.

3. Ibid., p. 144.

4. Charles A. Hazlett, History of Rockingham County, p. 432.

5. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 91 (1854), see entry 3.

6. Ibid., p. 247 (1862).

7. Ibid., p. not numbered (1873).

8. New Hampshire Laws of 1876, ch. 142.

9. Hall, op. cit., p. 148.

At the annual town meeting of 1877 it was voted "to raise 1650 dollars by town note, in addition to the 500 dollars now raised to enable [a committee] to fit up said building for a Town Hall and other purposes agreeable to plans drawn up and estimates made for this object."¹

Representatives of the town conferred with the trustees concerning the transfer of the property to the town and a lease was drawn up.² The following year the building was repaired, new supports placed under it, and a new stage built.³

In 1884 the vote of 1873 regarding the establishment of a high school was repeated and a vote was passed to "create a High School district." A vote was also passed to raise \$200 annually, and to appropriate \$100 from the regular school money, to support the school. The school committee was to grade the district school pupils for admission.⁴

In 1900 the Academy building was used for a high school and a town hall, and it contained a selectmen's room.⁵ In 1903 the town gave authority to the school district to erect school buildings on the academy lot and to make any necessary changes in the "present building for school purposes." The buildings and lot were to be used "as far as may be necessary without interfering with the present uses of the town hall by the town or the citizens."⁶ The old Academy building was burned December 16, 1919. A new building was erected soon afterward.⁷ It is used as a town hall and for grade schools. Greenland no longer has a high school, but pays the tuition of Greenland students attending Portsmouth High School.

The first library in Greenland was a social library incorporated December 24, 1799. The Reverend Samuel McClintock, Clement March, Thomas Marston, Joshua Weeks, Joshua Brackett, Enoch Clark, Thomas Berry, Isaiah Berry, Shadrack Robinson, Enoch M. Clark, Samuel Hatch, Thomas Philbrook, and their associates were incorporated as the proprietors.⁸ What became of this library has not been ascertained.

The first step toward establishing a town library occurred in 1893 when the town voted to raise \$25 annually for the use and maintenance of a free public library in order that it might be entitled to receive a gift of books worth \$100 from the State. At the same town meeting it was voted that the school board should act as library trustees.⁹ The matter was held in abeyance, however, until 1896 when arrangements for opening a library were made and the town actually received its books from the State. Before the appropriations were complete, funds for a library building were donated by Miss Caroline A. Weeks.¹⁰ In 1897 the town appropriated \$100, and the building was constructed that year.¹¹

1. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 88 (1877), see entry 3.

2. Hall, op. cit., pp. 105, 110.

3. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 133 (1878), see entry 3.

4. Ibid., p. 357 (1884).

5. Hall, op. cit., p. 146.

6. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 255 (1903), see entry 3.

7. Information obtained from Clarence E. Gowen, selectman, May 14, 1941, by Herbert E. Brown.

8. Laws of New Hampshire, 6:596, 597 (1799).

9. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 83 (1893), see entry 3.

10. New Hampshire State Library Reports, 1904-1906, pp. 417, 418.

11. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 148 (1897), see entry 3.

The next year the town passed a resolution accepting Miss Weeks' gift and expressing its thanks for the same. It voted to raise annually the sum of \$150 in addition to that required by law for the maintenance of the library, the purchase of books, the salary of the librarian, and the heating and lighting of the building.¹ The dedication of the building occurred May 19, 1898.² The year after the dedication the trustees reported the possession of 1528 books. These were classified as follows: fiction, 938; religious, scientific, and miscellaneous, 324; history, 140; biography, 78; travel, 48.³ The library received a legacy of \$500 from Thomas P. Salter in 1908.⁴ This library receives, from trust funds, an annual income of about \$70.⁵

A bronze tablet in the vestibule contains the following inscription:

THIS BUILDING ERECTED

AS A MEMORIAL TO

GEORGE WEEKS

MARY T. WEEKS

AND

J. CLEMENT WEEKS

BY

CAROLINE AVERY WEEKS

MDCCCXCVII

Pressed bricks, with marble trimmings and granite underpinnings, were used in the construction of the building. Its architectural style is Colonial, with pilasters of Corinthian order.

As early as 1774 Greenland realized the importance of the impending conflict with Great Britain. In July of that year two delegates were appointed to the Provincial Congress in Exeter where delegates to the Continental Congress were to be chosen.⁶ It is apparent that the men of the town regarded seriously the necessity for organization and training, since fifty-six of them met the following year on June 26 and subscribed as follows:

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1. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 167 (1898), see entry 3.
 2. New Hampshire State Library Reports, 1904-1906, p. 418.
 3. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 182 (1899), see entry 3.
 4. Ibid., p. 347 (1908).
 5. Annual Reports of the Town of Greenland, New Hampshire, p. 30 (1941), see entry 22.
 6. Hall, op. cit., p. 119.

Whereas we the Subscribers inhabitense of gree
Nland being duly senseble of the Importance of
Being instructed in the military art in this
Alarming cricis & willing to be taught the same that
We may be prepared to defend the libertys of our
Country which we hold dearer then our lives and
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Gent in larnying us the same we have tharefore
Thought fit to choose thomas berry captain
Greeleaf clark first liu^t david simson second
Liu^t thomas johnson ensign we tharfore pray that the
Hon^{ble} congress woud confirm our said choyce and
Yure petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray¹

During 1775 the town of Greenland passed a number of votes indicative of its determination to resist the actions of the Crown. It voted that a quota of twelve men be enlisted who were to be sent "to the Aid & Assistance of our Brethren of the Massachusetts Bay in their Defence against the Ministerial Troops", and that these men were to "be allowed two Shillings Lawful Money per Day each & be found necessary Provision during their Continuance in said Service."² By other votes, money was appropriated to purchase arms, ammunition, and provisions; and a committee of four men was chosen "to take an Account of all such Persons as are not provided with Guns * * *."³ It was voted "that this Town approve of the Measures Agreed upon by the late Continental Congress."⁴

In 1776 a bounty of ten dollars, which was soon increased to fifteen, was voted to men who enlisted voluntarily.⁵ The following year the town voted to add to the bounties given by Congress and the State "to such Soldiers as Shall inlist * * * for three years or dureing the present war with Great Britain."⁶ Committees were appointed during the next four years for the purpose of hiring men and money to aid in the conflict.⁷

The Greenland pastor, Dr. Samuel McClintock, was chaplain at the battle of Bunker Hill, and is represented in Trumbull's picture of the battle.⁸

At the time of the War of 1812 the following vote was passed: "that the Soldiers that may be deteached from the Militia in this town as the proportion of the one hundred thousand men raised by Congress shall have their wages raised by said town to ten dollars p^r month including the wages given by Congress during actual service."⁹

During the Civil War there appears to have been a strong sentiment in favor of the Southern cause. In fact, a portion of the membership of the Congregational Church passed a set of resolutions declaring their opposition to negro equality, and requesting their minister, Dr. Edward Robie, 'to let the

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 12:67, 68.
 2. State's Copy, vol. 1, pp. 90, 91 (1775), see entry 2.
 3. Ibid., pp. 92-94.
 4. Ibid., p. 85.
 5. Ibid., p. 102 (1776).
 6. Ibid., p. 106 (1777).
 7. Ibid., 1777-1781, passim.
 8. Charles W. Brewster, Rambles About Portsmouth, second series, 2:162.
 9. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 339 (1812), see entry 2.

negro and politics alone in the pulpit.¹ Nevertheless, the town minutes show that Greenland performed its share of the burden of carrying on the war. In the minutes of 1861 there was recorded a list of 65 men who were liable for military service in the Civil War.² The following year 20 men enlisted³ and it was resolved that the sum of \$300 be paid to those who enlisted voluntarily for the duration of the war and \$150 to those who enlisted for nine months. The money was to be hired at the best terms possible through the town's credit and paid when the men were accepted and mustered into the service.⁴ The total number of men entering the service was 35, six of whom died in service;⁵ and bounties of over \$24,000 were paid.⁶

At the March meeting of 1917 the voters of Greenland pledged their full support to the President and Congress in the crisis which was then confronting the nation.⁷

In the early days of Greenland when roads were hardly more than lanes, Great Bay and its tributaries afforded most of the means of transportation for the town. The heavy freighting was done by boat, and landing places were established from which a network of roads eventually emanated.⁸

Brewster quotes an early Portsmouth record as stating: 'On the 8th of Oct. 1663 at a meeting of the Selectmen (of Portsmouth) at Greenland to lay out the hiwayes a hiwaye laid out from Wincote river falls east or thare aboutes to Samuel Haines is house and from thence the hieaway is to rune to Hamton hiwaye where it now lies by Ffrances Drake feild which is now inclosed, these hiwaye is to be tow rod in bredth.' There was a 'hiwaye lade out over against Leonard Weikes house' which was to 'goe through his land soue and by west or thare abouts * * * to the common land.' A contract was also made to make a 'foot and horse path through Great Swamp.'⁹

For a number of years subsequent to these records, information is meager, but it is apparent that the matter of highways had not been neglected, for in 1701 and 1702 applications were made to hang gates in certain places on two different highways.¹⁰

In 1714 "by Request of Sundry Inhabitants of Greenland" the selectmen of Portsmouth viewed the highway passing by Philip Lewis' place toward Exeter, and expressed the opinion that it was "most accomadeable & Convenient for ye Inhabitants on sd highway" and that "it [should] Continue as * * * laid out * * *."¹¹

During the years following there seems to have been more or less activity in laying out and improving the highways.¹² Taxes were raised periodically to repair them and privileges were granted to work out the tax where necessary.¹³

1. Hall, op. cit., p. 220.

2. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 233 (1861), see entry 3.

3. Ibid., p. 255 (1862).

4. Ibid., p. 257 (1862).

5. Hall, op. cit., p. 227.

6. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. not numbered (1865), see entry 3.

7. Ibid., vol. 5, p. 488 (1917).

8. Hall, op. cit., pp. 75, 76, 118.

9. Brewster, op. cit., 2:359.

10. State's Copy of Portsmouth Records (photostatic copy), vol. 2, p. 23 (1701), p. 24 (1702).

11. Ibid., p. 99 (1714).

12. Ibid., vol. 14, p. 196 (1719), vol. 15, p. 385 (1736); State's Copy of Newington Records, vol. 1, p. 20 (1725), p. 46 (1747).

13. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 162 (1783), pp. 201, 203 (1790), p. 214 (1792), p. 227 (1794), p. 305 (1805), p. 334 (1811), see entry 2.

Improvements on old and laying out new highways continued¹ and a foresighted vote was cast in 1867 to have the selectmen ascertain the advisability of setting "evergreen trees on the land of the town near the highway to prevent the snow drifting into the road * * *."²

Saw and grist mills were once an important feature of industry in many New Hampshire towns. M. O. Hall, in his Rambles, published in 1900, summarized the story of the early mills of Greenland:

The first mill in town was a saw mill, and whether there was a grist mill on the other side of the stream, as there was when I was a boy, I do not know; but the mill was old and must have been there for years in 1822. Then there was the tide mill, and Davis' Mill, and Pickering's Mill on the Champernown Creek, and also one on a stream that leads into the Winnicut across Boston Road, and another at Winnicut. All of these mills were doing a good business when I was a boy.

* * * there was also a carding, weaving, and fulling mill on the west side of the stream which did a good business, and I have worn clothes made from cloth manufactured there.

There was also a mill on the Winnicut, above Haines' log. Whether this mill was the one belonging to or run by David Simpson I do not know * * * The tide mill was erected by John Johnson and others in the year 1756 or thereabout, for leave was granted to him to do so and join his dam to the town landing.³

In 1864 the mills on the Winnicut River were purchased and a stock company formed under the name of The Union Mills * * * The mill⁴ lately burned down, and Simeon Bracket has the mill privileges under a long lease.⁵

The only mill in Greenland at the present time is a sawmill recently purchased from Arnold N. Holmes by Harry Picolis.

Farming has always been an important industry in Greenland, and it is said that Mark W. Pierce, a Greenland farmer, was the first to introduce Durham blooded stock into this country.⁶ There are a number of large farms at the present time. The Heffler Stock Farm, owned by E. T. Heffler, carries about 50 head of cattle. It is a farm of about 250 acres, specializing in milk production. Daniel Badger owns and operates a farm of 380 acres which carries 95 head of cattle, and specializes in milk and cream. George N. Weeks' farm has 60 head of cattle. It specializes in milk which is taken to H. P. Hood and Sons' Lawrence station. This farm also raises vegetables which are sold

1. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 112 (1855), et passim 1856-1867, see entry 3.

2. Ibid., p. not numbered (1867).

3. This mill stood on a small island in the Winnicut River. It was built so as to use the water as power, through a water wheel, when the tide came in and when it went out. The island was a part of the "town landing", where the first settlers landed when they came up the bay. It is said that the tide mill was burned in the 1880's.

4. Apparently the last survivor of the Union Mills.

5. Hall, op. cit., pp. 199, 200.

6. Ibid., p. 209.

in Portsmouth.

Bay View Poultry Farm, owned by Edward Hulme, carries 1,000 laying fowl, 1,000 broilers, and 1,200 turkeys. James L. Miller, proprietor of Greenland Garden, raises out flowers and fancy shrubs and trees. Walter Vickery raises hothouse vegetables and plants.

Clarence E. Gowen does an extensive amount of market gardening. In 1940 his farm produced 6,000 boxes of apples. Mackintoshes, baldwins, and other varieties are grown. Pears are also grown on this farm. About 75 per cent of the apples and pears are sold in Boston.

The tourist business is well established in Greenland. Overnight cabins are operated by Thomas J. Brackett and Richard W. Weeks. A guest house is operated by Mrs. Grace E. Wilcox.

At one time Greenland had a canning plant. This was owned by the Saco Valley Canning Company. In 1917, by a vote of the town, this company was made exempt from taxation for a period of ten years.¹ This enterprise ceased operation in 1933.²

The State Fish and Game Department maintains a fish-rearing station in Greenland which raises several thousand trout a year to stock brooks in the general vicinity. In addition to the pools owned by the State, there are two large pools owned by the Piscataqua Fish and Game Club. The Piscataqua Club allows the public to fish in its pools at 25 cents a fish.³

There is a famous old house in Greenland called the Weeks House. It is one of the oldest houses in the State, and is believed to have been built in 1638. It is said that the bricks used in the construction were burned in the dooryard. Oak was used for the beams and floor timbers; the beams were hewn 12 by 14 inches; the floor timbers were about 10 inches in diameter. The probable object of this massive construction was to provide a place that might be used as a garrison house in times of emergency. Those seeking haven from Indian raids in such a structure could be almost certain that their shelter would not catch fire from brands. The house was badly shaken by an earthquake of 1855, and the owner ran iron rods through the house, from end to end, to ensure its safety. The windows were originally small and diamond-shaped; but they were eventually replaced by windows more modern in style. Black headers are scattered among the red bricks and the house is thereby given a speckled appearance. Ten generations of the Weeks family have lived in this house. Thornton Weeks is the present owner.⁴

It is a representation of the Weeks House which appears on the cover of this volume.

When Greenland was given the right to have a minister and school master of its own, the town of Portsmouth somewhat vaguely placed "ye bounds of Greenland to be on ye south side of Coll Packers farme."⁵ On July 28, 1714

1. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 486 (1917), see entry 3.
2. Statement of Thomas J. Brackett, selectman.
3. Information obtained by Herbert E. Brown on visit to the station, May 26, 1941. See also Biennial Report of the Department of Fish and Game July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1938, p. 16.
4. George W. Williams "The Oldest House in New Hampshire" in Granite Monthly, April, 1910; Helen Pearson and Harold Hotchkiss Bennett, Vignettes of Portsmouth, p. 48; Brewster, op. cit., 2:358-360; Interview by Herbert E. Brown with Mrs. Thornton Weeks, April 7, 1941.
5. Hall, op. cit., p. 94.

a petition to have the boundaries definitely established was presented to Governor Dudley. A committee of six men was appointed to ascertain the limits of the Greenland, Portsmouth, and Bloody Point (Newington) parishes.¹ This committee reported "that the parish of Greenland be bounded upon the Great Bay by the farm of the widdow Jackson Joshua Pearce and Israel March and soe to Packers bridge, and thence to Joshua Haines M^r Cates and Edward Ayers ffarme and from thence Southwesterly to Hampton Bounds."² On the day the committee reported, the Assembly established the Greenland bounds in accordance with the report.³

Two years later a petition of the inhabitants of the Swamscott Patent who lived east of a line "beginning att Walls Crick & running to Hampton Bounds"⁴ was favorably received, and they were "joined to the Parish of Greenland."⁵

In 1725 "In the behalfe of the Poore parrish of Greenland" five men petitioned the Governor and the Assembly to reconsider the boundaries established July 28, 1714 as, in their opinion, they were not clearly defined and favored Portsmouth at the expense of the new parish. The petition also stated that the boundaries previously established "Excludes fifteen families that live about Breakfast hill from y^e sd Parrish of Greenland."⁶ A few days later the inhabitants of Breakfast Hill petitioned to be joined to Greenland.⁷ It is possible that the former petition was intended to pave the way for the latter. In response to the former petition, it was ordered that the Portsmouth selectmen be served with a copy thereof, but, for some reason, this was not done and the scheduled hearing was postponed by the Assembly. On December 29, 1725 it was voted to hold a hearing "on the Second day of the Sitting of the Spring Sessions",⁸ but no reference to the actual holding of this hearing has been found. At the present time the line between Rye and Greenland cuts across Breakfast Hill.⁹

