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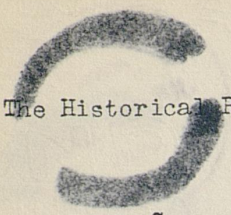
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## PREFACE

This inventory of the town records of Warwick is one volume in a series bearing the title Inventory of the Town and City Archives of Massachusetts. It is anticipated that eventually in similar 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 work of the project is to survey, preserve, and render accessible historical source materials of all kinds, the final objective being the preparation and publication of inventories of town, city, county, and state archives. Church records, manuscript collections, check lists of early American imprints are also important phases of the project's work. During the present period of crisis, the project has a new and important task, endorsed by the Committee on the Conservation of Cultural Resources: To survey housing and storage facilities in restricted areas for emergency deposit of archives, manuscripts, records, and museum treasures, and to assist curators and custodians in preparing priority lists of such materials.

In the preparation of this volume standard recheck procedures were applied to the majority of the records described. The descriptions of all entries, however, are based on field inventories made several months prior to publication and therefore may have undergone various changes since the date of inventory.

The original field inventory, together with a draft of all sketches, were compiled by William S. Piper. The final editorial processes and the preparation for publication was the work of George Weiner, and the volume was collated under the direction of M. Louis Haffer.

Appreciation is expressed to the officials of Warwick for their assistance. The survey also wishes to express its indebtedness to the Honorable Frederic W. Cook, Secretary of the Commonwealth, through whose cooperation and sponsorship the publication of this volume was made 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 Warwick in Franklin County, is volume XXIV of number 6 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. Up to the present time approximately 1800 publications have been issued by the Survey throughout the County. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by town officials, and also the needs of lawyers, business men and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalogue for printed sources.

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

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

The survey was 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.

F. H. Dryden  
Acting Commissioner

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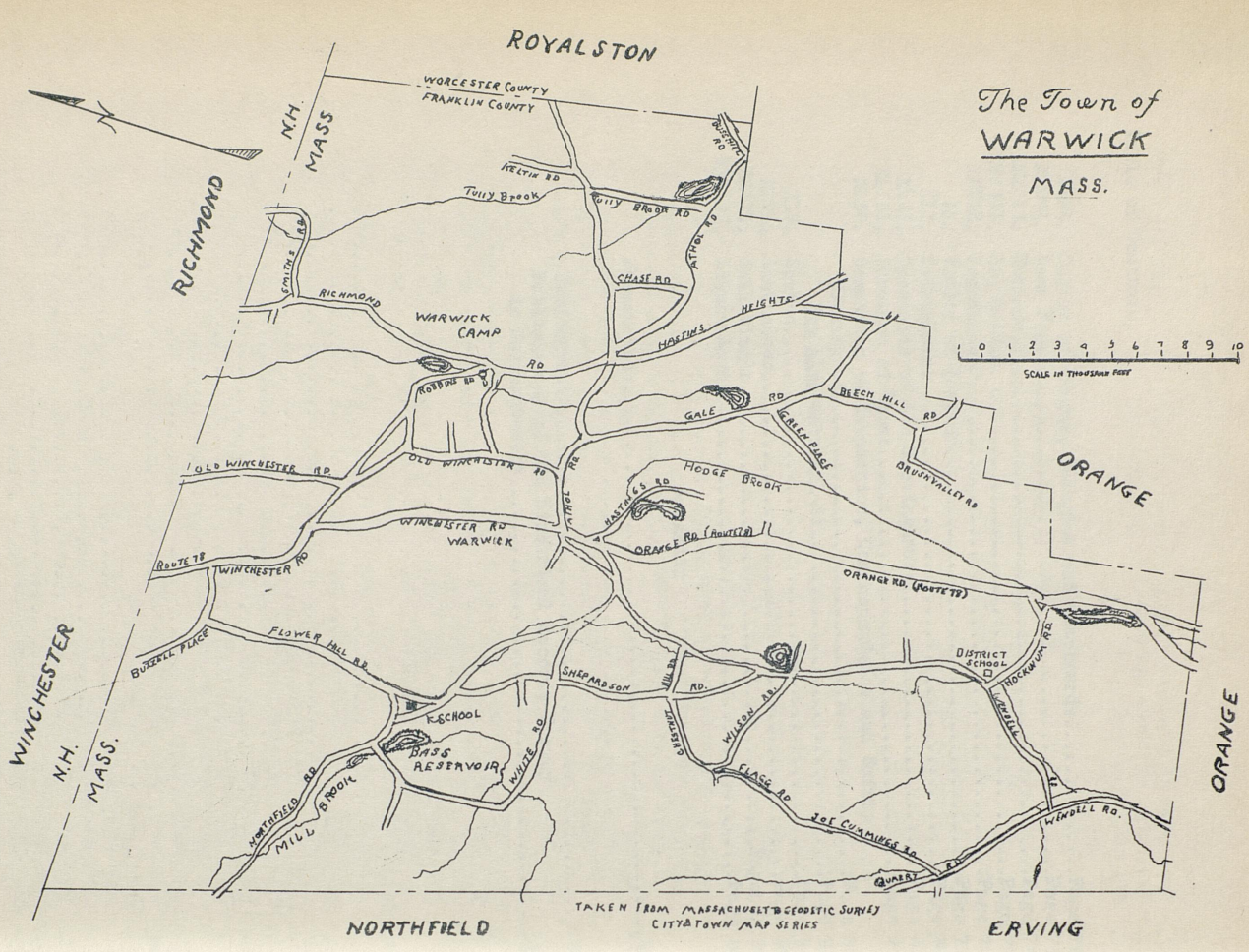
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## PART A. WARWICK AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

### Historical Sketch

The growing importance of Massachusetts as a recreational and sport center for the entire country is, without a doubt, one of the most significant changes that has ever taken place in this State. The town of Warwick, 87 miles northwest of Boston, on State Route 78, well exemplifies this trend in the social and economic life of the Commonwealth. Located in the northeast corner of Franklin County, on the New Hampshire border, it is one of the most thoroughly mountainous towns in the State. Though agriculture and industry once flourished in the region, it is now becoming important primarily as a tourist resort. Circling Mount Grace, which rises 1620 feet above sea level, a Snowshoe Trail and a Novice Ski Trail are becoming increasingly popular. The "Cape to the Berkshire" bridle trail passes through the village; and, a mile away, a professional ski trail, the first of its kind in the State and one of the fastest, drops precipitously at the rate of one thousand feet a mile. The Warwick State forest, which covers about a third of the town's area, allows hunting to holders of State licenses, and there are also State picnic grounds in the vicinity. Tourists find much to admire in the rugged terrain which includes not only Mount Grace but also Bolster Hill, Flour Hill, Beach Hill, Barber Hill, and Chestnut Hill. Numerous brooks and water courses, with fishing facilities, add greatly to the beauty of the section.<sup>1</sup>

For many years in the early history of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, it was the aim of the Governor and General Court to encourage the settlement of a large tract of uninhabited land lying north of Brookfield, west of Lancaster, east of Northfield, and south of the Province boundary. Settlement had taken place in the Connecticut Valley, lying west of this area, from Springfield to Northfield, but the towns were widely separated and Northfield itself, the northern outpost, was practically isolated. In order to protect the valley on the northeast against Indian attack and French encroachment from Canada, a number of grants of the land lying east of Northfield and south of the Province line were made between 1733-1736. Twelve of these grants were made in 1735. They were known as the Canada townships because they were given to soldiers who had served in the disastrous expedition to Canada in 1690, or to their descendants. Gardner-Canada, as Warwick was first called, was one of four grants made simultaneously. The grantees were Samuel Newell and others, or their descendants, inhabitants of Roxbury, who had served under the command of Captain Andrew Gardner.<sup>2</sup>

The grant provided that the "Township be laid out in sixty-three equal Shares, one of which to be for the first Settled Minister, one for the use of

1. Massachusetts Federal Writers' Project, Massachusetts, A Guide to Its Places and People, pp. 463, 464.

2. Records of Proprietors (copy), p. 1, see entry 32.

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the Ministry and one for the School, and in the Admission thereof preference to be given to the Petitioners such as are the Descendants of the Officers and Soldiers who Served in the Expedition to Canada in the year 1690. . . in as much as the Officers and Soldiers in that Expedition were very great Sufferers and underwent Uncommon Hardship."<sup>1</sup> Another provision required the proprietors, within 5 years after the confirmation of their plat, to "Settle . . . a learned Orthodox Minister and Build a convenient meeting house for the Public worship of God. . ."<sup>2</sup>

On June 15, 1736 the General Court accepted the plat of this territory as surveyed by Nathaniel Kellogg. It consisted of a tract not greater than 6 miles square "containing 23,040 Acres, exclusive of a farm belonging to Johnson and Co., as also farms belonging to Severance and Field; bounded . . . Westerly on Northfield and Province Land, East partly on Province Land and partly on Paquaoge (Athol), North partly on Arlington (now Winchester, New Hampshire), and partly on Province Land."<sup>3</sup> The excepted grants, totaling 2250 acres, had been previously awarded to Zachariah Field, Joseph Severance, and Johnson and Company for various services rendered to the Commonwealth.<sup>4</sup>

Two weeks later, on July 2, 1736, the General Court directed the grantees to meet and "Chuse a Moderator, Proprietors Clerk, & Comtee to lay out their Home lots, or first Divisions, & to do & pass Votes that may be necessary for the Fulfillment of their Grant and Agree Upon Methods how to Call Proprietors meetings for the future."<sup>5</sup> In accordance with this act, the first meeting was held on September 22, 1736 in Roxbury, and officers were elected as directed. No terms of office were specified.<sup>6</sup> At the same meeting, a committee of three was elected to lay out home lots. They were instructed to hire a surveyor to divide the area into lots of not less than 50 acres nor more than 60 acres, and the proprietors were assessed 20 shillings each to pay for this expense.<sup>7</sup> The first division of 60-acre lots was drawn on October 24, 1737.<sup>8</sup> A second division of lots, of 150 acres each, was drawn almost immediately afterward, on October 31, 1737,<sup>9</sup> but no further divisions

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1. Massachusetts General Court, Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, 1692-1780, XII (1734-1740), ch. 39, p. 142, hereinafter cited as Province Acts and Resolves.

2. Ibid.

3. Massachusetts Archives, CXIV, pp. 129, 130, see appendix entry 1. Printed version in Province Acts and Resolves, XII (1734-1740), ch. 31, pp. 273, 274.

4. Province Acts and Resolves, XII (1734-1740), ch. 128, p. 179; ch. 127, p. 179; ch. 142, p. 191.

5. Province Acts and Resolves, XII (1734-1740), ch. 59, p. 287.

6. Records of Proprietors, (copy), p. 6, see entry 32.

7. Ibid.

8. Ibid., p. 9.

9. Ibid., p. 10.

took place until December 16, 1762 when the third and fourth divisions, of 75 and 66 acres respectively were drawn simultaneously.<sup>1</sup> The fifth and final division, of 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre lots, was made June 13, 1770.<sup>2</sup> In every case, a committee of three or four was elected to supervise the divisions, and often similar committees were elected simply to examine and renew the lines of lots already drawn.<sup>3</sup>

But there were many other types of committees through which the proprietors functioned. At the meeting held October 31, 1737 a committee of five was elected to examine the accounts of the committee to lay out lots; with the passage of time, it became a standing committee empowered to act for the proprietors during the intervals between meetings. In 1738 a committee of three was elected to "find the nearest way to the township" and at various times thereafter committees to lay out roads were elected whenever necessary.<sup>4</sup> In 1753 and 1758 special committees were elected to conduct the sale of lands for which taxes had not been paid,<sup>5</sup> and in 1760 and 1761 committees were elected to prosecute persons found encroaching upon common land for the purpose of cutting down timber for their own use. It is doubtful, however, if any prosecutions ever took place.<sup>6</sup>

Regular officers consisted of a moderator, a proprietors' clerk, a treasurer, and a collector who was elected whenever an assessment was voted. Prior to 1753 the treasurer acted as collector. Apparently the clerk and treasurer were on indefinite tenure, for changes in these offices took place only when resignation or death made it necessary. The moderator was elected at each meeting.<sup>7</sup>

For many years settlement of the area proceeded very slowly, and the identity of the first settler is unknown. It is on record only that the proprietors voted in 1738 to give a bounty of 6 pounds to the first 10 pioneers who would settle on or before January 1739,<sup>8</sup> and that an assessment of 12 shillings was levied on each proprietor at that time to pay this bounty for "the six houses built."<sup>9</sup> Bounties of this sort were voted time after time, but few availed themselves of these offers. The two French and Indian Wars which took place between 1744 and 1763 were the main stumbling blocks. From 1744 to 1755 Northfield was in a constant state of terror owing to Indian forays; Gardner-Canada, only 8 miles to the east, might well prove unattractive to even the hardiest of settlers. As a result, on March 31, 1751 Joseph Heath, the proprietors' clerk, requested the

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1. Ibid., pp. 55, 58, 63.
  2. Ibid., pp. 72, 73.
  3. Ibid., pp. 17, 23, 44, 46.
  4. Ibid., pp. 8, 12, 25, 46, 56.
  5. Ibid., pp. 27, 41.
  6. Ibid., pp. 49, 53, 54.
  7. Ibid., pp. 23, 28, 41, 77.
  8. Ibid., p. 11.
  9. Ibid., p. 12.

indulgence of the General Court for the delay in meeting the requirements of the grant. He reported that despite the mountainous nature of the township, the grantees had laid out lots and built houses, only to be thwarted by the outbreak of the war. After peace was declared, they had renewed their attempt to settle, but found the frequent burning of the woods had so defaced their lines that they were obliged to run and mark them anew; nevertheless, they "have given great encouragement in the public prints to any that will settle with them the year current."<sup>1</sup>

The plea was renewed a few years later by Ebenezer Peirpont and Samuel Stevens, a committee chosen by the grantees, in a petition which incidentally states that, of the 39 inhabitants of Roxbury and Brookline who had been in Captain Gardner's command, only one, Samuel Newell, had returned. It informed the General Court that, after peace had been declared with the Indians and French, a sawmill was projected, money raised for building a meetinghouse, and home lots were laid out; but that Indian depredations in the neighborhood were again holding up the progress of the settlement. It concluded by requesting that the time allotted to the proprietors for fulfilling the duties incumbent upon them again be extended. Rather grudgingly, on November 12, 1754 the General Court allowed a further period "not exceeding 1 year" to meet the terms of the settlement.<sup>2</sup> That the difficulties of the town had not been exaggerated is indicated by a General Court order dated November 20, 1754, which ordered that the fortifications in this and surrounding townships be repaired;<sup>3</sup> and by the election by the proprietors in 1757 of a committee to build a fort.<sup>4</sup> It is not surprising, therefore, that the sawmill mentioned above, which had been first contemplated in 1743, was not finished until 1759.<sup>5</sup> The first gristmill was completed the following year.<sup>6</sup>

Similarly, the meetinghouse took more than 10 years to build. In 1753 a committee of three was elected to build a meetinghouse 35 feet high and 30 feet wide. An assessment of 20 shillings was levied on each proprietor to defray the cost of building.<sup>7</sup> In August 1754 two men named Mason and Perry were engaged to erect the structure at a cost of more than 26 pounds. Near the site of the present Unitarian Church, the frame was raised in April 1756. It was still uncovered 3 years later, and, as a matter of fact, it remained for the town meeting, after Warwick was incorporated in 1763, to elect a committee to finish the building.<sup>8</sup> The building had, however, progressed so

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1. Massachusetts Archives, CXVI, p. 8, see appendix, entry 2. This petition also contains Mr. Heath's tabulation of the descendants of the officers and soldiers who had fought under the command of Captain Gardner.

