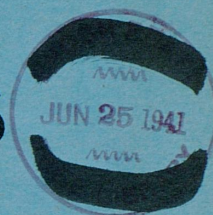


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## PREFACE

This inventory of the town records of Clinton is one volume in a series bearing the title Inventory of the Town, and City Archives of Massachusetts. It is anticipated that eventually in such series will be listed the records of every governmental unit in the State. Copies of this volume and of every publication of the Massachusetts Historical Records Survey are distributed to prominent libraries of the nation and to the larger and more centrally located libraries of Massachusetts.

The purpose of the project is to survey, preserve, and render accessible historical source materials of all kinds. The work is divided into the following main classifications: Public records, private manuscripts, church records, early American imprints, historical portraits and newspapers. In the development of this survey, certain techniques have been found practicable, depending on the nature of the subject matter, such as the methods of the inventory, the guide, the calendar, the check list, and the index.

The actual work of gathering information concerning historical materials at their place of storage or custody has in most cases been preceded by the necessary task of putting records in order, of cleaning, dusting, refiling, and treating them. This function of the project, often performed by its workers under very difficult conditions, may well be regarded by future generations as a most important contribution of the survey. Scarcely less important, however, are the editorial processes to which all information must be subjected before publication. As a result of such editing, gaps and inadequacies are spotted, inconsistencies reconciled, and order brought out of chaos.

In the field of public records it has been found necessary not only to sketch briefly the history of the county or town and its government but also to preface the inventory of each subordinate office or institution with an outline of its development based upon its own records or upon statutory or other sources. In the inventories of church records, similarly, the preparation of the history of each church constitutes a task equally arduous with that of locating and listing its records. In Massachusetts two broader works have been undertaken. The general historical background, statutory origin and functioning of county, city, or town offices have been studied with a view to providing satisfactory accounts of the development of county and municipal government generally. These latter undertakings are now happily nearing completion.

The inventory of the town archives of Clinton is the first in the series of such inventories covering the towns of Worcester County. The Survey is indebted to the town officials of Clinton for their cooperation and to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Frederick W. Cook, without whose sponsorship this project would not be possible.

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## FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

The Survey directed by Luther H. Evans from its inception in January 1936 to March 1, 1940 when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child formerly National Field Supervisor. It operates as a nation-wide project in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

Howard O. Hunter  
Acting Commissioner of Work  
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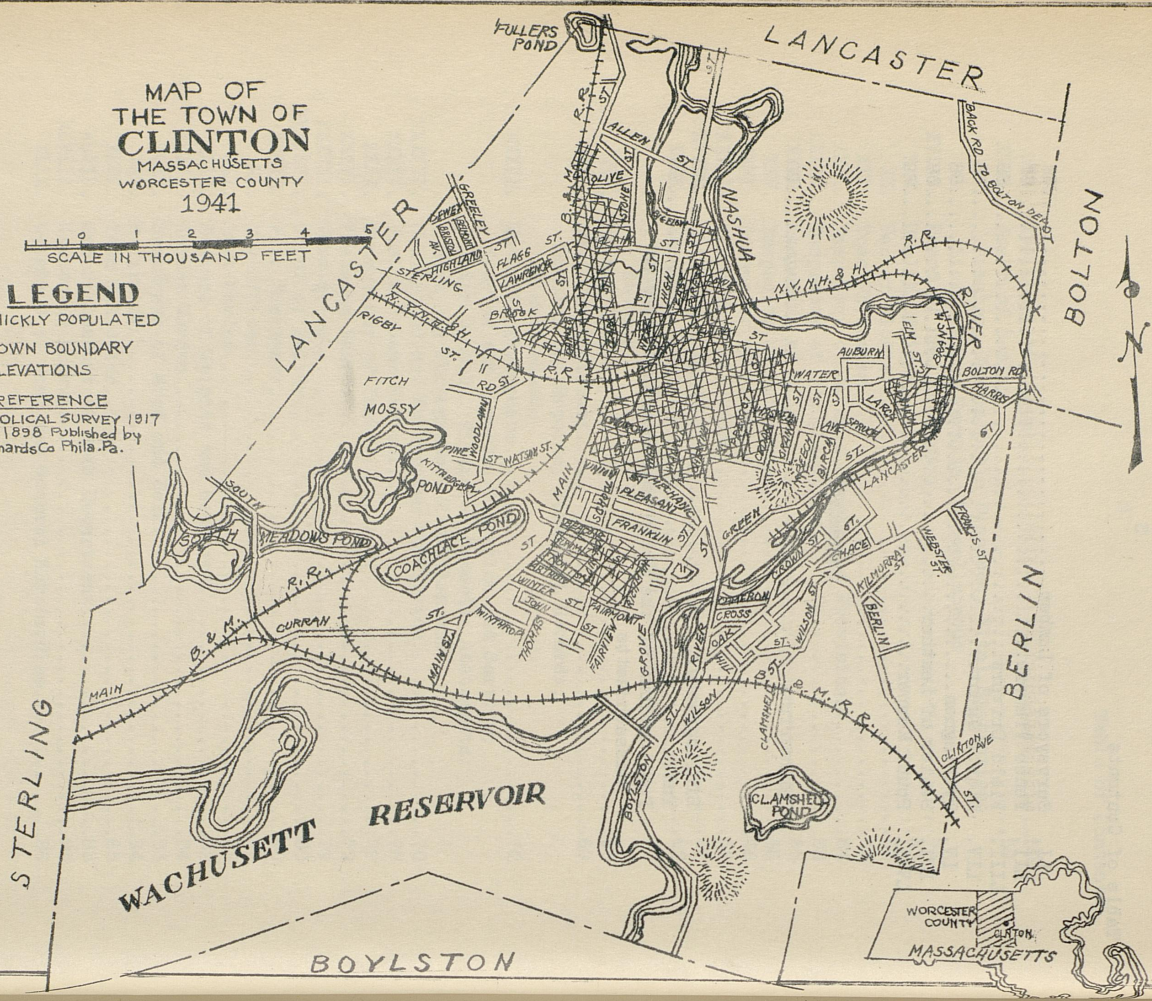
# MAP OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER COUNTY 1941

SCALE IN THOUSAND FEET

## LEGEND

- THICKLY POPULATED
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- ELEVATIONS

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## PART A CLINTON AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

### HISTORICAL SKETCH

Clinton,<sup>1</sup> an industrial town of 12,000 people, is located on the Nashua River, 15 miles northeast of Worcester and 35 miles west of Boston. With a population largely of Irish descent, the town is the result of an industrial era based on centralized industry, as well as the presence of good water power and the ingenuity of one Erastus B. Bigelow (1814-79), inventor of power looms for making figured fabrics, carpets, and woven wire cloth. The recent history of Clinton affords the sociologist and the economic historian a good example of the problems that the depression has created; but to Worcester County residents in general it is better known as the home of Senator David I. Walsh and Representative Joseph E. Casey. Its government, however, is similar to that of most of the industrial towns in the area.

In 1647 an intrepid settler named John Prescott acquired from the Indian inhabitants a tract of land in the southern part of the plantation of Nashaway (Lancaster), and shortly thereafter, about 1653, built a garrison home there. In 1654 he constructed a crude gristmill and in 1659 built a sawmill.<sup>2</sup> By constantly securing additional grants of land from both the General Court and the Indians, he had come to own, by 1672, about 1200 acres of land, some 300 of which were located in what later became the town of Clinton.<sup>3</sup> This frontier territory was held, despite numerous Indian onslaughts, by Prescott and his descendants for a century thereafter; consequently, there was little opportunity for other settlers to enter the district.<sup>4</sup> In 1750 there were less than 50 people in the section; but as the century neared its end, the Prescott lands fell gradually into the hands of creditors or were sold by the descendants.<sup>5</sup> A bronze plaque, dated 1654-1900, located at 30 Water Street in Clinton, today marks the site of Prescott's gristmill - the first in what later became Worcester County.

The first settlers of this area were, naturally, farmers, and farming continued to be their main occupation, but the impress upon this region of Prescott's mills - and the excellent water power furnished by the Nashua River - proved indelible. In 1800 John Lowe, formerly a toll-gate keeper

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1. Not to be confused with another Clinton, incorporated February 28, 1795, which was included in Maine when that state broke away from Massachusetts in 1820.

2. The deeds to this land are in the Records of the Middlesex County Registry, III, 399-410; XII, 116, 117, 232, 233.

3. Massachusetts Archives in Room 438, State House, XLV, 81, 81a, 81b contain these additional grants from the General Court; the Shattuck Manuscripts in the New England Historical and Genealogical Society include another Indian grant to Prescott.

4. Andrew E. Ford, History of the Origin of Clinton, 1653-1865, p. 61, hereinafter cited as Ford, Origin; D. Hamilton Hurd, ed., History of Worcester County, I, 105-109.

5. Ford, Origin, pp. 103-107.



on the Haverhill and Amesbury turnpike, purchased a farm on the east side of South Main Street, and began to make combs.<sup>1</sup> Soon all the farmers in the region began to manufacture combs as a part-time occupation; the sawmills and gristmills of the earlier period were torn down, yielding their water rights to the new industry. Farnham Plummer of Lancaster invented machinery that cut down material and labor costs,<sup>2</sup> and by 1826, of the 15 or 16 small comb-making shops in all of Lancaster, 12 were in present Clinton territory.<sup>3</sup> The section was dubbed "Factory Village", and until the middle of the nineteenth century, comb making held a prominent place among the industries of the region.

Its eventual successor, textile manufacturing, began shortly before the War of 1812, when David Poignand and Samuel Plant established a cotton mill on the site of old gristmills and sawmills. This cotton mill, which still stands on Water Street, is said to have been the first in the world to produce cotton cloth and gingham entirely under the factory system, for, unlike the scattered shops of the comb industry, the manufacture of textiles, owing to the high cost of machinery, was centralized from the beginning.<sup>4</sup> As additional capital was required for expansion, other partners were taken in, and on February 12, 1821 the concern was incorporated as the Lancaster Cotton Manufacturing Company.<sup>5</sup> Poignand died in 1830, and in 1836 the property was liquidated.<sup>6</sup>

The building of the defunct cotton company was then rented by the Clinton Company, incorporated on March 8, 1838 by Erastus B. Bigelow, his brother Horatio, and others, for the manufacture of cotton, silk, and woolen goods, and for producing textile machinery.<sup>7</sup> Erastus Bigelow named his company after the DeWitt Clinton Hotel in New York City, a popular hotel of the time, and it was not long before this section of Lancaster was termed Clintonville by the populace.<sup>8</sup> Employing the latest machinery, much of it the product of Erastus Bigelow's ingenious mind, the Clinton Company turned out great quantities of coachlace, until the time came when stage coaches were superseded by railroads. The number of people on the pay roll jumped from 70 in 1845 to 400 in 1848; and during the same period the capital of the company was increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000.<sup>9</sup> A large machine shop, connected with the plant, turned out all the machinery required for the production of coachlace.<sup>10</sup>

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1. Ibid., pp. 163, 164.

2. Joseph Willard, Topographical and Historical Sketches of the Town of Lancaster, p. 10.

3. Ibid., p. 11. Willard, writing in 1826, states that the industry then employed at least 50 persons; the annual sales of this article were valued at about \$18,000.

4. Ibid., p. 10.

5. Acts, 1821, ch. 57.

6. Ford, Origin, p. 156.

7. Acts, 1838, ch. 34.

8. A. P. Marvin, History of Worcester County, I, 385.

9. Acts, 1845, ch. 19; 1848, ch. 43.

10. Marvin, op. cit., I, 387; Ford, Origin, pp. 202-228.



Meanwhile, on February 5, 1844, the Lancaster Mills, which became the mainstay of Clinton industry until 1930, was incorporated. Prominent incorporators were Erastus Bigelow and Stephen Fairbanks.<sup>1</sup> The factory grounds covered 361 acres (now the location of the Colonial Press and other factories), and the total cost of the plant was almost a million dollars,<sup>2</sup> making it one of the largest gingham mills in the world. A brick mill, still standing, was erected, and here all the processes from the raw cotton to the finished product were carried out.<sup>3</sup> The weaving room contained 600 looms, and was the largest in the country at the time. Eight hundred operatives were employed in the fifties, two-thirds of these being women. Additional units were added from time to time; dwellings were provided for the employees; and a nursery for the children of women employees established. The capital stock of the company was increased by \$500,000 in 1847.<sup>4</sup>

The prosperity of the Clinton Company and the Lancaster Mills had great repercussions on southern Lancaster. New streets were laid out; new homes and stores were erected; a railroad line was opened in July 1848; and a post office was obtained.<sup>5</sup> By 1848 the population of Clintonville had grown so large that separation from Lancaster was deemed vital. The plea met with stern opposition at first, but, in informal talks prior to petitioning the General Court, Lancaster finally accepted Clintonville's offer of \$10,000 and relinquishment of all claims to town property in Lancaster in return for independence.<sup>6</sup> The petition to the General Court argued

that the inhabitants of Lancaster proper and of Clintonville have separate and distinct interests and wholly different business associations; that the distance from the center of town renders it expensive, while their occupation makes it highly inconvenient for the citizens of Clintonville to meet with the citizens of Lancaster to hold municipal elections and for other municipal purposes.<sup>7</sup>

The town of Clinton was incorporated on March 14, 1850.<sup>8</sup> Section 1 of the act of incorporation described the town boundaries and endowed the new town with "all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities" possessed by other towns in the Commonwealth. Section 2 provided that Clinton should pay its proportion of Lancaster taxes already levied. Section 3 made the towns of Lancaster and Clinton respectively liable for the support of their own paupers. Section 4 ordered the new town to pay the parent town \$10,000 in ten equal payments. Section 5 gave directions for calling the first town meeting.

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1. Acts, 1844, ch. 20, sec. 1.

2. Ibid., sec. 2.

3. Ford, Origin, pp. 219-238.

4. Acts, 1847, ch. 87.

5. Ford, Origin, p. 374; Marvin, op. cit., I, 387, 388.

6. Marvin, op. cit., I, 388.

7. Town Records, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 14; see also Appendix, entry 1.

8. Acts, 1850, ch. 72.



and Section 6 stated that the act should be effective upon its passage. The name of the new town was derived, naturally enough, from its former appellation by dropping the last syllable of Clintonville.

Upon its incorporation, Clinton received two-thirds of Lancaster's population, but only one-fifth of her acreage.<sup>1</sup> The only public property it acquired was 5 cheaply built district schoolhouses. Clinton promptly proceeded to supply itself with necessary town possessions. At the first town meeting, \$500 was appropriated for fire-fighting apparatus,<sup>2</sup> and on March 10, 1851, the General Court passed an act establishing a fire department in the town of Clinton with all the privileges and liabilities contained in a general act "to regulate fire departments" passed in 1839.<sup>3</sup> Two weeks after the first town meeting of April 1850, a lot off Woodlawn Street was acquired for a cemetery.<sup>4</sup> An almshouse was provided in 1852.<sup>5</sup>

However, no town hall was erected until 1872. The first town meetings were held in the vestry of the First Congregational Church, and in other halls hired for that purpose. Finally, in 1872, a town hall, located at the corner of Church and Walnut Streets, was completed at an approximate cost of \$96,000.<sup>6</sup> This building was destroyed by fire on December 27, 1907. The present town hall is located on the same site, and was built in 1909 at a cost of \$175,000. It is constructed of light brown brick, trimmed with ornate granite, and is of American Colonial architecture. It houses all the public offices of the community with the exception of the road and water departments. Its auditorium seats 1200, and is extensively used for plays, dances, and entertainments, as well as for town meetings and elections.<sup>7</sup>

Minor industrial developments immediately following the incorporation of Clinton were the incorporation of the Clinton Savings Bank,<sup>8</sup> the incorporation of the Clinton Gas Light Company,<sup>9</sup> and the incorporation of the Clinton Steam-Power Company to supply manufacturers with looms and steam power in the town of Clinton.<sup>10</sup>

Of much greater importance were the founding of the Bigelow Carpet Company and the Clinton Wire Cloth Company. In April 1845 Erastus B. Bigelow had applied for his first patent on a Brussels Carpet loom, and by 1851 he had brought his invention to a high state of development. As a result, on March 16, 1854, the Bigelow Carpet Company was incorporated for the manufacture of woolen, linen and woolen, and cotton and woolen fabrics,

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1. Hurd, op. cit., I, 58.
  2. Town Records, vol. A, p. 9, see entry 14.
  3. Acts, 1851, ch. 11.
  4. Marvin, op. cit., I, 389; Ford, Origin, p. 287.
  5. Marvin, op. cit., I, 389.
  6. Ibid.
  7. Annual Reports, 1909, pp. 155-164, see entry 2.
  8. Acts, 1851, ch. 131.
  9. Ibid., 1854, ch. 62.
  10. Ibid., 1856, ch. 31.



as well as textile machinery.<sup>1</sup> The capital stock was \$500,000, and again Erastus and Horatio Bigelow were the prime incorporators.<sup>2</sup> From the first, the Bigelow carpets and looms found a ready sale. In 1855 the weaving department was enlarged, and in 1866 the capital stock was increased by \$500,000.<sup>3</sup> New plant units were added, dwellings were built for the employees, and by the end of the century 1200 persons were employed by the company.<sup>4</sup>

The inventive genius of Erastus Bigelow was by no means exhausted. His invention of the first loom to weave wire cloth successfully led to the incorporation, on June 23, 1856, of the Clinton Wire Cloth Company. It was capitalized at \$400,000, and at one time in its history claimed to be the greatest producer of woven wire goods in the world, turning out 50 million square feet every year. Again, the Bigelows were the leading directors of the concern.<sup>5</sup>

With three large and rapidly expanding industries in town, as well as several smaller ones, Clinton became a thriving metropolis. Unemployment was virtually unknown, and town finances were in excellent shape. By 1929 the Lancaster Mills alone employed 2600 persons, and the Bigelow Sanford Carpet Company, a development of the Bigelow Carpet Company, employed 1800. These two mills were the mainstay of the community.

The effect of the depression of 1929 upon Clinton, and particularly upon these two plants, was catastrophic. The Lancaster Mills were sold in December 1930, and dissolved in 1933.<sup>6</sup> The Bigelow Sanford Company was liquidated in March 1933. Many other plants were closed; and those that continued, such as the Clinton plant of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Corporation, which had purchased the Clinton Wire Cloth Company, ran at the slowest pace since its early history. The suddenness of the collapse, and the great size of the plants, added immeasurably to the hardship.

Following a period of consternation, the Clinton Chamber of Commerce set out to fill the vacant plants with new industries. Although the drive has been moderately successful, there is still a great amount of unused floor space. The town was assisted by the presence of good water power, ample railroad facilities, and skilled workers. In 1934 the Blake Manufacturing Company and New England Distilleries, Inc., moved into the plant of the Lancaster Mills, and the William F. Alden Company, Inc., Michel, Maksik and Feldman, Inc., and Ralph L. Freundlich Company moved into the idle Bigelow plant. In 1935 and 1936, space in these buildings was taken by Wovencraft, Inc., the Blackstone Plush Company, the Eastern Isles Importing Company, and Eastern Distilleries, Inc. With the addition of the Colonial Press, Inc., a bookbinding and publishing concern which had located in the

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1. Ibid., 1854, ch. 89, sec. 1.

2. Ibid., sec. 2.

3. Ibid., 1866, ch. 10.

4. Ford, Origin, pp. 244-249.

5. Ibid., pp. 344, 345.

6. Acts, 1933, ch. 148.



Lancaster Mills plant in 1931, and the American Cereal Food Corporation, the number of new industries located in old buildings had increased to 12. They employed 1775 workers, approximately one-third of the hands formerly employed in those buildings.<sup>1</sup>

A list of the larger concerns now in operation in Clinton, together with the number, whenever available, that each employs, follows: Ralph L. Freundlich Company (dolls), 400;<sup>2</sup> the Wickwire Spencer Steel Company (Clinton plant); the Blake Manufacturing Company (flashlights and cosmetic cases), 350; the Blackstone Plush Mills, 200; E. R. Buck Chair Company, 60; Colonial Press (bookbinders and publishers), 300; Michel, Maksik and Feldman, Inc. (leather pocketbooks), 350; New England Distillers, 30; Penn Oil Burner, Inc., and the Standard Products of Clinton, Inc. (oil burners), 25.<sup>3</sup>

The rising railroad industry was quick to see the possibilities in Clintonville's industrial development. As early as 1848, train communication between Clintonville and Nashua was established by the Worcester and Nashua Railroad.<sup>4</sup> Thereafter, through 1884, the General Court found it necessary to enact at least eighteen acts directly concerned with railroad transportation to and from Clinton. In 1852 the Agricultural Branch Railroad was authorized to extend its road from Northborough to Sterling, passing through Clinton.<sup>5</sup> In 1861 and again in 1865 it was authorized to alter the location of its road in Clinton.<sup>6</sup> Three years later the name of the Agricultural Branch Railroad was changed to the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company.<sup>7</sup> In 1869 another company, the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, was authorized to run its tracks through Clinton.<sup>8</sup> Undaunted by this competition, the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company expanded rapidly, issuing bonds in 1869,<sup>9</sup> leasing the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company in 1870,<sup>10</sup> extending its tracks to Fitchburg in 1871,<sup>11</sup> and leasing the New Bedford Railroad Company in 1874.<sup>12</sup> In 1877 and again in 1879, the company, now known as the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company was authorized to issue additional stock,<sup>13</sup> but in 1882 it was merged with the Old Colony Railroad Company. A series of intricate developments, including mergers and name changes, have led to

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1. Clinton Daily Item, 1931-37, *passim*.
  2. Thomas' Register of American Manufacturers, column 3060.
  3. Directory of New England Manufacturers, pp. 84, 85, 103, 129, 302, 324, 352, 476, 526.
  4. Ford, Origin, p. 374.
  5. Acts, 1852, ch. 178.
  6. Ibid., 1861, ch. 57; 1865, ch. 170.
  7. Ibid., 1867, ch. 153.
  8. Ibid., 1869, ch. 260.
  9. Ibid., 1869, ch. 299.
  10. Ibid., 1870, ch. 90.
  11. Ibid., 1871, ch. 213.
  12. Ibid., 1874, ch. 159.
  13. Ibid., 1877, ch. 170; 1879, ch. 140.



Clinton's present ample railroad facilities. It is served by two companies: the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and the Boston and Maine. The combined railroad station is located on Main Street.

Two bus companies are also in operation. The Worcester Consolidated connects Clinton with Worcester, and the Lovell bus line connects it with Leominster at one terminus, and Maynard, Hudson and Berlin at the other.

In 1893 the Fitchburg and Leominster Street Railway Company was authorized to extend its tracts to Clinton.<sup>1</sup> Similar rights were granted to the Worcester and Clinton Street Railway Company in 1900.<sup>2</sup> In recent years, both companies have ceased operating streetcars in Clinton.

The census figures for Clinton graphically illustrate the growth of the town, as well as the changes in its national makeup. Although they indicate a decline in 1930 and 1935, the full extent of the catastrophe will probably not be reflected until the 1940 figures are released. The immediate reason for the influx of immigration was, of course, the establishment of the Clinton Company in 1838, the Lancaster Mills in 1844, the Bigelow Carpet Company in 1854, and the Clinton Wire Cloth Company in 1856. At the time of its incorporation, Clinton had a population of 3,113.<sup>3</sup> In 1860 the population was 3,859.<sup>4</sup> In 1870 the population had increased to 5,429.<sup>5</sup> The population virtually doubled during the next twenty years, reaching the mark of 10,424 in 1890.<sup>6</sup> In 1900 the population was 13,667<sup>7</sup> and has remained at approximately that level ever since: in 1910, it was 13,075; in 1915, it was 13,192; in 1920, it was 12,979; and in 1925 it was 14,180.<sup>8</sup> The shrinkage in 1930 to 12,817, and in 1935 to 12,373, while technically small, indicate the beginning of a new era of permanent or temporary decline.<sup>9</sup>

Equally interesting are the shifts in the nationalities represented in this immigration, although as early and constant influx of Irish has been a permanent characteristic of Clinton. In 1855, of a total population of 3,636, the foreign-born numbered 1,405; of these, 994 were born in Ireland; and 207 came from Scotland. Other nationalities trailed, with practically

1. Ibid., 1893, ch. 374.

2. Ibid., 1900, ch. 125.

3. Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Abstract of the Census of Massachusetts, 1865, p. 199. Hereafter cited as Census of Massachusetts, 1865.

