

Researching in New England Town Records: 17th through 19th Centuries

Class 5: Records of Service to the Community

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Inhabitants and Warnings Out
 - Demonstration
 - Service for the Town
 - The Start of the Town
 - Selectmen
 - Tithingmen
 - Fence Viewers
 - Hogreeves
 - Other Town Offices
 - Town Meetings
 - Working with Town Records
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Inhabitants and Warnings Out



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Who Was Considered a Town Inhabitant?

- Landowners
- Individuals born in the town
- Apprentices trained in the town
- Newcomers allowed if:
 - Good character
 - Vouched for by existing town inhabitant OR
 - Approved by Selectmen
 - Deemed not become a burden to the town

Privileges of Town Inhabitancy



Image from www.revolutionarywarjournal.com

- Land
- Common land for grazing
- Fishing and hunting privileges
- If became indigent, right to be cared for by the town
- Could hold office

When Did Warnings Out Change?

- Never went to the county level
- Settlement Acts began to phase out warnings out
 - 1793 – Massachusetts
 - 1796 – Connecticut
 - 1796 – New Hampshire
 - 1817 – Vermont
 - 1821 – Maine
- Poor Relief acts basically eliminated warnings out

Demonstration: Limiting a Search When Using Family Search's Full Text Search

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FamilySearch Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

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Build your family tree

Continue building your tree
Build your family tree, and find new ancestors as you add what you know.

BUILD YOUR TREE

Recently Viewed

People in the tree you have recently visited

- John Russell**
1792-1868 • LC88-B21 **Public Person**
- Teresa Temperance Lomax**
1802-1871 • G3VN-B2Y **Public Person**
- Lydia Stewart**
1767-1836 • L7P9-VZ3 **Public Person**

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Record Hints

Potential matches for your ancestors in historical documents

Search for an Ancestor

First Names

Last Names

Required

Possible Location

City, County, State, Country

Estimated Birth Year

SEARCH

Make Discoveries

We found a record that may include information about your relative.

Service for the Town

Service for the Town

- Towns were small, so many men served in various roles
- Without town clerks, no vital records
- Without constables, chaos
- Without tax collectors and treasurers, no money to support the town
- Without militia, open to attacks from indigenous tribes