2. Ibid., CXVI, pp. 741-743, see appendix, entry 3.

3. Ibid., VI, p. 167, see appendix, entry 4.

4. Records of Proprietors, (copy), pp. 40, 41, see entry 32.

5. Ibid., pp. 13, 17, 22, 24.

6. Ibid., pp. 64-66.

7. Ibid., pp. 27, 28.

8. Town Records, 1763-1940, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.



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far by 1760 that in May of that year the proprietors elected a committee of three to "procure preaching." Four months later this committee was enlarged to five and directed to "treat" with Reverend Samuel Hedge, a Harvard graduate in the class of 1759.<sup>1</sup> The committee offered Mr. Hedge a settlement sum of 80 pounds, 100 acres of land, a salary of 60 pounds, and 35 cords of firewood annually. He was ordained December 3, 1760.<sup>2</sup>

Little more remains to be said concerning the pretown history of Warwick. Until 1763 the proprietors held their meetings, with one exception, in Roxbury. After the town was incorporated, and until their final meeting in 1772, they met in Holden, probably because it was a half-way point between Roxbury and Warwick.<sup>3</sup> About 1760 the settlement was called impartially Gardner-Canada and Roxbury-Canada, in both Province and local records. Finally, it should be noted that Roxbury-Canada was among several Hampshire County towns which lodged a petition with the General Court in 1762 for making Northampton or Hadley the shire town in place of Springfield.<sup>4</sup>

## The Incorporation of Warwick

On February 17, 1763 the General Court incorporated the plantation of Roxbury-Canada as the town of Warwick, "with all the powers, privileges and immunities any of the towns of this province do or may by law enjoy." The fact that the inhabitants "labour under many difficulties and inconveniences by means of their not being a town" was the rather general reason given for the incorporation. Both Roxbury-Canada and "sundry farms lying therein and a piece of land lying on the northerly side of said township" were included in the new town.<sup>5</sup> The strip of land referred to contained 1199 acres taken in 1740 from Arlington, New Hampshire, in return for 138 acres given to Richmond, New Hampshire, as part of a settlement of a long-standing boundary dispute between Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Warwick was confirmed in its possession of this strip by a General Court order dated December 28, 1763.<sup>6</sup> The only territorial change which has taken place since incorporation was the loss, in 1783, of 4,060 acres from the southeast section which combined with parts of Athol, Royalston, and Ervingshire to form the new district of Orange.<sup>7</sup> Warwick was thus left with substantially its present area of 23,362 acres.

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1. Records of Proprietors (copy), pp. 46, 48, see entry 32.
  2. Louis H. Everts, History of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts, II, 781.
  3. Records of Proprietors (copy), pp. 1-68, see entry 32.
  4. Massachusetts Archives, CXVII, pp. 682-684, see appendix, entry 5.
  5. Province Acts and Resolves, IV, (1757-1768), ch. 17, p. 604.
  6. Ibid., XVII (1761-1764), ch. 136, p. 438.
  7. Acts, 1782-1783, chs. 17, 151.

By previous agreement between the inhabitants and the proprietors, there was written into the act of incorporation a section allowing the former to levy a tax of 1 penny per acre upon all private lands in the township for a term of 3 years in order to support the minister and to pay other necessary charges, on condition that the inhabitants "speedily become obliged to their said reverend pastor for his support in the ministry amongst them so as fully to discharge the proprietors from any further demands on account thereof. . ."<sup>1</sup> Owing to the continued poverty of the inhabitants, the due date of the tax was extended for 3 years in 1766, and the assessors were empowered to sell the lands of the delinquent proprietors.<sup>2</sup> Finally, it was enacted that Seth Field should be empowered to issue a warrant to some principal inhabitant of the town requiring him to summon the inhabitants "qualified to vote in town affairs" to "chuse all necessary officers . . . and to assess, levy and collect the aforesaid land-tax."<sup>3</sup>

Concerning the selection of a name, one town historian has written: "How the name originated is not now known; but probably from Warwick in England or from the famous Guy, Earl of Warwick."<sup>4</sup> Independent investigation discloses other possibilities. At the time that Warwick was incorporated, there was already in existence the town of Warwick in Rhode Island, named in honor of the second earl of Warwick, Sir Robert Rich.<sup>5</sup> Sir Robert (1587-1658) had been active in securing the patent for the Massachusetts Company in 1628, and in 1631 had granted the "Saybrook" patent in Connecticut. Finally, as head of a commission for governing the colonies, he had been instrumental in having the Providence Plantations incorporated in 1644; in this capacity he had exerted himself to secure religious liberty for the colonists, and in other ways displayed Puritan sympathies.<sup>6</sup> While the colonists of Warwick, Massachusetts, probably felt, simply, that the name of Warwick might suit a Massachusetts town as well as a Rhode Island one, it is possible that they were also aware of Sir Robert's assistance to the founders of Massachusetts Bay.

The brief peace that intervened between the end of the French and Indian Wars and the beginning of the Revolutionary War allowed the new town of Warwick to settle some of its uninhabited area and to begin its primitive industries. Between 1765 and 1776 its population rose from 191 to 766.<sup>7</sup> Subsistence farming was, of course, the main occupation of the early settlers but the abundant water power and timber early led to the establishment of several sawmills, gristmills and tanneries.

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1. Province Acts and Resolves, IV (1757-1768), ch. 17, p. 604.
  2. Ibid., XVIII (1765-1774), ch. 92, p. 158.
  3. Ibid., IV (1757-1768), ch. 17, p. 604.
  4. Jonathan Blake, Jr., History of the Town of Warwick, p. 33.
  5. "Rich, Sir Robert," in Encyclopedia Britannica, Fourteenth Edition.
  6. Ibid.
  7. Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor, Census of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1905, I, 888, hereinafter cited as Massachusetts Census, 1905.

Warwick participated in the Revolutionary War with zeal and vigor. In September 1774 the town voted to secure a stock of powder and lead, and "to adhere strictly to our chartered rights and privileges and to defend them to the utmost of our capacity. . ."<sup>1</sup> Later in the year, 25 Warwick men joined a company of minutemen which was formed at Northfield, and with this company they marched to Cambridge after the Lexington fight.<sup>2</sup> In 1775 a delegate was sent to the Provincial Congress held at Cambridge, and the Rev. Mr. Hedge was disarmed, as will be described later.<sup>3</sup> From November 1779 through September 1780, the town raised \$21,000 (albeit in depreciated currency) for soldiers' bounties. An execution levied upon the town for a deficiency of one recruit was found, in 1782, to be a mistake, and the fine was annulled.<sup>4</sup>

In the very midst of the excitements and burdens of the Revolutionary War, one Elder Hix entered town, about 1778, and started a wave of religious enthusiasm which completely unsettled the residents. He claimed to be a Baptist preacher, but the essence of his doctrine pertained to "spiritual wifehood." The inhabitants abandoned their agricultural pursuits and held meetings at all hours of the day and night. The mania collapsed when some of the leaders of the cult eloped with women of the town.

Warwick was hit financially by the depression following the war, and in 1786 it sent delegates to a convention held in Hatfield to find ways of alleviating conditions.<sup>5</sup> During Shays' Rebellion the majority of townspeople sympathized with Shays and his cause and they sent a petition to the General Court for a redress of the grievances enumerated by the county convention.<sup>6</sup> In 1787 Shays' army was dispersed in Petersham. Shays and many of his men escaped to Warwick, and eventually made their way to New Hampshire. Because of the aid given to him and his men at this time, the selectmen of Warwick were imprisoned and tried in Northampton. They were found not guilty, and later placed an article in the town warrant asking for the town's assistance in prosecuting those who had caused their arrest. On October 15, 1787, the town declined "to assist the Selectmen in their being taken and imprisoned for acting in their office," and the excitement finally blew over.<sup>8</sup> Another incident of the rebellion was the abduction of two of Warwick's leading citizens by some of Shays' sympathizers; the citizens were held as hostages for the lives of several of Shays' men who had been condemned to death for the murder of government soldiers. The State was inclined to be lenient following the swift crushing of the rebellion, and the men were pardoned, whereupon the hostages were released.<sup>9</sup>

1. Everts, op. cit., II, 778.

2. Ibid.

3. Ibid.

4. Acts, 1780-1781, ch. 638.

5. Everts, op. cit., II, 779.

6. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.

7. Ibid.

8. Ibid.

9. Josiah G. Holland, History of Western Massachusetts, I, 287.

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### Industry and Agriculture

By 1790 Warwick had a population of 1,246. In 1800 it had 1,233; in 1810 it had 1,227; and in 1820 it had 1,256. In 1830 there was a slight decline, the population then being 1,150.<sup>1</sup> At this time, 1830, when Warwick had just passed its population peak, the following industries were contained within the town: 12 sawmills, 2 additional sawmills engaged solely in the manufacture of shingles, 4 gristmills, 2 tanneries, and 2 cabinet shops.<sup>2</sup> In 1812 the Franklin Glass Manufacturing Company had been established, and actually made glass for a short period in Warwick, but local supplies of sand were found unsuitable and the enterprise collapsed, bringing financial disaster upon many local people who had invested in it.<sup>3</sup>

This was but one of several unsuccessful attempts to steer Warwick along the road of permanent industrial growth. Both the Fifth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation and the Warwick and Irvin's Gore Turnpike Corporation contemplated roads through Warwick, and possibly may have assisted in Warwick's development, but no lasting benefits resulted.<sup>4</sup> The Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company, incorporated in 1844, was originally intended to pass through Warwick;<sup>5</sup> but the failure of this or any other railroad to give Warwick railroad connections was the death knell of Warwick's industries other than lumbering and woodworking.

In 1870 there were 14 sawmills in operation, which produced over 4,000,000 feet of lumber annually. There were also 9 smaller mills which manufactured pail staves, chair stock, shingles and broom handles. One tannery was still in operation, and a shoe factory employed 40 men. In the southern part of the town, a large factory produced a great variety of brush handles.<sup>6</sup>

Fifteen years later, only eight sawmills were in operation. Two factories producing wooden boxes had replaced that manufacturing brush handles. The entire value of Warwick's lumber products that year was \$20,054. In the same year, 1885, the shoe factory's products were valued at \$20,000 but it closed a few years later.<sup>7</sup> Considerable lumber is still marketed, but water power has been replaced by portable steam or gasoline operated engines.

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1. Massachusetts Census, 1905, I, 888.

2. As listed on a map of Warwick, drawn in 1830 by Jonathan Blake, Jr., see entry 21.

3. Blake, op. cit., pp. 94-97.

4. Acts, 1798-1799, ch. 85; 1800-1801, ch. 30; 1802-1803, chs. 23, 71.

5. Ibid., 1844, ch. 134.

6. Blake, op. cit., pp. 151-153.

7. Elias Nason, A Gazetteer of the State of Massachusetts, p. 663.

The opening to settlement of the fertile level plains of the west has made agriculture, too, unprofitable. The rugged nature of the town made it impractical to use the time-saving agricultural machinery developed during the middle of the nineteenth century; soon farmers found it cheaper to buy western grain and have it delivered to their door than to raise it themselves. Though several dairy farms of fairly respectable size are still in operation, many farms have been abandoned and given over to brush.

Warwick's decline in population since 1820 has been steady. In 1840 the population numbered 1,071; it declined steadily until 1920, when it numbered 327, a third of what it had been. A slight upturn since that date is indicated by a figure of 367 for 1930, and 565 for 1935.<sup>1</sup> The extraordinary increase of almost two hundred persons in the 5 years between 1930 and 1935 was due to the establishment in Warwick of a Federal camp for transients in 1934, and to the fact that many of the men located there had no legal residence and were therefore credited to the town's population. The true population for 1935 was about 400. The 1940 census, unofficially reported, gives Warwick a population of 442. Two-thirds of Warwick's population in 1930 were of native parentage; the remainder were of foreign or mixed parentage. The occupation of three-fourths of the population was listed as "rural farming." The male population outnumbered females by fifty-seven, a large number when one considers that the total population was only 367.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Massachusetts Census, 1905, I, 288; Massachusetts Secretary of State, The Decennial Census, 1935, p. 12.

2. United States Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930, III, Part I, p. 1107.

The following figures, covering the period from 1861 to 1938, show clearly the decline in Warwick's agriculture and industry.

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	Tax Rate per \$1000 Valuation	No. of Persons Assessed	Total Tax <sup>2</sup>
1861	264	\$ 53,963	\$176,825	\$230,788	\$16.20		\$ 4,153.08
1870	227	83,843	177,712	261,555	25.00		7,160
1880	208	40,448	213,045	253,493	23.70		6,424
1890	166	44,495	229,275	273,770	16.70	354	4,906
1900	162	82,380	259,195	341,575	21.00	354	7,498
1910	116	108,685	333,765	442,450	14.50	348	6,647
1920	92	101,188	370,860	472,048	25.00	333	12,263
1930	101	74,536	357,152	401,688	29.00	303	11,850
1938	115	83,470	290,345	373,815	38.00	317	14,434

Date	No. of Dwellings	Acres of Land Taxed	No. of Horses	No. of Cows	No. of Neat Cattle	No. of Swine
1861	210	20,928	177	904*		
1870	181	21,538	141	279		
1880	190	22,880	146	321		
1890	171	22,013	166	292	175	102
1900	169	22,524	220	212	92	39
1910	167	22,751	131	173	63	58
1920	143	22,435	99	126	57	65
1930	152	19,824	55	72	22	10
1938	180	16,477	30	118	51	17

It will be observed that, in the 80 years since 1861, the number of dwellings has diminished by 30 and the number of polls by 149; since 1890, the number of persons assessed has diminished by 37. Nevertheless, the total tax upon the town has increased from \$4,000 to \$14,000, owing to an increase in the tax rate from \$16.20 to \$38.00, and to an increase of more than one-third in the total valuations of real and personal estate.

1. Valuations are at May 1st from 1861 through 1900, at April 1st from 1910 through 1930, and at January 1st in 1938. The figures are taken as follows for 1861, from Public Document No. 42; for 1870 from Public Document No. 36; for 1880 to 1938 from Public Document No. 19, all published by the Commonwealth.

2. From 1890 to 1938 includes overlayings.

\*This includes all neat cattle.

The most striking decline has taken place in the number of acres assessed, which has dwindled from 22,751 in 1910 to 16,477 in 1938. This is due to the fact that the Commonwealth owns 6,885 acres of town land, nearly one-third of the entire area of the town. This property is valued at \$73,000. The initial steps leading to the establishment of a State forestry reservation at Mount Grace in Warwick, and the purchase of abandoned farms in that area, took place in 1915.<sup>1</sup> Today, the chief means of livelihood are the care of the State land, the maintenance of the 56 miles of town roads, and the lodging of summer guests and tourists. Warwick has one of the finest hotels in this section of the State; though small, it is well-known and well patronized. Several private homes also cater to guests in increasing numbers. It seems likely that the natural beauty of the town, which has been greatly accentuated by the work of the State Department of Conservation, and the new facilities now provided for both summer and winter sports, will make Warwick even better known than before.