4. Ibid.

5. United States Department of the Interior, The Statistics of the Population of the United States, Embracing the Tables of Race, Nationality, Sex, Selected Ages, and Occupations, I, pp. 167, 168.

6. U. S. Department of the Interior, Report on the Population of the United States at the Eleventh Census: 1890, I, 208.

7. Massachusetts Secretary of State, The Decennial Census, 1925, p. 15.

8. Ibid.

9. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930, Part I, III, pp. 1109, 1110; Massachusetts Secretary of State, The Decennial Census, 1935, pp. 15, 16.



no representation from southern Europe.<sup>1</sup> Ten years later, of a total foreign-born population of 1,373, there were 962 who were born in Ireland. No other nationality had sizable representation.<sup>2</sup>

The striking fact about the present (1930) population of Clinton is not the continued preponderance of persons of Irish origin, but the rise in immigration from southern Europe. In this respect, Clinton is typical of many New England towns. Of a total foreign-born population of 3,519, about one-third, or 1,169, were born in Ireland. From Italy, however, there were 439 (closely followed by Canada with 431), and from Poland there were 380. From Greece alone there came 137, almost as many as from England, with its 159 immigrants.<sup>3</sup>

These figures, of course, have great significance for the future of Clinton, but other statistics probably give a clearer picture of the population today. In 1930 there were 6,350 native-born persons of foreign or mixed parentage in Clinton, about half of the entire population. Of this number, 2,592 were of Irish stock. The next four countries were represented in approximately equal quantities: Poland, 761; Italy, 704; Canada, 659; and Germany, 609. Again, the preponderance of the Irish, and the beginnings of southern European immigration, are clearly visible.<sup>4</sup>

The first residents of Clintonville attended services in Lancaster Center, 2 or 3 miles away. On occasion, leading citizens organized neighborhood meetings in a brick schoolhouse. From these meetings grew a regular Congregational Sunday school and mission, which, on June 19, 1844, became formally organized as the Second Evangelical Society in Lancaster. Its first home was a chapel at the corner of Main and Sterling Streets.<sup>5</sup> The chapel was rapidly outgrown, and a new building on Walnut Street was dedicated on January 1, 1847.<sup>6</sup> In 1898 the structure was destroyed by fire, and the present edifice, erected upon the same site, was dedicated on May 29, 1899. Meanwhile, in preparation for that event, the name of the Second Evangelical Church was changed to the First Evangelical Society of Clinton, by an act passed January 31, 1899.<sup>7</sup> In 1908 the parish was abolished, and the church renamed the First Congregational Church in Clinton.<sup>8</sup>

Roman Catholic priests came from Worcester to celebrate Mass as early as 1845. Four years later a mission chapel was erected on Burditt Hill. On June 27, 1886 the present building of St. John's Church, at the corner of Union and School Streets, was dedicated. It was then, and has remained, the largest church in Clinton.<sup>9</sup>

1. Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Abstract of the Census of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1855, p. 127.

2. Census of Massachusetts, 1865, pp. 78, 79.

3. United States, Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930, Part I, III, 1098, 1099.

4. Ibid., pp. 1100, 1101.

5. Hurd, op. cit., I, 76.

6. Ibid.

7. Acts, 1899, ch. 43.

8. Data supplied by the Rev. Nathan Gist, present pastor.

9. Hurd, op. cit., I, 76.



## Historical Sketch

Methodist preaching groups assembled in Clintonville as early as 1830, but the First Methodist Episcopal Church was not formally organized until October 5, 1851. A newly-erected building on High Street was dedicated on Christmas Day, 1852, and subsequently remodeled three times. In 1926 it was sold. A 3-year building program previously instituted resulted in the present Religious Education and Social Center Unit on Walnut Street, dedicated January 9, 1927.<sup>1</sup>

Clintonville Baptists, mainly residents of Lancaster School Districts 10 and 11, were visited by elders on stated Sabbaths as early as 1816. On April 24, 1847 the First Baptist Society in Lancaster was organized. For two years meetings were held in the chapel on Main Street vacated by the Congregationalists.<sup>2</sup> The society then moved to a small, newly built house of worship on Walnut Street in 1849.<sup>3</sup> In 1854 the name of the group was changed to the First Baptist Society in Clinton.<sup>4</sup> A new and larger church was built in 1894, and served the congregation until it was razed by fire on January 30, 1934. Construction of the Baptists' present building was completed in 1936.<sup>5</sup>

The Church of the Good Shepard (Episcopal) developed from mission meetings held in 1874 in Bigelow Hall. In 1875 and 1876 meetings were held in the District Court Room, and on April 17, 1877, its present building, on the site of the old library building on Union Street, was dedicated.<sup>6</sup>

Presbyterian services were conducted as early as March 1, 1878 by a small group in Clinton, but the First United Presbyterian Society of Clinton was not formally organized until July 16, 1892. In that year, land was purchased on Chestnut Street, and the church building, erected at a cost of \$3,500, was dedicated on May 6, 1894. The church, enlarged in 1900 and rededicated on January 27, 1901, has a seating capacity of 400. The Society's name, and proceedings were confirmed by the General Court on March 20, 1901.<sup>7</sup>

The Unitarians represent another group who formed a society prior to the incorporation of Clinton. Their society was formed in 1849, but organization of the First Unitarian Church of Clinton was not completed until 1852. Its meetinghouse was dedicated the following year; remodeled and enlarged in 1872, it is located on Church Street.<sup>8</sup>

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1. Data supplied by the Rev. Benjamin Rust, pastor

2. Hurd, op. cit., I, 76

3. In the same year its proceedings of the previous years were made valid by the General Court, Acts, 1849, ch. 179

4. Acts, 1854, ch. 394

5. Data supplied by Mr. F. G. Stowers, church secretary

6. Data supplied by Rev. Kirby Webster, pastor; see also Clinton

Memorial Volume, pp. 35, 36

7. Acts, 1901, ch. 161

8. Data supplied by Rev. James C. Duncan, pastor



Indications of a German influx into Clinton are to be found in the establishment of two German religious societies in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Both are still in existence. The first, known as the German Evangelical (Congregational) Church, was organized in 1887.<sup>1</sup> Its church building was dedicated the following year, and the congregation was granted a formal charter in 1901.<sup>2</sup> A German Lutheran group first met in 1889; its services were conducted by a commuting Worcester minister until, in 1915, its present church building was dedicated.<sup>3</sup>

The First Methodist Church was organized as a consequence of mission meetings conducted by the Rev. C. W. Stamp, general conference evangelist, in 1906. Meetings were held at various halls until a new building was dedicated on April 29, 1923.<sup>4</sup>

Christian Science meetings were first held in 1892 at the homes of various followers of that faith. Permanent quarters were secured in 1908 in G. A. R. Hall, and in 1911 in the Municipal Building. In 1921 the society constructed its present building at Water and Hammond Streets. It was recognized as an affiliate by the Mother Church in Boston on December 13, 1923.<sup>5</sup>

By October 17, 1909 St. John's (Roman Catholic) Church in Clinton had a membership of 6,500, and on that date it was decided that the parish should be divided. The new parish, named Our Lady of Rosary Church, purchased more than 6 acres of land from the Lancaster Mills in 1910, and in the following year a school and chapel were erected on the property. An existing frame structure on the purchased land is used as a residence for the Presentation Nuns.<sup>6</sup>

The Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas was founded by the Greek community in Clinton in 1911. Construction of its present building on School Street, with an auditorium which seats 300, was completed early in 1927.<sup>7</sup>

St. Mary's Church (Roman Catholic) was organized at a meeting of Polish people held July 30, 1913. A lot was purchased on Franklin Street from the Lancaster Mills and the first Mass in the new church was celebrated June 11, 1916. On September 8, 1927 it was destroyed by fire. The first services in the present building, located on the same site, were held Christmas Day, 1927.<sup>8</sup>

As early as 1905, Clinton Jews met regularly for worship in the Morris Long Block on High Street. The high holidays were generally celebrated in Music Hall, in the Clinton Town Hall. Shaarei Zedeck Synagogue, at 99 Water

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1. Hurd. op. cit., I, 79.

2. Data supplied by Rev. George Marquardt, pastor.

3. Data supplied by Rev. Stephen J. E. Frey, pastor.

4. Data supplied by Rev. J. D. Howard, pastor.

5. Data supplied by Mr. E. R. B. Allardice, prominent church member.

6. Data supplied by Rev. Harry Hackett, pastor.

7. Data supplied by Mr. Harry M. Despotopoulos, president.

8. Data supplied by Rev. John Oszajca, pastor.



Street, was dedicated on February 10, 1929. It is a two-story structure, with a school, and a hall for socials and weddings, on the ground floor, and a main auditorium above that seats 200.<sup>1</sup> Thus, there are now fifteen churches in Clinton, representing twelve denominations.

The only cemetery located in Clinton is Woodlawn, which is used by Protestants. Its establishment was one of the first items on the agenda of the first town meeting, held April 1, 1850. On April 15, a town committee of five purchased a plot of land off Woodlawn Street at a cost of \$984. The grounds were fenced in, and a receiving tomb completed in 1854. Other public and private improvements have been made from time to time. Woodlawn Cemetery is located in the western part of Clinton; its chapel is at 2 Woodlawn Street.<sup>2</sup>

A Catholic cemetery was formerly located in the southwestern part of Clinton. It was in use from 1850 to 1895, when construction of the Wachusett Reservoir was begun which forced its removal to its present location in South Lancaster, just outside the limits of the town of Clinton.<sup>3</sup> It is controlled by St. John's Catholic Cemetery Association.<sup>4</sup>

The earliest schoolhouse within the present bounds of Clinton was located at Prescott's mill in 1800. A brick building was built on Main St. in 1824, and in 1844 a school for School District 10 of Lancaster was erected. All told, Clinton received five schoolhouses upon its incorporation, and promptly proceeded to build a new school on Burditt Hill and another at McCollumsville.<sup>5</sup> The number of children of school age increased 50 percent in the first 15 years of Clinton's independent existence, compelling the erection of a high school in 1853-1854, and another brick schoolhouse in 1857.<sup>6</sup> Continuous building has been maintained until the present time. There is now 1 high school, 10 elementary schools, and 3 parochial schools in Clinton. The school committee, which has existed since 1850, hired the first superintendent of schools in 1883.

In 1850, of a total town appropriation of \$8,200, \$2,000 was appropriated for the school system. In 1922, of a total appropriation of almost \$400,000, \$146,000 was appropriated for schools. In 1938, the appropriation for the schools was \$133,400, of a total appropriation of \$664,136.<sup>8</sup>

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1. Data supplied by Mr. Louis Gould, president.
  2. Ford, Origin, p. 287.
  3. Ibid.; Clinton Lancaster Directory, p. 223.
  4. Acts, 1899, ch. 281.
  5. Ford, Origin, p. 296.
  6. Ibid., pp. 297-301.
  7. Annual Reports, 1939, p. 20, see entry 2.
  8. Ibid.; Ellery B. Crane, History of Worcester County, II, 821.



Clinton has a rather full complement of public buildings and institutions. The Bigelow Free Public Library is a two-story brick structure at the corner of Church and Walnut Streets. It was erected in 1873 and has over 50,000 volumes, in addition to magazines and newspapers. Its predecessors were the Bigelow Mechanics Institute, founded in 1846 as a private institution, and the Bigelow Library Association, which in 1852 assumed the functions of the Institute, with the assistance of a gift of \$1,000 donated by Erastus B. Bigelow.<sup>1</sup> The annual appropriation of the library is a little more than \$10,000. Its policies are directed by six library trustees, who employ seven librarians and assistant librarians.<sup>2</sup>

Adjoining the Free Public Library on Church Street is an historical museum containing various manuscripts, books, and relics of old Clinton. The building, of American Colonial architecture, is called the Holder Memorial, and was donated to the American Historical Society in Clinton by Francis T. Holder of Yonkers, in memory of his parents. It was dedicated on July 30, 1904, and cost \$82,000. Open to the public daily, except Sundays and holidays, it is one of the most attractive buildings in town.<sup>3</sup>

In 1938, on Union Street, a post office building was constructed, at a cost of \$100,000. A state armory, built in 1914 at a cost of \$75,000, is located on Chestnut Street.<sup>4</sup> Central Park contains two monuments: one, erected in 1875, honors the 58 Clinton residents who died in the Civil War; the other was erected in honor of Clinton veterans of the Spanish-American War.

The Clinton Home for the Aged is a private institution located at the corner of Church and Chestnut Streets. The institution was opened in 1912, and includes a building with 13 rooms, a barn, and spacious grounds. The Home is governed by a board of directors, but there is no endowment.<sup>5</sup>

A larger private institution is the Clinton Hospital, on Highland Avenue. It has a total of 100 rooms, and serves not only Clinton, but also surrounding communities. It was built by the Clinton Hospital Association in 1892 and 1893, on land donated by Mr. Nathaniel Thayer of Lancaster. Previously, the Association maintained a hospital on Laurel Street, which was opened in 1889.<sup>6</sup>

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1. Ford, Origin, pp. 404-414.

2. Annual Reports, 1939, pp. 66, 70, see entry 2.

3. Andrew Ford, The Holder Memorial, passim.

4. Data supplied by Major Peter Connolly, of the Clinton State Armory.

5. Data supplied by Miss M. Althea Field, secretary, Clinton Home for the Aged.

6. Crane, op. cit., I, 382.



Two newspapers are published in Clinton. The weekly was founded in Clintonville in 1846 by "Messrs. Ballard and Messenger." It was called the Lancaster Courant and, later, the Saturday Courant. In December 1861 it suspended publication. In 1865 it was revived by W. J. Coulter as the Clinton Courant, and is still published by the W. J. Coulter Press. A daily paper, the Clinton Daily Item, was founded by W. J. Coulter in 1893, and is also published by the Coulter Press.<sup>1</sup>

On April 4, 1876 the town of Clinton was authorized to establish a municipal water supply.<sup>2</sup> The town delayed its acceptance of this act<sup>3</sup> until 1882, when the General Court authorized it to issue bonds to defray the expenses of constructing the water system.<sup>4</sup> Clinton maintained its own system until 1923, when it was authorized to supply itself with water from Wachusett Dam.<sup>5</sup>

The metropolitan water system, of which Wachusett Dam is a part, has had other effects upon the life and appearance of Clinton. In 1895 the city of Boston found it necessary to secure additional water supplies and secured the passage of an act establishing the Metropolitan Water Board.<sup>6</sup> The Board supervised the construction of an aqueduct 12 miles long, extending from Sudbury Reservoir in Southboro to the south branch of the Nashua River in Clinton. This duct, with a capacity of 360,000,000 gallons of water daily, was completed March 7, 1898. In Clinton, Wachusett Reservoir and Wachusett Dam were constructed. The dam is 971 feet long and 114 feet high. In addition, 2 dikes were built with a combined length of more than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, thus creating on the river above the dam a large storage reservoir with a capacity of 65 billion gallons of water. The reservoir, completed in 1905, and filled May 10, 1908, is  $8\frac{1}{2}$  miles long and 2 miles wide at its broadest point, with a shore line of 37 miles.

The construction of the dam and reservoir required the removal of 6 large mills, 4 churches, a cemetery, 360 dwellings, 19 miles of highway, and  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles of railroad. In connection with the relocation of the railroad, a tunnel 1,100 feet long and a bridge 917 feet long were constructed across the Nashua River Valley. In addition to the 4,135 acres covered by water, the Metropolitan Water Board has secured 4,800 acres of land surrounding the reservoir and has planted more than two million trees, mostly pines, upon this land. In 1911 a hydroelectric plant was installed at Wachusett Dam to generate electricity as a byproduct. The total expenditure for the construction of the system, from 1895 through 1930, has been \$48,000,000.<sup>7</sup>

1. Ford, Origin, pp. 414-419; Crane, op cit., II, 828; Clinton Lancaster Directory, p. 24.

2. Acts, 1876, ch. 98.

3. Ibid., 1881, ch. 6.

4. Ibid., 1882, ch. 14.

5. Ibid., 1923, ch. 348.

6. Ibid., 1895, ch. 488.

7. William E. Foss, Description of the Metropolitan Water Works.



The great reservoir so constructed has proved to be such a mecca for sightseers that, in recent years, the Commonwealth has found it necessary to construct a parking area for automobiles on Boylston Street, in Clinton.<sup>1</sup>

Certain persons prominent in Clinton history deserve somewhat more extended mention than has been given. David Poignand, who, with David Plant, founded the first cottonmill in Clintonville and thereby laid the basis for the town's industrial development, was of Huguenot ancestry, born January 12, 1759. Before starting his factory, he was a jeweler, a cabinet maker and a hardware merchant. Plant was an Englishman, who invented several machines used in the cotton industry. He married Poignand's daughter in 1809. When the cottonmill closed in 1835, Plant moved to Leicester and two years later to Northampton. He spent his last years writing for the press and translating French works. He died in Northampton in February 1847.<sup>2</sup>

Surpassing both Poignand and Plant in versatility and genius, Erastus Brigham Bigelow was born in 1812 in West Boylston, and worked as a youth in his father's cottonmill in the same town. Apparently of a restless temperament, he went to Boston where he became interested in stenography. He wrote a book upon this subject, and then taught penmanship in New York City. He returned to Worcester County, and by the time he was twenty-five had invented an automatic power loom for weaving counterpane and another for weaving coachlace. In 1838 he was joined by his brother Horatio in establishing the Clinton Company. He secured patents in 1845, 1846, and 1849 for various types of carpet loom which revolutionized the industry and which led directly to the founding of no less than three of Clinton's largest plants, the Lancaster Mills, the Bigelow Carpet Company, and the Clinton Wire Cloth Company. In addition, he assisted in founding Clinton's public library and the Boston School of Technology, now known as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received honorary degrees from Harvard, Yale, Williams, and Amherst. He died in Boston on December 6, 1879, and his remains were brought to Clinton for burial.<sup>3</sup>

A Clinton resident of present importance is David Ignatius Walsh, who, though born on November 11, 1872 in Leominster, attended Clinton High School and now makes his home on Water Street in Clinton. He attended Holy Cross College in Worcester, served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1900 and 1901, and became Lieutenant Governor in 1913. He was Governor of the State in 1914 and 1915, and, with the exception of 1 year, has represented it in the United States Senate ever since.<sup>4</sup>

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1. Resolves, 1931, ch. 19; 1932, ch. 33; 1933, ch. 25. For other laws pertaining to Wachusett Dam, see Acts, 1916, ch. 172; 1917, ch. 287; 1918, ch. 3.

2. Ford, Origin, pp. 141-157.

3. Ibid., pp. 192-242.

4. Who's Who in America, 1938-39.



In the U. S. House of Representatives the Congressman from the Third Congressional District is Joseph E. Casey, born in Clinton in 1898 and a graduate of Clinton High School. He has held this seat since 1935, and is regarded as a militant New Dealer. His home is on Prospect Street in Clinton.<sup>1</sup>

Clinton has an abundance of hills, valleys, plains, and lakes. The central part of the town lies within the plains and valleys created by Acre and Harris Hills in the east, Cedar Hill on the northeast, Greely Hill on the north, and Burditt Hill on the south. The Nashua River, rising in the southern part of the town, is the most considerable body of water in Clinton, though many lakes are to be found in the western part of town.<sup>2</sup> Clinton can be reached by motor by way of routes 110 and 162. It is bounded on the north by Lancaster, on the south by Boylston, on the east by Berlin and Bolton, and on the west by Sterling.<sup>3</sup>

With a net land area of 5.4 square miles, Clinton is 59th in size of the sixty towns and cities in Worcester County.<sup>4</sup> It has suffered virtually no territorial losses, although in 1905 its bounds with Berlin were adjusted.<sup>5</sup> It is part of the Second District of Eastern Worcester.<sup>6</sup>

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1. Ibid.

2. Ford, Origin, pp. 1-19.

3. Ibid., p. 1.

4. Massachusetts Secretary of State, The Population of Massachusetts as Determined by the Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, p. 9.

5. Acts, 1905, ch. 369.

6. Ibid., 1874, ch. 337.



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Aggregates of Polls, Property, and Taxes as Assessed<sup>1</sup>

| Date        | No. of Polls | Value of Personal Estate | Value of Real Estate | Total Value Real and Personal Estate | Rate of Total Tax per \$1000 | No. of Persons Assessed on Property |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1862        | 885          | \$ 634,058               | \$1,088,474          | \$ 1,722,582                         | \$ 8.50                      |                                     |
| 1870        | 1,156        | 872,790                  | 1,791,230            | 2,664,020                            | 13.60                        |                                     |
| 1880        | 1,887        | 1,260,407                | 3,184,530            | 4,444,937                            | 14.30                        |                                     |
| 1890        | 2,766        | 1,544,052                | 4,499,965            | 6,044,017                            | 15.80                        | 3,260                               |
| 1900        | 3,767        | 1,706,385                | 5,804,814            | 7,511,199                            | 18.00                        | 4,531                               |
| 1910        | 3,271        | 2,009,730                | 6,430,182            | 8,439,912                            | 22.60                        | 4,377                               |
| 1920        | 3,278        | 4,435,382                | 7,339,565            | 11,774,907                           | 22.40                        | 4,614                               |
| 1930        | 3,681        | 2,980,340                | 12,517,911           | 15,498,251                           | 24.00                        |                                     |
| (Jan.) 1939 | 4,146        | 1,054,545                | 9,660,843            | 10,715,388                           | 44.00                        | 1,936                               |

| Date | Total State, County, Town Tax | No. of Dwelling Houses | Acres of Land Taxed | No. of Horses | No. of Cows | No. of Neat Cattle | No. of Swine |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1862 | \$ 15,969.54                  | 427                    | 3,679 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 150           | 143         |                    |              |
| 1870 | 38,543                        | 559                    | 3,798               | 196           | 181         |                    |              |
| 1880 | 67,337                        | 952                    | 3,849               | 298           | 217         |                    |              |
| 1890 | 101,029                       | 1,275                  | 3,691               | 462           | 197         | 30                 | 76           |
| 1900 | 142,736                       | 1,593                  | 2,830               | 559           | 92          | 3                  | 39           |
| 1910 | 197,284                       | 1,728                  | 2,721               | 432           | 68          |                    | 30           |
| 1920 | 280,147                       | 1,766                  | 3,606               | 132           | 106         |                    | 37           |
| 1930 | 379,320                       | 2,049                  | 3,974               | 33            | 51          |                    | 24           |
| 1939 | 484,055                       | 2,022                  | 3,980               | 20            | 127         | 148                | 21           |

1. Figures are taken from "Aggregates of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc.," Public Document No. 42 in 1862, Public Document No. 36 in 1870, and Public Document No. 19 thereafter, all published by the Commonwealth.