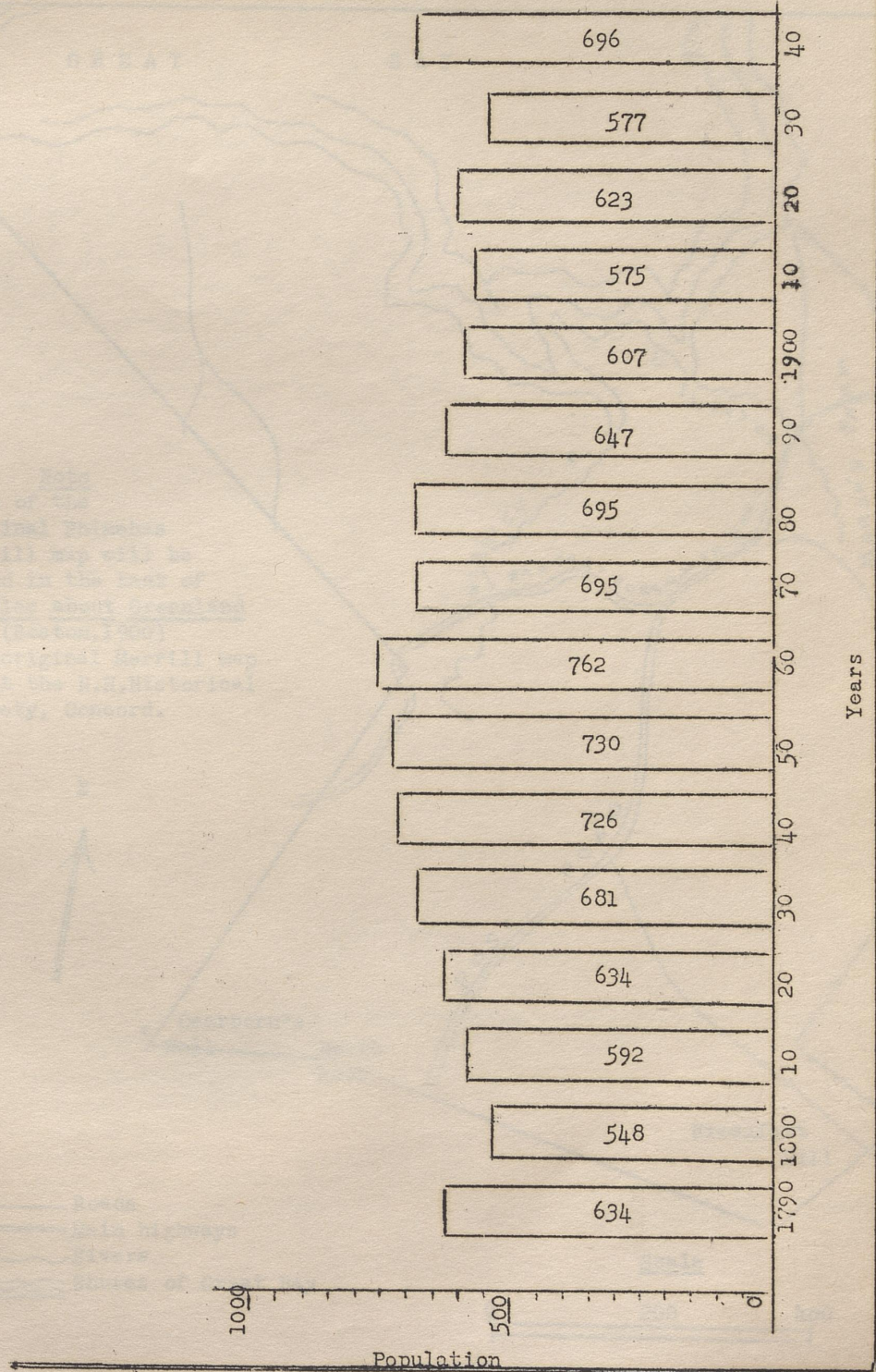
A part of Brackett Weeks' farm in Stratham was annexed to Greenland in 1805;¹⁰ "a piece of land belonging to Samuel Hatch" in Stratham was added to Greenland's territory in 1847.¹¹ In 1859 a certain line was "constituted and established as the true division line" between Stratham and Greenland¹² but this act was amended the following year.¹³

Greenland, in the eastern section of Rockingham County, is bounded on the north by Great Bay and Newington, on the east by Rye and Portsmouth, on the south by Stratham and North Hampton, and on the west by Stratham. Dearborn's Well is the corner bound of Greenland, North Hampton, and Stratham. The well is covered by a large stone on which is placed a cement marker indicating the three-cornered bound.

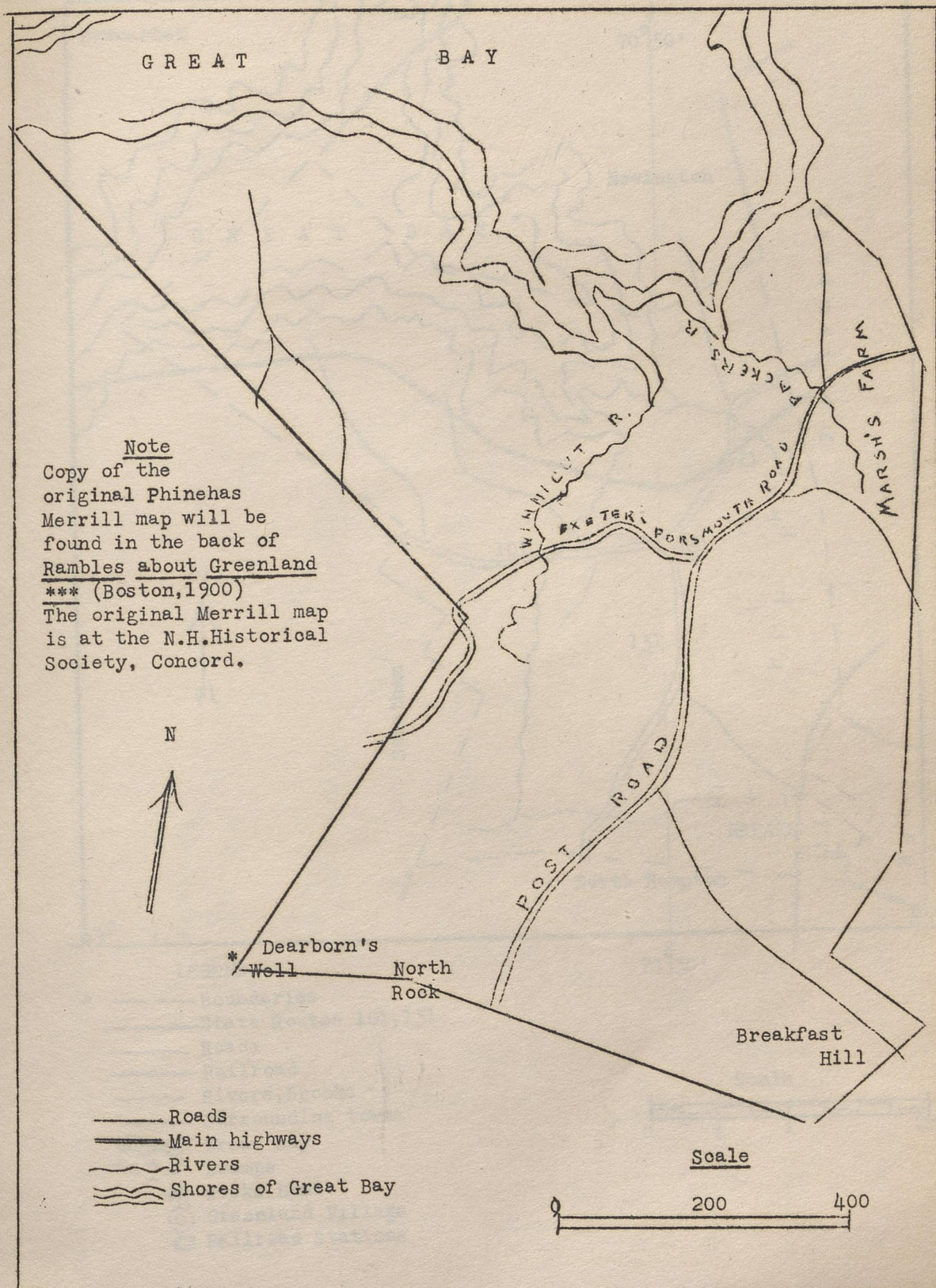
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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 12:65 (1714).
 2. Ibid., 12:66.
 3. Ibid., 9:324.
 4. Ibid., 9:321.
 5. Ibid., 12:64.
 6. Ibid., 9:325.
 7. Ibid., 9:324.
 8. Ibid., 4:410, 411.
 9. United States Geological Survey Maps—Dover Quadrangle.
 10. Laws of New Hampshire, 7:426 (1805).
 11. New Hampshire Laws of 1847, ch. 512.
 12. New Hampshire Laws of 1859, ch. 2246.
 13. New Hampshire Laws of 1860, ch. 2377.

GREENLAND POPULATION GRAPH

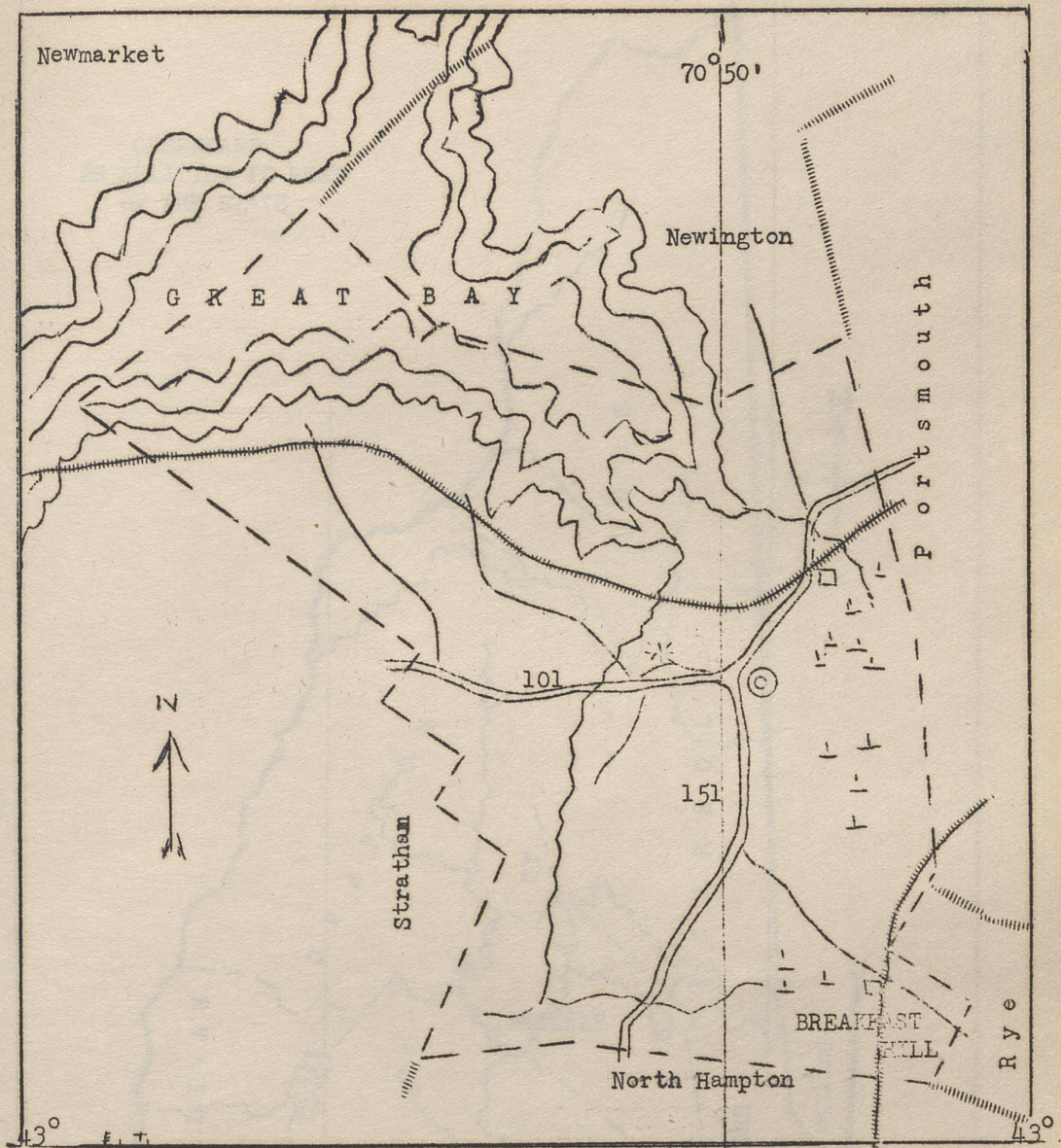
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GREENLAND IN 1806, BASED ON MAP BY PHINEHAS MERRILL



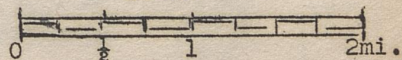
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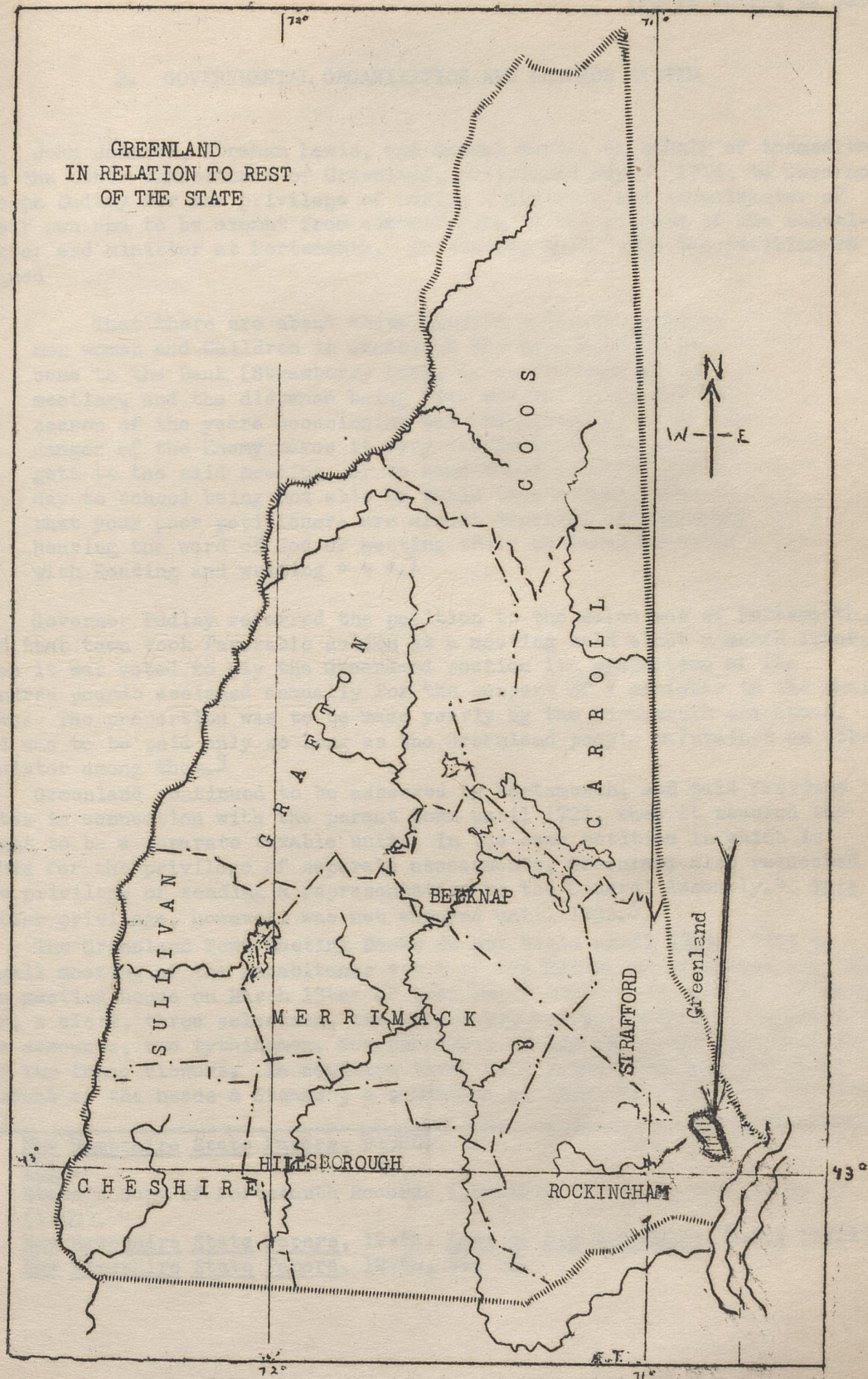


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- — — — — Boundaries
- — — — — State Routes 101, 151
- — — — — Roads
- — — — — Railroad
- — — — — Rivers, Brooks
- — — — — Surrounding towns
- — — — — Great Bay
- + + + + + Swamps
- * * * * * Weeks Home
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Scale





2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

John Johnson, Abraham Lewis, and Samuel Weeks, on behalf of themselves and the other inhabitants of Greenland, petitioned May 5, 1705, to Governor Joseph Dudley for the privilege of having a minister and schoolmaster of their own and to be exempt from contributing to the support of the schoolmaster and minister at Portsmouth. In stating their case the petitioners argued

That there are about three hundred & twenty persons; men women and Children in Greenland who are Oblidged to come to the Bank [Strawberry Bank, i. e. Portsmouth] to meeting, and the distance being five and six miles and the season of the yeare occasioning bad travelling as alsoe the danger of the Enemy makes it very difficult and Tedious to gett to the said meeting, or to send their children every day to school being not able to Table them abroad; Soe that your poor petitioners are almost deprived of publickly hearing the word of God or getting their children Educated with Reading and writing * * *.¹

Governor Dudley referred the petition to the selectmen of Portsmouth,² and that town took favorable action at a meeting held about a month later, when it was voted to pay the Greenland section its proportion of the hundred pounds assigned annually for the support of a minister in the entire town. The proportion was to be made yearly by the Portsmouth selectmen, and was to be paid only so long as the Greenland people maintained an able minister among them.³

Greenland continued to be assessed by Portsmouth, and paid Province rates in connection with the parent town until 1721, when it secured the right to be a separate taxable unit. In the same petition in which it asked for the privilege of separate assessments, Greenland also requested the privilege of sending a representative to the General Assembly.⁴ This latter privilege, however, was not enjoyed until 1732.⁵

The Greenland Town Meeting Books do not begin until 1749. "Att a legall meeting of the Inhabitants * * * of the Parish of Greenland held at the meeting house on March 13th" of that year, there were elected a moderator, a clerk, three selectmen, two assessors, one constable, two viewers of the accounts, two tythingmen, two surveyors of highways, two hog constables, and two fence viewers. In addition there were elected two men "To take account of the heads & Stocks", a committee of three men to settle the account

1. New Hampshire State Papers, 9:320.

2. Ibid.

3. State's Copy of Portsmouth Records (photostatic copy), vol. 2, p. 33 (1705).

4. New Hampshire State Papers, 12:64; Laws of New Hampshire, 2:354 (1721).

5. New Hampshire State Papers, 12:64, 66, 67.

of the parish with the selectmen for certain named years, and two men who were to settle the value of parish lands for a "dew" assessment.¹

These officers, and those subsequently elected, were to all intents and purposes town officers. The term "parish", however, lingered for some while. In fact the General Assembly referred to Greenland as a parish as late as 1757.²

Of the offices filled at the 1749 meeting, the moderator, clerk, and selectmen have survived to the present day. The surveyor of highways has been succeeded by the highway agent; the duties of the assessors are now performed by the selectmen; and the law enforcement duties of the constable have been taken over by police officers. Viewers of accounts have given way to auditors. The offices of hog constable, fence viewer, and tythingman have disappeared.