#### Churches

The details concerning the founding of the "First Parish and Religious Society of Warwick," known in those days as "The Church of Christ in Warwick," and the ordination of the Reverend Lemuel Hedge in 1760 have already been given. The Reverend Mr. Hedge was an outspoken Tory, and as the revolutionary fever mounted, was subjected to criticism on that score. The committees of correspondence of Northfield, Athol and Warwick met at Warwick on June 12, 1775, and voted to recommend to the town of Warwick that Mr. Hedge be disarmed and confined. The inhabitants of Warwick, at a town meeting held July 13, 1775, accepted the recommendation.<sup>2</sup> About this time, Mr. Hedge, in a frank letter to Joseph Warren, president of the Provincial Congress, complained of the persecution to which he was being subjected and asked for relief. He admitted he was a Tory, but declared that his criticisms of the Provincial government had always been tempered by "Gandor Decency & Charity," and promised that he would do nothing to aid or assist the common enemy. It was not a period, however, when dissent, no matter how temperate, was tolerated. Shortly afterward, a lawless mob of 40 persons seized the minister and transported him to Northampton. "Their course being seen to be wholly without warrant, they were enforced to release him. The excitement and fatigue to which he was then subjected, were said to have occasioned the fever by which he was shortly carried off." His death occurred in 1777.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Hedge's successor was Reverend Samuel Reed, a Yale graduate, who was ordained in September, 1779. During his ministry, a new meetinghouse, 58 feet long and 42 feet wide, was constructed. It was finished in 1788, at a cost of \$1500.<sup>4</sup> Mr. Reed was succeeded in October 1814 by Reverend Preserved Smith

1. Special Resolves, 1915, ch. 41; Resolves, 1916, ch. 129.

2. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.

3. Worcester Society of Antiquity, Proceedings, 1888 (XXVII), pp. 99-103. Mr. Hedge's letter is worth reading in full.

4. Everts, op. cit., II, 781.

and in 1836 a new building, with a bell, was erected at a cost of \$3000.<sup>1</sup> It is still in use.

Meanwhile, other changes were occurring within the church. In 1779 a number of inhabitants of Warwick petitioned the General Court to be formed into a Congregational Society, with the "liberty to sell a certain ministerial right in order to raise a fund sufficient to support an orthodox Congregational minister."<sup>2</sup> They were given leave to bring in a bill to this effect<sup>3</sup> and the act incorporating "The committee of the Church and Congregation in the Town of Warwick" was passed on April 20, 1779.<sup>4</sup> It allowed the town to sell the ministerial lands in order to support the gospel, but those persons who had a different "Protestant learned Gospel Minister settled among them" were to receive a proportional part of the money raised by the sale.<sup>5</sup> In 1795 the act was repealed, and the powers and funds of the society were transferred to the town treasurer. However, persons of a different denomination, after giving due notice to the town clerk, were exempted from any charges for supporting the Congregation minister.<sup>6</sup> This latter clause was repealed in 1800 as "repugnant to the Principles of the Constitution. . ." Apparently, the time was not yet ripe to exempt dissenters from supporting the state religion.<sup>7</sup>

After 1814, with the ordination of Reverend Preserved Smith, the First Parish gradually became Unitarian. In protest, the Trinitarian Society of Warwick was organized in 1829, with 30 members, most of whom had withdrawn from the Unitarian group. This society built its first church edifice in 1833, located in what is now called the upper village, and Reverend Samuel Kingsbury was its first settled minister.<sup>8</sup>

Because of the steady decrease in population in Warwick from 1830 on, it became increasingly difficult to support both churches. Finally in 1917, arrangements were made for the holding of union services. The success of this plan convinced both churches that a federation would be of mutual convenience, and articles designed to govern such a federation were drawn up by a joint committee. In 1921 the Trinitarian and Unitarian churches were federated and for the next 13 years they operated as the Federated Church of Warwick. During 1933 dissension arose regarding the pastor and this finally led to a separation of the two churches in December of 1934. The Unitarians continued to worship in their own church but the Trinitarians, having disposed of their building in 1928, found themselves without a church. Through much

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1. Ibid.
  2. Province Acts and Resolves, XX (1777-1778), ch. 559, p. 631.
  3. Ibid., ch. 654, p. 671.
  4. Ibid., V, ch. 44, pp. 962, 963.
  5. Ibid.
  6. Acts, 1794-1795, ch. 60.
  7. Ibid., 1800-1801, ch. 12.
  8. Blake, op. cit., p. 116.



diligent effort they were finally able to purchase a house, which, after being remodeled, was dedicated on August 29, 1937 as the Metcalf Memorial Chapel.<sup>1</sup>

The first dissenters from the established church had been the Baptists, whose exemption from ministerial taxes had been discussed in the town meeting as early as 1774.<sup>2</sup> The Warwick Baptists first worshiped at the West Royalston Church. A separate Baptist Church was organized in Warwick in 1798, but in 1805 it was reunited with the West Royalston Church. Finally, in January 1843, a separate Warwick Church was again established, with 14 members.<sup>3</sup> A church building was erected in Warwick Center and dedicated in 1845. Like other denominations the Baptists ran into difficulties in maintaining the church because of the decline in population. For the greater part of the period between 1865 and 1915 the church had no settled minister, the pulpit being supplied by a Royalston minister who held afternoon services. Finally in 1917 the few remaining members voted to offer the building to the town for a library. The offer was accepted<sup>4</sup> and the building is still used as such.

The Universalist Society of Warwick was incorporated February 25, 1814. The town, having previously voted its consent to the incorporation, was petitioned by the society in 1816 to permit the building of a church on the common, but the town refused to take action. The society never built a meetinghouse and probably held services in the hall at the village inn. It is believed to have disbanded in 1854.<sup>5</sup>

The rise of these dissident groups and the ratification by the people of the Eleventh Amendment to the State constitution, disestablishing all churches on November 11, 1833 led to the refusal in 1834 of the town to support the established church.<sup>6</sup> After that date, the annual town meetings were no longer held in the meetinghouse, but in a hall in the local hotel. When a Town Hall was built in 1894, they were transferred to this building. In 1922 the town received permission to borrow not more than \$2000 to repair the Town Hall.<sup>7</sup>

Most of the inhabitants of Warwick opposed the War of 1812, but nevertheless a half-dozen volunteers enlisted.<sup>8</sup> On the other hand, no less than 99 men from Warwick participated in the Civil War of whom 26 died in the service.<sup>9</sup> The bronze memorial tablet placed by the town on its Town Hall bears the names of seven men who represented it in the nation's armed forces during the World

1. Charles A. Morse, "The History of the Unitarian Congregational Church of Warwick," 1829-1937, mss., in possession of church clerk, Warwick.

2. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.

3. Everts, op. cit., II, 781.

4. Town Records, VI, 585, see entry 31.

5. Blake, op. cit., p. 168; Town Records, II, 198, 199, 276, see entry 31.

6. Town Records, III, 304, see entry 31.

7. Acts, 1922, ch. 7.

8. Everts, op. cit., II, 778.

9. Blake, op. cit., p. 132.

War. Several other residents also saw service but because they enlisted in other towns and cities, they were not credited to Warwick.

The first burying ground was laid out in 1766, near the present First Parish Church. It was abandoned in 1782, when many remains were transferred to a new town cemetery. It was enlarged in 1818, and again in 1864.<sup>1</sup>

### Schools

The first school was a "moving school" for which the town appropriated 10 pounds in 1768. It had a master in winter, and a mistress in summer. The mistress, Mrs. Hannah Rawson, was paid four shillings sixpence a week.<sup>2</sup> In 1773 the town was divided into school districts, and the following year the amount appropriated for schooling was 24 pounds. By 1785 there were nine school districts in the town; in that year the school land was sold for 218 pounds, the income from which for many years after assisted in supporting the schools.<sup>3</sup> In 1878 the amount spent for schooling was \$1000, which can be compared with the present appropriation of \$12,000. Of this latter amount, \$1900, roughly, is expended for teachers' salaries, \$2850 for local transportation, \$1160 for high school transportation, \$1500 for high school tuition (there is no high school in Warwick, this money being paid to nearby towns whose high schools are attended by Warwick students), \$400 for the janitor, \$300 for the superintendent's salary, and \$200 to the school nurse.<sup>4</sup> There is now but one school in town, with a total registration of 78. The number of Warwick children attending high schools elsewhere is 30.<sup>5</sup> A school union was formed in 1895, with Northfield, Bernardston, and Gill, which has appointed the superintendent of schools since that time.<sup>6</sup> The school physician has been appointed annually by the local school committee since 1907,<sup>7</sup> the school nurse since 1922<sup>8</sup> and a truant officer regularly since 1911.<sup>9</sup> The essay below on the school committee gives further details concerning the Warwick school system.

Warwick has an excellent free public library, which has been housed in the former Baptist Church since 1919. The building was donated to the town in 1917, but extensive alterations were made before it was occupied. For its support the town appropriates \$275 annually, but income from the dog fund and other funds increases the amount disbursed each year to \$550.<sup>10</sup>

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1. Everts, op. cit., II, 782.
  2. Ibid.
  3. Ibid.
  4. Annual Reports, 1937, p. 52, see entry 1.
  5. Ibid., 1939, p. 44.
  6. Town Records, VI, 21, see entry 31.
  7. Ibid., p. 141.
  8. Annual Reports, 1922, p. 116, see entry 1.
  9. Town Records, V, 440, see entry 31.
  10. Annual Reports, 1939, p. 40, see entry 1.

During its early history as a private library, it was associated with many of the philanthropic movements which arose in Warwick during earlier and happier days, when progress was regarded as inevitable, and human betterment seemed a simple and normal desire. In 1822 a branch of the Massachusetts Peace Society was formed in Warwick, which created a small library as a means of advancing universal peace. The society disbanded in 1829, but reorganized immediately as "The Warwick Association for the Promotion of Peace and Useful Knowledge." The library's collection was correspondingly increased in scope and number. The following year, 1831, the citizens of Warwick formed the Warwick Lyceum, which was primarily a forum and debating society. In 1831 the Association for Promotion of Peace and Useful Knowledge disbanded but its library was turned over to the new organization and was continued as part of the Lyceum's activities. When the Lyceum became defunct in 1839, certain members immediately took steps to continue the library, forming the Warwick Social Library in January, 1840. This was the collection that was accepted by the town in 1871, as the nucleus of Warwick's free public library.<sup>1</sup> The initial appropriation was \$100. With the passage of the years, historical relics, minerals, and old manuscripts have been received from individuals, which have greatly increased the value of the library collection.<sup>2</sup>

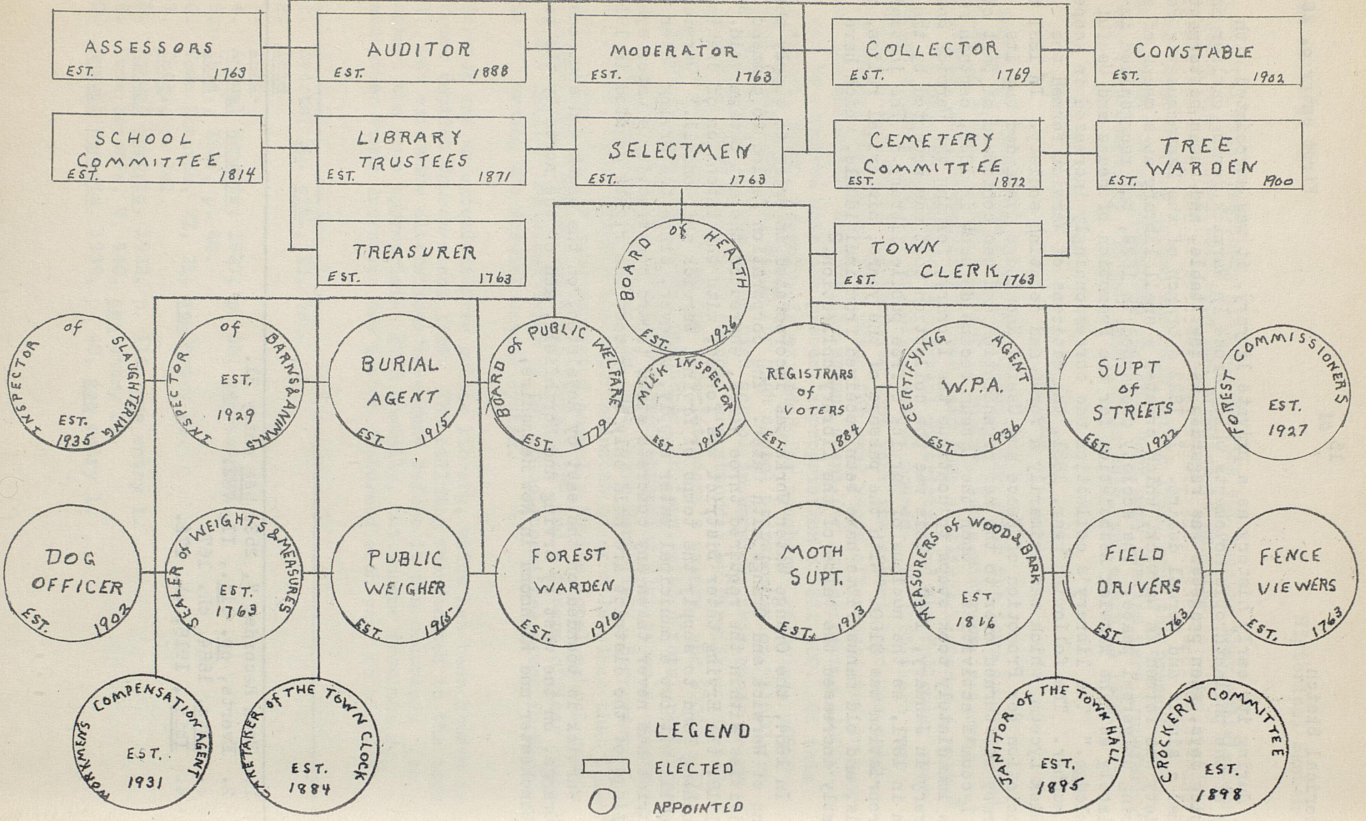
In 1884, the Orange Water Works was incorporated in order to supply the towns of Warwick and Orange with water. The corporation failed to commence activities within the required three years, whereupon the act became void.<sup>3</sup> In 1918, the Erving Water District was formed, with the intention of drawing upon Long Pond to supply the towns of Erving, Warwick and Wendell.<sup>4</sup> Warwick is still without a municipal water supply, however, since the Erving Water District has never taken any concrete steps toward constructing a water system. Meetings of the district are held only to protect the rights granted in 1918.

Warwick is bounded on the east by Royalston, on the south and southeast by Orange, on the west by Erving and Northfield, and on the north by the towns of Winchester and Richmond in New Hampshire.

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1. Town Records, V, 253, see entry 31.
  2. Everts, op. cit., II, 782.
  3. Acts, 1884, ch. 167.
  4. Ibid., 1918, ch. 172.

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## GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Governmental Organization<sup>1</sup>

The government of Warwick has differed little from that of most Massachusetts towns. When Warwick was incorporated in 1763, a full slate of officers was elected, namely: a moderator, clerk, treasurer, three selectmen, three assessors, a combined constable and collector, two wardens, two tithingmen, three highway surveyors, three hog reeves, a pound keeper, two field drivers, two deer reeves, a culler of staves, shingles and clapboards, a sealer of weights and measures, a sealer of leather, two fence viewers and a committee to treat with the minister. Many of these offices became defunct with the passage of the years: the wardens in 1790, the deer reeves in 1807, the hog reeves and the culler of staves, shingles and clapboards in 1835, the tithingmen in 1837, the pound keeper and sealer of leather in 1882, and the highway surveyors in 1919.<sup>2</sup>

This, however, does not exhaust the list of those offices which once existed in the town but no longer function. The complete list of defunct offices would include also several committees which managed church affairs, the sexton (1807-1908), the surveyor of wheat (1766 only), the singing school committee (1823-1828), the committee to remove town treasure (1775-1816), the committee on accounts (1804-1885), the committee to regulate the jury box (1805 only), the bell ringer (1837-1884), and the liquor agent (1855-1869).<sup>2</sup>

Of the officers elected originally, those which have survived to the present time are still elective; they are the moderator, clerk, treasurer, selectmen, assessors, tax collector and constables. To this list, new town needs have compelled the addition of other elective officers: school committee (1814), library trustees (1871), cemetery commissioners (1872), auditor (1889), and tree warden (1900).