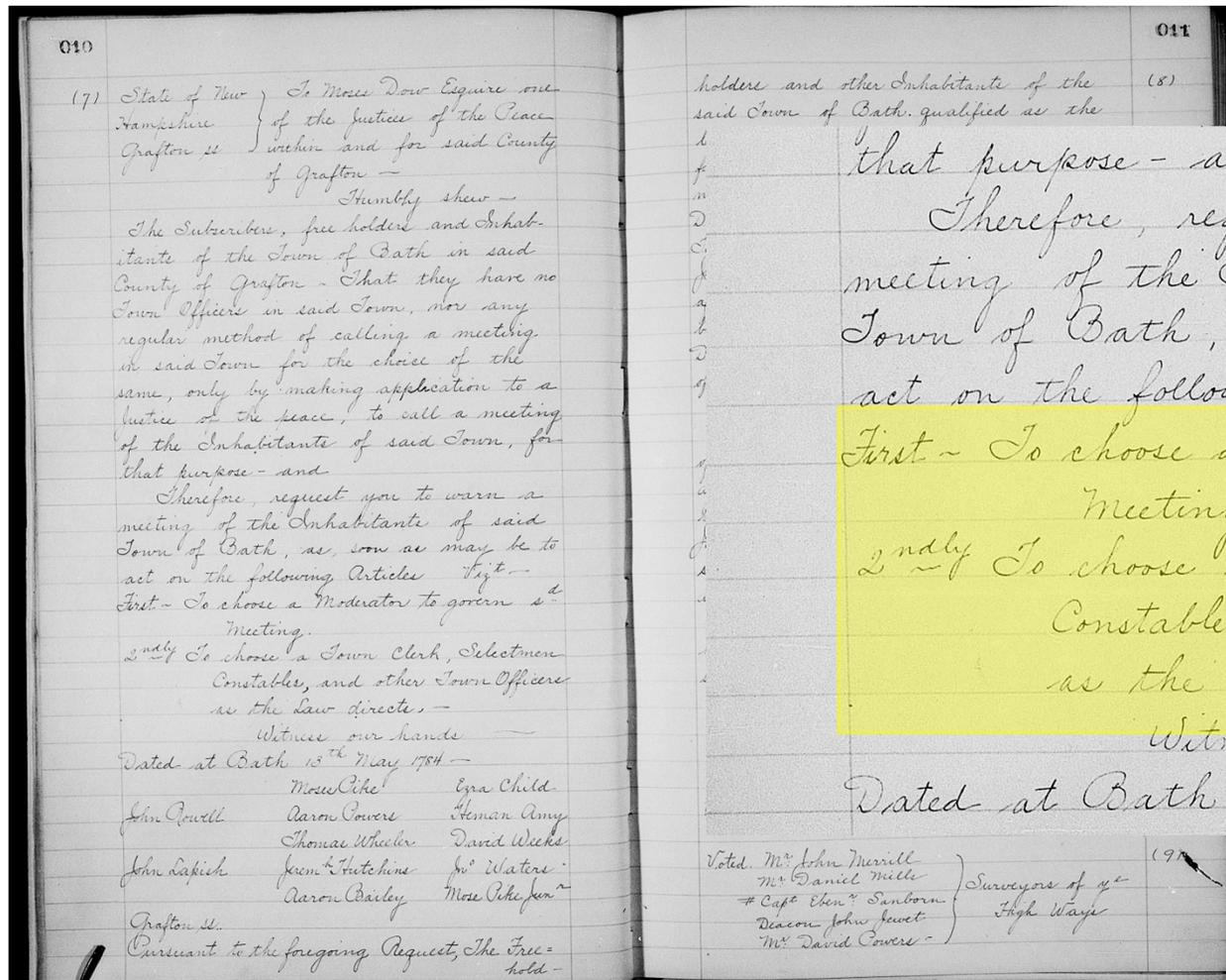
The Start of a Town

Timeline – Bath, N.H.

- 1769 – Official grant of land from George III (new – earlier one forfeited)
 - Contained 20,090 acres (some set aside for roads and unimprovable lands totaling 1,040 acres)
 - Those on the grant to get 100 equal shares
 - All white and other pine trees for masting for Royal Navy
 - Center of town – Town lots of 1 acre
 - Recorded in Book of Patents 9 March
- 1770 –
 - Twelve families must be settled by 1 May
 - Payment of one ear of Indian corn to the Crown (if lawfully demanded)
 - Good wagon road cut through town by 1 May

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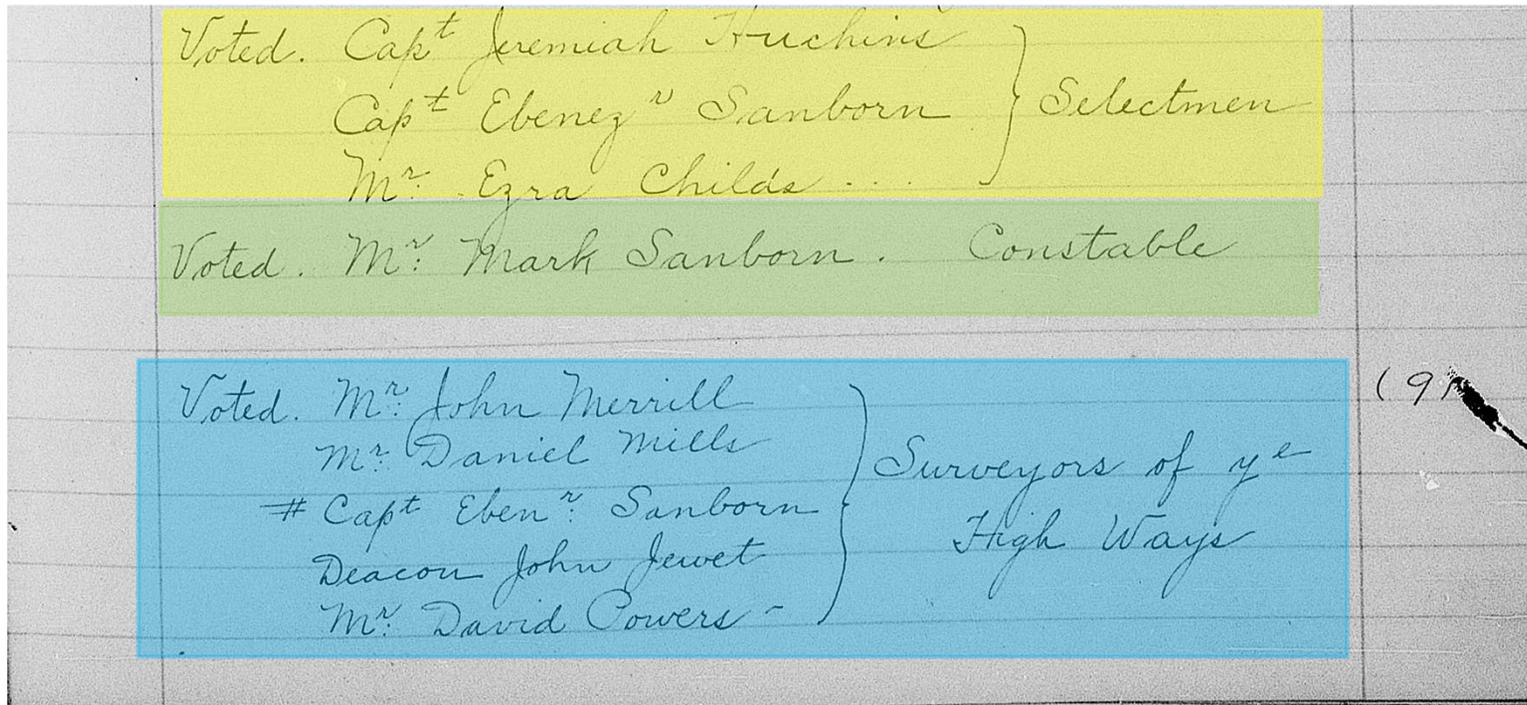
- 1771 – 1 May every year going forward, 1 shilling Proclamation money per 100 acres owned (prorated based on lands owned)
- 1774 – 60 families settled on the lands by 1 May (or forfeit of grant)
- 1780 – Patent received and recorded in Book of Charters for Bath, 18 May 1780 (original grantees: 100)
- 1784 – Meeting called to choose town officers