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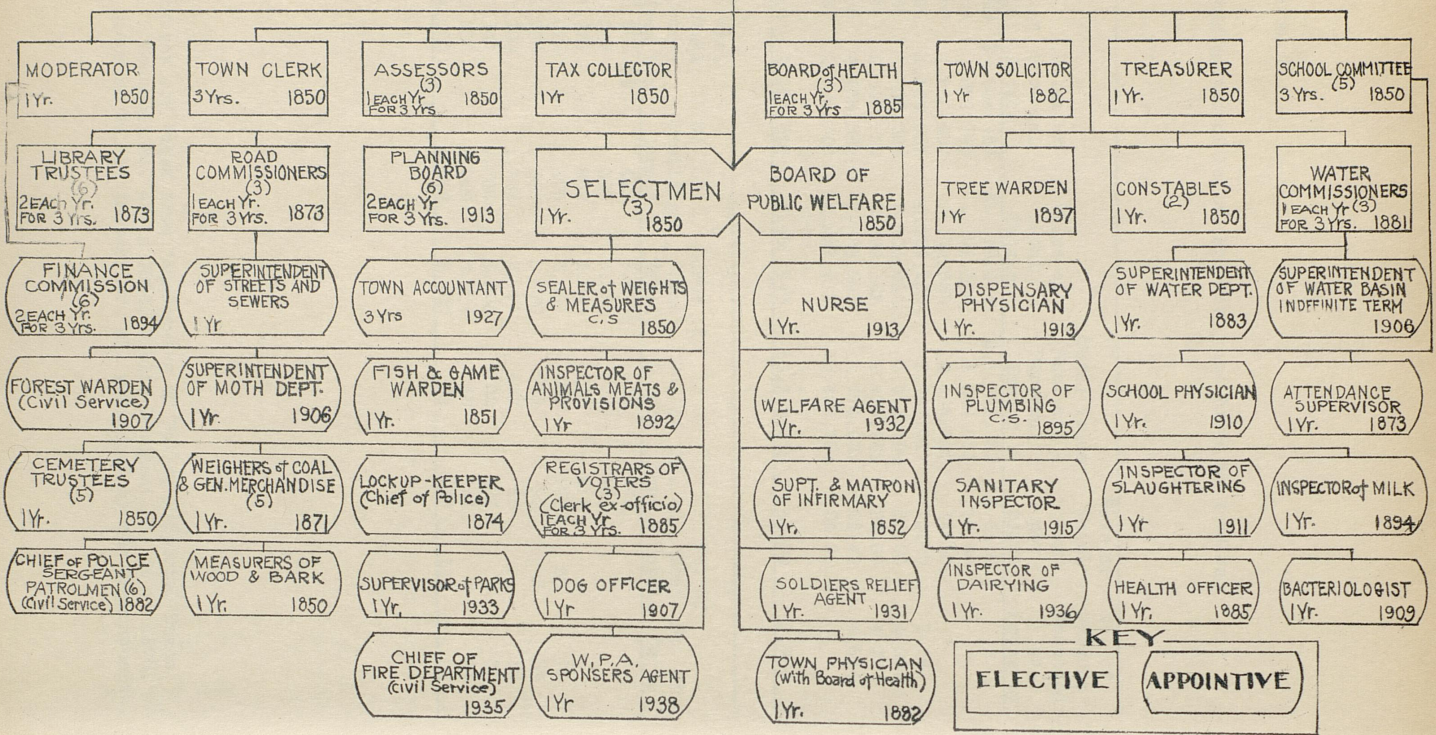
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# CHART OF TOWN GOVERNMENT-CLINTON-1941

## ELECTORATE





## GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Governmental Organization<sup>1</sup>

At the first town meeting, held April 1, 1850, a moderator, three selectmen, a town clerk, three assessors, a combined treasurer and tax collector, three overseers of the poor, two constables, three fence viewers, four field drivers, three surveyors of lumber, and two sealers of leather were elected to office. Later in the same year, a school committee, a pound keeper, an additional constable, a sealer of weights and measures, a measurer of wood and bark, and cemetery trustees were elected or appointed. In 1851 five tythingmen were elected, and the selectmen assumed the office of overseers of the poor.

The town offices until 1880 may be divided into two groups: offices which have continued to the present time, and offices which have become defunct. Early offices which have become defunct are: tythingmen, sealers of leather, surveyors of lumber, field drivers, pound keeper, and fence viewers. Permanent offices established in this period, with the date of inception, are superintendent of the almshouse (1852), fire engineers (1855), weighers of coal and general merchandise (1871), library trustees (1873), road commissioners (1873), truant officers, later known as supervisors of attendance (1873), and keeper of lockup (1874).

Major changes in these early offices have been the election of the moderator for a full-year term, instead of for single meetings, and the separation, in 1936, of the offices of treasurer and tax collector.

Practically all offices established since 1880 have continued to the present time, although appointments have been irregular on occasion, and titles have been changed frequently. Some of these offices were inaugurated to meet changing governmental needs, particularly in welfare, and for greater efficiency: the town solicitor (1882), the registrars of voters (1885), the finance commission (1894), the dog officer (1907), the planning board (1913), the playground and recreation commission (1921), the town accountant (1927), the soldiers' relief agent (1930), the public welfare agent (1932), and the contributory retirement board (1937).

Other offices, of a more technical nature, were established to conserve natural resources, and to protect the community against pests and disease: the water commissioners (1881), the inspector of animals, meats and provisions (1892), the tree warden (1879), the superintendent of the water basin (1906), the superintendent of the moth department (1906), the forest warden (1907), the fish and game warden (1915), and the sanitary inspector (1915). Practically all appointees of the board of health fall

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1. The documented history of each town office mentioned in this sketch is treated individually on subsequent pages.



into this category: the town physician, appointed in conjunction with the selectmen (1882), the health officer (1885), the inspector of milk (1894), the inspector of plumbing (1895), the bacteriologist (1909), the inspector of slaughtering (1911), the dispensary physician (1913), the board of health nurse (1913), the examining physician of nervous and insane persons (1915), and the inspector of dairying (1918).

In 1934, for the sake of efficiency and reducing expenditures, the selectmen were entrusted with the duties of the water commissioners, road commissioners, tree warden, board of public welfare, assessors, board of health, and soldiers' relief agent. As such they made all appointments rendered necessary by their new duties, and received the pay of full-time public officials. In November 1937 the experiment was abandoned by vote of the town meeting.

A recent tendency, which has probably not yet reached its peak, is that of placing various officers under civil service. Officers now in that category are the inspector of plumbing, all members of the police department, the sealer of weights and measures, and the chief of the fire department.<sup>1</sup>

Officers now elected for one-year terms are the moderator, selectmen (who are also elected as the board of public welfare), treasurer, collector of taxes, town solicitor, constables, and tree warden. Officers elected for three-year terms are the town clerk, road commissioners, assessors, water commissioners, board of health, school committee, library trustees, and the planning board. All other officers are appointed; they serve one-year terms with the exception of the civil service appointees listed above, and the registrars of voters, finance commission, and the town accountant, who serve three-year terms.<sup>2</sup>

Clinton's form of government has been modified from time to time by its acceptance of numerous statutes pertaining to her finances, offices, schools, and general welfare. The more important of these acts, together with the year and chapter number as passed by the General Court, are as follows: Adoption of the official printed ballot (Acts, 1890, ch. 386); pensioning of town laborers (Acts, 1914, ch. 503); workmen's compensation (Acts, 1913, ch. 807); placing the fire engineers under civil service (Acts, 1913, ch. 487); eight-hour day for town employees (Acts, 1911, ch. 494); vacations for town laborers (Acts, 1914, ch. 217); retirement system for town employees (Acts, 1911, ch. 634); establishment of continuation schools (Acts, 1919, ch. 311); introduction of the state accounting system (Acts, 1922, ch. 516); establishment of a local planning board (Acts, 1913, ch. 494); a zoning law (Acts, 1924, ch. 601); allowing Sunday Sports

1. Annual Report, 1940, p. 5, see entry 2.

2. Ibid.



(Acts, 1928, ch. 406; placing the fire chief under civil service (Acts, 1935, ch 10); placing the police chief under civil service (Acts, 1935, ch 10); establishment of a contributory retirement system (Acts, 1936, ch 318)

#### Records System

Due, perhaps to the town's comparatively recent incorporation, the record-keeping system of Clinton is fairly complete and unified. The fact that only 24 out of the 57 departments keep records does not truly indicate the thoroughness of the records system since some departments keep the records of their subsidiary offices. To cite an example, the board of health keeps the records of the health officer, town physician, bacteriologist, etc. The same holds true for the board of public welfare and library trustees. Most of the major records series are complete, notably the minutes of town meetings, entry 14, beginning in 1850; the annual reports of the town officers, entry 2, beginning in 1851; and vital statistics, entries 16-24, beginning in 1850. It is interesting to mention that minutes were found for the meetings of most of the major town departments. However, minutes for the board of assessors and the selectmen's minutes prior to 1894 were not found. A number of the more important records carry separate indexes, such as the clerk's records of vital statistics, which are indexed by entries 17, 19, and 21; and property records, which are indexed by entry 29.

Most of the bound records are titled, but are seldom numbered or dated; the unbound records are generally untitled, undated, and not numbered. In view of the town's consistent growth it might be well to plan an extension of the indexing system to include the selectmen's minutes of meetings, entry 1, and minutes of town meetings, entry 14. It would also be useful to number and date containers and volumes, particularly those kept in the vaults.



## HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The bulk of the Clinton records are housed in various vaults and offices in the Town Hall, constructed in 1909 at a cost of \$175,000. It is a brick building, located at 242 Church Street. Vault 1, in the basement, houses the early records of practically all town departments. There is some evidence here of rodent damage, but all other repositories in the building are well-protected against fire, water, and rodent damage. When the work of inventorying records commenced, it was necessary to do a great deal of rearrangement of records in this basement vault. This vault seems to serve as a dumping place for all types of excess records, and this has resulted in considerable overcrowding. A considerable amount of routine records such as canceled checks, bank statements, correspondence, etc., is beyond the legal age limit requiring them to be kept on file. If permission were obtained to destroy these, the condition of this vault would be considerably improved. Also in the basement is located a safe where the sealer of weights and measures keeps his records. On the first floor are three vaults, which contain respectively records of the town clerk and registrars of voters, records of the town accountant and town solicitor, and records of the treasurer and tax collector. The condition of these vaults is good, and there is ample room for expansion. Also on the first floor the office of the welfare department contains welfare records, under good conditions. Assessors' records are stored in a vault and in the assessors' office, both on the first floor. Selectmen's and health department records are in a vault on the second floor; other records of the board of health are to be found in its office, also on the second floor. The planning board keeps its records in the so-called National Red Cross room.

Records of the road and water departments are located in two rooms on the first floor of the Water Department Building, 359 High Street, and in the drafting room on the second floor. The arrangement is only fair, but there is ample room for expansion. Contemporary school records are in a vault and office at the Clinton High School, on Chestnut Street, under good conditions. Records of the fire department are located on the second floor of the Clinton Fire Station, 1 Church Street. A safe in the Woodlawn Cemetery Building contains some cemetery records, under good conditions. The basement of the district courthouse contains certain police records. Details are given in the following charts.



Housing, Care and  
Accessibility of Records

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## CLINTON TOWN HALL

| Depository                 | Vault                                                                            | Town Clerk's<br>Vault                                                                  | Town Acct's.<br>Vault                                                                     | Tax Col's.<br>Vault                                                       |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Location                   | Bsmt.                                                                            | 1st fl.                                                                                | 1st fl.                                                                                   | 1st fl.                                                                   |
| Dimensions                 | 20 x 12 x 8                                                                      | 12 x 8 x 10                                                                            | 10 x 8 x 8                                                                                | 10 x 7 x 6                                                                |
| Cubic Feet                 | 1,920                                                                            | 960                                                                                    | 640                                                                                       | 420                                                                       |
| Class of Cons.             | 1st                                                                              | 1st                                                                                    | 1st                                                                                       | 1st                                                                       |
| Shelving                   | Steel                                                                            | Steel                                                                                  | Wood                                                                                      | Steel                                                                     |
| Containers                 | Cardboard                                                                        | Metal                                                                                  | Cardboard                                                                                 | Cardboard                                                                 |
| Lighting                   | Fair                                                                             | Fair                                                                                   | Good                                                                                      | Good                                                                      |
| Physical Condition         | Fair                                                                             | Fair                                                                                   | Good                                                                                      | Good                                                                      |
| Accessibility              | Good                                                                             | Good                                                                                   | Fair                                                                                      | Good                                                                      |
| Arrangement                | Fair                                                                             | Good                                                                                   | Good                                                                                      | Good                                                                      |
| Fut. Cap.                  | Limited                                                                          | Ample                                                                                  | Ample                                                                                     | Ample                                                                     |
| Departments Using          |                                                                                  | Town Cl.<br>Water Dept.<br>Reg. of<br>Voters<br>Road Comms.                            | Town Sol.<br>Town Acc't.<br>Soldiers'<br>Relief Agent                                     | Tax Col.                                                                  |
| Departments Using<br>Vault | Selectmen<br>Tax Col.<br>Treasurer<br>Town Clerk<br>Bd. of Health<br>Road Comms. | Sealer of<br>Wts. & Ms.<br>Lib. Trustees<br>Water Dept.<br>Town Clerk<br>Welfare Dept. | Sinking Fd. Cem. Trustees<br>Comm.<br>Assessors<br>Town Sol.<br>Fire Dept.<br>Tree Warden | School Dept.<br>Town Acc't.<br>Supt. of Inf.<br>Soldiers'<br>Relief Agent |
| Depository                 | Treasurer's<br>Vault                                                             | Town Clerk's<br>Office                                                                 | Tax Col's.<br>Office                                                                      | Sealer's<br>Office                                                        |
| Location                   | 1st fl.                                                                          | 1st fl.                                                                                | 1st fl.                                                                                   | Bsmt.                                                                     |
| Dimensions                 | 10 x 8 x 8                                                                       | 36 x 18 x 12                                                                           | 36 x 15 x 12                                                                              | 15 x 10 x 12                                                              |
| Cubic Feet                 | 640                                                                              | 7,776                                                                                  | 6,480                                                                                     | 1,800                                                                     |
| Class of Cons.             | 1st                                                                              | 2nd                                                                                    | 2nd                                                                                       | 1st                                                                       |
| Shelving                   | Steel                                                                            | Wood                                                                                   | Wood                                                                                      | Wood                                                                      |
| Containers                 | Cardboard                                                                        | Steel                                                                                  | Steel                                                                                     | Steel                                                                     |
| Lighting                   | Good                                                                             | Good                                                                                   | Good                                                                                      | Fair                                                                      |
| Physical Condition         | Good                                                                             | Good                                                                                   | Good                                                                                      | Fair                                                                      |
| Accessibility              | Good                                                                             | Good                                                                                   | Good                                                                                      | Good                                                                      |
| Arrangement                | Good                                                                             | Good                                                                                   | Good                                                                                      | Fair                                                                      |
| Fut. Cap.                  | Ample                                                                            | Ample                                                                                  | Ample                                                                                     | Ample                                                                     |
| Departments Using          | Treas.                                                                           | Selectmen<br>Town Clerk<br>Reg. of<br>Voters                                           | Tax Col.                                                                                  | Sealer of<br>Wts. & Ms.                                                   |



## CLINTON TOWN HALL (Cont'd)

| Depository         | Selectmen's<br>Vault     | Welfare<br>Office | Sealers<br>of Wts<br>& Ms. safe | Road<br>Commissioners<br>Office |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Location           | 2nd fl.                  | 1st fl.           | Bsmt.                           | 2nd fl.                         |
| Dimensions         | 20 x 15 x 12             | 8 x 6 x 12        | 3 x 4 x 6                       | 15 x 10 x 15                    |
| Cubic Feet         | 3,600                    | 536               | 72                              | 2,250                           |
| Class of Cons.     | 1st                      | 1st               | 1st                             | 1st                             |
| Shelving           | Wood                     | Steel             | Metal                           | Wood                            |
| Containers         | Steel                    | Cardboard         | Metal                           | Steel                           |
| Lighting           | Good                     | Fair              | Fair                            | Good                            |
| Physical Condition | Good                     | Fair              | Fair                            | Good                            |
| Accessibility      | Good                     | Good              | Good                            | Good                            |
| Arrangement        | Fair                     | Good              | Good                            | Fair                            |
| Fut. Cap.          | Ample                    | Ample             | Ample                           | Ample                           |
| Departments Using  | Selectmen<br>Road Comms. | Welfare<br>Dept.  | Sealer of<br>Wts. & Ms.         | Road Comms.                     |

| Depository         | Assessors'<br>Vault | Board of<br>Health Off.                 | National<br>Red Cross Rm. |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Location           | 1st fl.             | 2nd fl.                                 | 2nd fl.                   |
| Dimensions         | 8 x 6 x 12          | 12 x 12 x 12                            | 20 x 15 x 15              |
| Cubic Feet         | 586                 | 1,728                                   | 4,500                     |
| Class of Cons.     | 1st                 | 2nd                                     | 2nd                       |
| Shelving           | Steel               | Wood                                    | Steel                     |
| Containers         | Steel               | Cardboard                               | Cardboard                 |
| Lighting           | Fair                | Good                                    | Good                      |
| Physical Condition | Fair                | Good                                    | Good                      |
| Accessibility      | Good                | Good                                    | Good                      |
| Arrangement        | Good                | Good                                    | Good                      |
| Fut. Cap.          | Ample               | Ample                                   | Ample                     |
| Departments Using  | Assessors           | Bd. of Health<br>Nurse<br>Bd. of Health | Planning Board            |



## WATER DEPT BUILDING, 359 High Street

| Depository         | Water Dept. Va. | Water Dept. Off. | Drafting Room               |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Location           | 1st fl.         | 1st fl.          | 2nd fl.                     |
| Dimensions         | 7 x 5 x 8       | 20 x 18 x 12     | 15 x 12 x 12                |
| Cubic Feet         | 280             | 4,320            | 2,160                       |
| Class of Cons.     | 1st             | 1st              | 2nd                         |
| Shelving           | Steel & Wood    | Steel & Wood     | Steel & Wood                |
| Container          | Metal           | Cardboard        | Wood                        |
| Lighting           | Fair            | Good             | Good                        |
| Physical Condition | Fair            | Good             | Good                        |
| Accessibility      | Fair            | Fair             | Good                        |
| Arrangement        | Fair            | Fair             | Fair                        |
| Fut. Cap.          | Ample           | Ample            | Ample                       |
| Departments Using  | Water Comms.    | Water Comms.     | Road Comms.<br>Water Comms. |

## CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL, Chestnut St

| Depository         | Vault, Supt. Off. | Supt. Office                     |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Location           | 1st fl.           | 1st fl.                          |
| Dimensions         | 12 x 9 x 8        | 20 x 20 x 14                     |
| Cubic Feet         | 864               | 5,600                            |
| Class of Cons.     | Class B           | Class A                          |
| Shelving           | Steel             | Wood                             |
| Container          | Steel             | Wood                             |
| Lighting           | Good              | Good                             |
| Physical Condition | Good              | Good                             |
| Accessibility      | Good              | Good                             |
| Arrangement        | Good              | Good                             |
| Fut. Cap.          | Ample             | Ample                            |
| Departments Using  | School Dept.      | School Dept.<br>Library Trustees |



## CENTRAL FIRE STATION, 1 Church St.

## WOODLAWN CEMETERY BUILDING

| Depository         | Fire Chief's off. | Safe, supt. off.  |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Location           | 2nd fl.           | 1st fl.           |
| Dimensions         | 18 x 10 x 15      | 5 x 4 x 3         |
| Cubic Feet         | 2,700             | 60                |
| Class of Cons.     | 1st               | Steel             |
| Shelving           | Wood              | Wood              |
| Container          | Steel             | Wood              |
| Lighting           | Good              | Good              |
| Physical Condition | Good              | Good              |
| Accessibility      | Good              | Good              |
| Arrangement        | Good              | Excellent         |
| Fut. Cap.          | Ample             | Ample             |
| Department Using   | Fire Dept.        | Cemetery Trustees |

SECOND DISTRICT COURT HOUSE  
BUILDING OF E. WORCESTER  
COUNTYBIGELOW FREE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

| Depository         | Closet          | Headquarters<br>Room | Reference Room   |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Location           | Bsmt.           | Bsmt.                | 1st fl.          |
| Dimensions         | 7 x 4 x 2       | 35 x 15 x 12         | 40 x 35 x 20     |
| Cubic Feet         | 56              | 6,300                | 28,000           |
| Class of Cons.     | 2nd             | 2nd                  | 1st              |
| Shelving           | Wood            | Wood                 | Wood             |
| Container          | Wood            | Wood                 | Wood             |
| Lighting           | Fair            | Good                 | Good             |
| Physical Condition | Fair            | Fair                 | Good             |
| Accessibility      | Good            | Good                 | Good             |
| Arrangement        | Fair            | Good                 | Good             |
| Fut. Cap.          | Ample           | Ample                | Ample            |
| Department Using   | Police<br>Dept. | Police<br>Dept.      | Library Trustees |



## ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Abbreviations

|                  |                          |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| acct. . . . .    | accountant               | hdw . . . . .    | handwritten        |
| alph. . . . .    | alphabetically           | ibid. . . . .    | in the same place  |
| arr. . . . .     | arranged, arrangement    | no(s) . . . . .  | number(s)          |
| bdl(s) . . . . . | bundle(s)                | num. . . . .     | numerically        |
| bldg. . . . .    | building                 | off. . . . .     | office             |
| bsmt. . . . .    | basement                 | op. cit. . . . . | in the work cited  |
| ch. . . . .      | chapter                  | P, PP . . . . .  | page, pages        |
| chron. . . . .   | chronologically          | passim . . . . . | scattered through- |
| cl. . . . .      | clerk                    |                  | out                |
| coll. . . . .    | collector                | ptd. . . . .     | printed            |
| comm. . . . .    | commissioners            | rm. . . . .      | room               |
| dept. . . . .    | department, departmental | sec. . . . .     | section            |
| discont. . . . . | discontinued             | sel. . . . .     | selectmen          |
| ed. . . . .      | editor                   | st(s) . . . . .  | street(s)          |
| env. . . . .     | envelope                 | supt. . . . .    | superintendent     |
| estab. . . . .   | established              | T. H. . . . .    | Town Hall          |
| et seq. . . . .  | and the following        | treas. . . . .   | treasurer          |
|                  | (pages)                  | va. . . . .      | vault              |
| f. b. . . . .    | file box(es)             | vol(s) . . . . . | volume(s)          |
| f. d. . . . .    | file drawer(s)           |                  |                    |
| fl. . . . .      | floor                    |                  |                    |

## Symbols

|              |                   |   |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| x . . . . .  | by                |   | feet              |
| -- . . . . . | continues to date |   | denotes omission  |
| " . . . . .  | inches            |   | in printed matter |
|              |                   | : | equivalent to     |

## Explanatory Notes

Inventory Arrangement

The city and town offices are arranged in the order of their importance from a functional viewpoint, with related offices grouped together. Records within an office are classified by subject. Within each subject classification entries are listed in the order of their importance, and for records considered of equal importance, a chronological sequence is used.

Titles of Records

Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without parentheses. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are



written in solid caps and enclosed in parentheses. If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned explanatory title (or explanatory words), written with initial caps and enclosed in parentheses, has been added. The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title and title variation is indicated.

#### Labeling

The numbering, lettering, or other markings on a record are shown in parentheses following the quantity. If no labeling is indicated, it may be assumed there is none.

#### Discontinuances

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.

#### 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 another record or records for a different period of time. An example is shown in entry 8: "1928-- in **Records** - Town of Clinton, entry 1." In entry 1 there is a corresponding body-of-entry reference carrying the title and number of entry 8: "Record (of Licenses Granted), 1928--, entry 8."

Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry and See also references with subject headings or subheadings are used to show prior, subsequent, or closely related records which are not part of the same series.

#### Indexing

If a record is indexed, mention is made of a self-contained index of reference to a separate index is indicated. If there is no index to a record, the fact is stated in the entry.

#### Condition of Records

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



Dimensions

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

Location

The location noted is that at the date of the final field check of the inventory, approximately 4 months prior to publication. Many records, especially current ones, are in constant use by officials and subject to frequent transfer from office to vault or from vault to office. Shifts from one vault to another also occur, but less frequently. The Historical Records Survey cannot guarantee that the record will be found in the location noted, but merely that the record was found there at the date of the inventory field check.



## Part B. Town Officers and Their Records

I. SELECTMEN<sup>1</sup>

From 1850 through 1878, three selectmen were elected annually.<sup>2</sup> From 1879 through 1884, the board consisted of three members, one elected annually for 3-year terms.<sup>3</sup> During the next period of its history, from 1885 through 1908, the board of selectmen consisted of five members, elected for 3-year terms in a 2, 2, 1 rotation.<sup>4</sup> From 1909 through 1933, and since 1938, three selectmen have been elected annually.<sup>5</sup> During the intervening period from 1934 through 1937, three selectmen were elected, one annually for 3-year terms.<sup>6</sup>

The most significant features in the history of the selectmen in Clinton have been the early and continued assumption by the selectmen of the office of overseers of the poor (later known as the board of public welfare) and the experiment, from March 1934 to November 1937, of consolidating the offices of assessors, water commissioners, road commissioners, the board of health, and the tree warden with that of the selectmen. The selectmen were granted a substantial increase in salary, but, after 4 years, the town voted to return to the original status.<sup>7</sup>

Stated more concretely, the selectmen were elected as overseers of the poor from 1851 through 1882, from 1901 through 1913, and from 1915 through 1924.<sup>8</sup> Separate boards of overseers were elected only in 1850, from 1883 through 1900, and in 1914; in each case, they comprised three members who were elected annually.<sup>9</sup> Since 1925 the selectmen have been elected as the board of public welfare.<sup>10</sup> As such, they appoint the superintendent and matron of the infirmary, the welfare agent, and the soldiers' relief agent. In conjunction with the board of health, they appoint the

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1. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see the forthcoming volume on town and city government in Massachusetts, to be published shortly by the Massachusetts Records Survey. Hereafter cited as Town and City Government in Massachusetts.