Offices added since the 1749 meeting, but subsequently dropped, include those of cemetery trustee, surplus revenue agent, superintending school committee, superintendent of the town farm, tree warden, jail keeper, legal agent, liquor agent, public weigher, sealer of weights and measures, sealer of leather, corder of wood, surveyor of wood and lumber, surveyor of lumber, surveyor of boards, committee to mark wood, committee to sell timber, pound-keeper, field driver, haward, hogreeve, fish and game warden, deerkeeper, sexton, and janitor.

At the present time the voters of Greenland, at their town meetings, elect one town clerk, one tax collector, one treasurer, two auditors, one highway agent, and one police officer for one year; and one selectman, two members of the budget committee, one trustee of trust funds, and one library trustee for three years. The voters, at each biennial election, choose a moderator and three supervisors of the check-list. The selectmen biennially appoint four election inspectors, two of whom the moderator designates to act as ballot clerks. The selectmen recommend the forest fire warden who is appointed by the State Forester. The selectmen also recommend the health officer who is appointed by the State Board of Health. In the case of the health officer the recommendation by the selectmen is sometimes preceded by a nomination made by the voters at town meeting. The regular term of the forest fire warden is one year and the health officer three years, but they continue to serve if their successors are not appointed at the end of their regular terms. Greenland has a seven-member planning board. Six members are appointed by the selectmen; the seventh is a selectman who serves ex officio for the duration of his term as selectman. The terms of the six appointed members are for five years. One member is appointed annually except that every five years two are appointed.

The voters of the Greenland school district, at their annual meeting, elect one member of the school board to serve three years, and a moderator, clerk, and treasurer to serve one year. The school board of the Greenland district, in conjunction with the other school boards of Supervisory Union No. 16, nominates the superintendent of schools who receives his appointment from the State Board of Education.

The chief recording officer of the town is the town clerk. From a historical standpoint the Town Meeting Books, kept through the years by the

1. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), see entry 2.

2. Laws of New Hampshire, 3:163 (1757).

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successive town clerks, constitute the town's most important record series. The main purpose of this series is to preserve the warrants and minutes of the town meetings, but it contains in addition a wide variety of miscellaneous recordings, particularly for the earlier years.

The earliest extant town meeting volume for Greenland is not an original but a copy in the custody of the Secretary of State. This contains warrants for town meetings, 1758-1819, and minutes of the same, 1749-1819. The inclusive dates of the volume, itself, are 1707-1849, as it contains records which are prior and subsequent to the warrants and minutes.

The town minutes, 1820-1849 have been destroyed by fire. The span 1850 to date is covered by three volumes (originals) kept in the town.

The records other than town warrants and minutes, contained in the Town Meeting Books, include selectmen's accounts, tax warrants and abatements, animal marks, bounties, militia enrollment, fence divisions and agreements, liquor and tavern licenses, vital statistics, stray notices, town officers' bonds, appointments and oaths of office, highway records, and records of dissolved school districts.

The town clerk keeps complete vital statistics. Prior to 1938, births, marriages, and deaths were kept in a combined record, but, beginning with January 1, 1938, they have been kept separately in the form of original certificates in loose-leaf volumes. Since September 1, 1938, the town clerk has kept a record of pre-marriage blood tests. The clerk keeps burial permit stubs.

Since 1919 the clerk has kept a separate record of appointments. Personal mortgages and conditional sales are recorded by the town clerk. Other records include town clerk's accounts with the treasurer, dog license stubs, motor vehicle registration stubs, check-lists of registered voters, copies (for certain years) of the selectmen's invoice, and a record of fires.

The selectmen issue the annual town reports. These are printed, and they contain not only the report of the selectmen but those of the other town officers and of the school officers. They also contain such items as a list of the town officers, a copy of the town warrant, the town budget, and columns of vital statistics. The selectmen's financial records consist of receipts and payments and town vouchers. Since the selectmen act in the capacity of assessors, their taxation records are important. These include blotter books, the town invoice, notes on rateable property, and exemption claims. Among the miscellaneous records of the selectmen are perambulations of town lines and highway surveyors' account and warrant books.

The tax collector keeps a record of warrants and collections and a record of tax sales. This official retains copies of tax redemptions and duplicates of reports sent to the treasurer.

The treasurer's records consist of receipts and payments, copies of reports issued monthly by the treasurer to the selectmen, the original reports of the tax collector to the treasurer, selectmen's orders on the treasurer, and bank statements. The auditor retains a copy of the town audit as filed with the State Tax Commission. The trustees of trust funds keep a plan of cemetery lots, which is their only record except for bank books.

Records pertaining to the school district consist of district and board minutes, financial records, a census of school children, and correspondence.

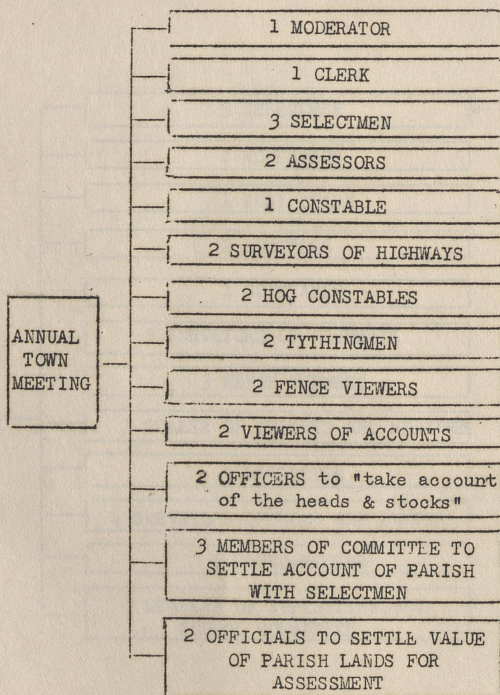
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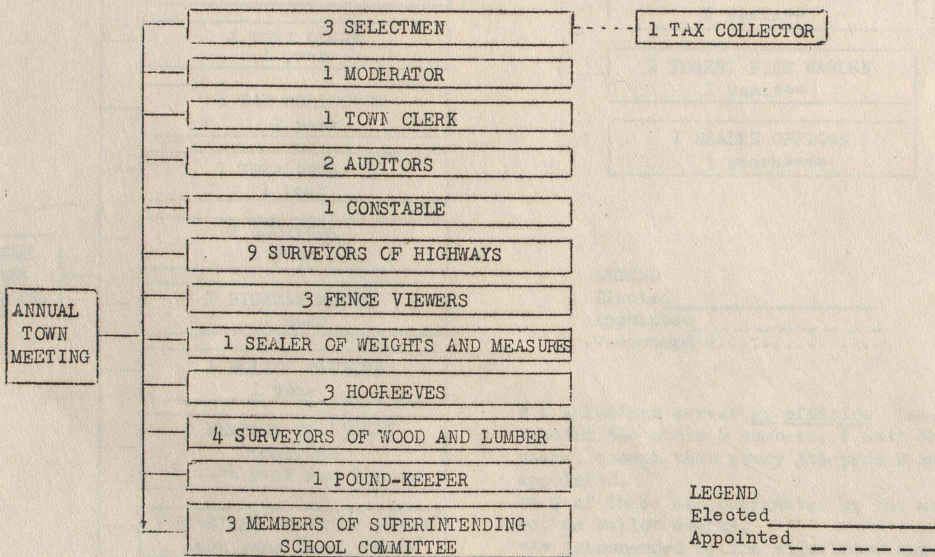
Among the school registers kept by Supervisory Union No. 16 are 24 volumes, 1935 to date, which pertain to Greenland.

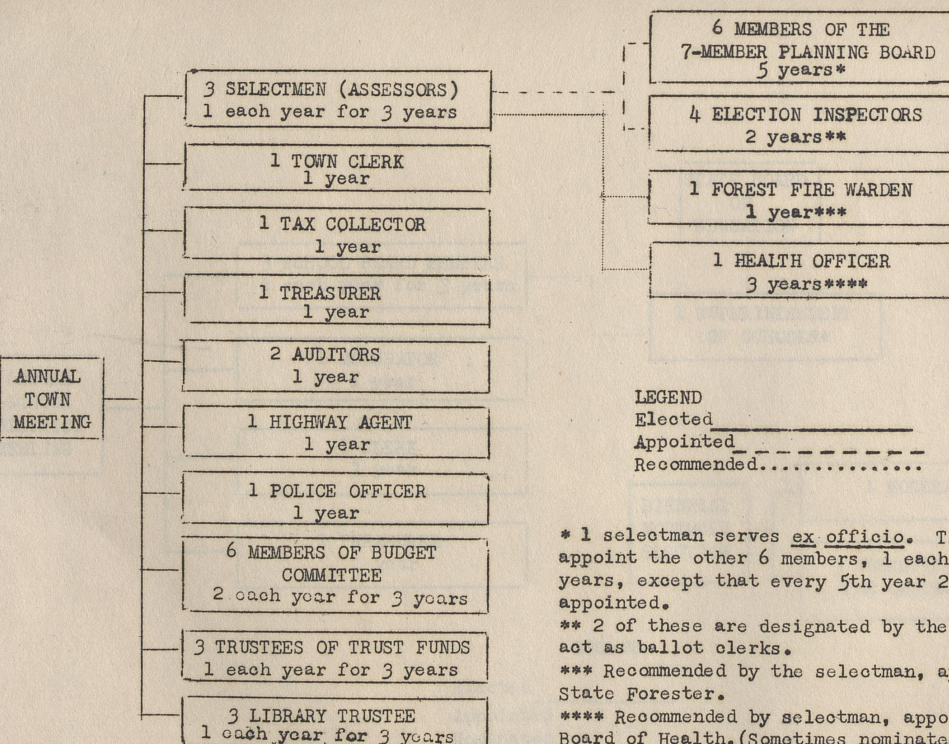
The library trustees kept minutes of meetings from the time of the establishment of the library in 1893 until 1918 when this record was discontinued. During that time a record of receipts and payments was kept in the same volume with the minutes. A separate volume now contains a record of receipts and payments. A record is kept of accessions and of books loaned.

The health officer keeps a record of calls; the highway agent, a weekly time book; the police, a record of arrests and accidents; and the forest fire warden, copies of permits to build fires. The secretary of the planning board keeps minutes of meetings and three folders of correspondence.



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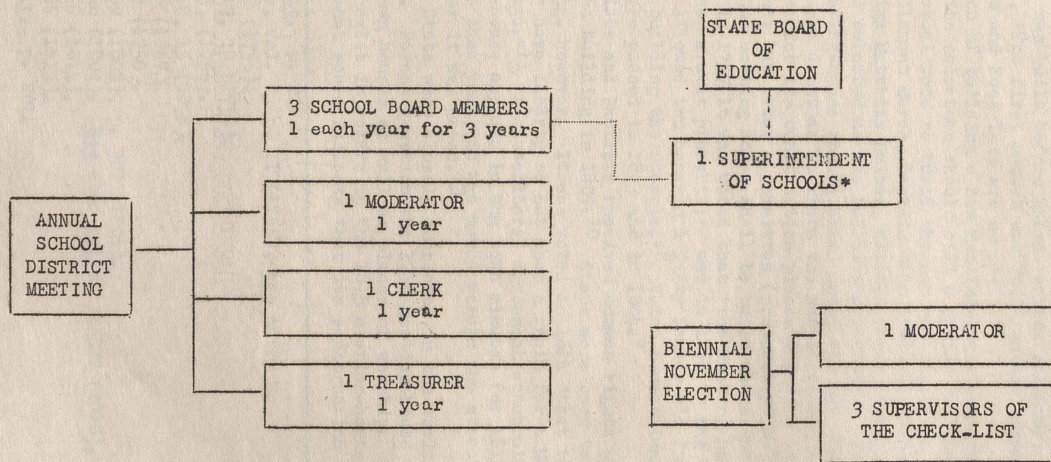




LEGEND
 Elected _____
 Appointed _____
 Recommended.....

* 1 selectman serves ex officio. The selectmen appoint the other 6 members, 1 each year for 5 years, except that every 5th year 2 members are appointed.
 ** 2 of these are designated by the moderator to act as ballot clerks.
 *** Recommended by the selectman, appointed by State Forester.
 **** Recommended by selectman, appointed by State Board of Health. (Sometimes nominated in town meeting prior to recommendation by selectmen.)

CHART OF PRESENT DAY GREENLAND TOWN OFFICERS
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LEGEND

Elected _____
 Appointed
 Nominated

* Nominated by the school boards of Supervisory Union #16; appointed by the State Board of Education.

PRESENT DAY CHART OF TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIENNIAL NOVEMBER ELECTION AND SCHOOL OFFICERS

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Greenland minutes contain no reference to the earliest meeting-house, since it was built before these records commence. M. O. Hall, writing in 1900, stated, "The first church was built on the corner of the cemetery, where the Holmes and Foss lots are now."¹

The question of building a new meeting-house came up by 1755, when it was voted that the selectmen should call a parish meeting for discussing the matter.² The actual vote to build the new meeting-house was passed the following year.³ Clement March, Captain John Bracket, Deacon William Cate, James Cate, Ensign Matthias Haines, William Berry, Ensign William Weeks, and Enoch Clark were selected as the building committee.⁴ It was voted that the then present meeting-house should stand until the new one was ready.⁵ There was apparently some doubt as to where the new structure should be erected. The original vote for its construction placed the site as "where the Old one * * * Stands"; but later a committee (presumably the building committee) reported "that the meeting house shall be built where the pound and school house stood."⁶ In 1757 it was voted that "the Meeting house great dores shall hang as they are at present";⁷ and in 1758 it was voted that "Mr. Josiah Clark be Allowed two hundred & fifty Pounds old Ten^r for an allowance for his loss in building the Steeple."⁸ Votes concerning the repair of the meeting-house were passed in 1803 and in 1804.⁹

The Methodists and Baptists received common rights with the Congregationalists in the building in 1809.¹⁰ Steps were soon taken to provide a separate building, however. It was voted in 1814 "that the Methodist & Baptist Societies have liberty to cut them a fraim for a Meeting house off the uper Parsonage."¹¹ A subscribers' agreement concerning the Methodist-Baptist meeting-house appears in the town minutes for 1815.¹² The building was erected that same year; it was moved across the street in 1836 and was burned soon after it was moved.¹³

Church and State were closely connected in the early history of New Hampshire towns. Beyond question the 1756 meeting-house and its predecessor served as town houses as well as places of worship. That same certainty does not exist in regard to the 1815 meeting-house, since the subscribers' agreement would indicate that its construction was a private

1. Hall, op. cit., p. 222.

2. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 11 (1755), see entry 2.

3. Ibid., p. 12 (1756).

4. Ibid., pp. 12, 13 (1756).

5. Ibid., p. 15, (1756).

6. Ibid., pp. 12, 15 (1756).

7. Ibid., p. 18 (1757).

8. Ibid., p. 23 (1758).

9. Ibid., p. 299 (1803); p. 302 (1804).

10. Ibid., p. 326 (1809). See also ibid., p. 329 (1810), p. 334 (1811).

11. Ibid., p. 356 (1814).

12. Ibid., p. 366 (1815).

13. Hall, op. cit., p. 201.

enterprise. The probability is that town meetings were held in the 1756 meeting-house until they were transferred to the Brackett Academy.

It is difficult to fix the exact date when the Academy was first used as a town meeting place. M. O. Hall in writing of the surplus revenue discussion of 1837 stated that the Greenland voters met in the Academy to settle the matter.¹ The first vote in the extant Town Meeting Books regarding the use of the Academy building by the town occurs in the minutes for 1854. It is reasonable to assume, however, that there may have been earlier votes on the same subject during the period 1820-1849 for which the minutes were destroyed. The 1854 vote indicated the willingness of the town to accept the Academy for schools and a town hall providing the only expense incurred thereby should be that of keeping the building and grounds in repair.²

In 1862 it was resolved "That it is the wish of the Town that the Building (Called the Brackett Academy) be in charge of the Selectmen with power to rent the same, for the purpose of School, Lectures &c, charging rent for the same according to the amount of wear, injury and exposure to fires * * *."³

A State law of 1876 authorized the trustees of the Academy to convey to the town the real estate belonging to the Academy.⁴ As a result the town raised money for the repairs of the buildings⁵ and secured a lease to the Academy property.⁶

In 1911 the trustees of Brackett Academy voted to convey to the town all the real estate and property of the Academy then in their hands, if the town, with the consent of the trustees, should rescind the lease, and if the town should vote \$6000 to erect a school building on the premises and keep the existing one in repair.⁷ However, the Town Meeting Books show no reciprocal vote.

The old Academy building was burned in 1919. It was soon replaced by a new building,⁸ which is the present town hall, and in which grade schools are kept.

The town hall is not used as a depository for records. Some of the records are kept at the Weeks Public Library, erected in 1897 of brick, granite, and marble. These records—except for some pertaining to the library itself—are located in a storage room in the basement. This room, 7' x 8' x 18', has no artificial lighting. There are two windows 2 1/2' x 2'. The floor is of cement, the ceiling of wood, and the walls of brick and wood. Records are contained in a wooden cabinet which has about six linear feet of shelving.

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1. Hall, op. cit., pp. 184, 185.
 2. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 91 (1854), see entry 3.
 3. Ibid., p. 247 (1862).
 4. New Hampshire Laws of 1876, ch. 142.
 5. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 88 (1877), see entry 3.
 6. Ibid., p. 10 (1877).
 7. Records of Brackett Academy, p. 46 (last used page), (1911), see Appendix entry 1.
 8. Information obtained from Clarence E. Gowen, selectman, May 14, 1941, by Herbert E. Brown.

Abbreviations, Symbols, and
Explanatory Notes

(First entry, p. 32)

Herein are found a portion of the records of the town clerk, selectmen, treasurer, and school district. The remainder of the town clerk's records—except for a copied volume of the early records kept in the Secretary of State's vault, Concord—are kept in the clerk's office at her residence. The remainder of the selectmen's records are located in the residences of Thomas J. Brackett, selectman, and Mabel E. Thaxter, town clerk. Those records of the treasurer not in the library basement are kept at the home of Eugene F. Wilcox, treasurer. The balance of the school district records are divided among the residences of Ralph De H. Fisher, district treasurer; Mabel E. Thaxter, district clerk; and school board members Edna B. Weeks and Margaret E. Sweetser.

Library records are found in the upper room of the library and in the home of Mrs. W. E. Beck, one of the library trustees.

The tax collector's, health officer's, highway agent's, and forest fire warden's records are located in their respective residences. The auditors' records are found in the home of Frank E. Wirling, one of the auditors; the police records, in the home of Chief Earl W. Caswell; the planning board records, in the home of Arthur A. Peterson, a member of the board. Records of the trustees of trust funds are kept in the store of Irving Rolston, one of the trustees.

The Supervisory Union No. 16 records pertaining to Greenland are found in the office of Superintendent Clifton A. Towle, Exeter.

Recommendation: Greenland needs a vault for the storage of its records. The present system of storing records in a wooden cabinet in the basement of the library is not adequate, and there is a certain amount of fire hazard. Should it be desired to continue the library as a depository, there is ample room in the basement for the construction of a vault.