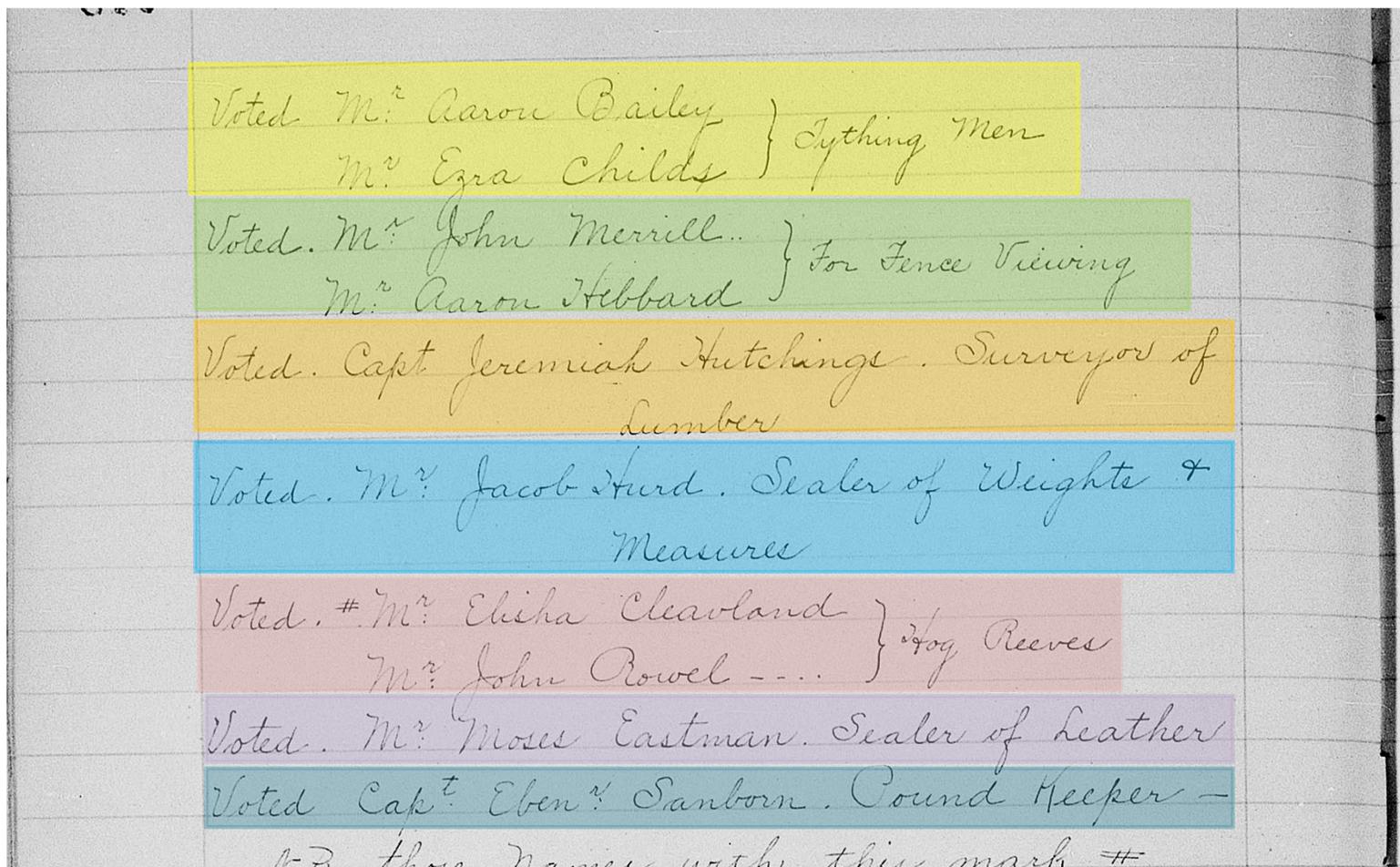
Bath, N.H., Town Records, 1784

Grafton ss. Bath July 26th 1784- A Meeting
of the Inhabitants of said Town was opened
agreeable to the above warning. and the
ballots being taken it appeared that Mr^r
John Way was chosen Moderator of the
said meeting and he took the Chair
accordingly - Attest Moses Dow Jus^s Pa^s
Mr^r Jacob Hurd was Chosen Town Clerk
and took the Oaths to qualify him for
said Office -
Attest Moses Dow Jus^s Pa^s -