2. Town Records, vol. A, p. 6; vol. C, p. 290, see entry 14.

3. Ibid., vol. C, p. 335; vol. D, p. 57.

4. Ibid., vol. D, pp. 116, 170, 250; vol. H, p. 85.

5. Ibid., vol. H, p. 132; vol. L, pp. 73, 280, 310.

6. Ibid., pp. 109, 172, 256.

7. Ibid., pp. 74, 280, 300.

8. Ibid., vol. A, p. 7; vol. D, p. 21; vol. F, p. 160; vol. J, p. 44.

9. Ibid., vol. A, p. 69; vol. C, p. 536; vol. F, p. 182; vol. J, p. 33.

10. Ibid., vol. K, p. 11; vol. L, p. 310.



town physician. In 1936 an old age assistance bureau was established. It represents a further extension of the selectmen's welfare duties, for the bureau consists of two selectmen, a third member appointed by the selectmen, and an administrator of old age assistance also appointed by the selectmen.<sup>1</sup>

From the beginning, the selectmen's appointive powers have been broad and extensive. They appointed the regular policemen from 1857 until 1936, when they came under civil service regulations; and the chief of police from 1882 to 1937, when he too was put under civil service. They appointed liquor agents in 1853, 1856, 1869, and 1874. Field drivers were appointed from 1874 through 1910. They appointed the pound keeper in 1850 and from 1883 through 1902; sealers of leather from 1874 through 1878; an inspector of plumbing from 1895 through 1901; a supervisor of playground from 1915 through 1919; and fence viewers in 1863, 1901, from 1907 through 1910, from 1912 through 1914, and in 1917. From 1889 through 1923 the selectmen appointed the town solicitor, and the superintendent of the water basin from 1906 through 1937. Thereafter, the superintendent was appointed by the water commissioners.

The selectmen appointed a weigher of stone in 1898;<sup>2</sup> an inspector of wires in 1908;<sup>3</sup> and an agent for the state industrial accident board in 1922.<sup>4</sup> These isolated appointments are not treated separately in the following descriptive paragraphs.

They appointed the fire engineers from 1855 to 1913, when the engineers were put under civil service, and the surveyors of lumber from 1874 through 1917. The selectmen appointed, at irregular intervals between 1894 and 1904, an inspector of milk or a person entrusted with that function; and a burial agent at various times from 1897 through 1931. In the period from 1892 through 1938, they often joined with the board of health in appointing an inspector of animals, meats and provisions; and joined with the same board, from 1901 to the present, in appointing the town physician.

The selectmen have suffered no lessening of their powers with the passing of the years. A list of those officers whom the selectmen now appoint, together with the date when the selectmen first exercised that power, follows: Measurers of wood and bark (1850); sealer of weights and measures (1850; regularly since 1866); superintendent of almshouse (1852); weighers of coal and general merchandise (1871); keeper of lock-up (1874); registrars of voters (1885); cemetery trustees (1898); superintendent of gypsy and browntail moths (1906); dog officer (1907); forest warden (1907); fish and game warden (1915); town accountant (1927; appointments are for three years); soldiers' relief agent (1930); welfare

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1. Selectmen's Records, VII, 462, see entry 1.

2. Ibid., II, unfolioed, see entry 1.

3. Ibid., IV, 338; Town Records, vol. H, p. 85, see entry 14.

4. Selectmen's Records, VI, 185, see entry 1.



agent (1932); members of the contributory retirement board (1937); and superintendents for each of the five town parks, as well as a general supervisor of parks.

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the basement vault.

#### Minutes and Reports

1. RECORDS - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1894--. 7 vols. (2-8). Records 1850-93 missing.

Minutes of selectmen's meetings: Date of meeting; discussion of and decisions on matters pertaining to applications for aid, licenses, appointment of officials and committees, permits for pole locations. Also contains: Record of licenses issued, 1928--, entry 8; minutes of meetings of board of health, 1934-37, entry 104; minutes of meetings of road commissioners, 1934-37, entry 131; record of applications for construction of sewers, 1934--, entry 138; minutes of meetings of water commissioners, 1934-37, entry 141. Meetings arr. chron. by date of meeting; licenses, by date of issue; records of sewers by date of application for construction. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 13 x 8 x 2. 4 vols., 1894-1917, bsmt. va.; 3 vols., 1917--, sel. va.

2. OFFICIAL REPORTS, TOWN OF CLINTON, 1851--. 18 vols.

Annual reports of town officers and committees showing summary of activities, recommendations; jury list, list of appointive and elective officers. Arr. by dept. report. Indexed alph. by name of dept. 235 to 750 pp. 8 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 x  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Town cl. off.

#### Financial Records

3. LEDGER, 1850-1927. 11 vols. Discont. as record of selectmen 1927. Title varies: Selectmen's Ledger - Town of Clinton, 1907-17, 3 vols.; no title, 1925-27, 1 vol.

Record of accounts of all town departments: Name of department, amount of annual appropriation; amounts, voucher or order numbers, dates of expenditures; total expenditures, account balance. Arr. by dept. and thereunder chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 300 pp. 15 x 24 x 2.

For record kept by accountant 1927--, see entry 73.

4. ORDERS, 1895-1905. 11 vols. Prior records lost or destroyed. Title varies: Town Orders - Clinton, Mass., 1895-98, 1900-1904, 7 vols.; Orders - Town of Clinton, 1896-1900, 2 vols.

Stubs of orders on treasurer for departmental expenses: Name of payee, department incurring expense; amount, number, date of order. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and 17 x 10 x 2.



5. JOURNAL OF SELECTMEN - CLINTON, 1850-1905. 4 vols. Title varies: Orders - Town of Clinton, 1850-90, 2 vols.; Cash - Town of Clinton, 1890-1900, 1 vol.

Record of orders drawn on treasurer for departmental expenses: Name of payee, department charged; amount, number, date of order; monthly total of orders. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

6. TOWN OF CLINTON, SELECTMEN'S WARRANTS, 1906-13, 1917-21, 1925-27. 5 vols. Discont. as record of selectmen 1927.

Warrants on treasurer for departmental expenses: Date, number, amount of warrant; number, amount of voucher; name of payee, department charged; total charged each department, date of approval, signature of department head. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 12 x 22 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 450 pp. 16 x 28 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For record of warrants kept by accountant 1927-- , see entry 71-ii; for copies or records of warrants kept by other departments, see entries 85, 128, 133, 159, 184.

7. (VOUCHERS), 1907-27. 18 bdls., 7 cartons. Discont. as record of selectmen 1927.

Vouchers covering disbursements for all town departments: Number, amount, date of voucher; name of payee, department or account charged; total amount charged, date of approval of voucher, signature of department head. Includes invoices attached: Date, amount of invoice; name of payee, purpose of expenditure. Arr. num. by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Bdls. 8 x 14 x 8; cartons 24 x 24 x 24.

For record kept for all departments by accountant 1927-- , see entry 75; for record of vouchers kept by other departments, see entries 91, 95, 136, 137, 160.

#### Licenses

8. RECORD (of Licenses Issued), 1879-1903. 6 vols. Prior records and 1904-27 lost or destroyed. 1928-- in Records - Town of Clinton, entry 1.

Dates of issue and expirations, conditions, type of license; name, address of licensee; location of business, signatures of selectmen and town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of issue. Indexed alph. by name of licensee. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

9. (Stubs of) LICENSE(s) FOR THE SALE OF SOFT DRINKS, 1910-15, 1920-- . 7 vols.

Name, address of licensee; number, type, cost, dates of issue and expiration of license; signature of clerk of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 10 x 5 x 2. Sel. va.



10. (Stubs of) LICENSE TO CARRY PISTOL OR REVOLVER, 1922--.  
11 vols.

Dates of issue and expiration, number of license; name, address, sex, physical description, nationality, date of birth of licensee; reason for carrying revolver or pistol; name, title of licensing authority, signature of licensee, clerk of selectmen. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 4 x 7 x 1. 9 vols., 1922-36, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1937--, sel. va.

#### Miscellaneous

11. (Outgoing) LETTERS, 1881--. 4 vols., 15 letter files.  
Prior letters destroyed.

Letter-press copies of letters to municipal and state officials and other interested persons concerning legal opinions, taxation, debt, purchase of materials and general departmental business. Arr. chron. by date of letter. No index. Hdw. or typed. Vols. 500 pp. 12 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; letter files 12 x 12 x 3 to 13 x 13 x 3. 4 vols., 12 letter files, 1881-1934, bsmt va.; 3 letter files, 1935--, sel. va.

12. (Incoming) LETTERS, 1904-6, 1910--. 3 bdls., 38 letter files.

Letters from state officials and others concerning town notes, applications for jobs, pole locations, committee notices, other town business. Arr. alph. by name of addressor. No index. Hdw. or typed. Bdls. 12 x 10 x 6; letter files 13 x 12 x 3. 3 bdls., 35 letter files, 1904-6, 1910-34, bsmt. va.; 3 letter files, 1935--, sel. va.

13. (PLANS OF TOWN HALL), 1908. 150 plans.

Engineering plans used in constructing Clinton Town Hall, showing floor plans and elevations. No obvious arr. No index. Drawn by Peabody and Stearns, architects, Boston.  $\frac{1}{4}$ " : 1". 60 x 36.

## II. TOWN CLERK<sup>1</sup>

One town clerk was elected annually from the first meeting of 1850 through 1902.<sup>2</sup> At the annual election of 1903, the town clerk was elected for a 3-year term, and this system has continued to date.<sup>3</sup>

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

2. Town Records, vol. A, p. 5; vol. F, p. 243, see entry 14.

3. Ibid., p. 293; Annual Reports, 1940, p. 5, see entry 2.



All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the clerk's office. In addition to the following records, see entries 109-111 for vital statistics kept by board of health.

#### Minutes and Reports

14. CLINTON RECORDS, 1850--. 12 vols.  
Minutes of town meetings: Place, date of meeting; discussions of and decisions on matters pertaining to articles in town-meeting warrant. Includes results of local, state, and national elections; lists of jurors, record of perambulation of town boundaries. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 15 x 10 x 2.

15. MONTHLY RETURN OF DOG LICENSES AND FEES COLLECTED, 1933--.  
7 bdls. System estab. 1933.  
Copies of monthly returns to county treasurer of dog licenses issued and fees received: Name of owner, sex of dog; serial, kennel license number; total number of licenses issued, amount of fee received, receipts, amount deducted for dog damages, dog-law enforcement; signature of clerk. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 8 x 2.

#### Vital Statistics

16. (Record of) BIRTHS, 1850--. 5 vols.  
Name, color, sex of child; whether still-born, illegitimate; place, date of birth; names, birthplaces of parents; maiden name of mother; address, occupation of father; date of return. Arr. chron. by date of birth. For index, see entry 17. Hdw. on ptd. form. 140 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

17. INDEX - MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS, 1850--. 1 vol.  
Index to (Record of) Births, entry 16; (Record of) Marriages, entry 21; (Record of) Deaths, entry 23: Christian name and surname of person, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by name of person. Hdw. 600 pp. 16 x 11 x 3.

18. (Physicians) RETURN OF A BIRTH, 1850--. 35 bdls., 1 f. b.  
Number, date of return; name, color, sex of child; place, date of birth; names, address, birthplaces of parents; occupation of father, maiden name of mother, signature of physician. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Bdls. 9 x 7 x 4 to 9 x 11 x 10; f. b. 18 x 24 x 16. 1 bdl., 1 f. b., 1850-1906, bsmt. va.; 34 bdls., 1907--, cl. off.

19. (Record of) INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES, 1850--. 10 vols. (1-10).  
Date intention filed; name, address, age, color, occupation, birthplace of bride, groom; number of previous marriages, if any; names of parents, signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date intention filed. For index, see entry 20. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 12 x 12 x 2.



20. INDEX TO INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE, 1850--. 2 vols.  
Index to (Record of) Intentions of Marriages, entry 19: Christian names and surnames of bride and groom, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by names of bride and groom. Hdw. 300 pp.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ . 1 vol., 1850-1906, bsmt. va.; 1 vol., 1907--., cl. va.

21. (Record of) MARRIAGES, 1850--. 5 vols.  
Number of certificate; name, address, color, occupation of bride, groom; number of previous marriages, if any; date intentions filed, date of marriage; signatures of clerk and person performing ceremony. Arr. chron. by date of marriage. For index, see entry 17. Hdw. on ptd. form. 140 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

22. CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE, 1850--. 1 f. b., 34 bdls.  
Certificate number; name, address, age, color, occupation, birthplace of bride, groom; place, date of marriage; number of previous marriages, if any; names of parents, date intentions entered in record; signatures of clerk and person performing ceremony. Arr. chron. by date of marriage. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. F. b. 18 x 24 x 16; bdls. 16 x 12 x 13. 1 f. b., 1850-1906, bsmt. va.; 34 bdls., 1907--., cl. off.

23. (Record of) DEATHS, 1850--. 4 vols.  
Date of death; name of undertaker, informant; name, address, age, color, marital status, birthplace of deceased; cause of death, place of interment; maiden name, if decedent a woman; names, birthplaces of parents; date of return. Arr. chron. by date of death. For index, see entry 17. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

24. (Undertaker's) RETURN OF A DEATH, 1850--. 1 f. b., 35 bdls.  
Number, date of return; date of death; name, address, age, sex, color, marital status, birthplace of decedent; cause of death, place of interment; maiden name, if decedent a woman; names, birthplaces of parents; name of informant, signature of undertaker. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. F. b. 18 x 24 x 16; bdls. 9 x 7 x 4 to 11 x 11 x 10. 1 f. b., 1850-1906, bsmt. va.; 35 bdls., 1906--., cl. off.

Licenses  
(See also entry 15)

25. (STUBS OF FISHING, HUNTING, SPORTING, AND TRAPPING LICENSES), 1940. 8 vols. (labeled 1-8 and by type of license). Prior records sent to state department of conservation, divisions of fisheries and game.  
Name, address, age, physical description, birthplace of licensee; amount of fee paid, date license issued; signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 4 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .



26. (STUBS OF DOG LICENSES), 1853-1932. 90 vols.  
Name, address of owner; number cost, dates of issue and expiration of license; name, age, sex, breed, color of dog. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 5 x 12 x 3. Bsmt. va.

27. DOG LICENSES, 1933--. 7 bdl.  
For description, see entry 26; includes signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 7 x 5 x 2.

#### Property Records

28. (Transcriptions of) CLINTON (Personalty) MORTGAGES, 1850-89, 1899--. 23 vols. (1-7, 10-25)  
Name, address of mortgagor, mortgagee; location, description, valuation of property; amount of consideration; conditions, date of mortgage; signatures of parties; attestation of clerk, notary public; date of recording. Also contains transcriptions of:

- i. Attachment writs: Name of court, county; date of writ, amount of attachment; name, address of defendant, plaintiff; description, location of property; signature, attest of town clerk; date writ received, entered, recorded. Includes process officer's return showing date of return; place, manner, date of service; itemization of process fees; signature, title of officer.
- ii. Business-firm titles, 1907--: Date title filed; name, address of owner; location, title of business; signature of owner or owners, certification clerk.
- iii. Conditional-sales contract: Name of vendor, vendee; conditions, date of contract; statement as to reservation of title by vendor, signatures of parties, attestation of notary public.
- iv. Liens: Names, address of claimant; name of defendant, statement of amount due; location, description of property on which lien is placed; attestation of clerk, notary public, date of recording, attestation.
- v. Married woman's business certificate, 1862-1939: Name of businesswoman; name, location, nature, date of establishment of business; name, address, occupation of husband; signature of woman, attestation of clerk, date of recording.
- vi. Mortgages, assignments of: Name of assignee, assignor; amount of consideration; conditions, date of assignment; volume and page reference to mortgages described above, signatures of assignor and witnesses; date of recording, attestation of clerk.
- vii. Personal property mortgages, discharges of: Date of discharge; name, address of mortgagor, mortgagee; location, description, valuation of property; amount of consideration; conditions, date of mortgage; attestation of clerk, notary public; date of recording.



viii. Wages, assignments of, 1859-1939: Name, address of assignor, assignee; amount of consideration; purpose, conditions, period of assignment; name of assignee's employer, amount of debt; date debt incurred, assigned; signature of assignor, town clerk, witnesses; date assignment received, entered, recorded. Arr. chron. by date of recording. For index, see entry 29. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 15 x 10 x 2. 7 vols., 1850-89, bsmt. va; 16 vols., 1899--, cl. va.

29. INDEX TO MORTGAGES (and other) INSTRUMENTS RECORDED, 1850--.  
7 vols.

Index to (Transcriptions of) Clinton (Personalty) Mortgages, entry 28. Names of parties, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by names of parties. Hdw. 100 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

Miscellaneous

30. POLE LOCATIONS, 1912--. 2 vols.  
Record of petitions and grants for road and pole locations: Names of petitioners, owners of abutting real estate; names of streets upon which poles are to be located, highways to be altered or relocated; purpose, location of pole or street work; date of petition, hearing; date petition granted. Arr. chron. by date of petition. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 2.

31. JURY LIST, 1857--. 3 vols. Title varies: Jurors, Town of Clinton, 1857-99, 1 vol.  
List of prospective jurors: Name, address, occupation of juror; name, location of court; date, name of juror drawn. Arr. alph. by name of juror. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 1 vol., 1857-99, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1900--, cl. off.

32. RECORD OF BUSINESS FIRMS, 1908--. 2 vols.  
Record of firms doing business under name other than proprietor's: Name, address of firm; name of proprietor, type of business. Arr. alph. by type of business and thereafter by name of firm. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 8 x 2.

33. (INSURANCE POLICIES), 1909--. 1 bdl., 1 f. b. Prior records destroyed.  
Fire, liability, and workmen's compensation policies: Dates of issue and expiration of policy; amount of insurance, premium payments; number, conditions, type of policy; name, address of insuring company, agent. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Typed on ptd. form. Bdl. 10 x 5 x 4; f. b. 6 x 6 x 10. 1 bdl., 1909-17, bsmt. va.; 1 f. b., 1918--, cl. va.

34. MILITARY RECORD, DISTRICT NO. 9 SUB DIVISION NO. 13., 1861-64. 1 vol.  
Record of Clinton inhabitants who saw military service in the Civil War: Name, age, marital status, occupation of soldier; names of parents; date,



term of enlistment; name of regiment, company; amount of town bounty payment, remarks. Arr. chron. by date of enlistment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 25 pp. 16 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

35. (RECORD OF NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS FOR NATURALIZATION), 1885-1900. 1 vol.

Date notice received from county court in which application is pending; name, address, age, occupation of applicant; name of court. Arr. chron. by date notice received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 11 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

### III. REGISTRARS OF VOTERS<sup>1</sup>

Since 1885, in accordance with chapter 298 of the Acts of 1884, the Clinton selectmen have appointed 3 registrars of voters, one annually, for 3-year terms. The town clerk is a fourth member, ex officio.<sup>2</sup>

All records are in the clerk's office, Town Hall.

36. REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, 1884--. 4 vols.

Record of registered voters: Name, birthplace, occupation of voter; residence April 1st of previous year, minutes of naturalization, signature of voter. Arr. alph. by name of voter. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 16 x 10 x 3.

37. (PUBLISHED LIST OF VOTERS), 1900--. 6 vols.

Name, address, political affiliation of voter. Arr. alph. by name of st. and thereunder num. by residence no. No index. Ptd. 150 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. Va.

### IV. ASSESSORS<sup>1</sup>

Three assessors were elected annually from 1850 through 1878.<sup>3</sup> Since 1879, however, the three assessors have been elected, one annually, for 3-year terms, with the exception of the period from 1934 to November 9, 1937, when the selectmen performed their duties.<sup>4</sup>

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

2. Annual Report, 1886, p. 8, see entry 2; Selectmen's Records, VII, 424, see entry 1.

3. Town Records, vol. A, p. 6; vol. C, p. 290, see entry 14.

4. Ibid., vol. C, p. 336; vol. L, pp. 111, 256, 280, 300, 310.



All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the vault, assessors' room.

Valuations and Assessments  
(See also entry 45)

38. VALUATION LIST - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1850--. 95 vols.  
Valuation of real and personal property, compiled from Field Book, entry 39: Name, address of taxpayer; number of polls in family; location, description, valuation of property; valuation of real and personal property exclusive of land; number of acres and valuation of land; total valuation of all property, total assessment. Also contains: Record of poll-tax assessments, 1850-1920, entry 40. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 24 x 18 x 2.

39. FIELD BOOK, 1894--. 39 vols.  
Original memoranda of real and personal property valuations: Location, description of property; name, address, age, occupation of property owner; residence April first of previous year; valuation of machinery, horses, swine, cows, dogs, other ratable property; date of valuation. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 24 x 18 x 3.

40. CERTIFIED COPY OF VALUATION LIST - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1920--.  
25 vols. 1850-1920 in Valuation List - Town of Clinton, entry 38.  
Record of poll-tax assessments: Name, address of poll; amount of assessment, total annual assessment, number of taxable polls. Arr. alph. by name of poll. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 750 pp. 24 x 24 x 1.

41. BROWN TAIL MOTH ASSESSMENTS, 1907-20. 14 vols. (dated).  
System discont. 1920.  
Record of assessments on real-estate owners for brown-tail moth extermination work: Date work done; name, address of property owner; amount of bill, interest charged, payment, abatement, balance. Arr. chron. by date work done. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 14 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

42. (CARD RECORD OF POLL-TAX PAYERS), 1920--. 16 f. b. System estab. 1920.  
Name, address, age of taxpayer; amount of assessment. Arr. alph. by name of st. and thereunder num. by st. no. No index. Hdw. 6 x 5 x 12.

43. POLL TAX RECORDS, 1920--. 16 f. b.  
Card record of poll-tax commitments to tax collector: Name, address of taxpayer; amount, date of commitment; remarks. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 6 x 6 x 18.



44. (Record of) SEWER AND DRAIN ASSESSMENTS, 1893-97. 1 vol.  
Name of person assessed, location of property, name of street where sewer laid; amount of assessment, abatement, interest charged; date interest began, paid; remarks. Arr. alph. by name of person assessed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 20 x 10 x 2. Bsmt. va.

#### Motor Vehicle Excise

45. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, 1929--. 12 vols. Tax authorized by law 1929.  
Record of assessments: Name, address of vehicle owner; make, model, year, type, valuation of vehicle; date of registration, number of months assessed, amount of assessment. Arr. alph. by name of vehicle owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 19 x 15 x 1.

46. CERTIFICATION OF ABATEMENTS - EXCISE, 1929--. 11 vols.  
Copies of abatement certificates: Date of certificate; name, address of vehicle owner; reason for abatement; amount of assessment, abatement, net assessment due; signatures of assessors. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 4 x 6 x 1.

47. (Record of) ABATEMENTS - MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, 1929--. 1 vol.  
Name of vehicle owner; registration number, description, valuation of vehicle; amount of assessment; reason for, amount, date of abatement; date of commitment, application for abatement; amount, date of prior excise; amount of payment; remarks. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 12 x 12 x 1.

#### Abatements

(See also entries 46, 47)

48. ABATEMENT RECORD, 1927--. 1 vol. Prior records destroyed.  
Record of tax abatements on poll, real and personal property taxes: Name of taxpayer, year of assessment, amount of tax; reason for, amount, date of abatement. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 10 x 12 x 1.

49. CERTIFICATION OF ABATEMENT - CARBON COPIES, 1927--. 14 vols.  
Prior records destroyed.  
Copies of certificates of abatements on poll, real and personal property taxes: Name of taxpayer; reason for, amount, date of abatement; type of tax, year for which abated; date of certification, signature of assessors. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 4 x 6 x 1.