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.	.....	alphabetically
approx.	.....	approximately
arr.	.....	arranged
bdl(s).	.....	bundle(s)
bsmt.	.....	basement
ch(s).	.....	chapter(s)
chron.	.....	chronologically
circa	.....	about (with date)
<u>et passim</u>	.....	and here and there
f. b.	.....	file box(es)
f. d.	.....	file drawer(s)
hdw.	.....	handwritten (in ink)
<u>ibid.</u>	.....	<u>ibidem</u> (in the same place)
no.	.....	number
numer.	.....	numerically
off.	.....	office
<u>op. cit.</u>	.....	<u>opere citato</u> (in the work cited)
p(p).	.....	page(s)
<u>passim</u>		here and there
ptd.		printed

Abbreviations, Symbols, and
Explanatory Notes

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res.		residence
sec(s).		section(s)
State's Copy		[State's Copy of] Greenland Town Records
supt.	.....	superintendent
T. M. B.	.....	[Town Meeting Books]
v.	.....	vault
vol(s).	.....	volume(s)
x	.....	by (in dimension items)
--.	.....	to date

Titles: Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without brackets, as in entry 5. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 11. If a record title is not fully descriptive of the record, an assigned explanatory title, written with initial caps and enclosed in brackets, has been added, as in entry 16. The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title and title variation is indicated, as in entry 4. Titles of artificial entries (those procured from other entries) are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 1. In the master entry, the subtitle, referring to the artificial entry, is neither enclosed in brackets nor capitalized (see entry 2-j). When regular entries are referred to in the description of other entries the exact title of the regular entry is not used, but merely a phrase descriptive of the records, as in entry 3-o, unless the exact title is brief and descriptive, as in entry 30-av.

Dates: First and last dates covered by a particular record are shown in the title line of the entry. Continuous records are shown by a hyphen between the beginning and closing dates, as 1707-1849 (see entry 2). Lapses in the records are indicated by commas between the groups of inclusive dates, as 1843-48, 1870-87 (see entry 10). Current dates are indicated by two hyphens, as 1707--. When the dates of a record cannot be ascertained, the expression "undated" is used, see entry 70.

Quantity: When two or more types of containers are considered in a single entry, the quantity is shown in chronological order in so far as possible.

Labeling: Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other types of containers, indicate the labeling. If no labeling is indicated, it may be assumed that there is none.

Discontinuance: Where no statement is made that the record was discontinued at the last date shown in the entry, it could not be definitely established that such was the case. Where no comment is made on the absence of prior, subsequent, or intermediate records, no definite information could be obtained.

Description of Records: The description item of each entry indicates, in order, the nature of the record, its purpose and use (if not obvious), and the information it contains. The description applies only to the current or most recent record unless change in contents is actually shown in a record entry.

Arrangement: This item is used to show the logical order or planned sequence by which items have been entered in records; it means the internal arrangement of records in volumes, file boxes, or other containers, and not the

arrangement of volumes on a shelf.

Condition of Records: Records are in good condition unless otherwise stated.

Dimensions: In a series of two or more volumes, it is understood that the pagination of the majority of the volumes or that of the current volume is given. The same rule applies to measurements of file boxes, file drawers, etc. Dimensions are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated, and, therefore, the symbol for inches ("") has been omitted.

Location of Records: When all or the majority of the records of an office have a common location, the location is indicated in the last sentence of the office essay instead of in each individual entry.

Cross References: Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which has been kept separately for a period of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example is that in entry 9. They are also used in all artificial entries, those set up to cover records which must be shown separately under their proper office even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory, as, for example, the title-line cross reference in entry 21. The description in the master entry shows the title in lower case and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made, for example the description in entry 30-ac. Dates shown in the description of the master entry or miscellaneous content are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry, and see also references with subject headings are used to show prior, subsequent, or closely related records which are not parts of the same series. Third-paragraph references cross, but see also references do not cross.

Appendix: The appendix of this Inventory contains entries for records of Brackett Academy and the Old Home Week Association and for clippings and photos. These entries are placed in the appendix because the material they describe, although of public interest, cannot be placed under the category of town records.

Town Clerk - Family Records;
Warrants and Minutes

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B. TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

I. TOWN CLERK

Walter Weeks was elected clerk at the 1749 meeting of the Greenland inhabitants.¹ Thenceforth through 1767, with the exceptions of 1750 and 1751, there is regularly recorded the election of a clerk, sometimes referred to as a parish clerk and sometimes as a town clerk.² It is likely that the 1750 and 1751 omissions do not mean a gap in the office but simply a holding over from 1749 or failure to record the clerk's election. A town clerk was elected annually 1768-1819.³ The Town Meeting Books 1820-1849 were destroyed by fire, but the probability is that the town clerk continued to be elected regularly through those years. The regular election of that official is recorded 1850 to date.⁴ Two deputy town clerks were appointed in 1933; one such official was appointed in 1934, 1936, and 1940.⁵

Unless otherwise stated, records are kept in the town clerk's office at her residence.

Family Records
(See also entries 4-9)

1. [FAMILY RECORDS], scattered dates 1714-1849. In [State's Copy of] Greenland Town Records, entry 2-j.
Date, names of parents and children, dates of birth of children, dates and names of persons married, dates of deaths, name of signer--town clerk, and attest of town clerk.

Warrants and Minutes

2. [State's Copy of] GREENLAND TOWN RECORDS, 1707-1849. 1 vol. (I).
Contains:
 - a. Warrants for town meetings, 1758-1819, showing date, time, and place of meeting; date of warrant; name of State (Province); articles to be voted upon; names of signers--sheriff, justice of peace, or selectmen, and town clerk--; and attest of town clerk. For original town meeting warrants, 1751-79, 1845-1918, see entry 30-cc; for records of town warrants, 1850-- , see entry 3-a.
 - b. Minutes of town meetings, 1749-1819, showing date, time, and place of meeting; votes taken; officers elected or appointed; articles discussed; attest of town clerk; and name of signer--town clerk. For memoranda of town meetings, 1801, 1868, 1904, see entry 30-cb; for records of town meetings, 1850-- , see entry 3-b.

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1. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., 1750-1767, passim.
 3. Ibid., 1768-1819, passim.
 4. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 8 (1850), et passim 1851-- , see entry 3.
 5. Record of Appointments, p. 15 (1933), p. 17 (1934), p. 21 (1936), p. 22 (1940), see entry 16.

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Also contains:

- c. Accounts, selectmen's, scattered dates 1742-1821. Receipts show date, from whom, source, and amount; payments show date, to whom, purpose, and amount; and certifications of accounts show date, name of town (parish), certification as to correctness, and names of signers--committeemen or auditors. For records of selectmen's accounts, 1870-1900, 1921--, see entry 23.
- d. Animal marks, 1758, showing name of owner, description and location of marks, kind of animal (sheep or cattle), and name of signer--town clerk.
- e. Bounties, soldiers', 1775-77, showing date and amount paid.
- f. Bounty regulations on crows and foxes, 1810-14, 1816, showing date, amount to be paid, area covered, and terms of payment.
- g. Bridges, building and maintenance of, 1771, 1782, 1798, 1800-1, showing date, names of bridge and river, and kind of repair or construction to be done.
- h. Church membership, certificate of, 1816, showing date, present and previous addresses, name of denomination (Baptist), date of baptism, name of person performing baptismal ceremony, and name of signer--clerk of society.
- i. Committees elected at town meetings, scattered dates 1749-1818, showing date, names of committee and committeemen, purpose, and report of committee.
- j. Family records, scattered dates 1714-1849, entry 1.
- k. Fence divisions and agreements, 1817, 1819, showing date, name of town, locations of fences and land, metes and bounds decided upon, and names of land owners and fence viewers. Also notices sent to land owners to build fences showing date, metes and bounds, share of fence to be cared for, and names of land owners and fence viewers.
- m. Highway layouts, 1800, 1805, showing date, location, metes and bounds of highway, names of land owners affected, amount of land to be taken, name of surveyor, name of signer--town clerk--and attest of town clerk.
- n. Highway wage rates, 1811-12, showing amount to be paid for labor per day on highway (75 cents).
- o. Jury meeting, 1760, showing information as in entry 17.
- p. Liquor and tavern licenses, 1793-1813, 1819-20, showing date, name of town, name and address of licensee, place of business, term of license, and names of signers--selectmen.
- q. Marriage publishments (intentions), 1771, 1794, 1797, showing date, names of town and parties concerned, attest of town clerk, and name of signer--town clerk. For original marriage intentions, 1938--, see entry 6.
- r. Marriage returns, 1794, 1814-21, showing date, name of town, names and addresses of contracting parties, and name of person performing ceremony. For records of marriages, 1850-1937, see entry 4-b.
- s. Marriages, Reverend Doctor Samuel McClintock's register of, 1757-1802, showing date; and names of town, contracting parties, and minister.

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- t. Meeting-house, floor plan of, undated, showing locations of entrances, choir, pulpit, deacon's seat, elders' seats, and minister's pew; names of owners of pews with their numbers; dates of sale; amount paid; and votes taken by town to authorize sale of pews.
- u. Meeting-house, subscriptions for building of Methodist and Baptist, 1815, showing names of town, societies, and subscribers; amount subscribed by each; and terms and conditions of subscriptions.
- v. Militia officers, vote by town approving appointment of, 1775, showing date, names of officers, and title or rank.
- w. Ministers, acceptance of settlement by, 1756, 1805, 1813, showing date, name of town, terms, reference to former proposals, and name of signer—minister.
- x. Ministers, agreements with, 1707, 1749, 1756, 1758, 1784, showing date, names of minister and town, amount of salary agreed upon, terms and conditions of agreement, and names of signers—subscribers or committeemen.
- y. Parsonage, agreement for lease of, 1785, showing date; names of town, committeemen, and minister; tenure, terms, and conditions of lease; description of property; names of signers—committeemen and town clerk—; and attest of town clerk.
- z. Perambulations of town lines, 1763, 1802, 1815, showing information as in entry 32.
- aa. Plan of government, 1775-76, 1778, 1781, 1783, showing date, names of town and committeemen, report of committee, and action taken by town.
- ab. Poor, care of, scattered dates 1764-1818, showing date, and kind of help given.
- ac. Poor, regulations concerning transient, 1764, 1780-82, showing date, time limit for transients, penalties for harboring, and notification to authorities that transient is being harbored.
- ad. Presidential elections, 1788, 1796, 1804, 1812, 1816, showing date, names of candidates and number of votes cast for each, number of electors voted for, and names of successful candidates. For records of presidential elections, 1860-- , see entry 3-n.
- ae. Provincial Congress, deputies elected to, 1774-75, showing date, names of deputies elected, date and place of Congress (Exeter), and purpose of Congress (choice of delegates to Continental Congress).
- af. Receipt for payment of private note, 1764.
- ag. Stray animals, regulations for, scattered dates 1779-92, showing date, restrictions, and penalties.
- ah. Stray notices, scattered dates 1760-62, 1789-1818, entry 21.
- ai. Strays, appraisal of, 1789, showing date; names of town, applicant, justice of the peace, and persons appointed as appraisers; description of animal; result of appraisal; and jurat.
- aj. State and county officers, election of, scattered dates 1776-1819, showing date, time, and place of meeting; names of candidates and office; number of votes cast for each; and names of successful candidates. For records of elections, 1850-- , see entry 3-o.
- ak. Tax abatements, 1746, 1759-1815, 1818-19, showing date, name of person to whom abatement is made, kind of tax abated, and amount.

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- For original tax abatements, 1742-1892, see entry 30-bx; for records of tax abatements, 1833-91, see entry 29-e.
- am. Tax lists, constables' or collectors', scattered dates 1742-96, showing date, names of persons taxed, amount assessed each person, total amount, and kind of tax.
 - an. Tax warrants, constables' or collectors', scattered dates 1742-96, showing date; names of town, constable or collector, taxpayers, and official to whom collections are returnable; amount assessed each taxpayer; penalties for non-payment; kind of payment; and names of signers—selectmen (and in some cases also assessors). For record of tax collectors' warrants, 1933--, see entry 34.
 - ao. Town meeting, petition for, 1770, showing date, name of town, reason for petition, names of signers—petitioners and town clerk—, and attest of town clerk. For record of petition for town meeting, 1858, see entry 3-aq.
- Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 934 pp. 14 1/4 x 9 x 3.
Secretary of State's v. Concord.

- 3. [TOWN MEETING BOOKS], 1850--, 3 vols. Prior original records destroyed by fire. Copies 1707-1849 in custody of Secretary of State, Concord.

Contains:

- a. Warrants for town meetings showing information as in entry 2-a.
- b. Minutes of town meetings showing information as in entry 2-b.

Also contains:

- c. Appointments and oaths of office, entry 16.
- d. Articles of agreement, 1910, 1930, showing name and object of corporation, place of business, amount of capital stock, number and par value of shares, names of signers—incorporators and clerk—, date recorded, and attest of town clerk.
- e. Bonds, town, 1909, 1928, showing date, amount of bond, date due, purpose, and to whom payable.
- f. Bonds, town officers', 1850-1922, showing date; names of office, officer, and sureties; duration, conditions, and liabilities of bond; and names of signers—bondsmen.
- g. Brackett Academy agreements with town, 1854-55, 1877. 1854 shows proposal for town to accept Brackett Academy for school and town hall purposes; 1855 shows agreement reached for above purposes; 1877 shows town accepting lease.
- h. Cemetery, repairs of, 1870--, showing date, names of committeemen appointed, amount appropriated, and kind of repairs to be made.
- i. Cemetery trust funds, money donated for, 1904, 1922, 1927, 1936, showing date, names of cemetery and donor, purpose, amount, and attest of town clerk.
- j. Constitutional convention, delegates to, 1900--, showing number and names of delegates chosen.
- k. County tax warrants, 1916, 1934--, showing names of State, county, and town; date; amount of taxes to be raised; and name of signer—county treasurer.

- m. Dog licenses, money received from, 1880, 1934, 1938--, showing date; number of license; name of owner; description, name, and sex of dog; date of expiration; amount of fee; if transferred, name of new owner; number of male and female dogs; clerk's fees; and amount paid. For dog license stubs, 1941--, see entry 12.
- n. Elections, presidential, 1860--, showing information as in entry 2-ad.
- o. Elections of State and county officers, showing information as in entry 2-aj.
- p. Fence viewers, reports of, 1853, 1857, 1863, 1868, 1910, showing date, names of parties concerned, agreement reached, and names of signers—fence viewers.
- q. Gravel pits, purchase of, 1858, 1880, 1885, 1890, showing date, names of seller and buyer (town), purpose, and amount paid.
- r. Health officer's rules concerning contagious diseases, 1854. For calls of health officer, 1938--, see entry 71.
- s. Highway districts, layout of, 1850-87, showing date, boundaries, district number, name of surveyor assigned to each district, and names of signers—selectmen. For original layout of highway districts, 1849-78, see entry 30-ad.
- t. Highway petitions, scattered dates 1850-72, 1893, showing date, description of highway, and names of signers—petitioners. For original highway petitions, 1839, 1850, 1894, see entry 30-ae.
- u. Jury warrants and minutes, 1887-1908, entry 17.
- v. Library donation, 1908, showing date, name of donor, amount given, and purpose.
- w. Liquor regulations prescribed by State, 1855.
- x. Literary fund, acceptance of, 1852.
- y. Militia enrollment, 1858-69, entry 18.
- z. Perambulation of town lines, 1907, entry 32.
- aa. Pole petitions, 1902--, showing date; names of State, town, and company; proposed location; purpose; names of signers—company officials—; and attest of town clerk.
- ab. Pole permits, 1902--, showing date, names of town and company, number and location of poles, names of signers—selectmen—, and signature of town clerk.
- ac. Railroad police, appointment of, 1907, showing date, names of appointee and appointers, names of signers—selectmen—, jurat, and signature of town clerk.
- ad. Relief granted, 1860, 1919, 1934-36, showing date, name of relief recipient, amount, and purpose.
- ae. School district, appropriations for, 1886-1903, showing date, amount, and purpose.
- af. School districts, appropriations for (dissolved), 1850-85, showing date, amount, and purpose.
- ag. School house repairs in (dissolved) school districts, money appropriated for, 1857-85.
- ah. School house repairs, money appropriated for, 1886-1921.
- ai. Selectmen's agreement with tax collector, 1856.
- aj. State tax warrants, 1916, 1934--, showing date; names of State, county, and town; amounts to be collected; and name of signer—State Treasurer.

- ak. Street lights, installation of, 1914-19, 1934-35, showing date, and location of lamps.
 - am. Street railway petition by Portsmouth and Exeter Railway Company and license granted, 1901.
 - an. Superintending school committee, reports of, 1851-74.
 - ao. Tax sales, 1930, 1937, showing date of sale, description of property, names of buyer and owner, certification of sale by tax collector, date received and recorded by town clerk, and attest and signature of town clerk. For original tax sales, 1933--, see entry 36.
 - ap. Town farm, report of superintendant of, 1858, showing date, money received and expended, kind and amount of produce raised, amount of live stock, and number of persons cared for during year.
 - aq. Town meeting, petition for special, 1858, showing information as in entry 2-ao.
 - ar. Work Projects Administration appropriation for building water holes for fire protection, 1938.
- Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 15 x 9 x 2 1/2. 2 vols. 1850-89, bsmt., Weeks Library; 1 vol. 1890--, res.

Vital Statistics
(See also entry 1)

- 4. GREENLAND--VITAL STATISTICS, 1720-Dec. 31, 1937. 5 vols. (not labeled, 1 vol., 1720-1894; dated and numbered 2-5, 4 vols., 1879-1937). System changed by law, Jan. 1, 1938. Title varies: Record of the Marriages, Births, & Deaths in the Town of Greenland, N. H., 1720-1894, 1 vol.; Town of Greenland--Vital Statistics, 1879-1912, 2 vols.
- Contains records of:
- a. Births, 1847-1937, showing name, date and place of birth, living or stillborn, sex, color, and number of child; names, birthplaces, color, age, residence, and occupation of parents; name and address of physician or person reporting birth; and attest of town clerk. For original birth certificates, 1938--, see entry 5; for birth returns, 1850-63, 1881-82, see entry 30-k.
 - b. Marriages, 1850-1937, showing date; names, ages, residences, birthplaces, sex, and color of bride and groom; names of town, county, and State; names, birthplaces, and occupations of parents; residence and official station of person performing ceremony; date intention filed; and attest of town clerk. For original marriage certificates, 1938--, see entry 6; for copies of marriage returns, 1794, 1814-21, see entry 2-r; for marriage returns, 1842-53, see entry 30-ao.
 - c. Deaths, 1720-1937, showing date; names of State, county, and town; name, age, occupation, residence, and place and cause of death of deceased; names, occupations, birthplaces, and residence of parents; maiden name of mother; name of institution if death occurred there, how long an inmate, and where from; duration of illness; contributing causes; name and address of physician reporting death; attest of town clerk; name of cemetery; and name and address of undertaker. For original death certificates, 1938--, see entry 8; for death returns, 1859, 1880-82, see entry 30-y.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. 1 vol., 1720-1894, no index; 4 vols., 1879-1937, indexed alph. by name of person concerned within each category. Hdw. on ptd. heads and forms. 1 vol., 1720-1894, 150 pp. 15 1/2 x 10 1/4 x 3/4; 4 vols., 1879-1937, 300 pp. 17 x 11 x 1. 1 vol., 1720-1894, bsmt. Weeks Library; 4 vols., 1879-1937, res.