Bath, N.H., Town Records, 1784



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Office		Description
Town Clerk	✓	Keeper of vital records, recorded meeting proceedings, administered oaths and affidavits, certified licenses.
Selectmen	✓	Elected to one year term, managed affairs of town. Known as Town Councilors in Rhode Island.
Treasurer	✓	Managed town's finances, presided over reimbursements (military service, care of poor, services by townspeople).
Constable	✓	Posted notice for town meetings, "policeman" of the town, warned out strangers, could act as tax collector if position did not exist.
Tithingmen	✓	Ensured that townspeople made contributions to meetinghouse and salary of minister, monitored church attendance, observed conduct of townspeople.
Overseers of the Poor		Charged with using town funds to support town inhabitants who were unable to support themselves. Support took the form of supplies, services, or money.
Surveyor of Highways	✓	Inspected town roads, determined when and where new roads would be constructed.
Assessor		Responsible for listing the names of property owners (real and personal property) and determining how much tax they should pay.
Tax Collector		Collected the assessed taxes.
Fence Viewers	✓	Reviewed fences and property boundaries, moderated boundary disputes.
Hogreeves	✓	Caught stray livestock, fined owners for straying animals.

Town Officers

- Key Officers
 - Moderator
 - Town Clerk
 - Selectmen(Town Councilors – RI)
 - Constable
 - Treasurer
- Depending on the size of the town, some offices seemed “semi-hereditary”

Tip:

Use the Town Officer Lists to Place
Your Ancestor in Place and Time



QUESTIONS?

Selectmen

Selectmen

- Generally elected to a one-year term
- Managed the affairs of the town
- Performed many tasks
 - Created slate of jurors
 - Divided town lands
 - Judge offenses against town laws and orders (including warnings out)

Tithingmen

Tithingmen

- Kept order in church
- Maintained the observance of the Sabbath
- Ensured everyone attended church
- Enforced travel bans on the Sabbath

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History is past Politics and Politics present History.—*Freeman*

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SAXON TITHING-MEN
IN AMERICA

Read before the American Antiquarian Society, October 21, 1881

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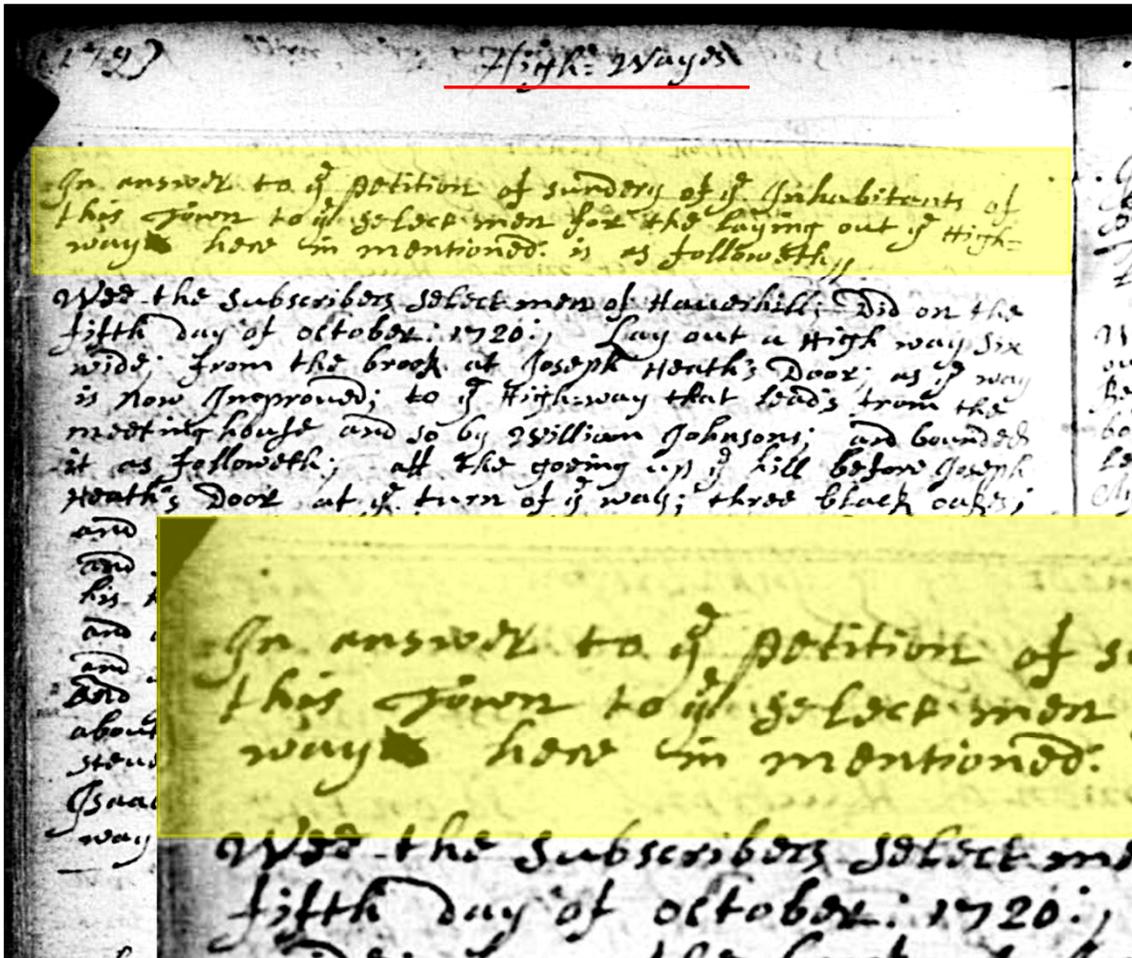
From original town records it appears that it was the duty of the early New England Tithingman, not merely to preserve order in the meeting-house, but to see to it that every one went to church. The Tithingman was a kind of ecclesiastical “whipper-in.” After looking over the congregation to find if any seats were vacant, the Tithingmen would steal out and explore the horse-sheds, the adjoining fields and orchards, the inns and ordinaries, and even the houses of the village, in order to search out skulkers from divine service. According to the town records of Salem, it is clear