## Maps

50. (MAPS OF CLINTON), 1898-- 4 vols. (1-4).  
Land-tenure maps showing location of properties with names of present and former property owners; location, names of streets; lay-out of water system; map number. Arr. num. by map no. For index by property owners, see entry 51; for index by streets, see entry 52. Black-and-white. Vols. 1-3, 1":40'; vol. 4, 1":100'. 30 x 18 x 1.

51. (INDEX TO MAPS BY PROPERTY OWNERS), 1898-- 5 f. d.  
Index to (Maps of Clinton), entry 50: Name of property owner; location, description, valuation of property; map number, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. on ptd. form.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 14.

52. (INDEX TO MAPS BY STREETS), 1898-- 5 f. d.  
Index to (Maps of Clinton), entry 50: Name of street, property owner; location, description, valuation of property; map number; volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by name of st. Hdw. on ptd. form.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 14.

## Miscellaneous

53. (ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS), 1898-- 42 vols.  
Name of grantor, grantee; number of abstract, amount of consideration; location, description of property; references to deed and plans recorded in county registry of deeds; dates filed and recorded. Includes sketch showing location and description of land and buildings. Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 6 x 8 x 4.

54. (CENSUS OF RESIDENTS FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER), 1855. 1 vol.  
Name, address, age, sex, color, profession or occupation, birthplace of resident; number of dwellings, families on each street; number of deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic persons; number of paupers, convicts. Arr. alph. by name of st. and thereunder num. by residence no. Indexed alph. by name of st. Hdw. 140 pp. 14 x 8 x  $7\frac{7}{8}$ . Bsmt. va.

55. (CENSUS OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 15 YEARS),  
1865, 1877 2 vols.  
Name, age of child; names, address of parents. Arr. alph. by name of st. and thereunder num. by residence no. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 7 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.



V. TAX COLLECTOR<sup>1</sup>

At the first town meeting in 1850 it was voted that the treasurer also be tax collector.<sup>2</sup> There was no change in this arrangement until 1936, when a separate tax collector was elected. He has been elected annually to date.<sup>3</sup>

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the collector's office

## Commitments and Bills

56. (ASSESSORS' COMMITMENTS), 1880-- 65 vols.  
Record of poll, real and personal property tax commitments sent by assessors to collector: Name of taxpayer; amount of property and poll-tax assessments, net assessment due, date payment due. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 10 x 8 x 1. 59 vols., 1880-1934, bsmt. va.; 6 vols., 1935--, coll. off.
57. (Record of) MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX - COMMITMENTS, 1929--.  
12 vols. Tax authorized by law 1929.  
Name of car owner; amount of excise tax, abatement, interest charges, payment, date of payment; remarks. Arr. alph. by name of car owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 19 x 15 x 1.
58. (STUBS OF TAX BILLS), 1908-17, 1919-26, 1928--. 37 bdls.  
Stubs of tax bills paid to collector: Number of stub, year tax due; name, address of taxpayer; amount of poll, real and personal property tax due; amount of sewer, sidewalk, street-sprinkling, moth-extermination assessment; note of interest, tax rate, amount of total tax; amount, date of payment. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. or typed on ptd. form. 12 x 12 x 12. 21 bdls., 1908-28, bsmt. va.; 16 bdls., 1929--, coll. va.

## Receipts

59. COLLECTOR'S CASH (Property Taxes), 1880--. 48 vols.  
Record of collector's receipts of real and personal property taxes: Date of payment, name of taxpayer; type, amount of assessment; total amount paid; amount, date of transfer of receipts to treasurer. Also contains: Record of poll-tax receipts, 1880-1920, entry 60. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. 43 vols., 1880-1934, bsmt. va.; 5 vols., 1935--, coll. off.

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

2. Town Records, vol. A, p. 6, see entry 14.

3. Ibid., vol. L, p. 202.



60. COLLECTOR'S CASH (Poll Taxes), 1920--. 21 vols. 1880-1920 in Collector's Cash (Property Taxes), entry 59.

Record of poll-tax receipts: Name, address of taxpayer; amount, date of payment; total annual number of taxable polls, total tax. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. 16 vols., 1920-35, bsmt. va.; 4 vols., 1936--, coll. off.

61. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, 1926--. 3 vols.

Record of motor vehicle cash receipts: Name of car owner; amount of tax, annual total tax; amount, date of payment. Arr. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

## VI. TREASURER<sup>1</sup>

A treasurer has been elected annually since the first town meeting of 1850.<sup>2</sup> Until 1936 he also performed the duties of a tax collector.

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the basement vault.

62. CASH - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1850--. 26 vols. Title varies slightly

Daily record of treasurer's receipts and expenditures. Receipts: Name of payer; amount, source, date of receipt; date of entry. Expenditures: Name of payee; purpose, amount, date of payment; order number, amount of interest charged, total amount of orders; date of entry. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 12 vols., 1850-1911, bsmt. va.; 14 vols., 1912--, va., treas. off.

63. LEDGER, TOWN OF CLINTON, 1850-1927. 8 vols. Discont. as record of treasurer 1927.

Summary of accounts of town departments. Receipts: Name of payer; amount, source, date of receipt; date of entry; amount of total receipts, appropriation. Expenditures: Name of payee; purpose, amount, date of expenditure; date of entry, order number, amount of total expenditures. Arr. by dept. and thereunder chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. 5 vols., 1850-1921, bsmt. va.; 3 vols., 1922-27, treas. off.

For record kept by accountant 1927--, see entry 73,

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

2. Town Records, vol. A, p. 16, see entry 14.



## Treasurer

## 64. BOOK OF FORMS FOR ISSUING TOWN NOTES, 1910-- 31 vols.

Stubs of notes issued in anticipation of taxes: Number, amount, dates of issue and maturity of note; amount of authorized loan, previous issue, balance unissued; date of town meeting authorizing loan; name of payee; place, terms of payment; amount of interest charged, signatures of treasurer, selectmen, town clerk. Includes treasurer's memo showing date note forwarded to and received from state department of corporations and taxation, and date delivered to purchaser; source of funds used to pay note; date of memo, payment of note; signature of treasurer. Arr. num. by note no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 13 x 21 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 22 vols., 1910-30, bsmt. va.; 9 vols., 1931-- , treas. off.

## 65. (CHECK STUBS), 1892-- 2 boxes, 35 bdls.

Stub record of checks issued: Name of payee; number, amount, date of check; date canceled check returned from bank. Arr. chron. by date of check. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Boxes 17 x 10 x 5; bdls 15 x 11 x 1. 2 boxes, 30 bdls., 1892-1935, bsmt. va.; 5 bdls., 1936-- , treas. va

## 66. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1907-11, 1914-17, 1921-- 8 cartons.

Name of payee, bank upon which check was drawn, appropriation charged; number, amount, date of check; signature of treasurer. Includes monthly bank statements showing name of bank, date of statement; amount, date of deposit, withdrawal; amount of balance brought forward. Statements arr. chron. by date of statement; checks arr. num. by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 24 x 24 x 24.

## 67. (WATER DEPARTMENT BANKBOOKS), 1936-- 4 vols. System estab. 1936.

Name of bank; amount, date of deposit, withdrawal. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Hdw. 8 pp. 5 x  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1\frac{1}{8}$ . Va., treas. off

## 68. (ORDERS ON SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS), 1900-1910. 2 vols.

Stubs of orders for payments from special appropriations: Amount, number, purpose, date of order; name of payee, appropriation charged. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 5 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## 69. (ORDERS ON APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTING TOWN HALL), 1908-10. 2 vols.

Stubs of orders for payments from special appropriation for constructing and furnishing Town Hall: Name of payee, appropriation charged; purpose, number, amount, date of order. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 5 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## 70. (Record of) TOWN HALL RENTALS - CLINTON, 1909. 2 vols.

Name of lessee; purpose, date of rental; amount, date of payment; amount of total monthly receipts. Arr. chron. by date of rental. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 13 x 10 x 1.



[71-73]

VII FINANCE COMMISSION<sup>1</sup>

From 1894 through 1913, the finance committee consisted of five members appointed annually by the moderator. Since 1914 it has consisted of six members, two appointed each year for a 3-year term by the moderator.<sup>2</sup>

No records were found for this office

VIII TOWN ACCOUNTANT<sup>1</sup>

Three auditors were elected annually to check the town's accounts from 1850 through 1926, with the exception of 1871 when two were elected, and 1873 when three were elected.<sup>3</sup> In 1927 the office of auditor was abolished, and since that date the selectmen have appointed a town accountant every 3 years for a 3-year term.<sup>4</sup>

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the vault, accountant's office.

## 71 TOWN OF CLINTON, TREASURER'S RECEIPTS AND TREASURER'S WARRANTS, ACCOUNTING DEPT., 1927-- 2 vols

Contains record of treasurer's:

- i. Receipts: Name of payer; source, amount, date of income
  - ii Warrants: Name of payee; purpose, number, date of voucher; number of warrant. For warrants kept by selectmen, 1906-27, see entry 6
- Arr chron by date of entry No index Hdw under ptd head 250 pp  
15 x 11 x 1.

## 72 TOWN OF CLINTON JOURNAL - ACCOUNTING DEPT., 1927-- 2 vols

Account of daily departmental transactions: Amount, source, date of receipt; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; total daily receipts, expenditures; date of entry. Arr. chron by date of entry No index Hdw on ptd form.  
50 pp. 16 x 10 x 1

## 73 TOWN OF CLINTON, LEDGER - ACCOUNTING DEPT., 1927-- 2 vols

Summary of accounts of town departments. Name of account; amount, date of debit, credit posting; account balance. Arr. alph by name of account. No index. Hdw on ptd form 50 pp 12 x 11 x 3

<sup>1</sup> For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

<sup>2</sup> Town Records, vol. E, p. 185; vol. J, pp. 57, 99; vol. L, p. 310, see entry 14

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, vol. A, p. 43; vol. B, p. 429; vol. C, p. 7; vol. K, p. 173

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, p. 183; Selectmen's Records, VI, 414; VIII, p. 197, see entry 1.



## Town Accountant

74 TOWN OF CLINTON, CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS -  
ACCOUNTING DEPT , 1927-- 11 bdls , 1 vol

Name of account, debtor, creditor; source, amount, date of income; purpose,  
amount, date of payment; voucher number Arr. alph by name of account.  
No index Hdw on ptd form Bdls 18 x 11 x 2; vol 250 pp 19 x 12 x 2.

## 75 VOUCHERS, 1927-- 14 cartons, 10 f d

Vouchers covering disbursements of all town departments: Name of payee;  
number, amount, date of voucher; name of account charged, signature of  
department head. Includes bills attached Name of department charged,  
date of bill; name, address of creditor; nature, quantity, cost of items  
purchased; date of purchase Arr chron. by year and thereunder num by  
voucher no No index. Hdw on ptd form Cartons 24 x 24 x 24; f d  
17 x 13 x 29 14 cartons, 1927-35, bsmt va ; 10 f d , 1936-- , va , acct.  
off

For record kept by selectmen 1907-27, see entry 7.

IX CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD<sup>1</sup>

At a special town meeting held November 3, 1936, the town voted to ac-  
cept the provisions of the General Laws pertaining to the creation of a con-  
tributory retirement board <sup>2</sup> Since July 23, 1937 the selectmen have appointed  
annually three members of the contributory retirement board The town  
accountant is an ex officio member <sup>3</sup>

No records were found for this office

## X TRUSTEES OF GEORGE W WEEKS BEQUESTS

The annual reports since 1904 contain each year the report of the  
trustees of a fund of more than \$25,000 left to the town by George W Weeks  
Most of the income is devoted to the use of the library, of which Mr Weeks  
was formerly a trustee, but some is devoted to the care of shade trees in  
the town, and to the upkeep of the Weeks burial lot. The accounts are audited  
by the town accountant, but the three trustees are apparently self-perpetuating,  
for there is no record of their election or appointment by the town <sup>4</sup>

No records were found for this office

<sup>1</sup> For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts

<sup>2</sup> General Laws, 1932, ch 32, secs 26-31; Town Records, vol L, p 226, see entry 14

<sup>3</sup> Selectmen's Records, VIII, 197, see entry 1; Annual Reports, 1939, pp 103, 136, see entry 2

<sup>4</sup> Ibid , 1904, p 96; 1913, p 62; 1917, p 69; 1930, p 238; 1939, p 129



XI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE<sup>1</sup>

From 1850 through 1857, seven school committeemen were elected annually.<sup>2</sup> From 1858 through 1937, the committee consisted of six persons, two elected annually for 3-year terms.<sup>3</sup> Since 1938, the committee has consisted of only five members, elected for 3-year terms in a 2, 2, 1 rotation.<sup>4</sup>

The school committee has appointed a superintendent of schools since 1883.<sup>5</sup> In 1910 an appropriation was voted by the town to provide for medical inspection in the public schools, under chapter 502, Acts of 1906; since that time, the school committee has appointed a school physician annually.<sup>6</sup> He is assisted by a school nurse, also appointed by the school committee.<sup>7</sup>

The constables acted as school truant officers from 1870 until the first appointment of a truant officer by the selectmen in 1873.<sup>8</sup> In 1874, in accordance with chapter 77, section 12 of the General Statutes of 1860, the school committee appointed two truant officers.<sup>9</sup> Their titles were changed to "attendance officers" in 1913, under chapter 779, section 13, Revised Laws of 1902, and "supervisors of attendance" in 1928, under chapter 184, sections 1-3 of the General Laws of 1921. Since 1936 the school committee has appointed only one supervisor of attendance annually.<sup>10</sup>

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the vault, superintendent's office, Clinton High School

## Minutes and Reports

76. RECORDS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1850-- 6 vols. Minutes of meetings: Names of members present; place, date of meeting; discussions of and decisions on matters pertaining to appointments, appropriations, curricula, petitions, and other school business. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 350 to 425 pp. 13 x 9 x 1½ to 8 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1850-76, bsmt. va., T.H.; 5 vols., 1877--, va.

1. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
2. Town Records, vol. A, pp. 16, 17, 420, see entry 14.
3. Ibid., p. 444; vol. L, p. 281.
4. Ibid., pp. 301, 310.
5. Ibid., vol. D, p. 23.
6. Ibid., vol. H, p. 87.
7. Report of school committee in Annual Reports, 1939, p. 31, see entry 2.
8. Town Records, vol. B, p. 381; vol. C, p. 12, see entry 14.
9. Ibid., vol. C, p. 55.
10. Report of school committee, in Annual Reports, 1936, p. 33; 1939, p. 31, see entry 2.



School Committee -  
Minutes and Reports

77. SCHOOL RETURNS, 1920-- 21 vols.

Copies of returns to state department of education relative to curriculum, faculty, finances, general administration: Name of town, year covered by return; names, addresses, expiration dates of terms of members of school committee; names, addresses, salaries of superintendent of schools, school physician, school nurse, supervisor of attendance, supervisors and directors of special subjects; year grades in elementary schools, junior high schools, senior high schools; number, professional training of principals, supervisors, teachers in elementary, junior high, and senior high schools; total number of male, female principals, supervisors, teachers in each type of school; membership and attendance statistics; description, valuation of school property; analysis of receipts and expenditures for support of schools; statistics on distribution of minors, membership in public and private day schools, public evening, and vocational schools; names, addresses, grades, enrollment, names of principals of academies and private schools; certification of superintendent of schools and chairman of school committee; date of report. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 25 pp. 12 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Supt. off.

Pupils' Records

78. SCHOOL REGISTER, 1856-- 174 vols.

Record of pupils' attendance classified by grades: Names of pupils listed under each school, period of school year, number of days school in session, individual attendance record, total daily attendance; aggregate, average daily attendance; percentage, average membership; totals; name, period of service, educational background of teacher; number of pupils enrolled under each teacher. Includes names of visitors to school, with dates of visits. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 to 200 pp. 17 x 11 x 1 to 12 x 9 x 2. 7 vols., 1856-80, bsmt. va., T.H.; 167 vols., 1881--, va.

79. OFFICE RECORDS, 1911-- 7 f. d.

Permanent card record of pupil's attendance and scholarship: Name, present and former address, place and date of birth of pupil; whether vaccinated; name of school last attended, date of discharge therefrom, name of parent or guardian. Reverse side of card shows name of school attended, age of pupil; grade, room number; date of admission; health, character, attendance, and scholarship record. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 6 x 12.

80. PUPIL REPORT CARD, 1929-- 5 f. d.

Name of pupil; number of times absent, tardy; conduct, effort, scholastic record. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 6 x 12.



81. EMPLOYMENT RECORD OF CHILDREN, 1888-1902. 5 vols. Prior records and 1903-22 lost or destroyed. Name, age, sex, place and date of birth of child; name, grade of school last attended and date last attended; name, address of employer. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 8 x 20 x 2.

82. EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE, 1923--. 18 folders. Duplicates of employment certificates sent to state department of education: Name, age, sex, place and date of birth, physical description of child; name of school last attended, grade last completed; nature of employment; name, address of employer; date certificate issued; signatures of superintendent of schools and child. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 6 x 1.

83. SCHOOL CENSUS - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1883, 1886, 1897--. 34 vols. 5 f. d. Title varies: Census Cards, 1940--., 5 f. d. Record of all children in town between 5 and 16 years of age: Name, age of child; date census taken, name of school attended; names, address of parents. 1883-1939 arr. alph. by name of st. and thereunder num. by house no.; 1940-- arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Vols., 200 pp. 12 x 9 x 2; f. d. 6 x 8 x 18. 34 vols., 1883-1939, va.; 5 f. d., 1940--., supt. off.

## Financial Records

84. SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1874-1905. 4 vols. No title, 1874-80, 1 vol. Record of expenditures for pay rolls, maintenance of buildings, supplies; Name of payee; purpose, amount, date of expenditure. Arr. chron. by date of expenditure. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4. 1 vol., 1874-80, bsmt. va., T.H.; 3 vols., 1880-1905, va.

85. (SCHOOL WARRANTS), 1906-27. 6 vols. System estab. 1906, discount. 1927. Record of warrants sent to selectmen for payment of bills for supplies, salaries, maintenance: Number of warrant; number, date of voucher; name of payee, purpose of expenditure. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 18 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . For warrants kept by selectmen, see entry 6.

86. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PAY ROLL, 1880-1905. 6 vols. Name, place of employment of employee; amount, date of payment of salary. Arr. alph. by name of employee. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 9 x 9 x 2.



XII. LIBRARY TRUSTEES<sup>1</sup>

In 1846 the Bigelow Mechanics Library was organized. Its functions were taken over by the Bigelow Library Association in 1852, which, in 1873, offered to turn over its books and periodicals to the town of Clinton, provided that a town library be built and maintained. On September 6, 1873 the town voted to accept the gift, and since that time the Bigelow Free Public Library has been directed by six library trustees, elected two annually for 3-year terms.<sup>2</sup> They elect one of their number as chairman, and another as secretary. They appoint and set the salary of all library employees.<sup>3</sup>

## 87. (MINUTES OF TRUSTEES' MEETINGS), 1873-- 3 vols.

Place, date of meeting; discussions of and decisions on matters pertaining to circulation, accessions, finances, and other departmental business. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. 2 vols., 1873-1925, bsmt. va., T.H.; 1 vol., 1926--, supt. off., High School.

## 88. ACCESSION RECORD, 1849-- 11 vols. (labeled by contained accession nos.)

Record of new books purchased or donated: Title of book; name of author, publisher; place, date of publication; size, number of pages, accession number, date of receipt of volume; whether purchased or received as gift, remarks. Arr. num. by accession no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 14 x 12 x 1. Reference rm., Bigelow Free Public Library

## 89. JOURNAL - BIGELOW FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY - CLINTON, MASS., 1874-1926. 2 vols

Record of appropriations, receipts, and expenditures: Source, amount, date of receipt; amount of appropriation; purpose, amount, date of expenditure; date of entry. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va., T.H.

XIII. WELFARE AGENT<sup>1</sup>

Since March 8, 1932, a public welfare agent, who also serves as superintendent of the infirmary, has been appointed annually by the selectmen, acting in their capacity of a board of public welfare.<sup>4</sup> At various times

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1. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.  
 2. Town Records, vol. C, pp. 38, 39, 106; vol. L, p. 302, see entry 14.  
 3. Ibid., vol. C, pp. 57, 58.  
 4. Selectmen's Records, VII, 256; VIII, 197, see entry 1.



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Welfare Agent

since 1933, he has been aided by one or more welfare investigators, also appointed by the selectmen.<sup>1</sup>

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the welfare office.

## General Aid

## 90. RECORDS, 1850-1907. 10 vols.

Register of aid rendered: Name, address, sex, occupation, place and date of birth, marital and citizenship status of recipients; length of residence in town, date last employed, list of personal property, valuation of real estate, itemization of expenses; number, names, relationship of dependents; maiden name of mother; names, places and dates of birth of parents; amount, type, date of aid. Arr. alph. by name of recipient. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Bsmt. va.

## 91. (CARD RECORD OF AID RECIPIENTS), 1908--. 1 f. b.

Name, address, age, sex of recipient; marital, settlement status; names of children, parents, and spouse; length of residence in town, date last employed; amount, type, date of aid. Arr. alph. by name of recipient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5 x 4 x 12.

## 92. TEMPORARY AID, 1926--. 15 vols.

Stubs of vouchers sent to treasurer for payment of temporary aid: Name of recipient; date, number, amount of voucher. Arr. num. by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp.  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 13 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 1 vol., 1926-27, bsmt. va.; 14 vols., 1928--., welfare off.

For vouchers kept by selectmen 1907-27, see entry 7.

## 93. PURCHASE ORDERS, 1926--. 116 vols.

Stubs of purchase orders issued to aid recipients: Number, date of order; name of merchant, recipient; type of article purchased; cost, date of purchase. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 14 x 15 x 2. 110 vols., 1926-36, bsmt. va.; 6 vols., 1937--., welfare off.

## 94. PURCHASE ORDERS, 1926--. 7 bdl.

Orders on merchant to supply groceries to aid recipients, returned to welfare board by merchant for payment: Number, date of order; name of merchant, aid recipient; cost of groceries purchased; date of purchase, approval of order by selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. 5 x 4 x 7. 5 bdl., 1926-36, bsmt. va.; 2 bdl., 1937--., welfare off.

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1. Ibid., VII, 336, 450; VIII, 2.



## Aid to Dependent Children

## 95. CASE HISTORIES (of Recipients), 1917--. 1 f. b.

Name of widow, number in family; name, age, birthplace, date of death of husband; number of children; names, birthplaces of parents; maiden name of mother; names, ages, birthplaces of children; amount of aid given in cash, rent, clothing, fuel, medical treatment. Arr. alph. by name of recipient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5 x 4 x 12.

## 96. MOTHERS AID, 1926--. 15 vols.

Stubs of vouchers drawn on treasurer for aid to dependent children: Date, number, amount of voucher; name of payee. Arr. num. by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 vol., 1926-27, bsmt. va.; 14 vols., 1928--, welfare off.

For vouchers kept by selectmen 1907-27, see entry 7.

## Old Age Assistance

## 97. CASE HISTORIES (of Recipients), 1931--. 1 f. b.

Name, former and present address, place and date of birth, condition of health, marital status of applicant; number of persons in family, amount of bank account, valuation of personal and real property, name of spouse; names, ages, birthplaces of children (if any); birthplaces of parents, maiden name of mother; places, dates of previous marriages (if any); amount of cash, other aid received. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Typed, 5 x 3 x 12.

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT OF INFIRMARY<sup>1</sup>

Since 1852 a superintendent of the almshouse has been appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>2</sup> His title was altered somewhat when, in 1925, the almshouse became known as the Town Infirmary, in accordance with chapter 26, Acts of 1923.<sup>3</sup> Since 1932 the welfare agent has always been appointed as superintendent of the infirmary.<sup>4</sup> His wife is appointed annually by the selectmen as matron of the infirmary.<sup>5</sup>

All records are in the basement vault, Town Hall.