5. BIRTHS GREENLAND, N. H., Jan. 1, 1938--. 1 loose-leaf vol.
System began Jan. 1, 1938.

Original birth certificates showing date, place, and time of birth; names of State, county, and town; whether plural births; premature or full term; sex and color of child; names, residence, color or race, ages, birthplaces, and occupations of parents; and number of children of this mother born alive and now living, born alive and now dead, and stillborn. Certificates of attending physician or midwife showing date, statement of attendance at time of birth, and signature and address of person reporting birth. Also date birth filed, name of town clerk, date given name added, and signature of town clerk. Arr. numer. by register no. and thereunder alph. by name of child. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 100 pp. 12 x 9 1/2 x 1.

For record of births, 1847-1937, see entry 4-a; for prior related certificates, 1872-1915, see entry 30-j.

6. MARRIAGES GREENLAND, N. H., Jan. 1, 1938--. 1 loose-leaf vol.
System began Jan. 1, 1938.

Original certificates of intentions of marriage and marriages. Intentions of marriages show date; names, ages, color, marital status, and signatures of contracting parties; names, ages, residences, living or dead, birthplaces, and occupations of parents; date of receipt of physician's statement and record of blood test; and attest and signature of town clerk. Marriages show date and place of marriage; official designation, residence, and signature of person performing ceremony; date filed; register number; and signature of town clerk. Arr. numer. by register no. and thereunder alph. by name of groom. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 100 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

For record of marriages, 1850-1937, see entry 4-b; for related certificates of marriage, 1847-85, see entry 30-am; for related certificates of intentions of marriage, 1845-1916, see entry 30-an; for copies of marriage intentions, 1771, 1794, 1797, see entry 2-q.

7. [PRE-MARRIAGE BLOOD TESTS], Sept. 1, 1938--. 1 loose-leaf vol. Required by law beginning Sept. 1, 1938.

Statement by physician concerning person examined showing names of town, State, and applicant; date of application; certification of health status; address of physician; and signatures of applicant and physician. Record from New Hampshire State Laboratory of Hygiene showing date, name of director and serologist, citation of law, kind of test (Hinton and Kline), names and addresses of applicant and physician, certification of license and registration by physician, signature of serologist, name of town, and date filed by and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of intention of marriage. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 20 pp. 8 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1/4.

8. DEATHS GREENLAND, N. H., Jan. 1, 1938--. 1 loose-leaf vol.
System began Jan. 1, 1938.

Original death certificates showing name, residence, place of death, name of war if veteran, social security number, sex, color or race, marital status,

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Licenses, Permits

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date of birth, age, birthplace, and occupation of deceased; names (maiden name of mother) and birthplaces of parents; signature and address of informant; date and place of burial, cremation, or removal; signature and address of funeral director; countersigned by town clerk; and date received by and signature of town clerk. Medical certificate showing date of death, certification by physician as to last time he saw deceased alive and time death occurred, immediate cause, other conditions, major findings, external causes, signature and address of physician, and date signed. Medical referee's description when name and address of deceased cannot be ascertained showing sex, color or race, apparent age, height, weight, complexion, hair, eyes, nose, face, teeth, clothing, etc. Arr. numer. by register no. and thereunder alph. by name of deceased. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 100 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

For record of deaths, 1720-1937, see entry 4-c; for related certificates, 1850-1916, see entry 30-x.

9. [BURIAL PERMIT STUBS], 1936--. 1 stub book. 1888-1901 in [Miscellaneous Papers and Volumes], entry 30-p.

Record of permits issued by town clerk upon receipt of certificate of death showing name, address, age, date of death, and place and cause of death of deceased; date permit issued; name of undertaker; and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 25 pp. 5 1/4 x 13 1/2 x 1/8.

For burial permits, 1884-1916, see entry 30-q.

Taxation

10. INVOICE RECORD, 1843-48, 1870-87. 2 vols, Prior and subsequent records missing.

Resident and non-resident invoice of polls and rateable property showing information as in entry 27. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. heads. 1 vol., 1843-48, 150 pp. 17 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 3/4; 1 vol., 1870-87, 500 pp. 13 3/4 x 8 3/4 x 1 1/2. Bsmt. Weeks Library.

Finance

11. [RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS], 1927--. 1 vol. Prior records missing. Receipts show date, source (motor vehicle permits and dog licenses), amount, and total; payments show clerk's fees for issuing permits and licenses, and amount paid treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 250 pp. 14 x 12 x 1.

Licenses, Permits

12. DOG LICENSES, 1941--. 35 stubs. Prior stubs destroyed. Dog license stubs showing date and number of permit; name and address of owner; name, age, breed, color, and sex of dog; and amount of fee paid. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 5 1/4 x 3 x 1/2.

For dog license, 1897, see entry 30-aa; for dog license accounts, 1880, 1934, 1938-- , see entry 3-m.

Town Clerk - Mortgages, Conditional
Sales; Miscellaneous

(13-18)

13. [MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERMIT STUBS], 1940--. Approx.
300 stubs in 2 f. b. Prior stubs destroyed.

Date; name and address of owner; make, kind, serial and permit number, list price, color, and weight of car; amount of fees; and signature of town clerk. Arr. alph. by name of owner and thereunder chron. by date of permit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Stubs, 3 1/4 x 5; f. b., 4 x 6 x 4 1/2.

Mortgages, Conditional Sales

14. RECORD--PERSONAL MORTGAGES, 1922--. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Date; names of town, mortgagor, and mortgagee; description of property; consideration involved; conditions and limitations; date of discharge; names of signers--mortgagor, mortgagee, and witnesses--; jurat; and attest and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 675 pp. 12 x 9 x 2 1/2.

For original personal mortgages, 1879-80, 1895, 1903, 1905, see entry 30-ax.

15. CONDITIONAL SALES, 1932--. Approx. 350 papers in 1 f. b.
Prior papers destroyed.

Date; name of town; names and addresses of contracting parties; description of property; amount, conditions, and schedule of payments; jurat; and attest and signature of town clerk. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 3 x 10 x 12.

Miscellaneous

16. RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS [and Oaths], 1919--. 1 vol. 1850-1918,
also 1919--in [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-c.

Appointments show date; names of town, county, appointee, appointer, and office; liabilities and duties of office; and signatures of selectmen. Oaths show date; names of State, town, and appointee; jurat; and attest and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of appointee. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 192 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 1.

For original appointments and oaths of office, 1847-1916, see entry 30-d.

17. JURY [Warrants and Minutes], 1929--. 1 vol. 1837-1908 in
[Town Meeting Books], entry 3-u.

Warrants show names of town and county, date of drawing, number of grand and petit jurors to be drawn, date, and signature of town clerk; certifications for posting warrant show date, place of posting, and signature of town clerk; minutes show date, names of selectmen present and persons drawn, and attest and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 200 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

For copy of jury meeting, 1760, see entry 2-o; for original jury warrants, 1893, see entry 30-ak.

18. [ENROLLMENT RECORD], 1871-93. 1 vol. 1858-69 in [Town
Meeting Books], entry 3-y.

Name, age, occupation, marital status, number, and physical condition of enrollee. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 100

Selectmen - Town Reports

(19-22)

pp. 14 x 9 x 1/4. Bsmt. Weeks Library.

For original enrollment papers, 1773, 1842-45, 1859-67, 1871, see entry 30-ap.

19. CLERK'S OFFICE RECORD OF FIRES, 1932--. 1 vol. 1890-1916 in [Miscellaneous Papers and Volumes], entry 30-ac. Date of fire, description of building (wood, brick, stone), how occupied, value, name and occupant, damages, and insurance; contents show damage, insurance, and total or partial loss; cause; and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 30 pp. 10 x 12 x 1/8.

20. [CHECK-LISTS], 1940--. 2 sheets. 1843-46, 1892, 1908, 1914-16 in [Miscellaneous Papers and Volumes], entry 30-s. List of legal voters showing date, names of voters, and certification by supervisors of check-list as to correctness. Arr. alph. by surname of voter. No index. Ptd. with hdw. additions. 24 x 26.

21. [STRAY NOTICES], 1760-62, 1789-1818, 1849-78. 1760-62, 1789-1818 in [State's Copy of] Greenland Town Records, entry 2-ah; 1849-78 in [Miscellaneous Papers and Volumes], entry 30-bu. Date, names of town and finder, description of animal, conditions of recovery, and signature of town clerk.

II. SELECTMEN

The inhabitants of Greenland elected Daniel Lunt, Ebenezer Johnson, and Walter Weeks selectmen at their 1749 meeting.¹ From that time through 1819 the annual election of three selectmen is recorded except for 1755 when the number was five.² Records of town meetings for the next 30 years were destroyed by fire. The number of selectmen elected annually 1850-1920 was three.³ In 1921 the legislature enacted provisions requiring the election that year, in all towns, of three selectmen to serve one, two, and three years respectively, and thereafter the election of one selectman each year for a three-year term.⁴ The town has conformed with this act from that year to the present time.⁵

Records are kept at the residences of Thomas J. Brackett, selectman, and Mabel E. Thaxter, town clerk; and in the basement of the Weeks Library.

Town Reports

22. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF GREENLAND, 1906--. 36 vols. 1866, 1877-81, 1884, 1889, 1893-95, also 1906-8, 1912, 1914-17, 1919-22, 1924 in [Miscellaneous Papers and Volumes], entry 30-c. Annual reports of town officers of Greenland, showing list of town officers; copy of town warrant; town budget; inventory; financial report (balance sheet,

1. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), see entry 2.

2. Ibid., 1750-1819, passim.

3. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 8 (1850), et passim 1851-1920, see entry 3.

4. New Hampshire Laws of 1921, chs. 9, 17.

5. T. M. B., 1921--., passim, see entry 3.

liabilities, receipts and payments); reports of selectmen, highway agent, tax collector, treasurer, auditors, town clerk, trustees of trust funds, library trustees, librarian, superintendent of schools, school board, school district treasurer, and school nurse; school attendance statistics; and vital statistics. Arr. departmentally. No index. Ptd. 50 pp. 9 x 6 x 1/8. Res. town clerk.

For copy of town audit as filed with State Tax Commission, see entry 45.

Finance

23. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, 1870-1900, 1921--. 2 vols. (dated, 1 vol., 1870-1900; undated, 1 vol., 1921--). Title varies: Selectmen's Accounts - Town of Greenland, 1870-1900, 1 vol. 1822-70 in Inventory Book - Town of Greenland, entry 27-d; 1833-70, also 1871-95 in [Miscellaneous Record], entry 29-d.

Receipts show date, from whom, source, and amount; payments show date, to whom, voucher number, purpose, and amount. Signatures of selectmen, and certification by auditors. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. heads. 1 vol., 1870-1900, 560 pp. (270 used) 13 1/2 x 9 x 1 3/4; 1 vol., 1921--, 325 pp. 12 x 22 x 2. 1 vol., 1870-1900, bsmt. Weeks Library; 1 vol., 1921--, res. Thomas J. Brackett.

For original selectmen's receipts and payments, 1751-1832, see entry 30-bq; for copies of selectmen's accounts, 1742-1821, see entry 2-c.

24. TOWN VOUCHERS, 1941--. 50 papers in 1 bdl. Vouchers destroyed after auditing.

Vouchers supporting payments made by selectmen showing date and number of voucher, name and address of payee, amount, and purpose for which payment is made. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 7 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1/2. Res. Thomas J. Brackett.

Taxation

25. [BLOTTER BOOKS], 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934--. 11 vols. Prior records missing.

Selectmen's blotter books showing information as in entry 27. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. heads. 50 pp. 8 x 14 x 1/2. Res. Thomas J. Brackett.

26. [SELECTMEN'S NOTES ON RATEABLE PROPERTY], 1941--. 2 loose-leaf vols. Prior records destroyed.

Notes on rateable property later entered in blotter books showing name and address of taxpayer; number of polls; number and value of horses, cows, oxen, other neat stock, sheep, hogs, fowl, fur-bearing animals, gas pumps, stock in trade, and machinery; number of male and female dogs; amount of money in trust; number of railroad shares; and signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 150 pp. 7 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 1. Res. Thomas J. Brackett.

27. INVENTORY BOOK--TOWN OF GREENLAND, 1822--. 6 vols. 1706-1821, also 1822-89 in [Miscellaneous Papers and Volumes], entry 30-bp. Resident and non-resident invoice of polls and rateable property showing year of invoice; name of taxpayer; district number; number of polls; number of

acres, description, and value of improved and unimproved lands and buildings; number and value of horses, asses, mules, oxen, cows, other neat stock, sheep, hogs, fowl, fur-bearing animals, vehicles, portable mills, boats and launches, and wood and lumber not stock in trade; value of stock in public funds and national banks; money on hand, at interest, or on deposit; value of stock in trade, aqueducts, locks and canals, toll bridges, gasoline pumps and tanks, ferries, wharves, and mills and their machinery; total valuation; State, county, town, precinct, school, and highway taxes; number of dogs; names of signers—selectmen—; signature of town clerk; and certification by auditors.

Also contains:

- a. Highway surveyor's warrants, 1822-23, showing information as in entry 33.
 - b. List of outstanding notes, 1865-70, showing name of note holder, date due, amount, and total.
 - c. Perambulation of town lines, 1822, 1824, 1838, 1844, entry 32.
 - d. Selectmen's receipts and payments, 1822-70, entry 23.
 - e. School district warrant, 1822, showing information as in entry 30-bn.
 - f. Tax collector's warrants, 1822-23, showing information as in entry 34.
 - g. Town farm receipts and payments, 1864-70. Receipts show date, from whom, and amount; payments show date, to whom, and amount.
- 2 vols., 1822-48 in bad condition. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. heads. 1 vol., 1822-31, 200 pp. 15 x 10 x 1; 3 vols., 1832-90, 500 pp. 14 x 9 1/2 x 2; 2 vols., 1891-- , 500 pp. 18 x 11 1/2 x 2 1/2; 4 vols., 1822-90, bsmt. Weeks Library; 2 vols., 1891-- , res. town clerk.
- For town clerk's record of invoices, 1843-48, 1870-87, see entry 10; for blotter books, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934-- , see entry 25.

28. EXEMPTION CLAIMS FOR WAR VETERANS, THEIR WIVES OR WIDOWS, 1941-- . 8 papers. Prior papers missing.

Date, name of town, name and address of applicant, date of enrollment, list of real estate, name of owner, assessed value, kind and valuation of personal property, signature of applicant, and jurat. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 12 1/2 x 8 1/2. Res. Thomas J. Brackett.

Miscellaneous

29. [MISCELLANEOUS RECORD], 1823-25, 1833-1901. 1 vol.
- Contains:
- a. Dog tax account, 1865-1901, showing date, name of taxpayer, and amount.
 - b. Methodist Church, proportion of money due, 1823-25, showing date, from whom, amount, total, and signatures of committeemen of society.
 - c. Naturalization records, 1855-70, showing date papers issued, name of applicant, and date and place of court.
 - d. Selectmen's receipts and payments, 1833-95, entry 23.
 - e. Tax abatements, 1833-91, showing information as in entry 2-ak.
- Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 6 1/2 x 3/4. Bsmt. Weeks Library.

30. [MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS AND VOLUMES], scattered dates 1706-1928. Approx. 10,000 papers and 117 vols. in 6 boxes, 1 letter box, and 1 basket.

Contains:

- a. Act to encourage the manufacturing of hemp, 1735, showing date; names of State, county, and town; particulars; and signatures of Speaker of House, Secretary of State, and Governor.
- b. Agreements for care of poor, hauling wood, and miscellaneous, 1769-1905, showing date, names of parties concerned, purpose of agreement, and signatures of selectmen.
- c. Annual town reports, 1866, 1877-81, 1884, 1889, 1893-95, 1906-8, 1912, 1914-17, 1919-22, 1924, 44 vols., entry 22.
- d. Appointments and oaths of office, 1847-1916, showing information as in entry 16.
- e. Bank book, 1884-91, 1 vol., showing names of bank, town, and depositor; date; amount deposited; withdrawals; and balance.
- f. Bank returns of share holders, 1847-90, showing names of bank cashier, town, and shareholders; date; and amount of shares.
- g. Bill of sale, 1903, showing date, names and addresses of seller and buyer, description and location of property, amount paid, certification of ownership, names of witnesses, and attest and signature of town clerk.
- h. Bills and receipts, miscellaneous, 1735-79, 1801-1928. Bills show date, item, amount, and total; receipts show date, from whom, and amount.
- i. Bills in equity, 1887-88, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, charges and contents of bill, signature of attorney for plaintiff, and attest of clerk of court.
- j. Birth certificates, 1872-1915, showing name, sex, color, living or stillborn, number and place of birth of child; names, residences, occupations, color, ages, and birthplaces of parents; date of birth; and signature of physician. For related certificates, 1938--, see entry 5.
- k. Birth returns, 1850-63, 1881-82, showing dates of return and birth, sex, names of child and parents, and signature of person reporting birth. For record of births, 1847-1937, see entry 4-a.
- m. Bonds of town officers, 1810, 1842, 1850-1908, 1915, showing date, names and addresses of principal and sureties, name of office, amount and conditions of bond, term of office, and signatures of principal and sureties.
- n. Brackett Academy, accounts of building committee for repairs and additions to, 1877-78.
- o. Brackett Academy, letter from Dartmouth College for the supplying of school teachers at, 1855.
- p. Burial permit stubs, 1888-1901, 2 vols., entry 9.
- q. Burial permits, 1884-1916, showing date; names of State, town, physician, and permittee; name, age, and place, date, and cause of death of deceased; place of interment; permit number; and signature of issuing officer. For burial permit stubs, 1936--, see entry 9.
- r. Census, 1773, showing number of males and females between 16 and 60 and over 60; and number of boys, widows, and female and male slaves

- s. Check-lists, 1843-46, 1892, 1908, 1914-16, entry 20.
- t. Committees, reports of, 1813, showing date, name and purpose of committee, report submitted, and signatures of committeemen.
- u. Complaints and warrants, 1888. Complaints show name of justice, names and addresses of complainant and defendant, complaint in detail, signature of complainant, and jurat; warrants show names and addresses of complainant and respondent, name of justice, orders for arrest of respondent and for summons of witnesses to appear and testify, date of warrant, and signatures of justice or police officer.
- v. Correspondence, miscellaneous, 1831-1924, showing date, from or to whom, particulars, and signature of correspondent.
- w. County tax warrants, 1802-91, showing names of State, county, and town; date; amount of taxes to be collected; and signature of county treasurer.
- x. Death certificates, 1850-1916, showing name, sex, color, marital status, age, occupation, and birthplace of deceased; date, place, and cause of death; names and birthplaces of parents; name of town; date; and signature of physician. For related certificates of death, 1938--, see entry 8.
- y. Death returns, 1859, 1880-82, showing dates of return and death, name and age of deceased, and signature of physician. For records of deaths, 1720-1937, see entry 4-c.
- z. Disinterment permits, 1908, showing date of permit, name of deceased, date and cause of death, names of cemeteries where body is now located and where it is to be removed, and signatures of Secretary of State Board of Health and local board.
- aa. Dog license, 1897, showing information as in entry 12.
- ab. Dog owners, list of, 1903.
- ac. Fire record, 1890-1916, entry 19.
- ad. Highway districts, layout of, 1849-78, showing information as in entry 3-s.
- ae. Highway petitions, 1839, 1850, 1894, showing information as in entry 3-t.
- af. Highway surveyor's account and warrant books, 1790-1803, 1841-47, 1886-91, 24 vols., entry 33.
- ag. Highway surveyors, reports of, 1843-45, showing date, name of worker, amount paid, total, and signature of highway surveyor.
- ah. Indentures, 1733-82, 1803-32, 1890, showing date, names of parties concerned and town, conditions and limitations, signatures of parties concerned and witnesses, and jurat.
- ai. Insurance policies, town, 1855-92.
- aj. Jury lists, 1893, showing date, names of persons eligible for jury duty, notations of persons chosen to serve as jurors, date chosen, affidavit by selectmen that names were put in jury box, and signatures of selectmen.
- ak. Jury warrants, 1893, showing information as in entry 17.
- am. Marriage certificates, 1847-85, showing date, names of town and official performing ceremony, names and addresses of contracting parties, and signature of official. For related certificates, 1938--, see entry 6.