Saxon Tithing-men by Herbert B. Adams

Surveyor of Highways

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- Inspected town roads
- Hired townspeople to repair roads
- Determined when and where new roads would be constructed
- Could alter landscape as they saw fit



Haverhill, Mass., Town Records

Fence Viewers

Fence Viewers

- Reviewed fences and property boundaries
- Responsible for moderating boundary disputes
- Important position in establishment of new communities
- Usually was required to be a freeholder (i.e., a person who owned land and had the right to improve, transfer or sell it)

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FENCE-VIEWERS.

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I. *How to be chosen, qualified, and sworn.*

Every town* shall, at their annual town-meeting for the choice of officers, choose two or more *judicious and discreet freeholders*, to be Fence-Viewers, to be sworn as other town officers are, to the faithful discharge of the duties of their office; each of whom, in case of refusal after seven days' notice, shall pay a fine of five dollars to the use of the town. And another person shall forthwith be sworn in his stead.

Hogreeves

HOG REEVES

New England towns appointed hog reeves (officers chartered with the prevention or appraising of damages by stray swine). Hogs were usually supposed to be yoked (wear collars) and have rings in their noses, which reduced the amount of damage they could do to gardens and crops by rooting. This was not a minor concern, because this food was necessary for human survival. There were punishments established for failure to control animals. The fine in Chelsea was "10 shillings for each swine for every time it is found without a keeper." But, the damaged party had to have an adequate fence, as in 1643 Virginia where "if he be deficient therein, what damage he shall systeyne by hoggs, goats or cattle whatsoever shall be to his own losse and detriment." Wandering livestock were called "estrays," they were "taken up," and they often were taken to the "pound." Notice of such actions are found in town records and county court minutes.

If the owner of a hog had not 'rung' and 'yoked' their hogs, and they got loose and became a nuisance in the community, one or more of the men assigned as Hog Reeve would be responsible for capturing the animal and performing the necessary chore for the owner; who could legally be charged a small fee for the service.

Reeve" derives from the same root as the "riff" in sheriff, and a hog reeve rounded up stray hogs. He turned them over to the pound keeper, who fed them until claimed by the owner, who paid set fees.

Descriptions of Official Positions... Chelsea

Other Town Offices

Other Town Offices

- Assessor –
 - Responsible for listing the names of property owners (real and personal property) and determining how much tax they should pay
 - Determining the amount of property that needed to be sold if taxes were unpaid
- Overseer of the Poor –
 - Took charge of funds for the indigent
 - Supervise the poor house (alms house)

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Notice

The resident proprietors of the following tracts of land or real estate in the town of Wiscasset, in the County of Lincoln, are notified that the same are taxed in the tax list committed to the subscriber, the collector of taxes for said town of Wiscasset, for the year, one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven (1877) - that the taxes assessed on the same remain unpaid, and that nine months from the date of the assessment has expired.