Most of the new offices created by state mandate have, however, been placed in the control of the selectmen, either by virtue of their appointive power or by direct assimilation. The list of their present appointees will be found in the section relating to that office; in addition, the selectmen, together with the town clerk, became the registrars of voters in 1884,<sup>4</sup> the board of health in 1926,<sup>5</sup> and the board of public welfare in 1928.<sup>6</sup> In 1931 they were entrusted with the duties of the newly formed bureau of old age assistance.

1. For an account of town government generally, see the forthcoming volume on town and city government in Massachusetts to be published shortly by the Massachusetts Historical Records Survey.

2. Descriptive paragraphs, with references, on each of these offices will be found on subsequent pages.

3. *Ibid.*

4. *Acts*, 1884, ch. 298.

5. *Town Records*, VI, 402, see entry 31.

6. *Ibid.*, p. 423.

During the greater part of the town's history, major offices were elected by ballot, while minor offices were filled by hand vote. The Australian ballot was adopted in 1932.<sup>1</sup> It was at this time that those offices elected by ballot and those appointed by the selectmen were formally designated.<sup>2</sup>

The broadening of the franchise privilege through the years is indicated, though somewhat obscurely, by the town warrants. The earliest warrants were issued by the selectmen to "all of the inhabitants of the town. . ." On July 13, 1775 the warrant was directed to all "freeholders and other inhabitants," but the following May the town's representative to the General Court was directed to cast his vote against "such laws an infringe on the liberties of the people . . . particularly that requiring people to have a ratable real estate of 20 pounds to qualify them to vote, by reason of which two-thirds of the freeholders of this town are prohibited from voting in town affairs although they pay the major part of the taxes."<sup>3</sup>

Nevertheless, during the next 20 years warrants for town meetings continued to be issued to all freeholders and other inhabitants. In 1797, and for a period thereafter, the procedure of calling town meetings was changed by stating the exact amount of property necessary for the franchise. Finally, in 1815, the property qualification was done away with so far as town meetings were concerned; voters were "such as are 21 years of age and upward liable to be taxed who have resided in the town for the space of 1 year (paupers excepted)."<sup>4</sup> It was not until 1822, however, that property qualifications were abolished for state elections.<sup>5</sup>

#### Records System

The public records of Warwick are fairly complete and well arranged, most of the basic material being extant almost from the date of the town's incorporation. Among these might be cited the minutes of the town meetings (entry 31) and vital statistics (entries 33-43) kept by the town clerk; property valuations (entry 81) kept by the assessors; treasurer's record of receipts and expenditures (entry 116); record of burials kept by the town clerk and cemetery commissioners (entries 68, 159). In addition there are a number of records which date back to the early days of the settlement long before the plantation's incorporation as a town. Among these may be cited the minutes of meetings of the early proprietors (entry 32) and record of births and deaths (entries 33-i, -ii) in custody of the town clerk.

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1. Ibid., p. 487.
  2. Ibid.
  3. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.
  4. Ibid., II, 155.
  5. Ibid., III, 63.

Governmental Organization

The titling and labeling of most of the unbound records appears to be adequate. These records, in series, are collected in bundles or bound in volumes which are, for the most part, appropriately titled, dated, and numbered in series sequences.

There is a general lack of indexes, and although few records require indexing, it might be well to resume the index series for vital statistics (entries 34-36) which was abandoned in 1916. It would also be useful to supply with proper indexes the board of health's record of contagious diseases (entry 156) and the recipients' register kept by the board of public welfare (entry 166).

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## HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF RECORDS

All important records, with the exception of those of the tax collector, are kept in a fireproof vault located on the first floor in the Town Hall. This depository is quite crowded, offering no room for expansion either with or without new shelving. This situation could be remedied, however, if voting machines, old ballot boxes, and other miscellaneous articles were removed from the vault. Needless to say, there are no accommodations for users within the vault.

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 WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3 WINCHESTER RD.
 

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Depository	Librarian's Rm.	Library Strm.
Location	First fl.	Second fl.
*Dimensions	40x30x10	15x8x8
Cubic Feet	12,000	960
Fire Resistant	No	No
Shelving	Wood	Wood
Containers	Wood	Wood
Lighting	Good	Good
Accessibility	Good	Fair
Arrangement	Good	Good
Physical Condition	Good	Good
Room for Expansion	None	None
Departments Using	Library Trustees	Library Trustees

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

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WARWICK TOWN HALL, 3 ATHOL RD.

Depository	Sel. Off.	Sel. Strm. in Town Library Rm.	Town Library Rm.
Location	First fl.	First fl.	First fl.
*Dimensions	18x12x9	10x6x9	21x18x9
Cubic Feet	1944	540	2802
Fire Resistant	No	No	No
Shelving	None	Wood	Wood
Containers	Metal & Wood	Steel safe	Wood
Lighting	Good	Good	Good
Accessibility	Good	Good	Good
Arrangement	Fair	Poor	Poor
Physical Condition	Good	Good	Good
Room for Expansion	Ample	Ample	None
Departments Using	Sel. Town Clerk Treasurer Assessors WPA Certifying Agent Cemetery Commis- sioners Supt. of Streets Board of Public Welfare	Sel. Town Clerk Board of Public Welfare Public Weigher Fence Viewers Treasurer	Sealer of Weights and Measures Treasurer

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

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## WARWICK TOWN HALL, 3 ATHOL RD.

Depository	Grange Strm.	Town Va.
Location	Second fl.	First fl.
*Dimensions	21x18x8	8x6x7
Cubic Feet	3024	336
Fire Resistant	No	Yes
Shelving	Wood	Metal and slate
Containers	Wood	Metal
Lighting	Poor	Good
Accessibility	Poor	Good
Arrangement	Poor	Good
Physical Condition	Good	Good
Room for Expansion	Ample	None
Departments Using	Sel.	Sel.
	Town Clerk	Town Clerk
	Assessors	Assessors
	Tax Collector	Registrars of Voters
	School Committee	Tax Collector
	Supt. of Streets	School Committee
	Registrars of Voters	Library Trustees
	Treasurer	Cemetery Commissioners
	Auditor	Board of Public
	Board of Public	Welfare
	Welfare	Board of Health
		Sealer of Weights and
		Measures
		Supt. of Streets
		Treasurer

## Private Depositories

Name	Address	Office Held
Frank W. Webster	24 Orange Rd.	Tax Collector and Cemetery Supt.
Mrs. Nellie Francis	9 Athol Rd.	Clerk of School Committee
Mrs. Orville W. Cole	Old Winchester Rd.	Secy., Library Trustees

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

## ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Abbreviations

alph.....	alphabetically	off.....	office
arr.....	arranged, arrangement	op. cit.....	work cited
bdl(s).....	bundle(s)	p., pp.....	page, pages
ch(s).....	chapter(s)	passim.....	here and there
chron.....	chronologically	ptd.....	printed
discont.....	discontinued	rd.....	road
env(s).....	envelope(s)	rm.....	room
estab.....	established	secy.....	secretary
f.b.....	file box	sel.....	selectmen
f.d.....	file drawer	st.....	street
fl.....	floor	strm.....	storeroom
hdw.....	handwritten	supt.....	superintendent
ibid.....	in the same place	T. H.....	Town Hall
incl.....	inclusive	va.....	vault
no.....	number	vol(s).....	volume(s)
num.....	numerically	WPA.....	Work Projects Administration

## Symbols

--.....	continues to date	#.....	number
x.....	by	....	denotes omission in quoted matter
'.....	feet	:	equivalent to
".....	inches		

## Explanatory Notes

Inventory Arrangement

The 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 capitals 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 capitals and enclosed in parentheses, has been added. The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title, and any title variation is indicated.

Dates

All dates used are inclusive. Missing records are indicated by broken dates. In the latter case dates appearing elsewhere in the entry and covering two or more periods of broken dates as shown by the first and last dates only. For example, the first paragraph in entry 39 reads:

39. Certificates of Births, 1850-51, 1863, 1868-69, 1875, 1886-88, 1890-1916, 1922--. 16 envs. (dated). Title varies: Return of a Birth, 1850-1916, 2 envs.

The dates, 1850-1916, have been substituted for the broken dates, 1850-51, 1863, 1868-69, 1875, 1886-88, 1890-1916.

Quantity

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

Labeling

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.

Discontinuance

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

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 44: "1816-26 in Town Records, entry 31-ix." In entry 31-ix there is a corresponding body-of-entry reference carrying the descriptive title and number of entry 44: "Personal property mortgages, 1816-26, entry 44."

Title-line references are also used in artificial entries, i.e., those entries set up to cover records which are included in two or more entries of miscellaneous content, as, for example, the title-line reference in entry 48: "1806-26 in Town Records, entry 31-xi; 1826-41 in Personal Mortgages, entry 44-ii."

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 parts of the same series.

Indexing

If a record is indexed, mention is made of a self-contained index or 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 in the order of height, width, and depth.

Location

The location noted is that of the date of the final 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 and 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>

Three selectmen were elected annually from 1763 through 1919, except for certain years during the Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary period (1766-1767, 1775-1778, 1780, 1788-1795) when the town elected five selectmen. Since 1920 the three selectmen have been elected for 3-year terms, one taking office annually.<sup>2</sup>

The selectmen serve as the board of health, the board of public welfare, the bureau of old age assistance, and, with the town clerk, as the registrars of voters. They appoint the crockery committee, moth superintendent, forest warden, burial agent, public weigher, dog officer, caretaker of the town clock, inspector of milk, inspectors of barns and animals, inspector of slaughtering, sealer of weights and measures, janitor of the town hall, caretaker of the town house grounds, fountain and park, caretaker of the Maria Mayo Stevens flag, measurers of wood and bark, surveyors of lumber, field driver, superintendent of streets, fence viewers, workmen's compensation agent, special police, and forest commissioners.<sup>3</sup> The amount of authority exercised by the selectmen is readily apparent.

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the town vault. In addition to the following records, see entry 33-vii for reports relative to vagrants 1749-1843; entry 146 for petitions and warrants for school-district meetings 1819-72.

## Reports

(See also entry 11-ii)

1. ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS, 1875-76, 1878, 1883-84, 1886-90, 1893, 1895--. 54 vols. (dated).

Annual published reports of the various town officers and department heads; list of elected and appointed officials, jurors; summary of appropriations, receipts and expenditures; town indebtedness; date of report. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder by dept. No index. Ptd. 25 to 100 pp. 9 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . In wooden box.

For original separate reports of selectmen, treasurer, auditor, school committee, library trustees, board of public welfare, see entries 2, 114, 134, 136, 149, 164, respectively.

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1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see the forthcoming volume on town and city government in Massachusetts, to be published shortly by the Massachusetts Historical Records Survey.

2. Town Records, I, unfolioed; VI, 303, 609, see entry 31.

3. Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 68, 69, see entry 29.

2. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS OF SELECTMEN, 1825-83. 1 bdl. (6, dated). Original reports submitted to annual town meetings: Amount of appropriation for each department and for each type of public work, summary of expenditures, amount of appropriation balance or amount of overdraft; amount of state, county tax; amounts, sources of federal, state, county grants; signatures of selectmen, date of report. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

For published reports 1886-90, 1893-1895--, see entry 1.

3. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS ON GUIDE POSTS, 1838-84. 1 bdl. (7, dated). Annual reports on inspection of guideposts: Number, location of guidepost; signatures of selectmen; date of inspection, report. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

4. SELECTMEN'S REPORT ON JURY LISTS, 1808-84. 1 bdl. (8, dated). Annual reports on selection of jurors: Names, occupations of persons chosen for jury service; signatures of selectmen, date of report. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

For town clerk's record of jurors 1840-1910, see entry 31-iv.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, 1816-84. 1 bdl. (13, dated). Reports submitted to selectmen by various committees appointed from time to time for the following purposes: Auditing of treasurer's cash, care of burial lots; erection of dog pound, powder magazine; investigation of meetinghouse affairs, possibilities for use of town land; publication of town history; purchase of tombstones, town farm; laying out of highways, settlement of town lines, division of town into school districts. Arr. by subject. No index. Hdw. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

6. REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK, 1921--. 7 vols. (dated). Last report 1939. State Auditor's report on condition of town accounts: Reconciliation of receipts, expenditures and balances of each department; summary of assets, liabilities, reserves, taxes; criticism of financial records kept by the various officers, statement of method employed in the audit, date of report, signature of state auditing officer. Arr. chron. by date of report and thereunder by dept. No index. Typed. 25 pp. 13 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

Warrants and Petitions  
(See also entry 10-ii)

7. TOWN MEETING WARRANTS, 1815-41, 1844-57, 1861--. 7 bdls., 5 envs. Original warrants for town meetings issued by selectmen and returned by constable after having been duly advertised: Time, place, date of meeting; text, number of each article listed; date of warrant, signatures of selectmen, constable's sworn return. Includes warrants calling town meetings for election of county, state, and federal officials: Title of office, date of election, instructions for election procedure, signature of state secretary or county seal, constable's sworn return. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. 1815-29; hdw. on

ptd. form 1830-1920; typed on ptd. form 1921--. Bdls. 10 x 4 x 3; envs. 12 x 10 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

For record of warrants kept by town clerk 1780--, see entry 31-xiv.

8. (Residents') PETITIONS FOR TOWN MEETINGS & FOR ARTICLES TO BE PLACED ON WARRANT, 1818-54. 1 bdl. (90, dated).

Nature, date of petition; signatures of petitioners. Arr. chron. by date of petition. No index. Hdw. 10 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

Roads and Perambulations

9. ROAD LAYOUTS & PLANS, 1777-1867. 1 bdl. (76, dated).

Record of road acceptances: Location, length, name of road; date of acceptance, signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of acceptance. No index. Hdw. 10 x 4 x 2. Chest, Grange Strm.

10. PETITIONS AND NOTICES OF HEARINGS REGARDING ROADS, 1811-50.

1 bdl. (77, dated).

Contains:

- i. County commissioners' orders for public hearing on repair or construction of a road: Purpose, place, date of hearing; date of notice, signatures of commissioners.
- ii. Petitions for road repair or construction: Names, addresses of petitioners; location of proposed or impaired road; date of petition, signatures of petitioners.

Subentry i arr. chron. by date of order; ii arr. chron. by date of petition. No index. Hdw. 10 x 4 x 2. Chest, Grange Strm.

11. ROADS & BRIDGE CONTRACTS & REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON ROADS, 1811-51.

1 bdl. (78, dated).

Contains the following papers pertaining to construction or alteration of roads or bridges:

- i. Agreements: Location of project; text, terms, date of agreement; signatures of parties.
- ii. Committee reports: Recommendations, signatures of committee members; date of report.

Arr. chron. by date of paper, No index. Hdw. 10 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

12. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TOWN OF WARWICK, 1908, 1911, 1915-17, 1919--. 1 bdl. (98, dated).