- an. Marriage intention certificates, 1845-1916, showing date of filing, names and addresses of parties concerned, and attest and signature of town clerk. For related certificates of intentions of marriage, 1938--, see entry 6.
- ao. Marriage returns, 1842-53, showing date, names and addresses of contracting parties, and signature of minister. For record of marriages, 1850-1937, see entry 4-b.
- ap. Militia enrollments, 1773, 1842-45, 1859-67, 1871, showing information as in entry 18.
- aq. Militia exemptions, 1863, showing date, names of town and soldier, reason for exemption, and signatures of selectmen.
- ar. Militia musters, 1849, 1862. Regimental muster showing date; names of soldier, company, and regiment; period covered; amount paid; remarks; and signature of commanding officer.
- as. Naval enlistment, 1864, showing date; names of town, State, captain, and volunteer; and signature of commanding officer.
- at. Notes, coupons of town, 1870-85, showing date, where payable, and amount.
- au. Notes, town, 1820-29, 1878, showing date, name of payee, date and amount payable, number, and signature of payer.
- av. Orders on treasurer, 1740-60, 1879-92, entry 43.
- aw. Perambulations of town lines, 1765-66, 1822-74, 1893-1903, showing information as in entry 32.
- ax. Personal mortgages, 1879-80, 1895, 1903, 1905, showing information as in entry 14.
- ay. Petitions, miscellaneous, 1771, 1822-68, showing date, reason, and signatures of petitioners.
- az. Private accounts, 1848, 2 vols.
- ba. Promissory notes, 1818-39, 1865-71, showing date; names of State, town, and parties concerned; amount, terms, and time limit of note; and attest and signature of town clerk.
- bb. Provincial tax warrants, 1734-65, showing date; names of Province and town; amount of taxes to be collected; and signatures of Clerk of House, Secretary of State, and Governor.
- bc. Railroad returns, 1890-91, showing date, names of shareholder and railroad, amount of stock, valuation, jurat, and signature of shareholder.
- bd. Relief applications, 1904, 1907, showing date, name and address of applicant, financial status, jurat, and signature of applicant.
- be. Resolution adopted, Civil War, 1863.
- bf. School board, report of, 1886-97.
- bg. School committee, report of prudential, 1878-85.
- bh. School committee, report of superintending, 1847-86.
- bi. School district accounts, 1823-46, 4 vols. Receipts show date and amount of school tax due; payments show date, to whom, amount, and total.
- bj. School district meetings, memoranda of, 1888-90, 1909, showing information as in entry 48.
- bk. School districts, division of (dissolved), 1875, showing date, description and number of district, lot number, and signatures of selectmen and town clerk.
- bm. School district warrants, 1889-1904, showing information as in entry 48.

- bn. School district (dissolved) warrants, 1847-84, showing names of State, town, and county; date; number of school district; date, time, and place of meeting; articles to be voted upon; and signatures of selectmen. For records, 1822, see entry 27-e.
- bo. School teacher, certification of, 1846, showing date, names of town and teacher, subject examined, and signature of superintending school committeemen.
- bp. Selectmen's invoices, 1706-1889, 31 vols., entry 27.
- bq. Selectmen's receipts and payments, 1751-1832, showing information as in entry 23.
- br. Soldiers' bounties, 1862, showing date, names of town and volunteer, amount, and signature of volunteer.
- bs. State Board of Health regulations, 1907.
- bt. State tax warrants, 1810-95, showing date, names of State and town, amount of taxes to be collected, and signature of State Treasurer.
- bu. Stray notices, 1849-78, 1 vol., entry 21.
- bv. Surplus revenue, 1838-39, 2 vols., showing date, amount received or paid out, and total.
- bw. Tax collector's warrants, 1899-1901, showing information as in entry 34.
- bx. Taxes, abatement of, 1742-1892, showing information as in entry 2-ak.
- by. Town farm inventory, 1865-80, showing date, amount and value of property and produce, and total.
- bz. Town farm, money paid out for, 1857-74, 6 vols., showing date, items, and amount.
- ca. Town farm, specifications for, 1838, showing date, specifications, and signatures of building committeemen.
- ob. Town meetings, memoranda of, 1801, 1868, 1904, showing information as in entry 2-b.
- oc. Town meetings, warrants for, 1751-79, 1845-1918, showing information as in entry 2-a.
- ad. Town treasurer's report to selectmen of receipts and payments, 1888. For copies of treasurer's reports, 1941--, see entry 41.
- oe. Transportation of corpses, 1902-16, showing names of town, State, and deceased; date and cause of death, age, sex, race, and color of deceased; names and addresses of attending physician and undertaker; place to which body is to be taken; kind of transportation; names of escorts; date; and signature of town clerk.
- af. Vendue of poor, church pews, etc., 1776-1829, showing names of State, county, town, and person or article vendued; amount of bid; name of highest or lowest bidder; and signature of person in charge.
- eg. Voters, list of non-resident, 1770.
- ch. Warnings out of town, 1765, showing date; names of town, constable, and person warned to leave town; time limit; reasons; and signature of selectmen.
- ci. Warrants for Presidential elections, 1844, 1872, 1876, showing date of warrant; names of State, county, and town; date, time, and place of meeting; number of electors to be chosen; and signature of Secretary of State.
- cj. Warranty deeds, 1802, 1877, showing names of State, county, town, and parties concerned; amount and description of property;

- conditions; amount of money received; date; signatures of parties concerned and witnesses; and jurat.
- ok. Writs of attachment, 1806-7, 1879-1908, showing date; names of plaintiff, defendant, State, county, and town; date and term of court returnable; amount of and reasons for attachment; jurat; order for defendant to appear in court; and sheriff's return.
 - om. Writs of capias, 1907, showing date, name, and term of court; charge; names of plaintiff and defendant; and sheriff's return.
 - cn. Writs of trustee, 1897, 1906, showing date and name of court, names and addresses of defendants, and court returnable; and return of writ showing date and place of return, time attachment made and summons served, name of trustee, amount of fee, and signature of sheriff.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. and typed on ptd. forms and heads. 1 box, 7 1/2 x 19 x 11 1/2; 1 box, 8 x 9 x 11; 1 box, 12 1/2 x 27 1/2 x 14; 1 box, 7 x 19 1/2 x 10 1/2; 1 box, 5 x 15 x 7; 1 box, 16 x 11 1/2 x 9; 1 letter box, 12 1/4 x 12 x 3; 1 basket, 6 x 17 x 13; 24 vols., 25 pp. 5 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1/8; 31 vols., 50 pp. 8 3/4 x 11 x 1/2; 44 vols., 75 pp. 9 x 6 x 1/4; 18 vols., 15 pp. 6 x 4 x 1/8. Bsmt. Weeks Library.

31. PISTOL PERMITS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Copy of license to carry pistol or revolver showing date; name, address, height, age, weight, color of hair, color of eyes, sex, and signature of applicant; selectmen's acknowledgement that applicant is suitable person to receive permit; and signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 100 pp. 5 x 8 x 1/4. Res. Thomas J. Brackett.

32. [PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINES], 1843-1915. 1 vol. 1907 also in [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-z. 1822, 1824, 1838, also 1844 in Inventory Book - Town of Greenland, entry 27-c.

Record of perambulations of town lines showing names of towns concerned, date, locations of lines and markers, notices given to selectmen or city agents of adjoining city or town, and signatures of city agents and selectmen of towns concerned. Vol. is in bad condition. Arr. chron. by date of perambulation. No index. Hdw. 175 pp. 13 x 8 1/2 x 1/2. Bsmt. Weeks Library.

For copies of original perambulations, 1763, 1802, 1815, see entry 2-z; for original perambulations, 1765-66, 1822-74, 1893-1903, see entry 30-aw.

33. [HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S ACCOUNT AND WARRANT BOOKS], 1790-1803, 1841-47, 1886-91. In [Miscellaneous Papers and Volumes], entry 30-af.

Warrants from selectmen to highway surveyor to collect road taxes, showing list of persons taxed, amount, district number, amount allowed for labor, wage per hour, boundaries of districts, amount credited to each taxpayer for labor or money, date, and signatures of selectmen.

For record of highway surveyor's warrants, 1822-23, see entry 27-a.

III. BUDGET COMMITTEE

A budget committee appears for the first time in 1936 when six men were elected to serve as such. The following year one was chosen, and from 1938

to date two have been elected annually to serve a three-year term.¹

They keep no records.

IV. ASSESSORS

Will Berry and Joseph Hains were chosen in 1749 "to take account of the heads & Stocks." Two men were also chosen in that year to settle the value of parish lands for assessment.² Similar officers were elected 1750-1770, with the exception of 1765.³ The title of these officers would indicate that they performed the duties of assessors. Nevertheless, the election of assessors, under that title, paralleled and continued beyond the election of the officials to take account of heads and stocks. William Hains, Jr. and Nathan Marston were elected in 1749.⁴ From two to four assessors were elected annually from that time through 1819.⁵ Presumably assessors were also elected during the period 1820-1849, for which the minutes have been destroyed. The election of from one to five assessors is recorded for the years 1851-1917, except for 1887.⁶ No record of the election of assessors is found subsequent to 1917. When assessors are not elected in New Hampshire towns, the selectmen act in that capacity.

For records of assessments, see entries 10, 25-27, 30-bp.

V. TAX COLLECTOR

No separate mention of the office of tax collector can be found during the years 1749-1819, but in some years incumbents were elected to the combined offices of constable and collector.⁷ It can be assumed that the constable acted as collector by virtue of his office as constable in those years in which the word "collector" was not added to his title.

By 1850, when the extant minutes resume, the practice of placing the collection of taxes in the hands of a regular tax collector had become established. The records 1850-1920 show the tax collector receiving his office by annual appointment during most of the years covered by that period. In some instances the office was again combined with that of constable. It is interesting to note that in 1919 and in 1920 the persons appointed had offered in open town meeting to collect the taxes on a percentage basis.⁸ From 1921 to date a tax collector has been annually elected.⁹

All records are kept at the residence of the tax collector, Ralph DeH. Fisher.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 653 (1936), et passim 1937-- , see entry 3.
 2. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), see entry 2.
 3. Ibid., 1750-1770, passim.
 4. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 2 (1749).
 5. Ibid., 1749-1819, passim.
 6. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 31 (1851), et passim 1852-1917, see entry 3.
 7. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 302 (1804), et passim 1806-1819, see entry 2.
 8. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 11 (1850), et passim 1851-1920, see entry 3; Record of Appointments, p. 1 (1919), p. 2 (1920), see entry 16.
 9. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 534 (1921), et passim 1922-- , see entry 3.

Tax Collector - Warrants and
Collections; Tax Sales;
Redemptions; Reports

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Warrants and Collections

34. EASTMAN'S TAX [Collector's Property and Poll Tax] BOOK, 1933--.
15 vols. (dated).

Tax collector's warrants showing names of town, county, and State; amounts to be collected; and signatures of selectmen. Collection of taxes showing names of taxpayers, amount of property or poll tax, total tax, date paid, interest collected, discount and abatement allowed, and amount collected. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 3 vols., 1933-35, 75 pp. 7 x 4 1/2 x 1/2; 12 vols., 1936-- , 75 pp. 9 1/2 x 6 x 1/2.

For original tax collector's warrants, 1899-1901, see entry 30-bw; for related warrants, 1822-23, see entry 27-f; for copies of constables' or collectors' warrants, 1742-96, see entry 2-an.

Tax Sales

35. [TAX SALE NOTICES], 1933--. 10 papers. Prior papers missing. Notices to resident and non-resident land owners for non-payment of taxes showing names of town, county, and State; date of notice; year of levy; date, time, and place of sale; name of owner; number of acres, lots, ranges, and divisions; amount of taxes and costs; certification of posting by and signature of tax collector; jurat; and attest of tax collector. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 11 x 17 x 1/8.

36. COLLECTOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE, 1933--. 13 papers. Prior papers missing. Tax collector's sale of resident and non-resident property, showing date and place of sale, names of owner and buyer, description of property, amount of taxes and costs, date of return, signatures of collector and clerk of sale, jurat, and name of redeemer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 11 x 8 1/2 x 1/8.

For records of tax sales, 1930, 1937, see entry 3-ao.

Redemptions

37. [REDEMPTION SLIPS], 1933--. Approx. 100 papers in 1 bdl. Prior papers missing. Copies of tax redemptions, showing names of town and owner, description of property, total tax and costs, name of purchaser, by whom redeemed, date, and signature of tax collector. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. carbons on ptd. heads. 4 x 10 x 1/2.

Reports

38. [REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER], 1935--. Approx. 250 papers in 1 bdl. Prior papers missing. Duplicates of reports sent to treasurer, showing date, name of taxpayer, amounts of property and poll taxes, total, discount allowed, amount of interest, and date of deposit. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed. 11 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1.

For original reports, 1941-- , see entry 42.

Treasurer - Receipts and Payments;
Reports; Orders, Bank State-
ments

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Receipts and Payments

39. CASH BOOK, 1934--. 4 vols. (dated). Prior records missing. Date, amount received, kind of tax, previous tax, name of taxpayer, total amount received, and amount paid treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 85 pp. 7 x 4 1/2 x 1/2.

VI. TREASURER

A town treasurer was appointed in Greenland during the years 1858, 1865-1868, 1870, and 1875-1878.¹ The office was filled by annual election from 1879 to date.²

Unless otherwise stated, records are to be found at the residence of the treasurer, Eugene F. Wilcox.

Receipts and Payments

40. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1869--. 4 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies slightly. Treasurer's records of receipts and payments. Receipts show date, receipt number, from whom, source, and amount; payments show date, order number, to whom, and amount; deposits show date and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. heads. 150 pp. 10 x 8 x 1. 3 vols., 1869-1940, bsmt. Weeks Library; 1 vol., 1940--., res.

Reports

41. TOWN TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT, 1941--. 4 papers. Prior papers destroyed. Copies of treasurer's monthly reports to selectmen, showing name of town; period covered; date; from whom; source; amount; total receipts during month, to first of month, to date; less selectmen's orders paid; cash on hand at end of month; and signature of town treasurer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 11 x 8 1/2.

For original report of town treasurer, 1888, see entry 30-cd.

42. [REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER], 1941--. 3 papers. Prior papers destroyed. Original reports sent to treasurer showing information as in entry 38. No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 11 x 8 1/2.

Orders, Bank Statements

43. [ORDERS ON TREASURER], 1939--. Approx. 1200 orders in 1 bdl. 1740-60, 1879-92 in [Miscellaneous Papers and Volumes], entry 30-av. Selectmen's orders on treasurer showing name and address of payee, amount, order number, date, and signatures of selectmen. Arr. numer. by order no. and thereunder chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 1/2 x 8 1/4 x 4.

1. T. M. B. vol. 3, p. 141 (1858), et passim 1865-1878, see entry 3.
2. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 189 (1879), et passim 1880--.

Auditors; Trustees of Trust
(Public) Funds

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44. [BANK STATEMENTS], 1939--. 36 statements in 1 bdl. Prior statements missing.

Names and addresses of bank and depositor, amount of previous balance, dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals, and present balance. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 9 x 7 x 1/4.

VII. AUDITORS

Committees to settle accounts with the selectmen, viewers of the accounts, and viewers of selectmen's accounts preceded the town auditors in Greenland.¹ The first mention of auditors, as such, appears in 1771, and from that year through 1819 these officials were elected annually; the number elected was generally two, but during some of those years three were chosen.² The period 1820-1849 is the period for which the minutes were destroyed by fire, but from 1850 to date the annual election of auditors is recorded continuously--except for 1903 and 1912. The number chosen varied from one to three. Two are elected at the present.³

A record is kept at the residence of Frank E. Wirling, one of the auditors.

45. REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT, 1940--. 2 reports.

Copy of town audit for fiscal year ending January 31, as filed with the State Tax Commission. Questionnaire with answers regarding financial records of town officers. Statement of tax collector's account: Amount of warrant with added taxes, interest collected, abatements allowed, amount uncollected, and total payments to town treasurer. Condition of previous levies with amount uncollected as of February 1, and balance of taxes still uncollected. Town treasurer's account: Balance as of February 1, receipts to January 31, payments in the fiscal year, outstanding checks, and reconciliation of bank balance. Town clerk's account: Total motor vehicle permits issued, inclusive numbers, amount of fees, remittances to town treasurer, and cash on hand; and dog licenses: Total amount received, remittances to town treasurer, and amount of fees deducted. Trustees of trust funds account: Receipts from investments and other sources, payments, and balance on hand. Condition of town officers' bonds; remarks; date of audit; and signatures of auditors. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 14 x 8 1/2.

For auditors' annual report to town, see entry 22.