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

2. Annual Reports, 1852, p. 5, see entry 2; Selectmen's Records, VIII, 197, see entry 1.

3. Town Records, vol. K, p. 150, see entry 14.

4. Selectmen's Records, VII, 256; VIII, 197, see entry 1.

5. Ibid., VIII, 197.



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## Superintendent of Infirmary

98. ALMSHOUSE REGISTER, 1902, 1904-8. 2 vols. and 1 vol., 1904-7, duplicate.

Register number, name, color, age, sex, birthplace, citizenship status, physical and mental condition, marital status of inmate; place, date of settlement; name of spouse; names, birthplaces of parents; maiden name of mother, date support started, ended; average weekly cost of support, date admitted to almshouse, signature of undertaker in case of death; remarks. Arr. num. by register no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 1, 200 pp. 15 x 22 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

99. PAUPER SCHEDULE NO. 2, TOWN OF CLINTON, 1864-71. 1 vol.

Record of travelers lodged at almshouse: Name, age, sex, physical description of traveler; date of application for admission, date of admission, to almshouse, signatures of overseers of the poor. Arr. chron. by date of admission. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 15 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

100. FINANCIAL RECORD OF ALMSHOUSE, 1867-1906. 2 vols.

Record of receipts and expenditures: Date, amount, source of income; date, amount, purpose of payment; date of entry. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 10 x 2.

101. JOURNAL, 1890-99. 1 vol.

Annual inventory of almshouse property: Date of inventory, description, quantity, valuation of each item; total valuation. Arr. chron. by date of inventory. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 10 x 8 x 1.

XV. SOLDIERS' RELIEF AGENT<sup>1</sup>

Although the selectmen, on April 11, 1921, voted to expend a certain sum for soldiers' relief,<sup>2</sup> no further action was taken until 1930, when the selectmen appointed the clerk of selectmen as soldiers' relief commissioner for a term of 1 year.<sup>3</sup> Since 1931 the selectmen have appointed a soldiers' relief agent annually, with a salary of \$75 a month.<sup>4</sup>

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

2. Selectmen's Records, VI, 137, see entry 1.

3. Ibid., VII, 132.

4. Ibid., p. 182, VIII, 197.



## 102. (APPLICATIONS FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF), 1921--. 3 f. b.

Date of application; name, address, place and date of birth, marital status, occupation of applicant; number of dependents, length of army or navy service, military rank, date of and reason for discharge from service, residence at time of enlistment, amount of insurance carried; record of prior welfare aid received, whether home owned or rented; date, amount of aid granted; oath of applicant. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Hdw., 12 x 12 x 24. Acct. va., T.H.

## 103. STATE AID, 1862-1924. 8 vols. Title varies: No title, 1862-63, 1868-73, 1879-92, 4 vols.; Payroll - Town of Clinton, 1863-68, 1 vol.; Journal, 1873-79, 1 vol.; State Aid - Town of Clinton, 1892-1908, 1 vol.

Record of monthly payments to recipients of state aid: Name of recipient; date, number, amount of payment; signature of recipient acknowledging receipt of payment. Arr. alph. by name of recipient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 30 to 200 pp. 8 x 7 x 3/8 to 12 x 8 x 1 1/2. Bsmt. va., T.H.

## XVI. WPA SPONSOR'S AGENT

Since 1938 the selectmen have appointed annually a coordinator or sponsors' agent to supervise WPA activities in the town.<sup>1</sup> Clinton had received WPA benefits prior to this time, for as early as 1936 the selectmen stated that "the WPA relief jobs have taken a tremendous burden off the town's shoulders."<sup>2</sup>

XVII. BOARD OF HEALTH<sup>3</sup>

From 1885 through 1893 the board of health consisted of five members elected annually.<sup>4</sup> With the exception of the period from 1934 to November 9, 1937, when the selectmen assumed its functions, the board of health has consisted since 1894 of three members elected, one annually, for 3-year terms.<sup>5</sup>

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1. Annual Reports, 1938, p. 182, see entry 2.

2. Ibid., 1936, p. 172.

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

4. Town Records, vol. D, p. 108; vol. E, p. 136, see entry 14.

5. Ibid., vol. E, p. 190; vol. L, pp. 74, 301, 310.



Obsolete offices formerly appointed by the board of health include, two examiners of plumbing (1902-8), and a sanitary inspector (1915-32).<sup>1</sup> The board now appoints annually a health officer, nurse, inspector of milk, bacteriologist, dispensary physician, inspector of slaughtering, inspector of plumbing, and an inspector of dairying. In joint session with the selectmen, it appoints a town physician.<sup>2</sup>

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the board of health office.

#### Minutes

104. RECORD, 1883-1933, 1938-- 3 vols. Title varies: Clinton - Paid Deeds Annex, 1883-1902, 1 vol ; no title, 1918-- , 1 vol. 1934-37 in Records - Town of Clinton, entry 1.

Minutes of board meetings: Place, date of meeting; discussions and decisions pertaining to complaints, hearings, appointments, salaries, licenses, and general departmental business. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 13 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4. 1 vol., 1883-1902, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1902-33, 1938-- , va.

#### Communicable Diseases

105. RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, 1885-- 3 vols.

Type of disease, name of physician making report; date of quarantine; name, address, age of patient; names, settlement status of parents or guardian, other members of family; if child, name of school attended, dates school department and school physician notified; results of school examination; if adult, name, address, age, occupation. Also contains: Record of deaths, 1885-1903, entry 111. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 2. 1 vol., 1885-1903, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1904-- , board of health off.

106. TUBERCULOSIS, 1909-- . 1 f. b.

Patients' Case Histories: Name, previous and present address, birthplace, nationality, occupation of patient; occupation when illness began; dates case reported to board of health and to state department of public health; institutional history of case. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 5 x 24.

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1. Board of Health Records, I, 3, 106, 243; II, 196, see entry 104.  
2. Annual Reports, 1940, p. 5, see entry 2.



Board of Health - Communicable  
Diseases

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107. (CASE HISTORIES OF PATIENTS), 1909--. 2 f. b.

Name, address, age place of employment of patient; date of follow-up report, examination of patient; condition of patient after examination; name, address of attending physician; cause, place, date of death; name of attending physician at time of death. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4 x 6 x 24.

108. RECORD OF DANGEROUS DISEASES, 1915-23. 1 vol.

Physicians' notices of dangerous diseases: Name, address, age, school or occupation of patient; beginning date, nature of disease; period of quarantine, source of milk supply; date of receipt of notice, date of town's notification to state department of public health; signature of reporting physician. Arr. chron. by date of receipt of notice. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 15 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  Bsmt. va.

Vital Statistics

109. TOWN OF CLINTON - RETURN OF A BIRTH, 1918--. 20 bdl.

Card record of births sent to board of health by town clerk; sex, color, place and date of birth of child; names, address of parents; signature of attending physician, town clerk. Arr. alph. by family name. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 2.

110. DEATH RETURN CARD, 1896--. 44 bdl., 1 f. b.

Returns sent to board of health by undertaker: Date of return; name, address, sex, color, age, marital status, occupation of decedent; duration of illness; cause, date of death; place of death, interment; names, birthplace of parents; maiden name of mother; name of certifying physician, signature of undertaker. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Bdl. 4 x 6 x 5; f. b. 5 x 7 x 10.

111. DEATH RETURNS - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1900--. 2 vols. (dated)

Title varies: Death Returns, 1900-1930 1885-1900, also 1900-1903, in Record of Contagious Diseases, entry 105.

Record of deaths transcribed from returns in Death Return Card, entry 110. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 350 pp. 16 x  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{1}{4}$ . 1 vol., 1909-1930, bsmt. va.; 1 vol., 1931--, board of health off.

Licenses and Permits

112. MILK LICENSES - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1911-16, 1919--. 21 vols.

Stub record of licenses granted to milk dealers: Number, date of issue and expiration of license; name or licensee, location of business; names of drivers, number of vehicles in use, quantity of milk sold, number of cows kept. 1911-16 includes name of person issuing licenses, signature of licensee. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 75 pp.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x  $\frac{5}{8}$  to 150 pp.  $8\frac{1}{4}$  x 11 x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ . 6 vols., 1911-26, bsmt. va.; 15 vols., 1926--, board of health off.



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and Permits

## 113. BURIAL PERMIT, 1921--. 20 vols.

Stubs of permits issued to undertakers for burials or removals: Name of undertaker; name, age of decedent; place, cause, date of death; place of interment; number, date of permit; signature of member of board of health. Includes, in case of removal, signature of superintendent of cemetery. Arr. chron. by date of permit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 1.

## Miscellaneous

## 114. VACCINATION RECORD, 1920--. 1 vol.

Record of vaccinations administered to residents: Date of vaccination; name, address, age, occupation or school of person vaccinated; serial number of vaccine used, name of attending physician. Arr. chron. by date of vaccination. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

## 115. APPLICATION PAPER FOR SEWER CONNECTION, 1927--. 13 vols.

Stub record of applications: Number, date of application; name, address of applicant; description of service desired. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 8 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

## 116. CORRESPONDENCE, 1918--. 4 f. d. Prior correspondence destroyed.

Correspondence between municipal and state officials, other interested persons concerning complaints, public health rules and regulations, other administrative matters. Arr. chron. by date of letter. No index. Hdw. or typed. 12 x 12 x 24.

XVIII. BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE<sup>1</sup>

Since 1913 a district nurse, whose title was changed to board of health nurse the following year, has been appointed annually by the board of health.<sup>2</sup> During the period from 1934 through 1937, she was appointed by the selectmen, who were then acting as the board of health. The board of health nurse, appointed by the board of health, must be distinguished from the school nurse, appointed by the school committee.

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

2. Board of Health Records, I, 169, 199; III, 40, see entry 104.



117. (Record of Visits to) BABY CLINIC, 1909--. 1 f. d.  
Name, age, physical condition of child; names of parents, type of treatments given; recommendations. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index.  
Hdw. on ptd. form. 4 x 6 x 24. Board of health off., T.H.

### XIX. HEALTH OFFICER<sup>1</sup>

Since 1885 the board of health has appointed annually one health officer, otherwise known as the agent of the board of health.<sup>2</sup>

No records were found for this office.

### XX. BACTERIOLOGIST<sup>1</sup>

Since 1909 the board of health has appointed a bacteriologist annually. The appointee has always served as milk inspector also.<sup>3</sup>

No records were found for this office.

### XXI. TOWN PHYSICIAN<sup>1</sup>

On July 15, 1882 the town voted that the overseers of the poor and the board of health should appoint annually a town physician.<sup>4</sup> Such appointments have been made annually to the present time, although the board of health now joins with the selectmen in designating the official.<sup>5</sup>

No records were found for this office.

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

2. Annual Reports, 1886, p. 5, see entry 2; Town Records, vol. 2, p. 74, see entry 14; Selectmen's Records, VII, 401; VIII, 3, see entry 1; Board of Health Records, III, 40; see entry 104.

3. Ibid., I, 120; II, 196; Annual Reports, 1939, p. 179, see entry 2.

4. Town Records, vol. D, p. 5, see entry 14.

5. Selectmen's Records, VIII, 1, see entry 1; Annual Reports, 1939, p. 5, see entry 2.



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## XXII. INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS, MEATS, AND PROVISIONS<sup>1</sup>

In 1892, and from 1894 through 1901 an inspector of animals and provisions was appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>2</sup> Thereafter, until 1908, the functions of this office were split; the board of health appointed annually an inspector of meats and provisions from 1902 through 1904<sup>3</sup> and joined with the selectmen in making this appointment from 1905 through 1907;<sup>4</sup> while the selectmen appointed annually an inspector of animals from 1902 through 1906<sup>5</sup> and joined with the board of health in selecting an inspector of animals in 1907.<sup>6</sup> From 1908 through 1914 the selectmen and the board of health in joint session appointed one inspector of animals, meats, and provisions annually.<sup>7</sup> During the next 3 years, the selectmen appointed the inspector of animals annually, and joined with the board of health in appointing the inspector of meats and provisions.<sup>8</sup> In 1918 the offices were again combined in one appointed, but from 1919 through 1925, the selectmen generally appointed the inspector of animals and joined with the board of health in naming the inspector of meats and provisions.<sup>9</sup> From 1926 through 1937, the selectmen and the board of health generally joined in appointing one man as inspector of animals, meats, and provisions.<sup>10</sup> Since 1938 this officer has been appointed annually by the board of health alone.<sup>11</sup> At various times since 1918, as will be discussed in the section on inspector of dairying, his duties have included the inspection of dairies, and since 1914 he has been appointed subject to the approval of the Massachusetts department of animal industry.<sup>12</sup>

No records were found for this office.

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

2. Town Records, vol. E, pp. 80, 397, see entry 14; Selectmen's Records, III, 5, see entry 1.

3. Board of Health Records, I, 3, 38, see entry 104.

4. Selectmen's Records, III, 403; IV, 155, see entry 1.

5. Ibid., IV, 7.

6. Ibid., p. 155.

7. Ibid., p. 288; V, unfolioed.

8. Ibid.

9. Ibid., VI, 21, 108, 294.

10. Ibid., p. 351; VII, pp. 183, 401, 450.

11. Annual Reports, 1939, p. 5, see entry 2.

12. Selectmen's Records, V, unfolioed, see entry 1.



XXIII. INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING<sup>1</sup>

The board of health appointed an "inspector of slaughter" annually from 1911 through 1935.<sup>2</sup> In 1936 two inspectors were appointed,<sup>3</sup> and in 1937 three were appointed.<sup>4</sup> Since 1938 this office has been filled by a single inspector of slaughtering, appointed annually by the board of health, who also fills the positions of inspector of dairying and inspector of animals.<sup>5</sup>

Appointments were made by the selectmen, acting as the board of health, in the period from 1934 through 1937. Since the inception of the office in 1911, all appointments have been made subject to confirmation of the state department of public health.

No records were found for this office.

XXIV. INSPECTOR OF MILK<sup>1</sup>

In 1894 and 1895 an officer called inspector of milk and petroleum was appointed for 1-year terms by the selectmen.<sup>6</sup> There was no appointment in 1896, but from 1897 through 1901 an inspector of animals, beef, provisions, and milk was appointed annually.<sup>7</sup> In 1904 the selectmen appointed an inspector of meat, provisions and milk,<sup>8</sup> but the records make no mention of the milk function again until 1909. Since that date, however, the board of health has appointed a milk inspector annually.<sup>9</sup> The milk inspector has always been named bacteriologist also.

No records were found for this office.

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

2. Board of Health Records, I, 150, see entry 104.

3. Selectmen's Records, VII, 450, see entry 1.

4. Ibid., VIII, 4.

5. Annual Reports, 1938, p. 83; 1939, p. 175, see entry 2.

6. Town Records, vol. E, pp. 192, 265, see entry 14.

7. Ibid., p. 397; Selectmen's Records, III, 5, see entry 1.

8. Board of Health Records, I, 38, see entry 104.

9. Ibid., p. 120; II, 196; Annual Reports, 1938, p. 83; 1939, p. 180, see entry 2.



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#### XXV. INSPECTOR OF DAIRYING<sup>1</sup>

At various times from 1918 through 1935, the inspector of animals, or the inspector of meats and provisions, or the officer who held the combined office was entrusted with the duty of inspecting dairy farms, and his title was lengthened to signify that fact.<sup>2</sup> The inspector was appointed by the selectmen in 1936 and 1937, in their capacity as the board of health; but since 1938 he has been appointed annually by the board of health. The office of inspector of slaughtering and inspector of dairying are now held by one person.<sup>3</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XXVI. INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with chapter 455 of the Acts of 1894, the selectmen appointed an inspector of plumbing annually from 1895 through 1901.<sup>4</sup> From 1902 through 1908, the board of health appointed two officers termed "examiners of plumbing" annually.<sup>5</sup> This office is not mentioned in the records for 1909, but since 1910, the board of health has appointed annually one inspector of plumbing.<sup>6</sup> In 1911, by vote of the town meeting, he was placed under civil service.<sup>7</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XXVII. DISPENSARY PHYSICIAN<sup>1</sup>

The board of health appointed two dispensary physicians annually from 1913 through 1915.<sup>8</sup> Since 1916, only one dispensary physician has been appointed annually by the board of health.<sup>9</sup> Naturally, the selectmen made these appointments in the period from 1934 through 1937.

No records were found for this office.

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

2. Selectmen's Records, VI, 21, 108, 294, 351; VII, 183, 431, see entry 1.

3. Annual Reports, 1938, p. 83; 1939, p. 175, see entry 2.

4. Town Records, vol. E, p. 289, see entry 14.

5. Board of Health Records, I, 3, 106, see entry 104.

6. Ibid., p. 140; Annual Reports, 1939, p. 5, see entry 2.

7. Board of Health Records, I, 150, see entry 104.

8. Ibid., p. 169.

9. Ibid., p. 243; III, 40.



XXVIII. SANITARY INSPECTOR<sup>1</sup>

From 1915 through 1932, the board of health appointed a sanitary inspector annually.<sup>2</sup> After a lapse of 7 years, the board of health appointed a sanitary officer for a 1-year term in 1939.<sup>3</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XXIX. CEMETERY TRUSTEES<sup>1</sup>

Five cemetery trustees were elected annually from 1850 through 1897.<sup>4</sup> Since 1898 the five trustees have been appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>5</sup>

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the safe, superintendent's office, Woodlawn Cemetery Building.

## Minutes

118. RECORDS, 1887--. 3 vols.

Minutes of commissioners' meetings: Place, date of meeting; discussions of and decisions on matters pertaining to appointments, approval of bills, care of cemeteries, other departmental business. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. 2 vols., 1887-1932, bsmt. va., T.H.; 1 vol., 1933--., safe.

## Burials and Removals

119. INTERMENT CARDS, 1850--. 4 f. d.

Name, age of decedent; date of burial; location, number, section of lot; name of lot owner, undertaker. Arr. alph. by name of lot owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 8 x 12.

120. DAY BOOK, 1921--. 1 vol. Record estab. 1921.

Record of interments: Name of lot owner; number, date of interment; lot number; amount paid for lot, rent of chapel, rent of lowering device at grave. Arr. chron. by date of interment. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

121. OPENING GRAVES, 1921--. 1 vol. Record estab. 1921.

Record of graves opened: Date grave opened; name of person interred, undertaker, lot owner; amount of fee, date of payment; page reference to

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

2. Board of Health Records, I, 220; II, 179.

3. Ibid., III, 40.

4. Town Records, vol. A, p. 27; vol. E, p. 389, see entry 14.

5. Ibid., vol. F, p. 11; Selectmen's Records, VIII, 197, see entry 1.



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Day Book, entry 120, and Cash Book, entry 126. Arr. chron. by date grave opened. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 2.

## Lots

122. RECORD OF DEEDS (to Cemetery Lots), 1851--. 2 vols. Name, address of grantor, grantee; number, size, location, price of lot; amount of consideration, date of deed. Arr. chron. by date of deed. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 4.

123. INDEX, 1850--. 2 f. b. Record of lot owners: Location, number, date of purchase of lot; name of lot owner. Arr. alph. by name of lot owner. No index. Hdw. 6 x 8 x 12.

124. PLAN CARDS, 1850--. 4 f. b. Land-tenure plans of lots showing name of owner or representative; number, size of lot; amount paid for lot, number of persons buried in lot. Includes sketches of graves. Arr. alph. by name of lot owner. No index. Hdw. 6 x 8 x 12.

125. (PLANS OF CEMETERY LOTS), undated. 34 plans. Plans showing names of streets, entrances to cemetery; dimensions, diagrams of lots. Draftsman, J. Thissell; published by the town. Blueprint. 1" x 16". 48 x 36.

## Financial Records

126. CASH BOOK, 1915--. 2 vols. Record of superintendent's receipts for opening graves, annual care and sale of lots and graves, grading and repairing, rental of chapel, rental of lowering device at grave: Name of lot owner or representative, number of lot; amount, reason for, date of receipt; date of entry. Includes amount and date of transfer of receipts to treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

127. BUDGET, 1921--. 2 vols. System estab. 1921. Contains record of:

- i. Appropriations: Amount, date of appropriation.
  - ii. Expenditures for care of lots, labor, materials, equipment: Amount, purpose, date of expenditure.
  - iii. Pay rolls: Name, position, salary of employee; total number of employees, amount of pay roll, date of payment.
- Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.



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128. CEMETERY COMMITTEE, WARRANTS, 1906-13, 1924-27. 2 vols.  
No title, 1906-13.

Duplicates of warrants authorizing town treasurer to pay bills as listed:  
For description, see entry 6. Arr. chron. by month and thereunder num. by  
warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 15 x 12 x 2. Bsmt.  
va., T.H.

129. RECEIPTED BILLS, 1896--. 2 bdl.

Copies of bills receivable for care and sale of lots, opening graves, etc.:  
Name of debtor; amount, purpose, date of bill; date of payment, approval of  
commissioners, signature of superintendent acknowledging receipt of payment.  
Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 16 x 18 x  
12. Bsmt. va., T.H.

130. CEMETERY LOTS, 1914-16, 1923-27, 1932--. 40 bdl.

Bills rendered to town for care of lots: Number, date of bill; name of  
lot owner or representative, number of lot, type of service rendered, date  
of payment, signature of superintendent. Arr. chron. by date of payment.  
No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 8 x 7. 37 bdl., 1914-38, bsmt. va.;  
T.H.; 3 bdl., 1939--, safe.

### XXX. BURIAL AGENT<sup>1</sup>

In 1897 the town meeting accepted chapter 279, Acts of 1896, empower-  
ing the selectmen to appoint a burial agent whenever the need arose to  
bury soldiers or their dependents, or paupers. Such appointments were  
made six times between 1897 and 1931, but none have been made since the  
latter date.<sup>2</sup>

No records were found for this office.

### XXXI. ROAD COMMISSIONERS<sup>1</sup>

At the first town meeting in 1850, it was voted that the selectmen  
should have charge of building and maintaining the highways.<sup>3</sup> The se-  
lectmen had charge of the highways until 1873, when the town voted to  
accept chapter 158 of Acts, 1871, providing for the election of road

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

2. Town Records, vol. E, p. 397, see entry 14; Selectmen's  
Records, III, 376; IV, 159; VIII, 210, see entry 1.

3. Town Records, vol. A, pp. 17, 34, see entry 14.



commissioners.<sup>1</sup> Consequently, from 1873 through 1933, three road commissioners were elected, one annually, for 3-year terms.<sup>2</sup> In 1933 the selectmen, as part of a general consolidation, became the road commissioners and appointed a supervisor of streets and water department.<sup>3</sup> Early in 1935 the selectmen appointed a superintendent of public works to succeed him, but abolished the office a few months later.<sup>4</sup> In 1936 they again appointed a superintendent of streets and water department.<sup>5</sup> The following year, 1937, they replaced him with a superintendent of roads, water and sewers.<sup>6</sup> Shortly thereafter, in November 1937, the consolidation was annulled; and since March 1938 three road commissioners have been elected, one annually, for 3-year terms. They appoint annually a superintendent of streets and sewers.<sup>7</sup>

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

#### Minutes and Reports

131. (MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS), 1916-33, 1938--. 1 vol. 1934-37 in Records - Town of Clinton, entry 1.  
Place, date of meeting; discussion of and decisions on matters pertaining to repairing of streets, purchase of materials, bids submitted by contractors, street-sprinkling assessments. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Sel. va.

132. WEEKLY REPORT OF ROAD SUPERINTENDENT (to Road Commissioners), 1933--. 1 vol.  
Name, occupation of employee; amount of wage payment; number of days, hours worked during week; date of report, signature of superintendent. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 350 pp. 12 x 20 x 1½. Road comm. off., T.H.

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133. ROAD COMMISSIONERS - WARRANTS, 1907-10, 1915-22, 1926--. 4 vols., 13 bdls. Title varies: Warrant Book - Road Dept., Town of Clinton, 1907-10, 1918-22, 2 vols.; Road Commissioners - Warrants, Town of Clinton, 1915-18, 1 vol.; Street Commissioners - Warrants, 1926-27, 1 vol.  
Duplicates of warrants authorizing treasurer to pay bills as listed: For

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1. Ibid., vol. C, pp. 6, 8.
  2. Ibid., pp. 19, 67; vol. L, p. 73.
  3. Selectmen's Records, VII, 403, 405, see entry 1.
  4. Ibid., II, 429, 434.
  5. Ibid., VII, 441.
  6. Ibid., pp. 199, 399, 489; Town Records, vol. B, p. 215, see entry 14.
  7. Ibid., vol. A, p. 460; vol. B, p. 291; Selectmen's Records, VIII, 197, see entry 1.