Agreements for road improvement work entered into by the town and the State: Nature, place, cost, date of project; text, number, date of agreement; signatures of selectmen and State Public Works Commissioner. Arr. chron. by date of agreement. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 10 x 4 x 4. In metal box.



13. RECORDS OF TOWN LINES PERAMBULATED, 1813-49, 1876-95, 1911--.  
1 bdl. (89, dated).

Selectmen's statements certifying that town bounds have been checked: Names of towns involved, date of inspection, signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

For town clerk's record of perambulations 1763-1935, see entry 31-viii.

#### Financial Records

14. SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS, 1810--. 12 vols. (1-12, dated).

Record of orders to treasurer for payment of town bills: Names of payees, account or department charged; number, date of order; amount payable to each creditor, total amount of order. Includes summaries of town receipts, 1810-37. Arr. chron. by date of order and thereunder by name of department or account charged. 1810-1935, no index; 1936--, indexed alph. by name of dept. or acct. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

15. TOWN ORDERS, 1816-73, 1905-9, 1914-39. 32 bdls. (dated). 1874-1904, 1910-13 destroyed.

Stub copies of authorizations to treasurer for payment of town bills: Name of payee, purpose of payment; number, date of order. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 12 x 4 x 6. 12 bdls., 1816-73, 1905-9, 1914-19, chest, Grange Strm.; 20 bdls., 1920-39, town va.

For original authorizations, see entry 119.

16. TREASURY WARRANTS, 1940--. 1 loose-leaf binder.

Copies of warrants to treasurer to pay town bills as listed: Names of payees, department or account charged; amount, voucher number, purpose of each bill; amount, number, date of warrant. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 16 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

For original warrants, see entry 120.

17. BILLS & ACCOUNTS, 1802-55, 1934--. 61 bdls., 1 folder. (dated).

Records 1856-1933 destroyed.

Original paid bills, with department vouchers attached: Name of creditors, department charged; amount, itemization, date of bill; date of payment, number and date of voucher, signature of department head. 1802-55 includes signature of recipient. Arr. chron. by date of bill. No index. Hdw. 1802-55; typed 1934--. Bils. 10 x 10 x 8 to 8 x 4 x 1; folder 10 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . 55 bdls., 1802-56, chest, Grange Strm.; 6 bdls., 1934-39, sel. strm.; 1 folder, 1940--, sel. off.

18. SELECTMEN'S LEDGER, 1820-69. 3 vols. (dated).

Summaries of departmental accounts as posted from Selectmen's Accounts, entry 14: Name of department; amount, date of appropriation, receipt, expenditure, amount of unexpended balance or overdraft. Includes summaries of tax assessments, treasurer's orders. Arr. by dept. and thereunder chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 8 x 1.

19. TAX COLLECTOR'S RETURNS, 1843-58. 1 bdl. (97, dated).  
Annual list of paid tax accounts: Name of taxpayer, date of report, signature of collector. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Chest, Grange Strm.

#### Soldiers' Relief

20. SOLDIER'S RELIEF RECORDS, 1933--. 1 folder. Prior records destroyed.  
Name, address, age, settlement and marital status, military service record, physical condition, employability of applicant; vocational training, present and former occupations; name, address of last employer; reason for nonemployment; place, date of birth, marriage; name, place and date of birth of wife; name, age, birthplace of each child; length of applicant's residence in state, town; description, valuation of assets; amount, source of applicant's income; weekly income of wife, each child, other members of family; signature of applicant; number, date of application; amount, date of aid. Includes case correspondence with Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 9 x 12 x 1. Filing cabinet, sel.offs.

#### Maps and Plans

21. (MAP OF WARWICK), Mar. 2, 1830. 1 map.  
Map showing locations of roads, brooks, land elevations, timberland; locations, names of owners of private residences, industrial plants. Draftsman, Jonathan Blake, Jr. Published by the town. Black-and-white. 1":75 rods. 29 x 22. Shelf #5.

22. WARWICK TOWN HALL PLANS, 1894. 12 plans.  
Plans of architectural sections of Town Hall, showing foundations, floors, side and front elevations, cross sections. Draftsmen and publishers, Fuller & Delano, Worcester. Colored. 1":4'. 17 x 24. Shelf #5.

23. (MAP OF TOWN HALL LAND), 1929. 1 map.  
Physical map of land on which the town house stands and park that surrounds it, showing location, bounds, area of each section; location of wooded areas, other landmarks. Draftsman, Harry F. Hastings. Athol, publisher unknown. Blueprint, mounted, framed. 1":40'. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Hallway, first fl.

24. (MAP OF COMMON LAND), Nov. 21, 1849. 1 map.  
Land-tenure map of plot of land belonging to town called the Common, showing location, bounds, area of plot; names of adjoining property owners, location of each abutter's property; locations of roads, meetinghouse, powder house. Draftsman, Osias Roberts. Publisher and place of publication unknown. Black-and-white. 1":83'. 17 x 11. In metal box.

## Selectmen - Maps and Plans

25. (PLANS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS), May 1850. 1 plan.  
Plans showing area covered by each school district and locations of schools; signatures of selectmen. Draftsman, James E. Blake. Published by the town. Black-and-white. 1":100 rods. 24 x 30. Ink faded, paper poor. Shelf #5.
26. (PLANS OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUILDING), 1929. 3 plans.  
Structural plans showing front, rear, side elevations of basement; first floor, foundations, heating and plumbing structures. Draftsman, George A. Cornet. Lynn, publisher unknown. Blueprint. 1":8'. 18 x 23. Shelf #5.
27. (MAP OF FOREST RESERVATION), 1925. 1 map.  
Map showing location, area, bounds, physical features of town forest. Includes names of owners of property adjoining the forest. Draftsman, Harry F. Hastings Athol, publisher unknown. Blueprint. 1":200'. 23 x 17. Shelf #5.
28. (PLANS OF POLE LOCATIONS), 1911, 1926. 9 plans.  
Communication plans of street locations of poles erected by New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Gardner Electric Light Company, showing names of streets, pole numbers, location of each pole; volume and page reference to record of petitions, entry 31-x. Various draftsmen. Gardner, various publishers. Blueprint. Scales and sizes vary. Shelf #5.  
For record of petitions for pole locations 1908--, see entry 31-x.

## Miscellaneous

29. RECORD OF SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS, 1812-1914, 1917--. 4 vols. (1-4).  
Title varies: Record of Contracts for Support of Paupers, 1812-99, 1 vol.  
Official list of town officers and employees appointed by selectmen: Title of office, name of appointee, date and term of appointment, signatures of selectmen. Also contains record of:
- i. Agreements for care of paupers, 1812-55: For description, see entry 169
  - ii. Permits to carry firearms, 1906-14: Name, address, sex, age, physical description of licensee; number, terms, date of license. For copies of licenses 1923--, see entry 54.
  - iii. Permits to hold fairs and exhibitions, 1879-84: Name of licensee; purpose, place, date of exhibition or fair; conditions, term, date of license.
  - iv. Purchase of almshouse equipment, 1831: Name, cost, quantity of article purchased; date of purchase.
- Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw., typed. 100 pp. to 150 pp. 8 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 13 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
30. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1900--. 7 envs., 17 folders (7 envs., 1900-1934, dated; 17 folders, 1935--, labeled by subject). Prior records destroyed.  
Correspondence with state, county, and town officials relative to town finances, reports, and other administrative matters. 7 envs., 1900-1934, arr. chron. by date of correspondence; 17 folders, 1935--, arr. by subject. No index. Hdw., typed. Env. and folders 10 x 12 x 1. Cabinet, sel. off.

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

A town clerk has been elected annually since the incorporation of the town in 1763.<sup>2</sup> His natural predecessor was the proprietors' clerk elected for indefinite periods from 1746 on.<sup>3</sup> The town clerk's activities are practically all governed by State statute.

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

## Minutes of Meetings

31. TOWN RECORDS, 1754, 1762--. 6 vols. (1-6, dated).  
Minutes of town meetings, 1763--: Transcript of reports of departmental officials, votes on articles in town-meeting warrants, list of elected officers; date of meeting, signature of clerk. Also contains record of:
- i. Auctioneers' licenses, 1903-28: Name, address of licensee; term, date of license.
  - ii. Commodity prices fixed by committee of inspection, correspondence, and safety, 1777: Name of commodity, price fixed.
  - iii. Fence division agreements, 1819-39, entry 189.
  - iv. Jurors, 1840-1910: Name, address, age of jurymen. For selectmen's report on selection of jurors 1808-84, see entry 4.
  - v. Men liable for military service, 1840-68: Name of person listed, date of listing. For lists kept by assessors 1840--, see entry 105.
  - vi. Milk dealers' licenses, 1903-28, entry 157.
  - vii. Payment of minister's salary, 1814-30: Amount, date of payment; name of payee.
  - viii. Perambulation of town lines, 1763-1935: Names of towns, date of inspection. For selectmen's certificates of perambulations 1813-49, 1876-95, 1911--, see entry 13.
  - ix. Personal property mortgages, 1816-26, entry 44.
  - x. Petitions for pole locations by public-utility companies, 1906--: Name, address of petitioner; location requested, date of petition. For pole-location plans 1911, 1926, see entry 28.
  - xi. Pew deeds, 1806-26, entry 48.
  - xii. Road acceptances or discontinuances, 1763-1802, entry 67.

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1. For the statutory origin and duties of this office, see the forthcoming volume on town and city government in Massachusetts, to be published shortly by the Massachusetts Historical Records Survey.

2. Town Records, I, 3; VI, 610, see entry 31.

3. Records of Proprietors, (copy), pp. 6, 13, 22, 34, 41, 74, see entry 32.

## Town Clerk - Minutes of Meetings

- xiii. Sale of land for delinquent taxes, 1754, 1762, 1764-65, 1770: Name, address of purchaser, former owner; amount and date of tax title, sale; amount of overdue taxes, collection fees, and other charges.
- xiv. Town-meeting warrants, 1780--: For description, see entry 7.
- Minutes of meetings arr. chron. by date of meeting; i-xiv arr. by subject. 1763-1801, 1820--, no index; 1802-19, indexed alph. by subject. Hdw. 1763-1937; typed 1938--. 400 to 725 pp. 12 x 8 x 1½ to 15 x 12 x 3½.

## 32. RECORDS OF THE PROPRIETORS OF GARDNERS-CANADA TOWNSHIP EAST OF NORTHFIELD, 1735-43, 1749-Jan. 1772. 1 vol. and 1 duplicate vol.

Minutes of proprietors' meetings: Names and duties of officers and committees chosen to manage town affairs; votes on division of public land, expenditures, tax assessments; measures to insure public safety, payment of settlement bounties, construction of community buildings; place, date of meeting. Also contains:

- i. Copy of act of Province of Massachusetts Bay relative to grant of land to original settlers, June 19, 1735.
- ii. List of proprietors, 1761: Name of proprietor, lot number.
- iii. Lot divisions, record of, 1737, 1762, 1770: Names of drawers of lots, numbers of lots drawn, date of drawing.

Minutes of meetings arr. chron. by date of meeting; i-iii no obvious arr. No index. Hdw. Original vol. 75 pp. 14 x 10 x ½; duplicate vol. 167 pp. 13 x 9 x ¾.

## Vital Statistics

## 33. BIRTHS, MARRIAGES &amp; DEATHS, 1739--. 5 vols. (1-5). Title varies: Births, Marriages, Intentions, Deaths &amp; Strays, 1739-1843, 1 vol.

Contains the following vital statistics:

- i. Births, 1739--: Names of parents, given name of child, date of birth. 1843-- includes sex of child, register number, date of registration, residence of parents, occupation of father, place of birth; 1860-- includes birthplace of each parent; 1917-- includes color of child, maiden name of mother.
- ii. Deaths, 1748--: Name and age of decedent, date of death, names of parents (if decedent is a minor). 1849-- includes register number, date of registration; birthplace, sex, profession of decedent; names of parents, spouse, informant; cause of death, place of interment.
- iii. Marriages, 1783--: Names of contracting parties and person officiating; date of marriage. 1845-- includes register number, date of registration; age, birthplace, address, occupation of bride and groom; address and title of person officiating.
- iv. Marriage intentions, 1739-1849, entry 37.

Also contains:

- v. Earmarkings on domestic animals, record of, 1749-1843 intermittently: Name of owner, mark branded upon animals, date of record.
- vi. Reports of poundkeeper relative to placing of stray animals in the public pound, 1749-1843 intermittently: Description, type of animal impounded; date of report, signature of poundkeeper.
- vii. Reports of selectmen stating they had instructed constables to warn vagrants to leave town, 1749-1843 intermittently: Name of vagrant, date of warning, signatures of selectmen. Includes constable's return.

Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of entry. No index to vital statistics 1739-1843; for separate indexes to births, deaths, and marriages 1844-1916, see entries 34-36 respectively; other records not indexed. Hdw. 1739-1843; hdw. under ptd. head 1844--. 280 pp. 12 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

34. INDEX TO BIRTHS, 1844-1916. 1 vol. Estab. 1844, discount. 1916. Index to birth records in Births, Marriages & Deaths, entry 33-i: Name of child, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by name of child. Hdw. under ptd. head. 200 pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

35. INDEX TO DEATHS, 1844-1916. 1 vol. Estab. 1844, discount. 1916. Index to death records in Births, Marriages & Deaths, entry 33-ii: Name of decedent, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by name of decedent. Hdw. under ptd. head. 200 pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

36. INDEX TO MARRIAGES, 1844-1916. 1 vol. Estab. 1844, discount. 1916. Index to marriage records in Births, Marriages & Deaths, entry 33-iii: Names of contracting parties, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. Hdw. under ptd. head. 200 pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

37. (Record of) INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE, 1767-1849, 1859-1903, 1917--. 2 vols. and 2 duplicate vols. (dated). 1739-66, also 1767-1849 in Births, Marriages & Deaths, entry 33-iv. Name, address of each contracting party; date of recording. 1917-- includes age, occupation, birthplace, prior marital status of each applicant; names of parents, filing number, signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of filing. For index 1767-1849, see entry 38; 1859-1903, 1917-- no index. Hdw. 1767-1849; hdw. under ptd. head. 1859-1903, 1917--. 100 pp. 8 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 200 pp. 9 x 7 x 1.

38. INDEX TO MARRIAGE INTENTIONS, 1767-1849. 1 vol. Discount. 1849. Index to (Record of) Intentions of Marriages, entry 37: Names of contracting parties, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. Hdw. under ptd. head. 200 pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

39. CERTIFICATES OF BIRTHS, 1850-51, 1863, 1868-69, 1875, 1886-88, 1890-1916, 1922--. 16 envs. (dated). Title varies: Return of a Birth, 1850-1916, 2 envs. Name and birthplace of each parent, occupation of father, sex of child; place, date of birth; name of informant; number, date of certificate. 1863-- includes color, age, occupation of each parent; maiden name of mother; signature, address of attendant. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . In wooden box, sel. strm.

40. CERTIFICATES OF DEATH, 1850-51, 1863, 1869-71, 1875, 1886, 1888-1916, 1922--. 18 envs. (dated). Name, address, age, occupation, birthplace of decedent; names of parents and informant; place, cause, date of death; place, date of burial; number, date of certificate. Includes: 1893-1916, 1922--, physician's certification, duration of illness; 1904-1916, 1922--, registered number, physical description

and marital status of decedent, name of spouse, birthplaces of parents, name of undertaker, date of filing of certificate; 1910-16, 1922--, clerk's attestation. Arr. chron. by date of certificate and thereunder num. by certificate no. No index. Hdw., typed on ptd. form. 5 x 8 to 8 x 10. In wooden box, sel. strm.

41. CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGES, 1827-51, 1863, 1865, 1868-69, 1886, 1888-1916, 1922--. 20 envs. (dated). Title varies: Intentions of Marriage, 1845-51, 1 env.; no title, 1827-44, 1 env.

Names, addresses of contracting parties; date of marriage. 1863-- includes age of each contracting party, occupation and prior marital record of groom, names of parents, date of certificate, signature of clerk, title and signature of solemnizing official, place of marriage, number and date of certificate; 1922-- includes occupation of bride, maiden name of mother of each contracting party, date of receipt of certificate. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder by certificate no. No index. Hdw. 1827-45; hdw. on ptd. form 1846--. 8 x 6 to 10 x 8. Sel. strm.

42. RECORD OF MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1800, 1769-1800. 1 vol.

Record of marriages of Warwick residents in other Massachusetts municipalities: Names of contracting parties; place, date of marriage; name, title of person officiating; date of recording, name of recording clerk. Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 8 x 7 x 1.

43. (FAMILY RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS), 1805-60. 1 vol.

Name of family; name, date of birth or death of each child. Arr. alph. by name of family. No index. Hdw. 280 pp. 13 x 8 x 1½.

#### Property Records

44. PERSONAL MORTGAGES, 1826--. 8 vols. (1-8). 1816-26 in Town Records, entry 31-ix.

Recordings of personal property mortgages: Name of mortgagor, mortgage; location, description of property; conditions, date of instrument; amount of consideration, acknowledgment of receipt of same; habendum and defeasance clauses; signature, seal of mortgagor; date of recording, attestation of clerk. Includes acknowledgment: Attestation, date of act; signature, seal of notary public. Also contains recording of:

- i. Conditional bills of sale, 1904--: Names of contracting parties, description of property, name of recorded owner of property, signature of vendor or attorney, statement of retention of title by vendor until full payment is made, terms of payment, amount of unpaid purchase price; date of agreement, recording; signature, attestation of clerk.
- ii. Deeds to pews, 1826-41, entry 48.
- iii. Discharge of mortgage, 1826-- intermittently: Name of mortgagee, discharge clause; place, date of discharge.

- iv. Notices of foreclosure of personal property mortgages, 1896--:  
Name, address of mortgagor, mortgagee; volume and page reference to mortgage records recorded in County Registry of Deeds; place, date of recording of mortgage; certification of notary public that notice of intention of foreclosure was served on mortgagor, date of intended foreclosure, signature of mortgagee, attestation of clerk, date of record. For original notices 1794-- intermittently, see entry 46-i.
- v. Writs of attachment, 1841--: Name, address of plaintiff, defendant; location, description of property attached; name of court; date, time of hearing; ad damnum, date of writ, attestation of clerk, date of recording.

Arr. chron. by date of recording. 1826-40, 1854-62, 1916-- no index; 1841-53, 1863-75, indexed alph. by names of parties; for separate index 1875-1915, see entry 45. Hdw. 1826-84; hdw. or typed on ptd. form 1884--. 175 to 500 pp. 13 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 15 x 11 x 2.

45. INDEX TO PERSONAL MORTGAGES, 1875-1915. 1 vol. Discont. 1915. Index to Personal Mortgages, entry 44: Names of parties, volume and page reference. Arr. alph. by names of parties. Hdw. 25 pp. 14 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

46. (LEGAL INSTRUMENTS), 1794-- intermittently. 4 bdls. (35-38, dated). Contains original instruments filed with clerk and not reclaimed:

- i. Notices of foreclosure: For description, see entry 44-iv.  
ii. Personal property mortgages: For description, see entry 44.

Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. 1794-1818; hdw. on ptd. form 1819--. 9 x 4 x 2. Chest, Grange Strm.

47. DEEDS & LEASES TO THE TOWN, 1770--. 3 bdls. (50-52, dated).

Contains:

- i. Deeds to land acquired by town: Name, address of grantor; name of town; location, description of property; conditions, date of instrument; volume and page reference to property records in County Registry of Deeds, date of recording; signature of grantor, County Register of Deeds. Includes acknowledgment: Attestation, date of act; signature, seal of notary public.
- ii. Leases of town property to private individuals: Name, address of lessee; location, description of property; conditions, date of instrument; amount of consideration, signature of lessee, date of recording. Includes acknowledgment: Attestation, date of act; signature of notary public.

Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. 1770-1810; hdw. on ptd. form 1810-99; typed on ptd. form 1900--. 10 x 4 x 2.

48. (RECORD OF PEW DEEDS), 1806-41. 1806-26 in Town Records, entry 31-xi; 1826-41 in Personal Mortgages, entry 44-ii.

Name, address of grantor, grantee; number, location of pew; amount, conditions, date of instrument; signature of grantor, grantee, witness, clerk; date of recording.

For original deed to pew #1, see entry 73-v.



49. (FENCE DIVISION AGREEMENTS), 1821-85 intermittently. 1 bdl.  
(94, dated).

Original agreements between property owners for erection of fences: Names, addresses of parties; location, size of fence; date erection shall be made; text, date of fence viewers' decision, agreement; signatures of parties, counter-signatures of fence viewers. Arr. chron. by date of agreement. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

For record of agreements 1819-78, see entries 31-iii, 139.

50. ENTRIES OF WRITS OF ATTACHMENT, 1849-96. 1 vol. (dated).

Transcriptions of original writs of attachments: For description, see entry 44-v; includes name of County Deputy Sheriff. Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 7 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Sel. strm.

Licenses and Permits  
(See also entry 31-i-vi)

51. (Stub) RECORD OF (Miscellaneous) LICENSES GRANTED, 1929--. 1 vol.  
(dated).

Name, business address of licensee; type, number, issuance and expiration dates of license. Arr. chron. by date of issuance of license. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 5 x 14 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

52. (Miscellaneous) APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES, 1930--. 20 sheets.

Applications for licenses other than for firearms: Name, address of applicant; type of license applied for, date of application, signature of applicant; date of approval or disapproval, signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 8.

53. APPLICATIONS FOR PISTOL OR REVOLVER LICENSES, 1935--. 10 sheets.

Prior records destroyed.

Name, address, occupation, business address, physical description, signature of applicant; names of parents, reason for and date of application; term, date of permit; signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 8. Filing cabinet, sel. off.

54. LICENSES TO CARRY PISTOLS, 1923--. 1 vol.

Copies of permits to carry firearms: For description, see entry 29-ii; includes signature of clerk, licensee. Arr. chron. by date of permit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 4 x 6 x 1. Filing cabinet, sel. off.

55. (Copies of) LIQUOR & INNHOLDER LICENSES GRANTED, 1834-63. 1 bdl.  
(63, dated).

Name, business address of licensee; conditions, term, type, date of license; signature of licensing official. Arr. chron. by date of license. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

56. OFFICIAL BURIAL OR REMOVAL PERMITS, 1891, 1894-95, 1897, 1900-1909, 1920-22, 1925--. 10 envs. (dated). Title varies: Burial Permit & Permit for Removal, 1891-1909, 4 envs.

Stub record of burial or corpse-removal permits: Name, address of applicant; name, age of decedent; cause, place, date of death; name of undertaker, signature of clerk as board of health agent; number, date of permit. Arr. chron. by date of permit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . In wooden box, sel. strn.

For original permits 1912--, see entry 161.

57. (COPIES OF DOG LICENSES), 1935--. 1 vol.

For description, see entry 58; includes signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of license. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 300 pp. 9 x 6 x 2. Shelf #3.

58. RECORD OF DOG LICENSES, 1859-66, 1879-95, 1928-32. 3 vols. (1-3, dated). Discont. 1932.

Name of owner, license number. 1879-1932 includes age, sex, breed, color, name of dog; amount of fee, date of license; annual summary of licenses granted according to each sex, total fees collected. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 8 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

59. (STUB RECORD OF DOG LICENSES), 1920-32. 3 vols.

Name, address of owner; name, age, sex, breed, color of dog; number, date of license; amount of fee. Arr. chron. by date of license. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 4 x 12 x 2. Shelf #3.

Military Records  
(See also entry 31-v)

60. (MILITIA RECORDS), 1808-57. 1 bdl. (39, dated).

Contains:

- i. Lists of men serving in local militia: Name, address, age of militiaman; date of list.
- ii. Requisitions from local militia company to selectmen for supplies and equipment: List of articles requested, date of requisition, signature of requisitioning officer.

Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of list or requisition. No index. Hdw. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

61. (CIVIL WAR RECORDS), 1861-65. 1 bdl., 2 envs. (40-42, dated).

Contains:

- i. Correspondence with servicemen relative to payment of bounties.
- ii. Instructions received from State Adjutant General regarding payment of bounties for military service, issuance of call for volunteer military service, filing of draft quota.
- iii. Record of bounties paid to servicemen: Name of payee or serviceman, date of enlistment, period of service covered by payment; amount, date of payment.

- iv. Record of enlistments: Name, address, age of volunteer; date of enlistment.
- v. Statement certifying service substitution: Text, date of statement; signature of draftee, substitute; date of substitute's enlistment.
- No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. Bdls. 9 x 4 x 2; envs. 8 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

62. REBELLION RECORD, 1861-65. 1 vol.

Record of Warwick men serving in Civil War: Name, address, place and date of birth, marital status, prior occupation, rank of serviceman; names of parents; term, date of enlistment; regiment, company number; amount of bounty paid, record of promotions, cause and date of discharge or death. Arr. chron. by date of enlistment. Indexed alph. by name of serviceman. Hdw. under ptd. head. 130 pp. 15 x 10 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Maps and Plans

63. (MAPS OF LAND DIVISIONS), 1738-1897 intermittently, 7 maps.

Land-tenure maps of the four grants of common land divided among the original proprietors, showing location, area, bounds, number of each lot; name of grantee. Authors, Nathan Kellogg, Ebenezer Waters, Seth Field. Two maps published by the town. Black-and-white. 1":100 rods. Sizes vary.

64. PLAN OF PRIVATE PROPERTY MADE BY HON. JONATHAN BLAKE, 1816-55. 1 bdl. (93).

Land-tenure plans of farms located in and around Warwick: Name of owner; location, dimensions, bounds, area of farm; scale, date of plan; signature of author. Includes notations showing locations of roads, houses, landmarks. Arr. chron. by date of plan. No index. Hand-drawn. 8 x 4 x 6. In metal box.

Miscellaneous

65. RECORD OF FIRES, 1885-1925. 2 vols.

Record of fires used as basis for reports to the State Fire Marshal: Location, cause, date of fire; type, valuation of property involved; names of occupants and owner; amount of damage, total or partial loss; amount of insurance carried, paid; remarks, signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 25 pp. 12 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Sel. strm.

66. (RECEIPTS), 1936--. 1 vol.

Receipts from fees for recording legal instruments and for issuance of licenses and certificates of birth, marriage, or death: Name of payer; amount, source, source, date of receipt. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 5 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

67. RECORD OF TOWN ROADS, 1803--. 2 vols. (1, 2, and dated). 1763-1802 in Town Records, entry 31-xii.

Transcript of town-meeting minutes relating to acceptance or discontinuance of town roads, 1803-39, and record of acceptance or discontinuance of roads 1840--;

Location, measurements of road; locations of cross roads, names of abutting property owners, date of town-meeting vote authorizing acceptance or discontinuance. 1803-38 includes signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of town-meeting vote. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 6 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Safe, sel. strm.

68. RECORDS OF WARWICK CEMETERY, 1781--. 1 vol. (dated).

Record of burials as reported by cemetery superintendent: Name, age of decedent; lot number, date of burial, remarks. Arr. chron. by date of burial. Indexed alph. by name of decedent. Hdw. under ptd. head. 500 pp. 14 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For record of burials kept by cemetery commissioners 1771--, see entry 159.

69. TREASURERS' BONDS, 1814-81, 1891-1911, 1916--. 1 bdl. (4, dated).

Fidelity bonds for faithful performance of duty: Names, addresses of principal and sureties; amount, term, conditions, date of bond; signatures of principals, witnesses. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. 1814-81, 1891-1911; hdw. or typed on ptd. form 1916--. 9 x 3 x 2. Chest, Grange Strm.

70. (FAMILY CENSUS), 1865, 1925. 1 vol., 1 bdl. (dated).

List of residents as determined in house-to-house canvass: Address of house, number of families residing therein; name, age, sex of each resident. 1865 includes color, birthplace, occupation, marital and citizenship statuses of each resident; number of adult illiterates, deaf mutes, insane persons, paupers, persons liable for poll tax, eligible voters, naturalized citizens. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. Vol. 50 pp. 13 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; bdl. 6 x 4 x 1. Sel. strm.

71. RETURN OF DOGS & WARRANTS TO DOG OFFICER, 1869-1930 intermittently. 1 bdl. (96, dated).

Contains:

- i. Lists of dog owners submitted by assessors, 1869-1930: Name of resident, sex of dog, license number, date of list, signatures of assessors.
- ii. Warrants for killing unlicensed dogs submitted to constables and returned, 1880-1930 intermittently: Text, date of warrant; instructions for return of warrant, town seal, signatures of selectmen. Includes constable's return: Certification of execution of warrant, date of return, signature of constable.

Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw. 10 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

72. MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS, 1775-1860 intermittently, 2 bdls. (60, 61, and dated).

Official notices from Secretary of the Commonwealth containing copies of acts of the general court affecting the government of Warwick; reports and instructions from the various state officers regulating town administrative work. Arr. chron. by date of communication. No index. Ptd. 10 x 4 x 2. In metal box.

73. UNCLASSIFIED, 1808-81 intermittently. 1 bdl. (92, dated).

Contains:

- i. Administrative correspondence, 1808-81, entry 74.
  - ii. Certificates for payment of bounty for killing foxes or wildcats, 1835-37, and for raising of wheat, 1840: Name of payee, amount of bounty due; number, date of certificate; reasons for payment, signatures of selectmen.
  - iii. Common writs (original) issued in legal actions involving Warwick, 1808-52: Name of plaintiff, defendant; cause of action, ad damnum; place, time, date of hearing; teste of justice, signature of court clerk. Includes process officer's return and related correspondence.
  - iv. Correspondence with aid recipients, 1819; with selectmen of Warwick and other towns relative to establishment of Franklin County, 1810-11; with other towns relative to poor relief, 1825; with residents of other towns relative to relief of Warwick tornado victims, 1822.
  - v. Deed to pew #1 from Josiah Pomeroy, Junior, to William Burnett, 1808: Name, address of grantor, grantee; location, number of pew; amount, conditions, date of instrument; signature of grantor, grantee; witness, clerk, justice of peace; date of recording, discharge. For record of pew deeds 1806-41, see entry 48.
  - vi. Notice from pound keeper that he has impounded a horse, 1830: Description of horse, date of impounding, signature of pound keeper.
  - vii. Oaths of office of town officers, 1823-46: Title of office, name of officer; text, date of oath; signature of official administering oath.
  - viii. Order of general court to answer on petition of Jonas Ward and others for revision of town bounds, June 9, 1814: Text, date of petition; names of petitioners, date of order; signatures of president and clerk of State senate, speaker of State house of representatives.
  - ix. Petition against support of paupers from public funds, 1827: Text, date of petition; signatures of petitioners.
  - x. Receipts acknowledging transfer of town records, 1838-59: Date of receipt, signature of recipient.
  - xi. Selectmen's notice (copy) to Asa Taft, an innkeeper, forbidding him to sell liquor to Elkanah Gould, 1836: Text, date of order; signatures of selectmen.
  - xii. Warrants summoning town officers to take oath of office, 1854-57: Name of official, title of office, date of warrant, signature of clerk. Includes directions to constable for serving warrant.
- Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw.  
8 x 4 x 4. Chest, Grange Strm.

74. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1936--. 40 folders (labeled by contained letters of alphabet). Records 1882-1935 destroyed. 1808-81 in Unclassified, entry 73-i.

Administrative correspondence with State, departmental officials, and other municipalities with residents relative to licenses, recording fees, requests for information. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent. No index. Hdw., typed.  
9 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Filing cabinet, sel. off.

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

Though lists of voters exist since 1805,<sup>2</sup> when the selectmen performed the duties of registrars, the present board of registrars of voters was set up by statute in 1884. Since that time the board has consisted of the selectmen and the town clerk.<sup>3</sup>

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

## 75. REGISTER OF VOTERS, 1877--. 3 vols. (1-3, dated).

Name, address, occupation of registrant; date of and reason for removal from voting lists, date of registration, remarks. Includes: Registrant's address as of May first, 1884-1939; birthplace, occupation, place of employment, 1884--; signature, 1922--; age, court and date of naturalization (if foreign-born), address as of January first, 1939--. Arr. alph. by name of registrant. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 100 pp. 10 x 15 x 1.

## 76. LIST OF VOTERS, 1805-42, 1850, 1875, 1888-89, 1901, 1912-13, 1920--. 2 bdls., 5 envs. (43-49, dated).

Names of eligible voters, date of list; signatures of selectmen to 1875, signatures of registrars thereafter. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of voter. No index. Hdw. 1805-42, 1850, 1875, 1888-89; ptd. 1901, 1912-13, 1920--. Bdls. 10 x 4 x 1½; envs. 16 x 12 x ½. 2 bdls., 1805-89, in metal box, town va.; 5 envs., 1901, 1912-13, 1920--, chest, Grange Strm.

77. REGISTRANT'S LISTING OF MALES AND FEMALES, 1939--. 1 vol. (dated).  
Etab. 1939.

Street listing of male residents; Name, residence January first of current and previous year, age, occupation, birthplace, citizenship status, date of naturalization and former nationality (if foreign-born) of resident. Arr. alph. by name of street and thereunder num. by street no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 100 pp. 5 x 8 x 1.

78. REGISTRANT'S LISTING OF MALES AND FEMALES, 1939--. 1 vol. (dated).  
Etab. 1939.

Street listing of female residents: For description, see entry 77; includes date of marriage, citizenship status of husband. Arr. alph. by name of st. and thereunder num. by st. no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 100 pp. 5 x 8 x 1.

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

2. Lists of Voters, see entry 76.

3. Town Records, VI, 609, see entry 31.

IV. ASSESSORS<sup>1</sup>

The act of incorporation of the town of Warwick, passed by the General Court on February 17, 1763, ordered that a tax of 1 cent per acre be levied upon "all lands that are private property" and that officers be chosen "to assess, levy and collect the aforesaid tax."<sup>2</sup> In pursuance of these directions, it was voted at the first town meeting "to choose the selectmen as assessors."<sup>3</sup> The selectmen continued to act as assessors until 1908, with the exception of 1 year, 1855, when a separate board of three assessors was elected for a 1-year term.<sup>4</sup> However, during the periods 1775-1778 and 1788-1795, when five selectmen were in office, the town meeting voted that only the first three selectmen act as assessors. Since 1908, three assessors have been elected, one annually, for terms of 3 years.<sup>5</sup> They elect one of their number as clerk and another as chairman.

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the town vault. In addition to the following records, see entry 71 for lists of dog owners submitted to town clerk 1869-1930; entries 184, 185 for warrants for highway taxes 1804-56.

## Reports and Notices

79. AMOUNTS USED BY ASSESSORS IN DETERMINING TAX LEVY, 1936--. 1 folder.

Prior records destroyed.

Reports submitted by State Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation for use as a basis in determining tax rates: Amount of state and county tax, estimated current receipts; amount of overestimated or underestimated prior year's receipts; date of report, signature of commissioner. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 12 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Filing cabinet, drawer #1, sel. off.

80. ASSESSORS' RETURN OF TAX WARRANTS, 1784, 1796-99, 1822-59. 2 bdls. (27, 28, and dated).

Contains:

1. Copies of notices to treasurer informing him that the annual list of assessments had been committed to the collector: Names of treasurer; amount of town, county, state, ministerial school, highway tax; grand total, date of commitment, due date of payment, date of notice, signatures of assessors.

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

2. Province Acts and Resolves, IV (1757-1768), ch. 17, p. 604.

3. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.

4. Ibid.

5. Ibid., VI, 146, 610.

- ii. Copies of notices sent to selectmen informing them that the annual tax list has been committed, 1842-59: For description, see i; omits name of treasurer, amount of ministerial tax; includes certification of selectmen.

Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. Hdw. 8 x 3 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

Valuation and Assessments  
(See also entries 97, 98, 101)

General

81. VALUATION LISTS, 1777-80, 1787-98, 1825--. 116 vols., 2 envs. (dated).  
Contains:

- i. Abatements, record of, 1848-1909, entry 93.
- ii. Commitment warrants, 1930--, entry 108.
- iii. Commitment warrants (copies) for motor vehicle excise, 1930--: Name of town, collector; name of taxpayer; amount, year of tax; total amount, date of warrant; instructions for collection, signatures of assessors. For original warrants, see entry 109.
- iv. Highway tax-assessment warrants, 1832-64, entry 184.
- v. Ministerial tax-assessment records, 1829-33, entry 101.
- vi. Ministerial tax-exemption records, 1825, entry 102.
- vii. Personal property valuations, 1777-80, 1787-98, 1825--: Name of taxpayer, valuation of property. 1825-- includes separate lists for resident and for nonresident taxpayers and adds address of taxpayer; location, description of property; signatures of assessors.
- viii. Poll valuations, 1777-80, 1787-98, 1825--: Name of taxpayer, amount of valuation. 1825-- includes number of taxable polls in family, signatures of assessors.
- ix. Real estate valuations, 1777-80, 1787-98, 1825-1938, entry 84.
- x. School-district assessment certificates, 1829-59, entry 87.
- xi. Soldiers' bounty tax assessments, 1864: Name, address of taxpayer; amount, rate of tax.
- xii. Special school-district assessments, 1832-55 intermittently, entry 88.
- xiii. State, town, and county tax assessments, record of, 1829--, entry 89.
- xiv. Summaries of poll and property valuations, 1858--: Type of tax, total valuations, year of summary.
- xv. Table of aggregates, 1865--: Total number of polls; total valuation of personal, real property; tax rate, number of property owners assessed; total state, town, county taxes; number of dwelling houses, acres of land, horses, cattle, swine.

Subentries i-xii arr. by type of tax and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer; xiii-xv arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 1777-80, 1787-98, 1825-65; hdw. under ptd. head. 1865--. Vols. 150 pp. 13 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 200 pp. 19 x 18 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; envs. 6 x 18 x 1. Shelf #4.



82. TAX ASSESSOR'S FIELD BOOKS, 1860-89, 1923-24, 1933--. 40 vols.  
(30 vols., 1860-89, unlabeled; 10 vols., 1923-24, 1933--, dated).

Canvass of taxpayers: Name, address, age of taxpayer; number of polls in family; description, valuation of personal property; number, type of dogs owned. 1860-89, 1923-24, 1933-38 includes notation as to taxpayer's eligibility for military duty. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 100 pp. 6 x 5 x  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 300 pp. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ . 30 vols., 1860-89, Grange Strm.; 9 vols., 1923-24, 1933-39, shelf #2, town va.; 1 vol., 1940--, sel. off.

83. RECORD OF TAXES ASSESSED, 1777-80, 1787-99, 1801-28. 4 vols., 10 envs.  
(10 envs., 1777-80, 1787-99, 1801, dated; 4 vols., 1802-28, dated and numbered 1-4).

Annual summaries of assessments: Names of taxpayers, number of taxable polls, valuation of property, total assessments, year of summary. 1802-28 includes amount and rate of assessment on polls, real and personal property. Also contains: School-district assessment certificates, 1802-28, entry 87; special school assessments, 1802-19 intermittently, entry 88; state, town, and county assessments, 1802-28, entry 89; ministerial tax assessments, 1802-28, entry 101; warrants for highway taxes, 1802-18, entry 184. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. Vols. 150 to 500 pp. 12 x 10 x  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 12 x 10 x 3; envs. 6 x 18.

84. REAL ESTATE VALUATION LIST, 1939--. 2 vols. (dated). 1777-80, 1787-98, 1825-1938 in Valuation Lists, entry 81-ix.

Name of taxpayer, location and description of property, valuation of each parcel, total value of property, date of list, signatures of assessors, total annual valuations. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 100 pp. 14 x 17 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf #2.

#### School District

85. SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX ASSESSMENTS & VALUATIONS, 1800-1866. 1 bdl.  
(86, dated).

Official list of assessments for construction or repair of district schools: Name of school, district number, reason for and date of assessment, name of each resident and nonresident taxpayer, number of taxable polls; amount of tax on polls, real estate, personal property; total tax, signatures of assessors. Arr. chron. by year, thereunder by name of district and alph. by names of taxpayers. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 1. Grange Strm.

86. DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY, 1805-55. 6 bdls. (79-84, dated).

Annual lists of taxpayers assessed for support of schools: Name of taxpayer, amount of apportioned tax, total district assessment, name of district, year of assessment. Arr. chron. by year, thereunder by district, and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 2. Chest, Grange Strm.

87. (ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATES), 1802-59. 1802-28 in Record of Taxes Assessed, entry 83; 1829-59 in Valuation lists, entry 81-x.

Certificates authorizing tax levies on school-district residents for support of district schools: District number, name of school; amount, purpose of tax;

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88. (SPECIAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS), 1802-19 intermittently, 1832-55 intermittently. 1802-19 in Record of Taxes Assessed, entry 83, 1832-55 in Valuation Lists, entry 81-xii.

Record of taxes levied from time to time in addition to the usual annual tax: Name of taxpayer; amount, purpose, rate, date of tax.

State, County, Town

89. (STATE, TOWN, AND COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENTS), 1802--. 1802-28 in Record of Taxes Assessed, entry 83; 1829--in Valuation Lists, entry 81-xiii.

Name of taxpayer; amount, rate, type, date of tax.

90. COUNTY AND STATE TAX WARRANTS, 1939--. 1 folder (dated).

Contains: County tax warrants, entry 91; state tax warrants, entry 92. Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of warrant. No index. Ptd. 10 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Filing cabinet, sel. off.

91. COUNTY TAX WARRANTS, 1779-1854, 1900-1919. 1 bdl. (74, dated), 1939-- in County and State Tax Warrants, entry 90.

Annual county assessments against the town: Amount, year of tax; directions for assessment, collection, payment; due date of payment, date of warrant, signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 1779-80; ptd. 1781-1854, 1900-1919. 10 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

92. STATE TAX WARRANTS, 1779-1856, 1910-19. 1 bdl. (75, dated), 1939-- in County and State Tax Warrants, entry 90.

Annual tax assessed by the state against the town: Amount of taxes assessed throughout the state, town's share; year of levy, due date of payment by town; directions for assessment, collection, payment; date of warrant, signature of state treasurer. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Ptd. 10 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

## Abatements

(See also entries 81-i, 99, 100, 103)

93. ABATEMENT RECORD, 1910--. 1 vol. 1848-1909 in Valuation Lists, entry 81-i.

Name, address of taxpayer; amount, type, date of tax, interest, collection charges; total charges, amount paid, amount of unpaid balance; amount and date of, reason for abatement. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 100 pp. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf #2.

94. APPLICATIONS FOR ABATEMENTS, 1923--. 6 envs. (dated). Prior records destroyed.

Name, address of taxpayer; type, year, amount of tax; location, description, valuation of property; amount of abatement requested, reason for request; date of application, signature of applicant. Includes collector's notices of uncollectible taxes: Name of taxpayer; amount, year of tax; date of demand, court summons; reason for uncollectibility, date of notice, signature of collector. Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of application or notice. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf #3.

95. TAX ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE BOOK, 1936--. 1 vol. (labeled 1924-35).

Third copy of certificates, originals given to taxpayer and duplicates to collector: Name, address of taxpayer; type, year of tax; commitment number; reason for, amount and date of abatement; certificate number, signatures of assessors. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 75 pp. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

96. TAX ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE BOOKS, 1924-35. 1 vol. (dated). Discont. as record of assessors 1935.

Stub record of certificates, originals given to taxpayers: Name of taxpayer; year, type of tax; reason for, amount and date of abatement; certificate number, signature of assessors' clerk. Also contains: Motor vehicle tax abatement certificates, 1930-35, entry 100. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 8 x 8 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Shelf #2.

For record kept by collector 1936--, see entry 110.

Motor Vehicle Excise  
(See also entry 81-iii)

97. MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE, 1929--. 12 vols. (dated). Title varies: Motor Vehicle Excise, 1929-39, 11 vols. Tax required by law 1929.

Record of assessments: Name, address of taxpayer; make, model, type, year, valuation of vehicle; amount, period, date of tax. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 12 pp. 17 x 14 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Shelf #2.

98. TAX LIST, 1933--. 8 bdls. (dated). Prior records destroyed.

Card record of assessed motor vehicles: Name, address of owner; make, model, type, year, registration number, date of registration, number of cylinders, maker's and engine numbers of vehicle; name of insurance company, amount of assessment. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 3 x 5 x 2. Desk, sel. off.

99. ABATEMENT RECORD MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, 1930--. 1 vol.

Record of abatements: Name of taxpayer; description, registration number of vehicle; amount of tax, amount paid; date of application; reason for and amount and date of abatement; abatement certificate number. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 100 pp. 11 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf #2.

100. TAX ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE BOOK, 1936--. 2 vols. 1930-35 in Tax Abatement Certificate Books, entry 96.

Stub record of abatement certificates: For description, see entry 99. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 75 pp. 4 x 9 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Shelf #2.

#### Ministerial Tax

101. (RECORD OF MINISTERIAL TAX ASSESSMENTS), 1802-33. 1802-28 in Record of Taxes Assessed, entry 83; 1829-33 in Valuation Lists, entry 81-v.

Name of taxpayer; amount, rate, date of tax.

102. LIST OF PERSONS EXEMPT FROM MINISTERIAL TAX, 1816-24. 1 bdl. (25, dated). 1825 in Valuation Lists, entry 81-vi.

Name of taxpayer, number of taxable polls in family; amount of tax on personal property, real estate; date of assessment. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 8 x 3 x 1. Carton in wooden chest, Grange Strm.

103. RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATES, 1825-29. 1 bdl. (91, dated).

Certificates of church membership submitted by taxpayers seeking exemption from ministerial tax: Name of taxpayer, church; date of certificate, signature of parish clerk. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Hdw. 8 x 2 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

#### Miscellaneous

104. REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, 1936--. 1 folder. Records destroyed periodically.

Card record of deeds recorded in County Registry of Deeds: Name of grantor, grantee; location, description of property; volume and page reference to recorded deeds; amount of consideration, name of wife releasing dower or husband releasing courtesy rights; date of deed, recording in county registry; date of record. Arr. chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 9 x 12 x 1. Desk, sel. off.