VIII. TRUSTEES OF TRUST (PUBLIC) FUNDS

The office of trustees of public funds, later known as trustees of trust funds, was instituted in 1916, from which time from one to three trustees have been elected annually.⁴

Records are kept at the store of Irving Rolston, trustee.

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1. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), et passim 1750-70, see entry 2.
 2. Ibid., p. 66 (1771), et passim 1772-1819.
 3. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 11 (1850), et passim 1851-- , see entry 3.
 4. Ibid., vol. 5, p. 461 (1916), et passim 1917--.

Cemetery Trustees; Surplus
Revenue Agent; Moderator

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46. [PLAN OF CEMETERY LOTS], 1903--. 2 papers.
Date, names of street and owner, number of lot, and amount paid. Arr. chron.
by date of entry. No index. Hdw. and typed. 36 x 29, 31 x 15.

47. [BANK BOOKS], 1899--. 45 vols.
Bank accounts of 52 separate deposits showing name of fund, date and amount
of deposit, interest, amount and date of withdrawals, and balance. Arr.
chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 25 pp. 5 x 3 x 1/8.

IX. CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Cemetery trustees do not appear in Greenland until 1909 when three were
elected. One was elected annually in 1910-1912 and in 1915.¹ In 1916 the
town voted that "in event of the formation of a Cemetery Association or cor-
poration" it would "turn over to such Association the Cemetery Funds in the
hands of the Cemetery trustees." It is apparent that such an association
was not formed as the administration of the cemetery funds was taken over by
the trustees of public funds,² and there is no further mention of a cemetery
association. In 1929 a cemetery superintendent was elected³ and in 1935 the
town voted that the employment of a caretaker of cemetery lots be left to
the discretion of the selectmen and the trustees of trust funds.⁴

For cemetery records, see entries 3-h, i, and 46.

X. SURPLUS REVENUE AGENT

It is very probable that Greenland had the above office, but records of
the appointment or election of surplus revenue agents are unavailable, due to
the destruction of the town minutes covering the period when such officials
functioned in New Hampshire towns.

It is certain that Greenland received its share of the revenue when it
was distributed in 1837. Considerable controversy arose as to its disposi-
tion. At a town meeting held to settle the matter, the dispute waxed furious,
and it was impossible to count the votes until the contentious factions ad-
journd to the yard and lined up on opposite sides of the path. Eventually
the money was used for the town farm.⁵

No separate records of the surplus revenue agent have been found. For
records of surplus revenue, see entry 30-bv.

XI. MODERATOR

The office of moderator was filled by annual election prior to 1892,⁶ in
which year began the present system of electing the moderator biennially.⁷

1. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 359 (1909), et passim 1910-1915, see entry 3.
2. Ibid., pp. 458, 462 (1916).
3. Ibid., p. 592 (1929).
4. Ibid., pp. 641, 645 (1935).
5. Hall, op. cit., pp. 184, 185, 190.
6. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), et passim, 1750-1819, see entry 2;
T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 8 (1850), et passim, 1851-1891, see entry 3.
7. T. M. B., 1892--., passim, see entry 3.

Supervisors of the Check-List;
Election Inspectors; School
District

(Next entry 48, p. 55)

The moderator keeps no records.

XII. SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK-LIST

Since the year 1878 Greenland has elected biennially three supervisors of the check-list.¹

For check-lists see entries 20, 30-s.

XIII. ELECTION INSPECTORS

The Greenland minutes actually show the appointment of election inspectors in the years 1892, 1894, and 1916 only.² This does not mean, however, that the office is not filled regularly in Greenland. Informality of procedure is undoubtedly the reason why so few appointments have been recorded. The legal provision is for the selectmen to appoint four election inspectors biennially, two of whom are designated by the moderator to act as ballot clerks.³

These officials keep no records.

XIV. SCHOOL DISTRICT

There are frequent references to schools in Greenland during the earliest years—the first reference appearing while Greenland was still a part of Portsmouth.⁴ But school districts do not seem to have been established until 1807, when it was voted to establish three such districts; the number was reduced to two the following year.⁵ Although the town minutes covering the years 1820-1849 were destroyed by fire, it can be assumed that districts were maintained during those years.

In 1850 the Town Meeting Books show the election of three men as a superintending school committee⁶ which was evidently in accordance with the act passed in 1827 with regard to a superintending school committee.⁷ During the years 1852-1863, from one to three men were appointed annually, and from 1867-1876 one was elected each year.⁸ One man was appointed in 1881 and in 1882; one man was elected in 1883; one was appointed in 1884.⁹ A school committee of three men was elected for the years 1878, 1879, and 1885; and in 1884 a committee of three was appointed.¹⁰

1. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 264 (1878), *et passim* 1880--; see entry 3.

2. *Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 33 (1892), p. 112 (1894), p. 466 (1916).

3. Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 26 (1926).

4. State's Copy of Portsmouth Records (photostatic copy), vol. 2, p. 26 (1702).

5. State's Copy, vol. 1, pp. 318, 319 (1807), p. 321 (1808), see entry 2.

6. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 124 (1850), see entry 3.

7. Laws of New Hampshire, 9:662, 663 (1827).

8. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 58 (1852), *et passim* 1853-1876, see entry 3.

9. *Ibid.*, vol. 4, p. 274 (1881), *et passim* 1882-1884.

10. *Ibid.*, p. 124 (1878), p. 190 (1879), p. 361 (1884), p. 387 (1885).

School District - District and
Board Minutes

In 1885 Greenland, like other New Hampshire towns, conformed with a State law of that year which dissolved the school districts then in existence.¹ With some exceptions, each town has, since that time, constituted a single school district with a three-member school board. At the present time, the Greenland school district is a member of Supervisory Union No. 16 with headquarters at Exeter.² The district officers consist of a three-member school board, a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer.

M. O. Hall in his Rambles About Greenland writes of the teachers of the middle 1800's and describes their arduous duties as follows:

Then teachers had to set all the copies, and as there were no steel pens, or gold or fountain pens, they had to make all the pens from quills, which was no small task. I once had a school of ninety-six scholars daily, so one can see what time I could have for reading, arithmetic, geography, and spelling, and the other things which are to be taught in schools of today.³

Some of the records are located in the basement of the Weeks Library. The others are located, in the homes of Ralph DeH. Fisher, district treasurer, Mrs. Mabel E. Thaxter, district clerk, and two members of the school board—Mrs. Edna B. Weeks and Mrs. Margaret E. Sweetser.

District and Board Minutes

48. RECORD-SCHOOL [District Meetings], 1888--. 1 vol.
Warrants for and minutes of school district meetings. Warrants show date of warrant; date, time, and place of meeting; articles to be voted upon; and names of signers—school board members. Minutes show date, time, and place of meeting; votes taken; officers elected; money appropriated; committees appointed or elected; and signature of school district clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1. Res. Mrs. Mabel E. Thaxter.

For memoranda of school district meetings, 1888-90, 1909, see entry 30-bj; for original school district warrants, 1889-1904, see entry 30-bm.

49. RECORD [of School Board Meetings], 1907-18, 1935--. 2 vols.
Prior records missing.
Minutes of meetings showing date and place of meeting, votes taken, appointments and salaries of teachers and janitors, new text books adopted, names of persons awarded contracts for transportation of pupils, officers elected, other matters acted upon, and signature of board secretary. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. and typed: 1 vol., 1907-18, 200 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 3/4; 1 vol., 1935--., 65 pp. 9 1/2 x 6 1/2 x 1 1/2. 1 vol., 1907-18, bsmt. Weeks Library; 1 vol., 1935--., res. Mrs. Edna B. Weeks.

1. New Hampshire Laws of 1885, ch. 43.

2. New Hampshire State Board of Education Directory * * * 1940-1941, p. 5.

3. Hall, op. cit., p. 229.

Finance

50. SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND RECORD-LOAN RECORD, 1913-19, 1925--. 4 vols. Prior records missing.

Record of receipts and payments. Receipts show date, from whom, source, and amount; payments show date, to whom, purpose, and amount; and certification of accounts by auditors. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 1 vol., 1913-19, 150 pp. 12 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 3/4; 3 vols., 1925--, 65 pp. 8 1/4 x 14 x 1. 1 vol., 1913-19, bsmt. Weeks Library; 3 vols., 1925--, res. Mrs. Margaret E. Sweetser.

51. [GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS], 1935--. Approx. 800 vouchers in 14 bdl. Prior vouchers missing.

Date, name of school district, voucher number, to whom, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 6 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1/2. Res. Mrs. Margaret E. Sweetser.

52. [ORDERS ON TREASURER], 1935--. Approx. 1000 orders in 5 bdl. Prior orders missing.

Date, amount, order number, to whom, and signatures of school board members. Arr. numer. by order no. and thereunder chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 x 8 1/2 x 1. Res. Ralph DeH. Fisher.

53. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1889--. 3 vols.

Receipts show date, number, from whom, source, and amount; deposits show date and amount; payments show date, check number, to whom, and amount; and balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 148 pp. 9 1/2 x 8 3/4 x 1. Res. Ralph DeH. Fisher.

54. [INSURANCE POLICIES AND SCHOOL TREASURER'S BONDS], 1935--. 12 papers. Prior papers missing.

Contains:

- a. Insurance policies on school buses and buildings.
- b. School treasurer's bonds showing date, names and addresses of principal and sureties, name and term of office, amount and conditions of bond, and names of signers--principal and sureties.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 8 x 3 1/2. Res. Mrs. Margaret E. Sweetser.

55. [BUS CONTRACTS], 1931--. 10 papers.

Date; names of town and contracting parties; amount, terms, and conditions of contract; and signatures of contracting parties. No obvious arr. No index. Typed and hdw. 11 x 8 1/2. Res. Mrs. Margaret E. Sweetser.

56. [RECEIPTED BILLS], 1931--. Approx. 1000 bills in 8 envelopes (dated). Prior bills missing.

Date, name of vendor, item, and amount paid. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. on ptd. heads. 13 x 10 x 1/2. Res. Mrs. Margaret E. Sweetser.

Supervisory Union

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57. [BANK BOOKS], 1931--. 2 vols. Prior records missing. Name and address of bank, names of State and town, dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 5 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1/8. Res. Ralph DeH. Fisher.

58. [BANK STATEMENTS], 1935--. 60 statements in 5 bdls. Prior statements missing. Name of bank; period covered; previous balance; and amount of deposits, withdrawals, and present balance. Arr. chron. by date of statement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 9 x 7 1/2 x 1/8. Res. Ralph DeH. Fisher.

59. [CANCELED CHECKS], 1935--. Approx. 1000 checks in 5 bdls. Prior checks missing. Date and number of check; order number; names of town, bank, and payee; purpose; amount; and signature of school treasurer. Arr. numer. by check no. and thereunder chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 x 9 x 1 1/4. Res. Ralph DeH. Fisher.

Census

60. [ENUMERATION OF CHILDREN], 1938. Approx. 130 cards in 1 bdl. Prior and subsequent records missing. Census of school children showing name, address, age, date of birth, mental condition, and school history of child; date; name of parents; and signature of enumerator. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 6 x 3 1/2 x 1. Res. Mrs. Margaret E. Sweetser.

Correspondence

61. CORRESPONDENCE, 1930--. Approx. 500 letters in 1 folder, 1 envelope. Prior letters missing. Incoming and carbon copies of outgoing letters pertaining to school affairs showing date, to or from whom, particulars, and signature of correspondent. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed. Folder, 13 x 10 x 1/2; envelope, 12 x 9 x 1 1/2. Res. Mrs. Margaret E. Sweetser.

XV. SUPERVISORY UNION

Greenland is a member of Supervisory Union No. 16 which also includes Exeter, Kensington, Newfields, and Stratham. The headquarters are at Exeter.¹ Records are in the office of the superintendent, Clifton A. Towle, Exeter.

62. NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL REGISTER, 1935--. 24 vols. (dated). Prior registers missing. School teachers' registers kept on form prescribed by State Board of Education, showing registration of pupils and personal statistics; attendance record for each term; name of teacher and qualification; advancement of pupils; average age of pupils in September; register summary for school year, showing number of pupils registered during year, length of school year in weeks, average daily attendance and absences, and number of non-resident pupils;

1. New Hampshire State Board of Education Directory * * * 1940-1941, p. 5.

number of visits by superintendent, school physician, and nurse, members of school board, and parents; number of pupils not absent or tardy; and non-resident enrollment list, showing name and address of pupil. Arr. chron. by date of register and thereunder by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 25 pp. 12 x 10 x 1/4.

XVI. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

A social library was incorporated in Greenland in 1799,¹ but it was not until 1893 that plans were instituted to maintain a free public library for the town. In that year, the members of the school board were elected to act as library trustees.² Separate library trustees first appeared in 1895 when three were elected.³ At the present time one library trustee is elected each year for a term of three years.

Records are kept at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Beck, treasurer of the trustees, and in the Weeks Library.

Minutes

63. RECORD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF GREENLAND, 1893-1918. 1 vol.
Discontinued.

Minutes of meetings showing date, articles discussed and voted upon, money appropriated, number of books bought and received as gifts, and signature of secretary. Also contains:

Treasurer's receipts and payments, entry 64.
Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 457 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 1.
Weeks Library.

Finance

64. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1940--. 1 vol. 1893-1918 in Record of Library Trustees of Greenland, entry 63.
Receipts show date, receipt number, from whom, source, and amount; deposits show date and amount; payments show date, check number, to whom, and amount; and balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 7 x 4 x 1/2. Res.

65. [CANCELED CHECKS], 1918-36. Approx. 250 checks in 1 bdl.
Prior checks destroyed. Discontinued.
Date and number of check; order number; names of town, bank, and payee; purpose; amount; and signature of treasurer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 x 6 1/2 x 1 1/2. Res.

66. [CHECK STUBS], 1918-36. 5 stub books. Prior records destroyed.
Discontinued.
Date, number and amount of check, to whom, amount of deposit, and previous and present balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 4 stub books, 1918-35, 100 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 x 1/2; 1 stub book, 1936, 50 pp. 3 x 7 x 1/2. Res.

1. Laws of New Hampshire, 6:596, 597 (1799).
2. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 83 (1893), see entry 3.
3. Ibid., p. 120 (1895).

67. [BANK BOOKS], 1918-36. 2 vols. Prior records missing.
Discontinued.

Name and address of bank, names of State, town, and treasurer, dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 4 x 2 1/2 x 1/8. Res.

Library

68. [RECORD OF BOOKS LOANED], 1932---. Approx. 200 cards in
1 drawer.

Number of book, name of borrower, and date due. Arr. by call no. No index. Hdw. 6 x 11 1/2 x 25. Weeks Library.

69. LIBRARY ACCESSION BOOK, 1896---. 3 vols.

Class number, name of author, title of book, accession number, name of publisher, list price, date of accession, source, and remarks. Arr. by name of author and title of book. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 2 vols., 1896-1939, 165 pp. 14 1/2 x 10 x 3/4; 1 vol., 1940---, 200 pp. (6 used) 12 x 9 1/2 x 1. Weeks Library.

70. RECORD-DONORS AND VISITORS TO WEEKS LIBRARY, GREENLAND,
N. H. (undated circa 1897). 1 vol.

Names of donors, and names and addresses of visitors. Arr. by names of donor and visitor. No index. Hdw. 285 pp. (8 used) 9 x 6 x 1 1/4. Weeks Library.

XVII. SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN FARM

It is apparent that during the early days in Greenland the poor of the town were let out, under the selectmen's supervision, to individuals to be cared for.¹ In 1837, when the town accepted its portion of the surplus revenue allotted to it by an act of the legislature,² a vote was passed to use the money to provide for the town's poor, and a town farm was built on the land of the upper parsonage.³

A vote passed in 1850 accepted the report of the town farm for that year, and provided that the business of the farm should be under the direction of the selectmen⁴ who were authorized the next year to "repair what may be necessary upon the dwelling house up on the town farm."⁵

Five years later, provisions were made to care for the insane⁶ and in 1865 the selectmen agreed with a certain party that he should take charge of the town farm.⁷ A tramp house was added in 1878 where tramps might "sleep for the night."⁸ A survey was made in 1880 and the value of the town farm

1. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 36 (1761), et passim 1762-1818, see entry 1.

2. New Hampshire Laws of 1836, ch. cclxvii.

3. Hall, op. cit., pp. 184, 190.

4. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 10 (1850), see entry 3.

5. Ibid., p. 21 (1851).

6. Ibid., p. 128 (1856).

7. Ibid., p. not numbered (1865).

8. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 139 (1878).

Health Officer; Highway Agents,
Road Agents, Highway Sur-
veyors

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appraised at \$7500.¹ However, it had been operated at a loss for a number of years, and five years later (1885) the buildings were leased, and the tools and equipment sold at auction.² In 1886 the tramp house was sold and removed from the grounds.³ The growth of county farms is the reason why New Hampshire towns were enabled to abandon their town farms.

During 1867-1880—except for the year 1879—the Town Meeting Books show that a superintendent of the town farm held that position by annual agreement with the selectmen.⁴ No further mention of this office appears.

For town farm records, see entries 3-ap, and 30by, bz, ca.

XVIII. HEALTH OFFICER

The Town Meeting Books record the appointment of health officers, varying in number from one to three, during the years 1885-1909.⁵ In 1915 the method of securing this office was changed by law to allow the selectmen to nominate the health officer who was then appointed by the State Board of Health.⁶

However, the town minutes show that Greenland voters sometimes nominate the health officer in town meeting prior to his recommendation by the selectmen.⁷

The only record is kept at the residence of the health officer, Horace Cannon.

71. RECORD [of Calls], 1938--. 1 loose-leaf vol. Prior records missing.

Date, name of complainant, and purpose. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 7 x 4 1/2 x 1/4.

For health officer's rules concerning contagious diseases, 1854, see entry 3-r.

XIX. HIGHWAY AGENTS, ROAD AGENTS, HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

From one to six highway surveyors were elected annually during the years 1749-1819.⁸ In 1794 a committee of three was elected "to Lay out a Road."⁹ Fire having destroyed the town minutes from 1820-1849, information cannot be obtained for those years. Highway surveyors were elected in 1850 and 1851, but the appointive method was used 1852-1892; the number of annual appointees varied from four to ten.¹⁰ From one to three highway or road agents have

1. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 257 (1880), see entry 3.

2. Ibid., p. 400 (1885).

3. Ibid., p. 422 (1886).

4. Ibid., vol. 3, p. not numbered (1867), et passim 1868-1880.

5. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 414 (1885), et passim 1886-1909.

6. New Hampshire Laws of 1915, ch. 27.

7. T. M. B., 1921--., passim, see entry 3.

8. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), et passim 1750-1819, see entry 2.