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description, see entry 6. Arr. chron. by month. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Vols., 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2; bdls. 18 x 14 x 3. Drafting rm., Water Dept. Bldg.

134. (Weekly) PAY ROLL - ROAD DEPT. - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1873--.  
9 vols.

Pay roll period, name of employee, rate and amount of pay, number of days worked, signature of employee. Arr. chron. by week and thereunder alph. by name of employee. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 5 vols., 1873-1906, bsmt. va.; 4 vols., 1907--, road comm. off.; T.H.

135. PAY ROLL, SEWER DEPT., TOWN OF CLINTON, 1891-1907. 3 vols.  
Title varies: Sewer Department, 1891-92, 1 vol.; Pay Roll Town of Clinton, 1892-1903, 1 vol.

For description, see entry 134. Arr. chron. by week and thereunder alph. by name of employee. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 120 pp. 10 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 250 pp. 20 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

136. ORDERS - ROAD DEPT., 1891-1906. 2 vols. Prior records destroyed. System discont. 1906. Title varies: Cash, 1891-1901.

Record of orders authorizing payment of departmental bills: Date of order; purpose, amount of expenditure. Includes record of appropriations: Amount of annual appropriation, amount expended, current balance. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 13 x 8  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

For vouchers kept by selectmen 1906-27, see entry 7.

137. (Stubs of) ORDERS - ROAD DEPT., 1888-1906. 8 vols. System discont. 1906. Title varies: No title, 1888-93, 1896-1906, 6 vols.; Town Orders - Road Dept., Clinton, Mass., 1894-96, 1 vol.

For description, see entry 136, omitting record of appropriations. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 to 150 pp. 11 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 14 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

For vouchers kept by selectmen 1906-27, see entry 7.

Miscellaneous

138. TOWN SEWERS - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1889-1933. 4 vols. Title varies: Town Sewers - Description, 1915-19, 1 vol. 1934-- in Records - Town of Clinton, entry 1.

Record of application for construction of sewers: Date of application; description, depth, cost of sewer; names of abutting property owners; name of street on which sewer is laid, date sewer laid out, date of application for sewer, signatures of road commissioners. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Road comm. off., T.H.



139. (MAPS OF CLINTON HIGHWAYS), 1831-- 4 vols.  
Maps showing names, locations of streets and roads; names of owners of abutting property. No obvious arr. For index, see entry 170. Various authors, publishers. Blueprint. 1":100'. 30 x 24 to 48 x 45. 300 maps 23½ x 18 x 1. Va., cl. off., T.H.

140. (MAP OF SECTION OF HIGHWAY FROM WEST BOYLSTON TO CLINTON), 1898. 1 map.  
Map showing locations of streets, roads, railroad bridges over roads, street intersections; names of owners of property abutting roads. No obvious arr. For index, see entry 170. Draftsman, Fred F. Stearns; published by the town. Blueprint. 1":100'. 36 x 24.

### XXXII. WATER COMMISSIONERS<sup>1</sup>

In April 1875 the town voted that a nominating committee appoint a water board to procure necessary state legislation for establishing a water system.<sup>2</sup> The board thus appointed was successful in securing the passage, on April 4, 1876, of "An Act to Supply the Town of Clinton with Pure Water."<sup>3</sup> The act authorized the town to "take and hold the waters of Sandy Pond" and whatever other lakes were necessary for a water supply,<sup>4</sup> to pay whatever damages were necessary,<sup>5</sup> to issue a water loan payable in 30 years,<sup>6</sup> and to elect a board of water commissioners.<sup>7</sup> The act was adopted by the town on March 7, 1881.<sup>8</sup> Since that date the board of water commissioners has consisted of three members elected, one annually, for 3-year terms,<sup>9</sup> with the exception of the period from 1934 to November 9, 1937, when the selectmen served in the capacity of water commissioners.<sup>10</sup>

The board has appointed a superintendent of the water department annually since 1883<sup>11</sup> and a superintendent of the water basin, on indefinite tenure, since 1938.<sup>12</sup> Prior to that time, that is, from 1906 through 1937, the latter officer was appointed by the selectmen.<sup>13</sup>

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1. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  2. Town Records, vol. C, pp. 120, 152, see entry 14.
  3. Acts, 1876, ch. 98.
  4. Ibid., sec. 2.
  5. Ibid., sec. 3.
  6. Ibid., sec. 4.
  7. Ibid., secs. 5, 6.
  8. Town Records, vol. C, p. 460, see entry 14.
  9. Ibid., p. 488; vol. L, p. 310.
  10. Ibid., pp. 256, 301.
  11. Water Department Records, I, 37; III, 151, see entry 141.
  12. Annual Reports, 1938, p. 5; 1939, p. 5, see entry 2.
  13. Ibid., 1906, p. 6; Selectmen's Records, VII, 450; VIII, 2, see entry 1.



Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the office, Water Department Building.

#### Minutes and Reports

141. RECORDS, 1881-1933, 1938--. 3 vols. 1934-37 in Records - Town of Clinton, entry 1.  
Minutes of meetings of water commissioners: Place, date of meeting; discussion of and decisions relative to repairs, construction, and maintenance of water system; signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. to 400 pp. 10 x 8 x 1 to 13 x 9 x 2.
142. (WATER WASTE SURVEY), 1931. 1 vol.  
Report of Pitometer Company engineers on tests of meters and supply mains: Type of equipment tested; location of water districts isolated by closing valves; gauging points on Venturi meter; results, date of test. Includes sketch of water distributing system. Arr. alph. by type of equipment tested. No index. Typed. 23 pp. 11 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

#### Operation and Service

143. (ANNUAL SUMMARY OF WATER CONSUMPTION), 1910--. 3 vols.  
Amount of daily, monthly consumption; average daily consumption; amount consumed from each reservoir, total consumption; maximum quantity of water pumped daily, weekly; quantity of water supplied to distributing mains during year, mileage of distributing mains, number of services and meters in use at end of year, cumulative daily Venturi meter readings. Arr. chron. by day. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 14 x 18 x 1 Va.
144. ORDER BOOK, 1912--. 4 vols.  
Contains original recording of:  
i. Complaints: Name, address of complainant; nature, date of complaint.  
ii. Meter installations: Name, address of consumer; meter number; date order received, meter installed.  
iii. Repairs: Name, address of consumer; nature, date of repair.  
Arr. chron. by date of complaint, installation, or repair. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 15 x 6 x 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Bsmt. va., T.H.
145. REPAIR RECORDS, DAILY STATEMENT SHEETS, 1922--. 15 bdl.  
Record of repairs: Type, place, date of repair job; names of employees on job, number of home of work. Arr. chron. by date of job. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 9 x 9 x 2.



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146. (RECORD OF COMPLAINTS), 1919-- 4 f. b.  
Name, address, service number of complainant; nature, date of complaint;  
type, date of work done as result of complaint, name of worker. Arr. chron.  
by date work done. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 5 x 12.

147. LOCATION OF STOP BOXES, 1882-- 4 f. b.  
Sketches showing location of stop boxes, with names, addresses of con-  
sumers served, service numbers. Arr. alph. by name of consumer. No index.  
Hdw. 4 x 6 x 10.

148. PRESSURE GAUGE CHART, 1932-- 1 f. d. Prior records lost or  
destroyed.  
Chart recording graphically amount of daily water pressure; date of chart.  
Arr. chron. by date of chart. No index. Automatic recording on ptd.  
form. 5 x 12 x 8.

149. WORK DONE AT LANCASTER WATER COMPANY, 1894-1903 1 vol  
Record of repair jobs: Date, cost, description of type of work done; name,  
work classification of employees on job; amount, rate of pay; number of  
hours of labor. Arr. chron. by date of job. No index. Hdw. 200 pp.  
10 x 8 x 1 Va.

Meter Records  
(See also entry 144-ii)

150. (Consumers') APPLICATIONS FOR METERS, 1885-- 4 vols.  
Number, date of application; statement of rules and regulations for use  
of meter; number, size, location of meter; amount of deposit, signature of  
applicant. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd.  
form. 300 pp. 13 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 vol., 1885-1903, bsmt. va., T H.; 3 vols.,  
1904-- , va.

151. HOUSE AND COMMERCIAL, 1934-- 10 vols  
Record of monthly meter readings: Date of reading; location, service num-  
ber of meter; amount of water consumed; name, address of person billed.  
Arr. alph. by name of st. and thereunder num. by house no. No index. Hdw.  
on ptd. form. 200 pp. 11 x 4 x 2.

152. (Record of) METER CHANGES, 1922-- 1 vol., 1 f. b.  
Service number; name, address of consumer; name of former consumer using  
same meter; date meter changed. Arr. alph. by name of consumer. No index.  
Hdw. 1922-24; hdw. on ptd. form 1925-- Vol. 100 pp. 12 x 10 x 2; f. b.  
4 x 6 x 12. Va.

153. RE-READ METERS, 1926-- 1 f. d.  
Record of requests for rereading of meters: Name, address of consumer;  
service number; date of and reason for request, report of person rereading  
meter; date of rereading, notification to consumer. Arr. chron. by date of  
rereading. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 8 x 15.



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154. (VENTURI METER CHART), 1932--. 2 f. d.  
Chart showing Lancaster and Clinton daily water consumption; date of chart. Arr. chron. by date of chart. No index. Automatic recording on ptd. form. 5 x 12 x 18.

Financial Records

155. CASH BOOK, 1872-1935. 13 vols. System discount. 1935.  
Record of cash received by water registrar: Name, address, service number of consumer; amount of charge for water used, equipment rented; amount of abatement; net amount, date of payment. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 15 x 16 x 3. Va.

156. WATER DEPT. LEDGER, 1883--. 14 vols.  
Consumers' accounts: Location, number of meter; name, address of property owner; names of occupants, use of building; quantity, unit cost of water used; date of reading, period covered; amount, date of bill; date of payment. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. 1883-96 indexed alph. by name of property owner; for index 1897--, see entry 157. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 14 x 14 x 2. Va.

157. CARD INDEX TO REGULAR WATER RATES, 1897--. 6 f. b.  
Index to Water Dept. Ledger, entry 156: Name, address, service number of property owner; type, number, location, date of installation of meter; volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 8 x 12.

158. (Weekly) PAY ROLL - WATER DEPT. - TOWN OF CLINTON, 1881--.  
9 vols.  
Weekly record of payments to employees: Name of employee, weekly salary, number of days worked; total amount, date of pay roll; signatures of employees and secretary of commissioners. Arr. chron. by week and thereunder alph. by name of employee. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 15 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ . 4 vols., 1881-1912, bsmt. va., T.H.; 5 vols., 1913--, va.

159. (WARRANTS), 1927--. 1 vol. System established. 1927.  
Duplicates of warrants sent to treasurer authorizing payment of departmental bills: For description, see entry 6. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Va.

160. ORDERS, CLINTON WATER DEPT., 1892-1906. 5 vols. System discount. 1906.  
Stubs of orders on treasurer for payment of bills: Number, amount, date of order; purpose of expenditure, name of creditor. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. Bsmt. va., T.H.  
For vouchers kept by selectmen 1906-27, see entry 7.

161. (Duplicates of) WATER BILLS, 1881, 1884-89, 1891-93, 1895-97, 1901-3, 1905, 1920-35. 6 f. b.  
Date, amount of bill; name, address of consumer; meter, service number; meter reading, water rate, date bill payable. Arr. chron. by date of bill. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 18 x 11 x 3. 4 f. b., 1881-1905 (intermittently), bsmt. va., T.H.; 2 f. b., 1920-35, va.



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162. SALES AND CHARGES, WATER DEPT., TOWN OF CLINTON, 1924--.  
16 vols.

Record of bills receivable for labor and materials: Date of bill; name, address of debtor; service number; nature of repairs, materials used; amount charged for labor, materials; date repairs made, total charged. Arr. chron. by date of bill. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. Va.

163. INVOICES - WATER DEPT., CLINTON, MASS., 1883-96, 1899-1906.  
15 f. b., 4 vols. (15 f. b., 1883-90, dated, 1-14, 16; 4 vols., 1899-1906, dated, 1-4). Title varies: Bills Paid, 1883-96, 15 f. b.

Paid invoices for purchase of supplies and equipment: Date, number, purpose, amount of invoice; date of payment, signature of payee. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. or typed on ptd. form. Vols. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 4; f. b. 9 x 12 x 2½. Bsmt. va., T.H.

164. (CASH TRANSFERS TO TOWN TREASURER), 1929-35. 2 vols.  
System discount. 1935.

## Contains:

- i. Record of cash transfers: Date, amount of transfer; receipt number; amount, source of collection; total annual transfers.
- ii. Treasurer's receipts: Name of department official making payment; amount, date of receipt; period for which payment was made, treasurer's stamp.

Arr. chron. by date of transfer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 16 x 8 x 1½. Va.

165. (BANKBOOKS), 1898-1935. 13 vols. System discount. 1935.  
Record of bank deposits: Name of bank; amount, date of deposit. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Hdw. 8 pp. 5 x 2½ x 1/8.

## Abatements

166. CERTIFICATION OF ABATEMENTS (of Water Charges), 1933--. 1 vol.

Name, address, service number of consumer; amount of water rate, bill, abatement; date of certificate, signature of secretary of commissioners. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 9 x 5 x 1. Va.

167. (RECORD OF ABATEMENTS), 1871-1906. 1 vol.

Service number; name, address of property owner; amount of payment, abatement; date of vacancy, number of months property vacant. Arr. chron. by date of vacancy. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 435 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Bsmt. va., T.H.



## Maps and Photographs

168. (MAPS OF SURFACE WATER DRAINS), 1890-1919. 4 vols.  
Engineering maps showing names of streets in which pipes were laid; locations, sizes of drains. No obvious arr. For index, see entry 170. Draftsman, John S. Allen; published by the town. Black-and-white. Scales vary, 1":8' to 1":40'. 20 maps 26 x 19 x 1. Drafting rm., Water Dept. Bldg.
169. (MAPS OF SEWER LINES), 1893-99. 3 vols.  
Engineering maps showing names of streets in which sewers were laid; locations of sewer lines, catch basins, manholes; sizes of pipes used. No obvious arr. For index, see entry 170. Draftsman, J. Thissell and Son; published by the town. Black-and-white. 1":40'. 31 x 21 x 1. Drafting rm., Water Dept. Bldg.
170. (Card) INDEX TO MAPS OF STREETS, DRAINS AND SEWERS, 1898--.  
1 f. b.  
Index to (Maps of Clinton Highways), entry 139; (Map of Section of Highway from West Boylston to Clinton), entry 140; (Maps of Surface Water Drains), entry 168; (Maps of Sewer Lines), entry 169; (Maps of Water Mains), entry 173: Name of street, date of construction, book and page reference. Arr. by subject and thereunder alph. by name of st. Hdw. 3 x 5 x 10. Drafting rm., Water Dept. Bldg.
171. (MAPS OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM), 1898-99. 3 vols.  
Published maps showing same information as in (Maps of Sewer Lines), entry 169. No obvious arr. No index. Draftsman, J. Thissell and Son; published by the town. Ptd. 1":40'. 24 x 18 x 1 to 57 x 36 x 1. Va., town cl. off., T.H.
172. (MAP OF WATER MAINS AND HYDRANTS), 1928. 1 map.  
Engineering map showing locations of water mains, hydrants, gates; names of streets in which mains were laid; sizes of main, depth of pipes. Author, publisher unknown. Ptd. 1":300'. 72 x 48. Drafting rm., Water Dept. Bldg.
173. (MAPS OF WATER MAINS), 1902. 1 vol.  
Engineering maps showing names of streets in which pipes were laid; locations of mains, gates; depth of mains. No obvious arr. For index, see entry 170. Draftsman, John S. Allen; published by the town. Blueprint. 1":500'. 84 maps 30 x 18 x 1. Drafting rm., Water Dept. Bldg.
174. (PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAND NOW PART OF HEYWOOD BASIN), 1912-14.  
3 photographs.  
Photographs showing landmarks, woods, stonewalls, road, and brook. Black-and-white. 12 x 10. Va.



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## Miscellaneous

175. CORRESPONDENCE, 1882-94, 1926-27, 1929-- 40 f. d. (dated). Letters concerning purchase of and bids for supplies and equipment, applications for employment, requests for information. Arr. chron. by date of letter. No index. Hdw. or typed. 12 x 11 x 3. Va.

176. (DESCRIPTION OF RESERVOIRS AND BASIN), 1894-1900 1 vol. Detailed description of Lynd and Heywood reservoirs, and Fitch basin, showing area, amount of water, capacity, other data. Arr. alph. by subject. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 9 x 7 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Va.

177. (CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWNS OF LANCASTER AND CLINTON) 1913  
1 env.  
Conditions, date of contract; rates for water to be furnished to town of Lancaster, signatures of town officials. Typed. 10 x 4.

XXXIII. PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION<sup>1</sup>

From 1915 through 1919 the selectmen appointed a supervisor of playgrounds annually.<sup>2</sup> On March 21, 1921 the town meeting voted to establish a playground and recreation commission. From that date to the present it has always consisted of seven members, including the chairman of the board of selectmen, ex officio, and the chairman of the school board, ex officio. The other five members are elected for 3-year terms, two or one annually.<sup>3</sup>

No records were found for this office

XXXIV. FISH AND GAME WARDEN<sup>1</sup>

A fish and game warden was first elected for 1 year in 1851.<sup>4</sup> No mention is made of the office again until 1915, but since that date the selectmen have appointed one fish and game warden annually, with the approval of the state department of fisheries and game.<sup>5</sup>

No records were found for this office

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

2. Selectmen's Records, V, unfolioed, VI, 80, see entry 1.

3. Town Records, vol. J, pp. 217, 390; vol. K, pp. 11, 52, 77, see entry 14.

4. Ibid., vol. A, p. 74.

5. Selectmen's Records, V, unfolioed, VIII, 197, see entry 1.



XXXV. SUPERVISOR OF PARKS<sup>1</sup>

Since 1933 the selectmen have appointed a supervisor of parks annually.<sup>2</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XXXVI. PLANNING BOARD<sup>1</sup>

Since November 28, 1913, when a special town meeting adopted chapter 494 of the Acts of 1913, a town planning board of six members, two elected annually for 3-year terms, has been in existence.<sup>3</sup>

All records are in the National Red Cross room, Town Hall.

178. RECORD, 1914--. 1 vol.

Minutes of board meetings: Place, date of meeting; discussions and decisions pertaining to zoning problems, public-improvement projects, rules and regulations for building construction; recommendations to selectmen; names of members present, signature of secretary of board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 10 x 2.

179. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1914--. 1 vol.

Correspondence between planning board and interested parties concerning town improvements and planning problems. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent. No index. Hdw. or typed. 250 pp. 16 x 10 x 3.

XXXVII. CONSTABLES<sup>1</sup>

Two constables were elected at the first annual meeting in 1850, but later in that year an additional constable was elected.<sup>4</sup> The constables have always been elected for 1-year terms, although their number has varied from 3 in 1850-54 to a high of 21 in 1885.<sup>5</sup> Since 1915, however, only two have been elected annually.<sup>6</sup>

No records were found for this office.

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

2. Annual Reports, 1933, p. 108; 1939, p. 23, see entry 2.

3. Town Records, vol. J, p. 31, 46; vol. L, p. 310, see entry 14.

4. Ibid., vol. A, pp. 7, 14, see entry 14.

5. Ibid., p. 242; vol. D, pp. 118, 128.

6. Ibid., vol. J, p. 91; vol. L, p. 310.



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XXXVIII. CHIEF OF POLICE<sup>1</sup>

In the early days, constables performed the necessary police functions in Clinton. The first policemen, six in number, were appointed in 1857.<sup>2</sup> They were appointed annually by the selectmen until November 18, 1936, when the town voted to put them under civil service.<sup>3</sup>

In similar fashion, the chief of police was appointed annually by the selectmen from 1882 to 1937, when the town accepted chapter 31, section 49 of the General Laws of 1932.<sup>4</sup> The police department now consists therefore, of a chief of police, a sergeant, and seven patrolmen, all under civil service. There are also four reservemen.<sup>5</sup>

All records are in the Second Eastern District Court Building.

180. RECORD OF ARRESTS, 1857-- 21 vols. Title varies: Register of Arrests, 1857-84, 5 vols.; Arrests, 1885-1922, 7 vols. Number of entry; time, date of arrest; nature of offense; name of arresting officer; name, address, age, nationality, physical description, occupation, marital status of arrested person. Arr. chron. by date of arrest. No index. 200 pp. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Closet, bsmt.

181. (CARD RECORD OF ARRESTS), 1871-- 1 f. b. Card number; time, cause, date of arrest; name, address, sex, physical description, marital status, occupation of arrested person; whether arrested on warrant, nature of offense, plea; disposition of case, name of arresting officer. Arr. alph. by name of arrested person. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 12 x 24. Headquarters rm., bsmt.

XXXIX. FIRE ENGINEERS<sup>1</sup>

On April 15, 1850, the town voted to appropriate \$500 for a fire department and authorized the selectmen to organize it.<sup>6</sup> Such a department was organized on March 7, 1851.<sup>7</sup> In 1855 seven fire engineers were appointed by the selectmen.<sup>8</sup> From 1858 through 1936, the selectmen appointed

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

2. Town Records, vol. A, p. 432.

3. Ibid., vol. L, p. 235.

4. Annual Reports, 1883, p. 28, see entry 2; Town Records, vol. L, 258, see entry 14.

5. Annual Reports, 1940, p. 76, see entry 2.

6. Town Records, vol. A, p. 19, see entry 14.

7. Ibid., p. 86.

8. Ibid., p. 325.



five fire engineers annually, one of whom was the chief engineer.<sup>1</sup> Three were appointed by the selectmen in 1937.<sup>2</sup> At present the department consists of a fire chief, who receives a salary of \$2,060; a deputy chief and a clerk who receive nominal salaries of one dollar each; 8 full-time "drivers"; and 31 "call men". In addition, there is an electrician who keeps the alarm system in order.<sup>3</sup>

The drivers, that is, the regular engineers, came under civil service by town vote in 1913.<sup>4</sup> The chief of the fire department came under civil service in 1935, in accordance with an act of the General Court "Designating the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the Town of Clinton as Chief of the Fire Department of Said Town, and Placing the Office of Said Chief Under the Civil Service Laws".<sup>5</sup> The chief is also the fire warden in Clinton.<sup>6</sup>

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the chief's office, Central Fire Station.

182. RECORDS, 1851--. 3 vols.

Minutes of engineers' meetings: Place, date of meeting; discussion of and decisions on matters pertaining to expenses, appropriations, equipment, and other departmental business. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 10 x 3. Safe.

183. RECORD OF FIRES - CLINTON, 1884--. 2 vols.

Cause, time, location, date of fire; names of occupants and owner of property involved; type, valuation, use of building; amount of damage, insurance carried, insurance paid; remarks. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 13 x 13 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . 1 vol., 1884-98, bsmt. va., T.H.; 1 vol., 1899--, chief's off.

184. WARRANTS, TOWN OF CLINTON, 1939--. 1 vol.

Copies of warrants sent to treasurer for payment of departmental bills: For description, see entry 6. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 40 pp. 12 x 10 x 1.

185. (ROLL CALL), 1939--. 1 vol.

Roll of call firemen responding to fires: Names of men responding; location, date of fire; box number. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 10 pp. 12 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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1. Ibid., p. 469; Selectmen's Records, VIII, 454, see entry 1.

2. Ibid., p. 3.

3. Annual Reports, 1939. p. 79. see entry 2.

4. Town Records, vol. J, p. 53, see entry 14.

5. Acts, 1935. ch. 10.

6. Annual Reports, 1939. p. 79. see entry 2.



XL. DOG OFFICER<sup>1</sup>

Since 1907, the selectmen have appointed a dog officer annually, with the exception of 1908 when the patrolmen were deputized as dog officers.<sup>2</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XLI. TREE WARDEN<sup>1</sup>

At the annual election in 1882, the selectmen were authorized to take care of all trees on the highways and public lands.<sup>3</sup> No special officer was designated for this duty until 1897, when a tree warden was elected for a 1-year term.<sup>4</sup> He was elected annually thereafter until 1933.<sup>5</sup> From 1934 through 1937, the tree warden was appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>6</sup> Since 1938 the tree warden has again been elected annually by the town meeting.<sup>7</sup>

186. WEEKLY TIME AND PAYROLL, 1923--. 9 vols.  
Name of employee; number of hours worked daily, number of days employed; amount of daily, weekly wages; amount, date of payment; signatures of tree warden, selectmen, employees. Arr. chron. by week. No index. 100 pp. Hdw. on ptd. form. 16 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va., T.H.