Amount of
tax due each

Wiscasset, Me., Assessor's List, 1877

expired - Names of Owners	Estate Taxed.	Acres,	Amount of tax due and unpaid	
Benjamin L. Blagden	House, barn & land on east side of old Sheepscot road	37	8	25
William Bailey	House, barn & land on east side of Jewankie road.	104	72	60
William B. Boynton	Homestead on both sides of road to Aresden Lower Bridges: bounded north by land of Robert S. Card; east by Lewis Lowell; south by Luther S. Cornell; west by John Baker 2 nd	70	23	10
Thomas Cunningham	Lot of land bounded south by Main street; west by Union St; north by			

Wiscasset, Me., Assessor's List, 1877

◀ Back to collection guide

Boston Overseers of the Poor Records, 1733-1925

» II. Almshouse records, 1735-1911 [\[read more\]](#)

◀ Reel 7, Box 8, Folder 5, "Casebook" of persons ...

Reel 8, Box 9, Folder 1, Record book containing admissions and discharges; and list of children bound out, 1756-1790
Image 1 (93 images)

Reel 8, Box 9, Folder 2, Records of Admissions to ... ▶

Handwritten record book page with columns: Names, By whom sent into the House, Age, Discharge, Death. The page contains several entries with names like Rebecca Pimm, Barbary Mason, Mary Morgan, John Hambleton, Robert Pritchett, Elizabeth Higgins, Isaac Orr, and John Taylor.

Names	By whom sent into the House	Age	Discharge	Death
80 Rebecca Pimm 2 Child	Royal Tyler Esq.	Nov. 9 th 1758	30	
Barbary Mason	Ditto	16 th	30	
Mary Morgan	M ^r Isaac Smith	21 st	44	
John Hambleton	M ^r John Barrett	27 th	61	Janu. 23. 1759.
Robert Pritchett	M ^r Thos. Slucker Esq.	28 th		Dec. 26 th 1758
5 Elizabeth Higgins 5 Child	Eben. Storer Esq.	9 th	21	gone away
Isaac Orr	Royal Tyler Esq.	Decem. 2 ^d	57	Mar. 27 th 1761.
John Taylor & 4 Children	Melaniah Bourn Esq.	3 th	42	Child ⁿ bound out

<https://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0144>



QUESTIONS?

Town Meetings

Town Meetings

- Include lists for town officers
- May allude to court issues
- May include lists of militia
- Appointments of jurors to county courts
- Business of the operation of the town

Bath Nov^r 28th 1796

This may certify all whom it may concern
that we the Selectmen do licence Andrew
Woods a tavern for the term of one year
from the above Date and that he provide
himself with Accomodations as the law
directs

Amasa Buck } Selectmen
Aaron Hibbard } for Bath

Attest Isaac Moore Town Clerk

Bath, N.H., Town Meeting, 2 March 1797

Light fouldoured mane & ears
near Thigh with the letters I.N. John MacNeill

Dr Alex^r Mumphy } Town Clerk
}
January 13th 1756 Taken up and strayed by Nath^l
= anel Martin of Nail Town & called a Darke Brown
maer Colt Comming Two years old has no Artificial mark
that the Prizers could discover but the Natural marks
as followeth (viz) both her hind feet & legs white allmo
to her Gambrels and two white spots between her Eyes
something like a white spot upon her Nose and trots &
Paces both. Said Colt is prized at thirty five pounds
Recorded this 13th day of January 1756 At John Goffe Town Clerk

Advertisement

Manchester, N.H., Stray Animals

Moretown June 12th 1786 At a Legal Meeting of the Freemen of said Town held
at the House of Noah White Esq^r when met -

- 1st Chose Bildad Andros Esq^r Moderator
- 2^d Voted to send a Member to sit in Convention with the Committee of Censors -
- 3^d Chose Pelatiah Bliss Esq^r to go to Manchester to sit in Convention with
the Members from the different Towns in this State.
- 4th Voted to Build a Pound at the Town Cost, by Order of the Select Men near Mr
Giles Peckett, and also Stocks and Sign Post

This Meeting Dissolved by Order of Moderator
Stevens M Cornell Town Clerk

Bradford, Vt., Town Record, 1786

Working with Town Records

Comfort S. (_____) Quint

- May have been born a MASON
- b. ca. 1804, New Hampshire
- d. ca. 1865, Littleton, Grafton Co., N.H.
- m. ca. 1829, Andrew Quint
- Child: Malinda J. Quint, b. Jan. 1831

Examined town records in...

- Orland, N.H.
- Littleton, N.H.
- Lyman, N.H.
- Lebanon, N.H.
- Grafton, N.H.
- Bath, N.H.