9. Ibid., p. 227 (1794).

10. T. M. B., 1850-1892, passim, see entry 3.

Tree Warden; Police, Constables,
Jail Keeper

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been elected 1893 to date. The title of road agent was used in the years 1894-1899, 1903, 1919, and 1920; and highway agent during the remainder of this period.¹

In passing, it is of interest to note that the town voted in 1811 that the price of labor on the highway should be 75 cents a day.²

W. Richard Weeks, highway agent, keeps a weekly time book at his residence.

72. WEEKLY TIME BOOK, 1939--. 2 vols. Prior records missing. Date, names of workers, number of hours worked each day, total time, rate per day, and total amount due each worker. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heads. 100 pp. 7 x 4 1/2 x 1/4.

XX. TREE WARDEN

The office of tree warden appeared in Greenland only for the years 1901 and 1913. One was appointed each of those years,³

No records were found.

XXI. POLICE, CONSTABLES, JAIL KEEPER

From 1749-1819 a constable was elected annually although in 1804 and 1806-1819 this office was definitely combined with that of collector.⁴ From 1820-1849 a gap occurs in the town minutes, due to destruction by fire, but in 1850 the election of a constable is recorded.⁵ The method changed to appointment the following year, and a constable was appointed annually for the years 1851-1874, 1877-1880, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1893, 1899 and 1902. From 1853-1857 and from 1862-1864, the office was combined with that of collector.⁶ In 1897 and 1903, two constables were appointed each year.⁷ Subsequent to 1903, references to constables disappear from the Town Meeting Books. The Appointment Book, however, records the appointment of seven constables in 1927, one constable in 1933, and a "chief of police & constable" in 1931.⁸

From 1876-1913, with some exceptions, from one to four police officers were appointed.⁹ The Appointment Book shows the appointment of a police officer in 1919¹⁰ and one has been elected from 1921 to date.¹¹ Special officers were appointed in 1924 and 1932-1934.¹² A special dog and police officer was

1. T. M. B., 1893--., passim, see entry 3.
2. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 334 (1811), see entry 2.
3. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 213 (1901), p. 425 (1913), see entry 3.
4. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), et passim 1750-1819, see entry 2.
5. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 11 (1850), see entry 3.
6. Ibid., 1851-1902, passim.
7. Ibid., vol. 5, p. 159 (1897), p. 261 (1903).
8. Record of Appointments, pp. 7-10 (1927), p. 11 (1931), p. 14 (1933), see entry 16.
9. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 45 (1876), et passim 1878-1913, see entry 3.
10. Record of Appointments, p. 1 (1919), see entry 16.
11. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 534 (1921), et passim 1922--., see entry 3.
12. Record of Appointments, p. 4 (1924), pp. 12, 13 (1932), p. 16 (1933), p. 18 (1934), see entry 16.

Legal Agent (Attorney), Committee
to Carry on Law Suits; Liquor
Agent, Enforcement Agent

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appointed in 1931.¹ The only other appointment of dog police had occurred in 1916 when one man was appointed to that office.² Railroad police were appointed in 1879 and again in 1906.³ A jail keeper received office by appointment in 1880.⁴

A record of arrests and accidents is kept by Chief of Police Earl W. Caswell at his residence.

73. [RECORD OF ARRESTS AND ACCIDENTS], 1937--. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Arrests show date, time, reason, nature, and place of arrest; disposition; term of sentence; fines; name of offender; and signature of arresting officer. Accidents show date, time, place, and kind of accident; names of parties concerned; and name of person reporting. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 6 x 4 x 1.

XXII. LEGAL AGENT (ATTORNEY), COMMITTEE TO CARRY ON LAW SUITS

Legal agents were elected in Greenland when the need required them. Two were chosen in 1758,⁵ and one was elected respectively for the years 1796 and 1811.⁶ From 1766-1768 one was chosen annually as an attorney.⁷

Three men were elected as a committee to carry on law suits in the years 1758,⁸ 1765,⁹ 1769,¹⁰ and 1771.¹¹ In 1812 three men were chosen a "committee to examine claim against town."¹²

No records were found.

XXIII. LIQUOR AGENT, ENFORCEMENT AGENT

A law in 1855 provided that from one to three liquor agents might be appointed annually by the selectmen who were to make specific rules which were to be followed by the agents.¹³ A town liquor agent was appointed in Greenland in that same year¹⁴ and the Town Meeting Books contain a record as follows:

1. Record of Appointments, p. 12 (1931), see entry 16.
2. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 468 (1916), see entry 3.
3. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 215 (1879), vol. 5, p. 315 (1906).
4. Ibid., p. 227 (1880).
5. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 25 (1758), see entry 2.
6. Ibid., p. 243 (1796), p. 335 (1811).
7. Ibid., 1766-1768, passim.
8. Ibid., p. 20 (1758).
9. Ibid., p. 47 (1765).
10. Ibid., pp. 55, 56 (1769).
11. Ibid., p. 64 (1771).
12. Ibid., pp. 337, 338 (1812).
13. New Hampshire Laws of 1855, ch. 1658, sec. 7.
14. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 119 (1855), see entry 3.

Regulations

- 1st. You must purchase and keep constantly on hand--Rum--Gin--Brandy--Alcohol and Wine, and pay for the same at time of Purchasing.
- 2nd. You must sell for cash only--except in extreme cases--and to such person only--that give you satisfactory assurance the liquor is wanted for purposes specified by law.
- 3rd. Such liquors shall be sold at an average profit of twenty five per cent on the cost and at one place only which shall be at your office.¹

This appointment, occurring directly after the law was passed, is the only record of the old-time liquor agent in Greenland. In 1926, and continuing through 1932, one enforcement agent was elected annually.²

For liquor and tavern licenses, see entry 1-p; for liquor regulations, see entry 3-w.

XXIV. FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The State Forester, on recommendation of the selectmen, appoints the forest fire warden for a term of one year or until his successor is appointed.³

Copies of permits to kindle fires are kept at the residence of Charles E. Marden, warden.

74. [COPIES OF PERMITS TO KINDLE FIRES], 1936---. Approx. 1,000 permits in 5 bdl. Prior permits destroyed.
- Name and address of permittee; place, date, and kind and extent of fire; synopsis of law; signatures of permittee and forest fire warden; name of town; and date issued. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 4 x 6 x 4.

XXV. PLANNING BOARD

In 1935 the town conformed with the law of that year in the establishment of a planning board.⁴

The planning board consists of seven members--six appointed by the selectmen, and one selectman serving ex officio.

Records are kept at the residence of A. A. Peterson, secretary of the board.

75. [MINUTES OF MEETINGS], 1935---. 1 loose-leaf vol.
- Date and place of meeting, and matters discussed and voted upon. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. and typed. 75 pp. 8 1/2 x 5 3/4 x 1/4.

1. T. M. B., vol. 3, pp. 119, 120 (1855), see entry 3.

2. Ibid., vol. 5, p. 511 (1926), et passim 1927-1932.

3. See Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 191, secs. 13, 16 (1926).

4. Loose-leaf typewritten sheet inserted in one of the Town Meeting Books, see entry 3.

Public Weigher; Sealer of Weights
and Measures; Sealer of Leather;
Lumber Officers

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76. [CORRESPONDENCE], 1939--. Approx. 200 letters in 3 folders.

Prior letters missing.

Incoming letters from State Planning and Development Commission and other sources showing date, from whom, particulars, and signature of correspondent. Also pamphlets and periodicals pertaining to planning boards. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed, hdw. on ptd. heads, and ptd. 11 1/2 x 8 3/4 x 1/2.

XXVI. PUBLIC WEAHER

Two public weighers were appointed in 1927 and one in 1937.¹ The office is not mentioned at any other time.

No records were found.

XXVII. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The earliest appearances of a sealer of weights and measures were in 1805 and 1806; one sealer was elected in each of those years.² After a gap, the office reappeared in 1813, and continued as an annually elective office at least through 1819.³ What occurred during 1820-1849 cannot be determined, but a sealer was elected annually 1850-1856.⁴ During the years 1858-1862, 1866-1873, 1878, 1879, and 1886 this office was filled by appointment,⁵ after which it disappeared.

No records were found.

XXVIII. SEALER OF LEATHER

A sealer of leather was elected in 1764 and again in 1766.⁶ No further mention of this office can be found.

No records were found.

XXIX. LUMBER OFFICERS

The earliest mention of a lumber officer in Greenland appeared in 1786 when three men were chosen as a "committee to sell Timber."⁷ In 1791 two men were elected as a "committee to mark Wood."⁸ The next mention appeared in 1806 when a surveyor of boards was chosen.⁹ The following year three men were elected as surveyors of lumber, one of whom was to be also a "measurer of wood."¹⁰

1. Record of Appointments, pp. 6, 10 (1927), p. 21 (1937), see entry 16.
2. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 310 (1805), p. 315 (1806), see entry 2.
3. Ibid., p. 344 (1813), et passim 1814-1819.
4. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 10 (1850), et passim 1851-1856, see entry 3.
5. Ibid., p. 174 (1858), et passim 1859-1886.
6. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 44 (1764), p. 49 (1766), see entry 2.
7. Ibid., p. 180 (1786).
8. Ibid., p. 208 (1791).
9. Ibid., p. 315 (1806).
10. Ibid., p. 318 (1807).

Such were the lumber officers elected prior to the 1820-1849 gap in the Town Meeting Books. The latter portion of the surviving minutes show that Greenland had lumber officers during most of the years from 1850 until the end of the century.

During 1850-1855 from one to four surveyors of wood and lumber were elected.¹ The appointive method was employed 1858-1900, except for some years when no record appears; the number appointed varied from one to seven.² A corder of wood was elected in the years 1851 and 1855 respectively.³

No records were found.

XXX. POUND-KEEPER

That a pound existed in Greenland prior to the middle 1700's is indicated by the report in 1756 of a certain committee that a contemplated meeting-house "shall be built where the pound and school house stood."⁴ It was not until 1768 that further mention of a pound appeared. It was then voted "that the Selectmen Shall bulde a good frame Pound in Greenland this year in Best and Chepest mane^r att the Parish Cost."⁵ It can be assumed that this pound was built but replaced years later. Some agitation arose in 1799 concerning the erection of a stone pound, but a negative vote was passed.⁶ However, in 1810 it was voted to build such a pound⁷ and that this was done is proven by a vote the following year in which the selectmen were chosen as a committee to examine the new stone pound and report whether it was built according to contract.⁸ The town minutes for 1854 contain the following statement:

The Selectmen of the Town of Greenland having disposed of the pound in said Town agreeably to a vote of the Town authorizing the sale or removal of the same and being required by the laws of the State to provide and maintain a sufficient pound have this day constituted the barn yard of the Town Farm in said Greenland a public pound and have given public notice thereof directing all persons impounding cattle or other creatures to impound them in said enclosure.⁹

In 1855 it was "Voted to accept the location of the Barn yard at the town farm for a pound."¹⁰

A pound-keeper was elected annually from 1750-1819,¹¹ and, although the minutes covering the next 30 years were destroyed by fire, it can be assumed that this office was active during that time. From 1850-1891, with some

1. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 12 (1850), et passim 1851-1855, see entry 3.

2. Ibid., 1858-1900, passim.

3. Ibid., p. 32 (1851), p. 101 (1855).

4. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 15 (1756), see entry 2.

5. Ibid., p. 53 (1768).

6. Ibid., p. 265 (1799).

7. Ibid., p. 330 (1810).

8. Ibid., p. 335 (1811).

9. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 91 (1854), see entry 3.

10. Ibid., p. 101 (1855).

11. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 6 (1750), et passim 1751-1819, see entry 2.

Hogreeves, Hog Constables, Hawards,
Field Drivers; Fish and Game
Warden; Deerkeepers

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exceptions, it was filled by either election or appointment.¹ The minutes contain no reference to the pound-keeper after 1891.

No records kept by the pound-keeper have been found.

XXXI. HOGREEVES, HOG CONSTABLES, HAWARDS, FIELD DRIVERS

Two hog constables were elected in 1749 and two the following year.² For the years 1751-1770 and 1777-1783 either two or three hawards were elected annually.³ Hogreeves appeared in 1771 and were elected through 1776.⁴ They reappeared in 1784, and from one to six of these officers were elected annually at least until 1819.⁵ In the meanwhile the office of field driver had appeared. One was elected in 1800 and three in 1806.⁶

After the 1820-1849 gap in the minutes, due to loss from fire, the incumbency of hogreeves and field drivers was still recorded. During the years 1850-1855 from two to eight hogreeves were elected.⁷ A gap of several years appears, but for 1871-1873 from two to five were appointed.⁸ In the years 1876-1878 and 1881, the office of field driver was filled by appointment.⁹

No separate records kept by the above officials have been found. For records of strays see entries 2-ag, ah, ai, 2l.

XXXII. FISH AND GAME WARDEN

A fish and game warden was appointed in Greenland for the years 1883 and 1906.¹⁰ Two men were elected to this office in 1888.¹¹ No further mention of this office is found in the Town Meeting Books.

No records have been found.

XXXIII. DEERKEEPERS

During some of the early years (1758-1764 and 1779) two deerkeepers were elected in Greenland.¹² No further mention of this office can be found.

No records have been found.

1. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 12 (1850), et passim 1851-1891, see entry 3.
2. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), p. 5 (1750), see entry 2.
3. Ibid., p. 7 (1751), et passim 1752-1783.
4. Ibid., p. 66 (1771), et passim 1772-1776.
5. Ibid., p. 170 (1784), et passim 1785-1819.
6. Ibid., p. 270 (1800), p. 315 (1806).
7. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 11 (1850), et passim 1851-1855, see entry 3.
8. Ibid., 1871-1873, passim.
9. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 80 (1876), et passim 1877-1881.
10. Ibid., p. 337 (1883), vol. 5, p. 306 (1906).
11. Ibid., p. 479 (1888).
12. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 23 (1758), et passim 1759-1764, p. 125 (1779), see entry 2.

Fence Viewers; Sexton; Tythingmen;
Janitor

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XXXIV. FENCE VIEWERS

The voters of Greenland, at their 1749 meeting, elected Henry Clark, Jr., and John Watson as fence viewers. Thenceforth all extant town minutes through 1855 show the annual election of two or three fence viewers.¹ The annual election of these officers may, or may not, have continued through the 1820-1849 period, the minutes of which are not extant.

Two years elapsed after 1855 before the fence viewers reappeared. With some exceptions, one to three fence viewers received their office by appointment 1858-1895.² No mention of these officials is found after the latter date.

No separate records have been found. For records of fence divisions and agreements, see entry 2-k; for reports of fence viewers, see entry 3-p.

XXXV. SEXTON

This ancient office appeared at least twice in Greenland. It was voted in 1761 that "Whoever leaves a stove in the Meeting house shall forfeit the Same to the Saxon."³ In 1801 it was voted "that the Selectmen be impowered to procure a Saxon."⁴

No records were found.

XXXVI. TYTHINGMEN

From one to three tythingmen were chosen in Greenland from 1749-1819, with few exceptions.⁵ This office was filled during the years 1851-1855 by the election of from one to three tythingmen,⁶ but no further mention can be found after the latter date. The records for the years 1820-1849 were destroyed by fire.

No records have been found.

XXXVII. JANITOR

A janitor was elected in Greenland for the years 1884, 1908, 1909,⁷ and the office was filled by appointment in 1895.⁸ There is no additional mention of such an office.

No records have been found.

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1. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 2 (1749), et passim 1750-1819, see entry 2;
T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 10 (1850), et passim 1851-1855, see entry 3.
 2. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 174 (1858), et passim 1859-1895, see entry 3.
 3. State's Copy, vol. 1, p. 35 (1761), see entry 2.
 4. Ibid., p. 279 (1801).
 5. Ibid., p. 2 (1749), et passim 1750-1819.
 6. T. M. B., 1851-1855, passim, see entry 3.
 7. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 121 (1884), vol. 5, p. 340 (1908), p. 359 (1909).
 8. Ibid., p. 121 (1895).

APPENDIX

Brackett Academy

1. RECORDS OF BRACKETT ACADEMY, 1824-77, 1911, 1 vol.
Contains copy of act of incorporation; constitution; and minutes of meetings, showing date and place of meeting, election of officers, articles voted upon, committees chosen, and financial reports. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw., and typed sheets pasted in vol. 250 pp. (46 used) 12 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 1. Bsmt. Weeks Library.
2. [DRAFT OF BILL TO INCORPORATE BRACKETT ACADEMY], Oct. 1824.
1 vol. in one box.
Manuscript as titled. Vol., 24 pp. 6 1/2 x 4 x 1/8; box, 1 1/2 x 4 3/4 x 6 3/4. Weeks Library.
3. CONSTITUTION OF AN ACADEMY [BRACKETT], Oct. 1824. 1 vol. in 1 box.
Manuscript draft of constitution of Brackett Academy. Vol., 40 pp. 6 1/2 x 4 x 3/8; box, 1 1/2 x 4 1/4 x 6 3/4. Weeks Library.
4. [Brackett] ACADEMY ACCOUNT BOOK — POCKET LEDGER, Dec. 12, 1826-Nov. 1, 1828. 1 vol. in 1 box. (dated 1827).
"Ephraim Abbot's Book of Accounts' Current with Students in the Brackett Academy in Greenland for the Winter term commencing Dec. 13, 1826." Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. Vol., 120 pp. (107 used) 6 1/8 x 4 x 1/2; box, 1 1/2 x 4 3/4 x 6 3/4. Weeks Library.
5. ACCOUNT BOOK, 1819-28. 3 vols. in 1 box (2-4).
Personal and school account of Ephraim Abbot, principal of Brackett Academy, pertaining to labor, farming, and miscellaneous. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. Vols., 100 pp. 6 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 1/2; box, 1 1/2 x 4 3/4 x 6 3/4. Weeks Library.

Old Home Week

6. RECORD [of Old Home Week Association], 1899-1905, 1 vol.
Date and place of meeting, nature of celebration, names of speakers, formation of association, officers chosen, and signature of clerk; newspaper clippings pertaining to association; names of members; and account of money received in 1900, showing names of persons contributing, amount, total, and signatures of treasurer and secretary. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. (25 used) 10 1/2 x 8 x 1/2. Res. Mrs. William E. Beck.

Clippings, Photos

7. [GREENLAND SCRAP-BOOK], 1934---. 1 loose-leaf vol.
Clippings from Portsmouth Herald, Manchester Union, Hampton Union, and Portland and Boston papers. Articles written by Arthur A. Peterson, secretary of the Greenland Planning Board. Arr. chron. by date of clipping. No index. Ptd. 100 pp. 12 3/4 x 10 1/4 x 2. Res. Mr. Peterson.

Appendix

8. [PHOTOGRAPHS PERTAINING TO GREENLAND AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY],
1920--. Approx. 1000 photographs in 8 f. d.
As titled. No obvious arr. No index. Photographs and negatives. 5 x 6 1/2
x 14 3/4. Res. Mr. Peterson.

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