XLII. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES<sup>1</sup>

In 1850 and 1851, a sealer of weights and measures was appointed by the selectmen.<sup>8</sup> From 1852 through 1857, and from 1859 through 1865, the sealer was elected at annual town meetings.<sup>9</sup> In the intervening year,

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

2. Selectmen's Records, IV, 159, 276, 486; VIII, 197, see entry 1.

3. Town Records, vol. D, p. 7, see entry 14.

4. Ibid., vol. E, p. 393.

5. Ibid., vol. K, p. 388.

6. Ibid., vol. L, p. 74; Selectmen's Records, VII, 400, 448; VIII, 6, see entry 1.

7. Town Records, vol. L, pp. 280, 301, 310, see entry 14.

8. Ibid., vol. A, pp. 10, 70, see entry 14.

9. Ibid., pp. 199, 399, 489; vol. B, p. 215.



1858, and since 1866, the sealer has been appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>1</sup> The office came under civil service regulations in 1909 by an act of the General Court.<sup>2</sup>

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the sealer's office.

187. DAY, 1906-20, 1932--. 16 vols.  
Field record of inspections: Place, date of test; name, address of owner of devices inspected; nature of business; number of scales, weights, and measuring devices sealed, adjusted or condemned; amount of fee; remarks. Arr. chron. by date of test. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 13 x 7 x 1. 5 vols., 1906-20. bsmt. va.; 11 vols., 1932--, sealer's off.

188. SEALER'S (Office) RECORD (of Inspections), 1900--. 7 vols.  
For description, see entry 187. Arr. chron. by date of test. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 24 x 13 x 1. 6 vols., 1900-1936, bsmt. va.; 1 vol., 1937--, sealer's off.

189. CERTIFICATION OF PEDLARS' LICENSES, 1920--. 9 vols.  
Copies of certificates of inspection of pedlars' scales: Date, number of certificate; name, address of licensee; number of seals granted, measuring devices certified; signature of sealer, licensee. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder num. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 8 x 4 x 1.

190. TRIAL WEIGHING AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES, 1930--. 1 vol.  
Record of tests made on packaged commodities put up for sale: Date of test, name of owner of commodities, number of packages tested, results of test; remarks. Arr. alph. by type of commodity and thereunder chron. by date of test. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 750 pp. 12 x 10 x 3.

191. CASH BOOK, 1916--. 2 vols.  
Record of receipts from sealing and license fees: Name of payer, certificate number; year, type of device tested or license granted; amount, number, date of receipt. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 8 x 6 x 1.

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1. Ibid., vol. A, p. 460; vol. B, p. 291; Selectmen's Records, VIII, 197, see entry.

2. Acts, 1909. ch. 382.



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#### XLIII. FOREST WARDEN<sup>1</sup>

Since 1907, the selectmen, with the approval of the State Department of Conservation, have appointed a forest warden annually.<sup>2</sup> In 1908, he was given the assistance of five deputy wardens appointed by the selectmen;<sup>3</sup> in 1910 and 1915 the selectmen appointed four deputy wardens.<sup>4</sup> In recent years, the person appointed as forest warden has been the civil-service-selected fire chief.

No records were found for this office.

#### XLIV. MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK<sup>1</sup>

From 1850 to the present time, these officers, in varying numbers from 3 to 17, have been appointed annually by the selectmen, with the exception of 1852, when 5 measurers were elected, and 1854, when 7 measurers were elected.<sup>5</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XLV. MODERATOR<sup>1</sup>

From the first town meeting, held on April 1, 1850, through 1902, a moderator was elected for each annual or special meeting.<sup>6</sup> Since 1903, however, the moderator has been elected annually for full-year terms, in accordance with chapter 346, section 102 of the Revised Statutes of 1902.<sup>7</sup>

No records were found for this office.

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

2. Selectmen's Records, IV, 159; VIII, 197, see entry 1.

3. Ibid., IV, 305.

4. Ibid., p. 543; V, unfolioed.

5. Town Records, vol. A, pp. 7, 70, 129, 243, 532; vol. B, p. 44; see entry 14; Selectmen's Records, VIII, 197, see entry 1.

6. Town Records, vol. A, p. 5; vol. F, p. 243, see entry 14.

7. Ibid., p. 333; vol. L, p. 310.



XLVI. TOWN SOLICITOR<sup>1</sup>

In 1882 the town meeting voted that the selectmen, overseers of the poor, water commissioner, road commissioner, school committee, assessors and treasurer act as a committee to choose annually a local attorney to act as solicitor for the town.<sup>2</sup> From 1889 through 1923, the town solicitor was appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>3</sup> Since 1924, this officer has been elected annually by the town meeting.<sup>4</sup>

192. TOWN SOLICITOR'S OPINIONS, 1899--. 2 bdl.s.  
Correspondence with other town officials relative to opinions on legal matters. Arr. alph. by name of dept. and thereunder chron. by date of correspondence. No index. Typed. 12 x 10 x 4. 1 bdl., 1899-1912, bsmt. va.; 1 bdl., 1913--, town acct. va.; T.H.

XLVII. SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH DEPARTMENT<sup>1</sup>

One superintendent of gypsy and brown tail moths has been appointed annually by the selectmen, with the approval of the state department of conservation, from 1906 to date.<sup>5</sup> The office is usually referred to as superintendent of moths.

No records were found for this office.

XLVIII. KEEPER OF LOCKUP<sup>1</sup>

From 1874 through 1881, the selectmen appointed one keeper of lockup annually.<sup>6</sup> Since 1882 the chief of police has been appointed keeper of lockup by the selectmen.<sup>7</sup>

No records were found for this office.

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

2. Town Records, vol. D, p. 6, see entry 14.

3. Ibid., p. 325; vol. K, p. 46.

4. Ibid., p. 78; vol. L, p. 310.

5. Annual Reports, 1907, p. 124, see entry 2; Selectmen's Records, VIII, 197, see entry 1.

6. Town Records, vol. C, pp. 76, 490, see entry 14.

7. Annual Reports, 1883, p. 28; see entry 2; Selectmen's Records, VIII, 197, see entry 1.



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XLIX. WEIGHERS OF COAL AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE<sup>1</sup>

These officers have been appointed annually by the selectmen since 1871. Their numbers have varied greatly, from 3 in 1871 to 16 in 1931 and 5 in 1937.<sup>2</sup>

No records were found for this office.

## Part C. DEFUNCT OFFICES

L. SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS<sup>1</sup>

A sinking fund commission was established in 1900, by town vote and under the provisions of an act of the General Court of Massachusetts.<sup>3</sup> It consisted of six commissioners, elected, two annually, for 3-year terms.<sup>4</sup> The town voted to abolish the commission on November 15, 1930.<sup>5</sup>

193. (Minutes of Meetings of) BOARD OF SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS, 1900-1930 1 vol.

Discussions and decisions on matters pertaining to administration of funds, salaries of officials, receipts and expenditures, assets, bond issues; place, date of meeting; signature of treasurer of commissioners. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 10 x 3. Sel. va., T.H.

194. TOWN OF CLINTON - SEWER CASH, 1899-1930. 2 vols.

Cash book of sewer sinking fund: Sources, amounts, dates of receipts; purposes, amounts, dates of expenditures; total receipts and expenditures, date of entry, balance on hand. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ . 1 vol., 1899-1916, bsmt. va.; 1 vol., 1917-30, sel. va.; T.H.

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

2. Annual Reports, 1883, vol. C, p. 107; Selectmen's Records, V, unfolioed, see entry 1.

3. Town Records, vol. F, p. 132, see entry 14; Acts, 1900, ch. 80.

4. Town Records, vol. F, p. 182; vol. K, p. 300, see entry 14.

5. Ibid., p. 360.



LI. SURVEYORS OF LUMBER<sup>1</sup>

Three surveyors of lumber were elected annually from 1850 through 1873.<sup>2</sup> The same number were appointed annually by the selectmen from 1874 through 1905.<sup>3</sup> Thereafter, until the office became defunct in 1917, the number of sealers appointed annually by the selectmen varied from one to eight, although the records are silent for the year 1909.<sup>4</sup>

No records were found for this office.

LII. FENCE VIEWERS<sup>1</sup>

This office originated in 1850 and became defunct after 1917. It began as an elective office and terminated as an appointive one, but there were many years in which fence viewers were not chosen at all, and there was a certain shifting back and forth in the method used. Only those years in which fence viewers were named are listed in the following description.

In 1850 three fence viewers were elected; in 1851 and 1852 four were elected.<sup>5</sup> In 1863 two fence viewers were appointed by the selectmen.<sup>6</sup> Two were elected in 1864 and 1865, and three in 1866.<sup>7</sup> Thereafter, the office lapsed into desuetude until 1901, when two were appointed by the selectmen.<sup>8</sup> In 1906 three fence viewers were elected,<sup>9</sup> and from 1907 through 1910 the same number of fence viewers was appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>10</sup> Three were elected in 1911.<sup>11</sup> From 1912 through 1914, three were appointed annually by the selectmen,<sup>12</sup> and finally, in 1917, two were appointed.<sup>13</sup>

No records were found for this office.

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

2. Town Records, vol. A, p. 8; vol. B, p. 476.

3. Ibid., vol. C, p. 107; Selectmen's Records, V, unfolioed, see entry 1.

4. Ibid., IV, 7, 279, 535; V, unfolioed.

5. Town Records, vol. A, pp. 8, 70, 128, see entry 14.

6. Ibid., vol. B, p. 137.

7. Ibid., pp. 180, 215, 252.

8. Selectmen's Records, III, 23, see entry 1.

9. Town Records, vol. H, p. 10, see entry 14.

10. Selectmen's Records, IV, 241, 535, see entry 1.

11. Town Records, vol. H, p. 244, see entry 14.

12. Selectmen's Records, V, unfolioed, see entry 1.

13. Ibid.



LIII. FIELD DRIVERS<sup>1</sup>

Field drivers were elected annually from 1850 through 1872, the number varying from 4 in 1850 to 18 in 1861.<sup>2</sup> None were elected in 1873, but from 1874 through 1910, three or four field drivers were appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>3</sup> Thereafter, the office was defunct.

No records were found for this office.

LIV. LIQUOR AGENT<sup>1</sup>

The selectmen appointed a liquor agent for a 1-year term in 1853, 1856, and 1874.<sup>4</sup> In 1869 two liquor agents were appointed.<sup>5</sup> The records make no mention of this office in other years.

No records were found for this office.

LV. TYTHINGMEN<sup>1</sup>

Five tythingmen were elected in 1851, but the office has never been filled since.<sup>6</sup>

No records were found for this office.

LVI. SEALER OF LEATHER<sup>1</sup>

From 1850 through 1865, two sealers of leather were elected annually.<sup>7</sup> None was elected in 1866, and one in 1867.<sup>8</sup> Two sealers again were elected

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

2. Town Records, vol. A, p. 7; vol. B, p. 477, see entry 14.

3. Ibid., vol. C, p. 20; vol. F, p. 138; Selectmen's Records, IV, 535, see entry 1.

4. Town Records, vol. A, pp. 338, 358; vol. C, p. 81, see entry 14.

5. Ibid., vol. B, p. 356.

6. Ibid., vol. A, p. 69.

7. Ibid., p. 8; vol. B, p. 215.

8. Ibid., p. 283.



## Sealer of Leather

annually from 1868 through 1873,<sup>1</sup> but from 1874 through 1878 the sealers were appointed by the selectmen.<sup>2</sup> Thereupon, the office became defunct.

No records were found for this office.

LVII. POUND KEEPER<sup>3</sup>

With the construction of a pound in 1850, the selectmen immediately appointed a pound keeper.<sup>4</sup> Thereafter, until 1883, the pound keeper was elected annually.<sup>5</sup> From 1883 through 1902, when the office became defunct, the pound keeper was appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>6</sup>

No records were found for this office.

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1. Ibid., p. 307; vol. C, p. 7.
  2. Ibid., pp. 56, 297.
  3. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  4. Town Records, vol. A, p. 17, see entry 14.
  5. Ibid., p. 70; vol. D, p. 22.
  6. Ibid.; Selectmen's Records, III, 115, see entry 1.



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## APPENDIX

## State Archives Pertaining to Clinton

The following manuscripts are in a folder titled "Acts of 1850, ch. 72", in the State Archives, room 438, State House, Boston.

1. (PETITION FOR SEPARATION OF CLINTON FROM LANCASTER), Jan. 11, 1850. 2 sheets.

Petition to the General Court of Charles Stevens and others, citizens of Lancaster, in the county of Worcester, representing that a manufacturing village, Clintonville, has lately come into being in the southern part of said town (of Lancaster) with a population of nearly three thousand persons, its favorable location giving assurance of a large increase; that the inhabitants of Lancaster proper and of Clintonville have separate and distinct interests and wholly different business associations; that their remoteness from Lancaster center makes it very inconvenient for them to meet with other citizens of Lancaster to hold elections, etc.; that a division of the town now much desired will soon be demanded and unless such division becomes a reality the inhabitants of Clintonville will have no local representation in state or town affairs; "Wherefore they humbly pray that the said town may be divided and the south part thereof, or Clintonville aforesaid, be sett off by some suitable line and incorporated into a separate town by the name of Clinton with all its powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and subject to all the duties and requisitions to which other towns are entitled", etc. In the House of Representatives, Jan. 22, 1850, on the petition aforesaid, ordered that the petitioners cause an attested copy of their petition with this order thereon to be served on the clerk of the town of Lancaster within ten days and published in the Lancaster Courant and Worcester Spy twice in different weeks, last publication three days before the 14th day of February, that they may show cause why prayer of said petition should not be granted. In Senate, Jan. 22, 1850, concurred. On Jan. 31, 1850, James Stewart gave an attested copy of within petition and order thereon into the hands of John G. Thurston, clerk of the town of Lancaster. On Feb. 1, 1850, subscribed and sworn to before justice of the peace, A. S. Carleton. Hdw. 3 pp. 7 3/4 x 12 1/2.

2. (APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Jan. 1850. 1 sheet.

C. L. Swan and 53 others express themselves to the General Court as in entire accord with the petition of Charles G. Stevens, praying for the division of the town of Lancaster, and ask that said petition, dated Jan. 11, 1850, be granted. In House of Representatives, Jan. 24, 1850, referred to Committee on Towns; in Senate, Jan. 24, 1850, concurred. Hdw. 1 p. 8 x 10 1/2.



3. (APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Jan. 1850. 1 sheet.  
Sidney Harris and 18 others express themselves to the General Court as in entire agreement with the petition of Charles G. Stevens, praying for the division of the town of Lancaster, and ask that said petition, dated Jan. 11, 1850, be granted. In House of Representatives, Jan. 17, 1850, referred to Committee on Towns; in Senate, Jan. 18, 1850, concurred. Hdw. 1 p. 8 x 10.

4. (APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Jan. 1850. 1 sheet.  
Alanson Chace and 13 others express themselves to the General Court as in entire agreement with the petition of Charles G. Stevens, praying for the division of the town of Lancaster, and ask that said petition, dated Jan. 11, 1850, be granted. In House of Representatives, referred to the Committee on Towns; in Senate, Jan. 18, 1850, concurred. Hdw. 1 p. 8 x 10.

5. (APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Jan. 1850. 1 sheet.  
Joseph B. Parker and 23 others express themselves to the General Court as in unanimous agreement with the petition of Charles G. Stevens, praying for the division of the town of Lancaster, and ask that said petition, dated Jan. 11, 1850, be granted. In House of Representatives, Jan. 17, 1850, referred to Committee on Towns; in Senate, Jan. 18, 1850, concurred. Hdw. 1 p. 8 x 18.

6. (APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Jan. 1850. 1 sheet.  
Edward R. Fiske and 35 others express themselves to the General Court as in perfect accord with the petition of Charles G. Stevens, praying for the division of the town of Lancaster, and ask that said petition, dated Jan. 11, 1850, be granted. In House of Representatives, Jan. 17, 1850, referred to Committee on Towns; in Senate, Jan. 18, 1850, concurred. Hdw. 1 p. 8 x 18.

7. (APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Jan. 1850. 1 sheet.  
Franklin Forbes and 94 others, citizens of Lancaster, express themselves to the General Court as in entire agreement with the petition of Charles G. Stevens, praying for the division of the town of Lancaster, and ask that said petition, dated Jan. 11, 1850, be granted. Hdw. 1 p.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x  $27\frac{1}{2}$ .

8. (APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Jan. 1850. 1 sheet.  
Nath(anie)l Rice and 22 others, inhabitants of Lancaster, express themselves to the General Court as in entire accord with the petition of C(harles) G. Stevens, praying the division of the town of Lancaster, and ask that said petition, dated Jan. 11, 1850, be granted. Hdw. 1 p.  $7\frac{3}{4}$  x 10.



9. (PETITION AGAINST SEPARATION FROM LANCASTER), Feb. 6, 1850.  
1 sheet.

Remonstrance to the General Court of Calvin Phelps and 77 others, inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, representing that said remonstrants "are opposed to the division of the town and solicit your honorable body not to grant the request contained in the Petition of C(harles) G. Stevens and others", and are also of the opinion that "this ancient Town of the Commonwealth ought not to be dismembered unless more weighty reasons can be presented than any with which we are now acquainted"; and that there is also the difficulty of increased expense which always confronts organization of a new town; therefore, said reasons seem to the remonstrants to be sufficient, if there were no others to justify this opposition to said town dismemberment. Hdw. 1 p.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x 28.

10. (REMONSTRANCE AGAINST PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Feb. 1850. 1 sheet.

Remonstrance of Levi Houghton and ten others to the General Court, with reference to the petition of Charles G. Stevens, praying for a division of the town of Lancaster, stating that they differ from the petitioners in their reasons for said division as follows: That the distance from Clintonville to the centre village is hardly enough to cause inconvenience, as it is but two and a half miles over a good road, with railroad communication in addition; that territory of the proposed new town is too small and that the disadvantage arising from a division of the town will far exceed the advantages to be derived therefrom. "For these and divers other good and sufficient reasons . . . , the said Levi Houghton and others of the same thought in the matter beg leave to remonstrate against the prayer of the petitioners". Hdw. 1 p.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x 19.

11. (REMONSTRANCE AGAINST PETITION FOR SEPARATION), undated. 1 sheet.

Remonstrance of Silas Thurston and 35 others, inhabitants of the town of Lancaster and residents of that portion of the town from which the petition of Charles G. Stevens has its source, praying to be set off from Lancaster and erected into a new town, respectfully represent to the General Court that the reasons set forth by the petitioners are in the opinion of the remonstrants not sufficient to cause a separation of the town, as in the first place "the distance from the centre village in Lancaster is but two and a half miles over a very good level road, in addition to railroad communications, and also that a very costly Town Hall has been erected for the accommodations of the whole Town for their public business and that the disadvantage generally that would result from a division of the Town would be far greater than the advantages", etc; therefore the remonstrants beg leave to put themselves on record as against the prayer of the petitioners. Hdw. 1 p.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x  $19\frac{1}{2}$ .

12. (MINUTES OF LANCASTER TOWN MEETING), Feb. 15, 1850. 2 sheets.  
Attested record of the Lancaster town meeting, held on Feb. 15, 1850, to see what action the town would take with reference to petition of Charles G. Stevens and others praying for a division of the town of Lancaster. A committee of five persons, John G. and Silas Thurston, Jacob Fisher,



Henry Lincoln, and Nathaniel Warner was appointed by the chair to confer with a like committee from Clintonville and report what terms would be satisfactory to the town of Lancaster in said division of the town. The committee, after conference with the Clintonville committee, reported that all property, real and personal, owned by the town of Lancaster shall belong to and be owned by said town after division; that the inhabitants of Clintonville shall support and maintain those who now receive relief from town of Lancaster as paupers who originated from territory proposed to be set off, etc.; that Clintonville or town of Clinton, if so incorporated, shall pay town of Lancaster ten thousand dollars in consideration of large number of river bridges and paupers that will remain within the limits of the old town, to be paid in ten equal payments, etc.; that the line of division shall be the same as proposed by Charles G. Stevens; and finally, if a division is consummated, the foregoing articles shall be inserted in legal form into the act of incorporation. John G. Thurston and Charles G. Stevens were appointed chairmen of the two committees. Voted to accept report and also voted that Mr. Stevens' preamble and resolution be laid upon the table; voted that a committee be chosen to see that the foregoing report be incorporated into the act. Solon Whiting, Moderator; attested by John G. Thurston, town clerk. Hdw. 3 pp.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ .

13. LIST OF POLLS, RATES, AND TAXES ON PROPERTY OF INHABITANTS OF SOUTHERN PART OF LANCASTER, Feb. 15, 1850. 1 sheet.

A list of the inhabitants of the southern part of Lancaster (known as Clintonville) showing its polls, valuation of its estates, and taxes levied, making a total of 73 polls, \$72,084 in estate valuation, and \$521.90 in taxes. Luke Eigelow, chairman of the board of assessors for 1849, certifies said list is an accurate transcription from the book of the assessors of the town of Lancaster for the year 1840, and further "certifies that to the best of my knowledge said list comprises all the taxable property within the limits of what is now called Clintonville". Hdw. 1 p.  $8\frac{1}{4}$  x  $32\frac{1}{2}$ .

14. (WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTIONS TO PETITION FOR SEPARATION), Feb. 18, 1850. 1 sheet.

Petition of Eben Pratt, Levi Houghton, Nathan Burdett, Jonas White, Milo Winchester, Gardner Pollard, Amory F. Holman, Merrick Sargent, and Caleb Carruth, stating that said petitioners of Lancaster, having signed a remonstrance to the petition of Charles G. Stevens and others for a division of the said town of Lancaster, and whereas, since having signed said remonstrance there has been held a town meeting at which the terms of separation and line of division have been proposed and accepted by a large majority of voters, and believing as they do now that the terms of separation are just and equitable to all parties, they therefore pray "that our names may be withdrawn from said remonstrance and we further pray that the petition of said C(harles) G. Stevens and others may be granted upon the terms agree upon". Hdw. 1 p. 8 x 10.



15. (ACT TO INCORPORATE TOWN OF CLINTON), March 14, 1850. 4 sheets.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same as follows: SECTION 1. All that part of Lancaster in the county of Worcester which lies southerly of the following described line, etc., is hereby incorporated into a separate town by the name of CLINTON and the said town of CLINTON is hereby vested with all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities, and subject to all the duties and requisitions to which other towns are entitled and subjected". SECTION 2. "The inhabitants of the town of CLINTON shall be holden to pay all state, county, and town taxes legally assessed on them before the passage of this act and also their proportion of state and county taxes previously assessed", etc. SECTION 3. "Said towns of Lancaster and CLINTON shall be respectively liable for the support of all persons who now do or shall hereafter stand in need of relief as paupers". SECTION 4. "All corporate property now owned by the town of Lancaster shall remain the property of said town and the town of CLINTON shall pay to the treasurer of the town of Lancaster the sum of ten thousand dollars by ten equal annual payments with semi-annual interest". SECTION 5. "Any Justice of the Peace within and for the county of Worcester may issue his warrant directed to any principal inhabitant of the town of CLINTON requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the time and place therein appointed for purpose of choosing all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meetings, etc. such justice or in his absence such principal inhabitant shall preside until the choice of moderator in said meeting. The selectmen of Lancaster shall before said meeting prepare a list of voters of said Town of CLINTON, qualified to vote at said meeting, and shall deliver the same to the person presiding at said meeting before the choice of a moderator thereof". SECTION 6. "This Act shall take effect from and after its passage". In the Senate, Feb. 26, 1850, passed to be engrossed; in House of Representatives, March 8, 1850, concurred; signed by the Governor, March 14, 1850. Hdw. 5 pp. 8 x 10.



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