Comfort S. Quint TO-DO list

DONE Records to Search

Done → Oxford VRs on microfilm 2217601

- Item 1 - Town Records, Vol. 2
 - Began VRs on p. 525
- Item 2 - Proprietors Book
 - up to p. 97

scanned → beginning p. 98 Births 1889-1900

scanned → Item 3 - Birth, Marriages, Deaths 1742-1850

scanned → Item 4 - Marriages, Births, Death 1849-1859

scanned → Item 5 - Intentions of Marriage 1855-1896

Item 6 - Births, Deaths, Marriage 1860-1915

Done Littleton VRs on microfilm 2257831

scanned → Item 1 - Town Records v. 1 1787-1811

- Has some VRs w/ it

scanned → Item 2 - Marriages, Births and deaths 1850-1860

- Has a lot of misc early years ^{ca 1808}

scanned → Item 3 - Marriages, births and deaths Book B - 1883

- Spine says 1878-1883
- Marriages began w 1852
- Births started ca 1870
- Deaths started w 1878

scanned → Item 4 - Index to "#C" (poss. 1863-1872)

- no QUINT entries

scanned → Item 5 - Marriages, Births, Deaths Book C ¹⁸⁶³⁻¹⁸⁹²

- Deaths begin w 1883

Item 6 - Marriages, Births, Deaths Book D ^{ca 1890-1897}

Item 7 - Marriages, Births, Deaths Book F ¹⁸⁹³⁻¹⁸⁹⁷

Item 8-10 - Marriages, Births, Deaths 1896-1911

Comfort S. Quint TO-DO list

DONE Records to Search

Done → Lyman VRs on microfilm 2257489

- Items 1-2 Town Records 1805-1852
 - Births, Marriage, Burials, Misc. Vol. 2
 - goes up to 1820
 - Births, marriage, Burials, Misc. Vol 4
 - Begins w 1820
 - ends w 1852
- Items 3-4 Town Records 1850-1915
 - Volume 5th March 1840 - 6 Mar 1851
 - Misc Book No 5
 - commences w 1851
 - p. 42 - 1854; p. 43 1 Mar 1873
 - p. 50 - 1874; p. 51 - 1877
 - p. 88 - 1892 - stopped here
 - p. 11 begins 1848 tax list after the page of 1913-1915
 - some duplication of 1861 tax
- Item 5 - marriage 1855-1915
- Item 6 - marriage, Births, Deaths 1859-1915
 - marriages began 1860
 - Births begin 1859
 - Deaths began 1859
 - gap from 1864 & 1874

Done Lebanon VRs on microfilm 2217609

scanned → Item 1 - Town Records v. 1 1765-1791

missing page on film: 128-129, 194-203

- placard says 1765-1838
- First page of volume says it also has Volume 3 # 192, 193 blank not filmed

scanned → Item 2 - Town Records v. 2 1771-1826

- also had Proprietors Records at the back & 2 indexes

not on film Item 3 - Town Records v. 1, 1829-1889

not on film Item 4 - Birth Index

Notekeeping on Records

State of New Hampshire -

Grafton ss Bath Feb 20. 1827

This will certify that Andrew Lunt of
Littleton + Comfort S. Mason of Bath were
this day lawfully joined in marriage by
me -

Copy

Jon^a Smith Jus. Pace.

Recorded by W. V. Hutchins Town Clerk - April 11. 1827

Bath, N.H., Town Records

Grafton County, N.H.

Lived

Suspected Bath

Mason

Hill w 1810 was New Chester & w Grafton Co.

Per marr. Comf. S. Mason was residing w Bath w 1827

Possible origins

Map showing Grafton County, N.H. with various towns and handwritten notes. A red circle highlights Bath, and a blue circle highlights Lyman. A red arrow points from the Bath circle to the right-hand map.

Suspected Bath

Mason

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Map showing Vermont and surrounding areas. Bath, Vermont is circled in red. A red arrow points from the Bath circle in the left-hand map to this Bath circle. Other towns like Lyman, Littleton, and Orford are also highlighted.

Notekeeping

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Inventory of Taxes for 1824		
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(91)	Inventory & Taxes For 1825	Polls	Stud Horses	Horses 5w	H	3	2	Open 5	H	Cows	Cattle 3w	3	Orcharding	Silage	Mowing	Planting	Value of Lumber from land	Mules & Mischery	Whilobing	Shed in hand	Money on hand + 4% interest	Bank of Mass	Carrriages	Valuation	County	Town	School	Minister	Highway	(92)
	Moses Moor	1																					1.30	12	45	57	70	91		
	Eliphalet Mason	1					2	6	2	1			4	6	10		100	100					6.85	66	2.40	2.94	3.70	4.80		
	Thomas & A Miner	2	1	1	1	2			2				1	5	6		150	50					7.40	71	2.59	3.18		5.18		
	Robert Moor	1							2	4													1.90	19	66	91	1.02	1.33		
	Michael Mallit		4						1	1/2					1								1.03	10	36	44	56	71		
	J & J Nelson												2										200	13	49	60		98		
	Wm Nelson													6	6								70	20	72	88		1.44		
	M P Payson	1	3			2	22	3	12				6	24	32		1200	1600	500	500	40	3755	3.76	13.14	16.41	20.28	26.29			
	James Porter	1	2						1				1 1/2	2	8		100	60					4.80	46	1.68	1.07	2.59	3.36		
	Walter Towers	1	2			2	4	3	3	1/2	2	8		12			164	50					8.57	82	300	368	466	6.07		
	Day E. Pattie	1																					1.30	12	45	57		91		
	Isaac Patterson	1	1																				2.00	19	66	86	1.08	1.40		
	Seth Parker	1																					1.30	12	45	57	70	91		
	Oris Pattie	1				2											12						2.16	20	75	92	1.17	1.46		
	Edward Beckett												1	1	4		30	33					91	9	31	39		64		
	True Page	1							1				1/4										1.55	16	54	66	91	1.09		
	Dennis Parsons	1							1	1													1.55	16	54	66		1.09		
	John M Pinkerton		1	1																			40	4	14	17		28		
	Amos Porter																82						41	4	14	17		29		

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For 1826		N. Polls	Studs	Horses & W.	"	"	"	"	"	"	Cows	Neats Sw	"	"	Acres arched	"	Sillage	Mowing	Part year	Value of yearling	Miles and	Machines	Buildings	Stock in	Trade	Money on	Hand & interest	Carriages	Valuation	State Tax	County Tax	Town Tax	Minister Tax	School Tax	Highway	Wild	Accommodate	Wages
Thomson Johnson Jr.	1	1		1							4	3	1		2	4	8	75				50						5.48	77	29	2.05	296	230	318			77	
James H. Johnson & The Carletons															1		30					50						60	9	3	29	33	26	36			9	
James Kimball	1					4					2				1	3	6	175				34						5.44	76	29	2.04		229	316			76	
Susannah Kimball		2						2			3	1	1		3	8	14	100				50						6.32	89	35	236	341	266	367			89	
Francis D. Kimball																		34										.17	3	1	7		8	10			33	
Sherburn Lang	1	1	2	1	1	4					8	4	9		3	20	26	230				67						19.54	2.74	107	7.32	1036	821	1134			274	
William Lang		2						2			3				1	4	5	100				00						5.75	81	31	2.15	3.13	242	334			81	
Henry H. Lang	1	2							4		6	3	7		2	8	12	100				50						9.10	1.28	50	341	492	3.83	528			128	
Daniel Lang	1									1																		1.50	21	8	56	81	63	87			21	
W ^m Lang 2 ^d	1	1	1	1	2						5	1	5		1	10	15	200				50						8.70	1.23	48	328	473	365	508			1.23	
Jacob Longfellow	1																	70										1.85	26	10	68	1.00	77	108			26	
Jereh Martin	2	1									3	2			1	4	5	80										5.90	83	32	2.21		248	342			83	
Samuel Mann	1										3	1																2.00	28	11	75	108	84	116			28	
Ariel Miner	2	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	5	6	150									50						8.35	1.17	46	33		351	485			117	
Joseph Merrill	1																											1.30	19	7	48		55	76			19	
Samuel Martin	1										1	3			1	1/2	4	70				25						2.82	39	16	1.06		119	164			39	
Phineas Merrill	1	1									2				1/2		2											2.60	37	14	97	141	110	1.32			37	
Moses Moore Jr.	1	1		1	2						2						40											3.40	48	19	1.27	1.84	143	191			48	
Oliphant Mason	1										2	6	1	3		2	4	10	100				5					3.80	81	32	217	313	244	351			81	
Samuel Monot	1	1									8	2	4		3	10	15	600				300						62.65	1.77	70	4.74	6.74	532	735			1.77	

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 (99) Nathan Bachelidor, Isaac Duncan, Walter Gilchrist.
 September 1st 1825
 Agreeable to the within petition we have explored the
 ground and commenced at the south of Thomas
 Johnsons house and running southerly to the
 easterly end of the Barn lately occupied by Cyrus
 Johnson thence southerly till it strikes a stooping
 birch at the edge of the woods thence continuing
 southerly where the petitioners have bushed out till
 it strikes the foot of the hollow on land owned by
 W^m Nelson thence on the westerly side of hollow till
 we reach the road leading from Dodge's falls by the
 House occupied by E. Mason thence across S^d Road
 in a southerly direction across land owned by
 S. Currier a little west of W. D Annis Barn thence
 on the westerly side of the flagg swamp; thence
 on a straight course till it strikes the road on
 the north of the hollow near Benjamin Farmans
 Edmund Carleton }
 Caleb Hunt } Selectme
 5 - 1825

Petition for a road by many petitioners, and this was the suggested route for the new road.

Bath, N.H., Town Records – Minutes – 1825

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- Include tax lists
- Include vital records
- Include minutes of town meetings
- Seldom indexed
- Require perseverance and organization

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