105. LIST OF PERSONS LIABLE TO MILITARY SERVICE, 1840--. 1 bdl. (26, dated).

Name of person listed, date of list. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of person. No index. Hdw. 9 x 4 x 1. Carton in wooden chest, Grange Strm.

For lists kept by town clerk 1840-68, see entry 31-v.

106. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1930--. 11 envs. (dated). Prior records destroyed.

Requests for information from taxpayers, other municipal officials; instructions from state officials. Arr. chron. by date of correspondence. No index. Hdw., typed. 10 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf #3.

V. COLLECTOR<sup>1</sup>

During the first four years of Warwick's existence as a town, a collector was elected annually. From 1769 through 1902, the office was combined with that of constable, with the exception of several years (1828, 1852-1860, 1902) when the treasurer was elected collector.<sup>2</sup> During many of these years, the collector-constable's office was put up at vendue, the lowest bidder being elected.<sup>3</sup> Since 1903 the collector has been elected annually. His salary was fixed at each town meeting until 1921, but since that time the amount of his salary has not varied.<sup>4</sup>

Except where otherwise noted, all records are at the residence of Frank W. Webster (collector), 24 Orange Road. In addition to the following records, see entry 19 for lists of paid tax accounts 1843-58; entry 94 for notices of uncollectible taxes 1923--.

107. TAX LIST, 1860-81, 1889-1917, 1922-27, 1929--. 74 vols. (dated).  
Title varies: Collector's Commitment List, 1860-81, 1889-1917,  
56 vols.

Record of poll and property taxes committed for collection: Name, address of taxpayer; amount, date, type of tax; amount, date of abatement, payment. 1860-81, 1889-92 includes transcriptions of commitment warrants showing same information as in entry 81-iii. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 1860-65; hdw. under ptd. head, 1866-81, 1889-1917, 1922-27, 1929--. 100 pp. 8 x 5 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 150 pp. 9 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . 61 vols., 1860-81, 1889-1917, 1922-26, desk, Grange Strm., T. H.; 5 vols., 1927, 1929-32, shelf #3, town va., T. H.; 8 vols., 1933--, residence of Frank W. Webster.

108. COMMITMENT WARRANTS, 1921-29. 1 bdl. (99, dated). 1930-- in Valuation Lists, entry 81-ii.

Original authorizations from assessors for collection of taxes other than for motor vehicle excise tax: For description, see entry 81-iii; includes type of tax. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm., T. H.

109. COMMITMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES, 1929--. 12 vols. (dated).  
Tax required by law 1929.

Original commitment lists from assessors authorizing collection of motor vehicle excise taxes: For description, see entry 81-iii. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 25 pp. 16 x 13 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 6 vols., 1929-34, shelf #2, town va., T. H.; 6 vols., 1935--, residence of Frank W. Webster.

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1. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.  
2. Town Records, I, unfolioed; III, 172; IV, 275, VI, 95, see entry 31.  
3. Ibid., III, 172; IV, 298.  
4. Ibid., VI, 101, 303, 323, 610.

110. CERTIFICATION OF ABATEMENTS, 1936--. 8 envs. (dated).  
Copies of abatement certificates, originals sent to taxpayers: For description, see entry 96. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 3 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 4 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

111. COLLECTOR'S CASH, 1919-20, 1922-30, 1932--. 20 vols. (dated).  
Record of receipts from tax collections: Name of taxpayer; amount, type, year of tax; amount of abatement, delinquency charges; amount, date of receipt. Includes notation of cash transferred to treasurer showing amount and date of transfer. 1919-20, 1922, arr. alph. by name of taxpayer; 1923-30, 1932--, arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 100 pp. 12 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 12 vols., 1919-20, 1922-30, 1932, shelf #4, town va., T. H.; 8 vols., 1933--, residence of Frank W. Webster.

112. STUBS OF TAX BILLS, 1933--. 7 bdl. (dated).  
Stub record of bills issued to taxpayers: Name, address of taxpayer; amount, type, year of tax; amount, date of payment. Arr. by type of tax and chron. thereunder by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

113. CORRESPONDENCE, 1930--. 1 folder. Prior records destroyed.  
Correspondence with taxpayers regarding tax bills, abatements, requests for information; with officials of other municipalities relative to delinquent tax payments; with state officials relative to legal questions, administrative functions. Arr. chron. by date of correspondence. No index. Typed. 10 x 16 x 2.

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

A treasurer has been elected annually from 1763 to the present time.<sup>2</sup>

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

### Reports

114. ANNUAL REPORTS OF TREASURER, 1790-1883. 1 bdl. (12, dated).  
Summary of departmental appropriations, receipts and expenditures; state and county tax receipts and payments, insurance on town property, outstanding town indebtedness, public trust funds; date of report, signature

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

2. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31; Annual Reports, 1939, p. 3, see entry 1.

of treasurer. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

For published reports 1884, 1886-90, 1893, 1895--, see entry 1.

115. REPORT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS, 1921-32. 12 vols. (dated).

Copies of annual reports, originals submitted to State Director of Accounts: Name of town, treasurer; fiscal period covered; amount received from taxes, licenses and permits, trust funds, revenue notes, departmental fees; amount expended for public service enterprises, trust funds, general departmental expenses, interest and principal payments on notes and bonds, equipment and maintenance of town property; date of report. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder by subject. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 30 pp. 11 x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Shelf #3.

#### General Accounts

116. TREASURER'S CASH, 1797-1862, 1874--. 24 vols. (dated). Title varies Treasurer's Ledger, 1797-1832, 1901-14, 10 vols.

Contains record of:

- i. Expenditures: Name of payee, department or account charged; amount, purpose, date of expenditure.
- ii. Receipts: Name of payer, department or account credited; amount, source, date of receipt.

Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. 150 to 280 pp. 13 x 8 x 1 to 14 x 9 x 1. Shelf #4.

117. TREASURER'S LEDGER, 1936--. 1 vol. (dated).

Summary of accounts as posted from Treasurer's Cash, entry 116: Name of account amount, date of debit and credit posting; folio number. Arr. by name of account No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Shelf #4.

118. BOOK OF FORMS FOR ISSUING TOWN NOTES, 1911--. 10 vols. (3 vols., 1911-19, 1-3; 7 vols., 1920--, labeled 1-7 and by incl. note nos.).

Stub record of notes issued in anticipation of tax revenue: Name of purchaser; amount, purpose, number, issue and maturity dates, date of authorization of note; amounts of previous issues, interest rate, unsold balance; method, place, date of redemption; signatures of selectmen, treasurer and town clerk. Includes notations showing dates of state approval, delivery to purchaser, payment; method of payment, date of notation. Also contains paid notes showing the above information and cancelation stamp. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 pp. 13 x 20 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Shelf #5.

#### Warrants and Orders

119. TOWN ORDERS, 1795-1858, 1861-62, 1880-88, 1935-39. 79 bdl. (dated).

Original authorizations to treasurer for payment of town bills: For description see entry 15; includes signatures of selectmen. Also contains: Orders for payment of school bills, 1861-62, 1880-88, entry 121; orders for payment of

library bills, 1880-88, entry 122. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 x 10 x 6. 76 bdls., 1795-1858, 1861-62, 1880-88, Grange Strm.; 3 bdls., 1935-39, sel. strm.

120. TREASURER'S WARRANTS, 1940--. 1 loose-leaf binder (dated). Original warrants from selectmen authorizing payment of town bills as listed: For description, see entry 16; includes check number, signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 16 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Wall.

121. SCHOOL ORDERS, 1935-39. 1 bdl. (dated). 1861-62, 1880-88 in Town Orders, entry 119; 1940-- in (School and Library Orders), entry 123.  
Original authorizations for payment of school bills: For description, see entry 142; includes signature of school official. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 10 x 6. Sel. strm.

122. LIBRARY TRUSTEES' ORDERS, 1935-39. 1 bdl. (dated). 1880-88 in Town Orders, entry 119; 1940-- in (School and Library Orders), entry 123.  
Original authorizations for payment of library bills: For description, see entry 152; includes signatures of library trustees. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 10 x 6. Sel. strm.

123. (SCHOOL AND LIBRARY ORDERS), 1940--. 1 folder.  
Contains: Orders for payment of school bills, entry 121; orders for payment of library bills, entry 122. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 9 x 2. Drawer #1, sel. off.

#### Checks and Bank Accounts

124. TREASURER'S CHECK STUB BOOKS, 1927--. 39 vols., 25 loose-leaf vols. (labeled by dates and contained check nos.). Prior records destroyed.  
Stub record of checks drawn: Name of payee, account or department charged; amount, number, purpose, date of check. Arr. num. by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Vols. 500 pp. 10 x 5 x 1; loose-leaf vols. 250 pp. 9 x 5 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 28 vols., 1927-33, sel. strm.; 11 vols., 25 loose-leaf vols., 1934--, shelf #5, town va.

125. TREASURER'S CANCELLED CHECKS, 1930--. 30 bdls. (labeled by dates and incl. check nos.). Prior records destroyed.  
Name of payee, account or department charged; amount, number, date of check; signature of treasurer, cancelation stamp. Arr. num. by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 4 x 4. 27 bdls., 1930-38, in wooden boxes, town library rm.; 3 bdls., 1939--, shelf #2, town va.



## 126. (BANK DEPOSIT BOOKS), 1871--. 31 vols.

Name of bank, account number; amount, date of each deposit. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 pp. 6 x 3½ x 1/8. In metal box.

## 127. TREASURER'S BANK STATEMENTS, 1930--. 150 envs. (dated). Prior records destroyed.

Name of bank, balance at beginning and end of month; amount, date of each deposit and withdrawal. Arr. chron. by month. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5. 132 envs., 1930-38, in wooden boxes, town library rm.; 18 envs., 1939--, shelf #2, town va.

## Fidelity Bonds

## 128. CLERK'S BONDS, 1894, 1923--. 1 bdl. (2, dated).

Bonds placed for faithful performance of duty: Name, address of principal, surety; amount, conditions, period, date of bond; signatures of principals, witnesses. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. 1894; typed on ptd. form 1923--. 9 x 3 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

## 129. COLLECTOR'S BONDS, 1797-1881, 1891-1911, 1916--. 1 bdl. (3, dated).

For description, see entry 128. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. 1797-1881, 1891-94; typed on ptd. form 1895-1911, 1916--. 9 x 3 x 2. Chest, Grange Strm.

## 130. CONSTABLE BONDS, 1851-79. 1 bdl. (1, dated).

For description, see entry 128. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. 9 x 3 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

## 131. AUCTIONEER BONDS, 1825-50. 1 bdl. (5, dated).

For description, see entry 128. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. 9 x 3 x ½. Chest, Grange Strm.

## Miscellaneous

## 132. INSURANCE POLICIES, 1936--. 60 folders (labeled by expiration date and no. of contained policy). Prior records destroyed.

Insurance policies covering town property: Name, address of insurance company; location, description of property; amount, conditions, date of issue and expiration, number of policy; amount of premium, name of agent; signatures of selectmen, company officials. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 12 x 10 x ½. Shelf #2.

## 133. RECORD OF ENDOWED LOTS IN THE CEMETERY, 1871--. 1 vol.

Record of funds for care of cemetery lots: Name of grantor, decedent; amount, conditions, date of acceptance of fund; lot number. Also contains list of Revolutionary War veterans buried in Warwick whose graves were marked by Mount Grace Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1929-30: Name of interred person, date of birth and death, name of cemetery, lot or grave number. Funds arr. chron. by date of acceptance; list of veterans arr. alph. by name of interred person. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 8 x ½. Shelf #3.

VII. AUDITOR<sup>1</sup>

In 1757, 1763, and 1769 the proprietors of Gardner or Roxbury-Canada elected a committee of three to audit the treasurer's accounts.<sup>2</sup> After the town was incorporated, a committee "to settle with the Treasurer" was elected annually from 1767 through 1799.<sup>3</sup> From 1800 through 1846, this committee alternated with the selectmen in settling with the treasurer;<sup>4</sup> thereafter, until 1888, the selectmen alone served in this capacity.<sup>5</sup> In addition, from 1795 through 1885, "committees on accounts" with from three to five members were elected with fair regularity. Their duties were "to examine accounts against the town and make recommendations."<sup>6</sup>

In 1888, in accordance with chapter 295 of the Acts of 1886, three auditors were elected for a 1-year term.<sup>7</sup> From 1889 through 1894 only one auditor served.<sup>8</sup> From 1895 through 1920 two auditors were elected annually, but since 1921 one auditor has again been elected annually.<sup>9</sup> The certifications of the auditing committees that they have examined the treasurer's accounts are to be found only in the records of the annual town meetings from 1767 to 1887; the auditors' statements are to be found only in the annual town reports.

In addition to the following record, see entry 6 for state auditor's report on audit of town accounts 1921-39; entry 148-v for reports of audit of library treasurer's accounts 1898-1919.

134. ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, 1795-1884. 2 bdls. (9, 10, and dated). Title varies: Annual Reports of Committee to Settle with Treasurer, 1795-1879, 1 bdl.

Certification that the financial accounts of the various town officials have been examined; signatures of committee members, date of report. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

For published reports of town auditor 1886-90, 1893, 1895-- , see entry 1.

1. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
2. Records of Proprietors, (copy), pp. 41, 67, 75, see entry 32.
3. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.
4. Ibid., II, 28; IV, 146.
5. Ibid., IV, 140; V, 585.
6. Ibid., II, 26; III, 104; IV, 5, 37; V, 538.
7. Ibid., V, 585.
8. Ibid., p. 594.
9. Ibid., VI, pp. 16, 323, 610.

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

The first mention in the town records of a public school in Warwick is found in 1768, when the town voted to spend 10 pounds to support a "moving school" under the jurisdiction of the selectmen. This arrangement continued until 1773, when it was voted to divide the town into school wards or districts. From then on, until 1882, the management of each school was generally placed in the hands of the inhabitants of each school district, functioning through prudential committees.

However, from 1814 through 1822 a "Visiting School Committee," generally consisting of five members, was elected annually to advise the prudential committees.<sup>3</sup> It was revived in 1827 as a committee of three known as the school committee.<sup>4</sup> During the next 3 years, the committee consisted of nine members, one from each school district. From 1831 through 1860, it again consisted of three members, chosen at large.<sup>5</sup> Since 1858 the term of office has always been 3 years, but the number of committeemen has varied greatly. From 1861 through 1867 it was 12, 4 elected annually; 3 in 1868 and 1869; 12 again in 1870; 9 again in 1874; 3 in 1883; and 9 in 1888.<sup>6</sup> The final change was in 1894; since that date the school committee has always consisted of three members, one elected annually.<sup>7</sup>

In 1869, in accordance with a State act passed that year, the town voted to abolish the school-district system.<sup>8</sup> This act was strenuously opposed in rural sections; as a result it was amended in 1870, and the town immediately reestablished the district system.<sup>9</sup> In 1882 it was finally done away with when the State again abolished it.<sup>10</sup>

Since 1895 a superintendent of schools has been appointed every 3 years by a superintendency union formed that year by the towns of Warwick, Northfield, Bernardston, and Gill.<sup>11</sup> It is clear, however, that the first superintendent of schools, one of its own members, was appointed by the school committee of Warwick as early as 1861.<sup>12</sup> He was elected annually thereafter through 1867 and from 1870 through 1881. In 1882 the school committee chose, for the first

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

2. Everts, op. cit., II, 782.

3. Town Records, II, 214; III, 64, see entry 31.

4. Ibid., III, 167.

5. Ibid., pp. 180, 241.

6. Ibid., IV, 19; V, 186, 228, 316, 505, 570.

7. Ibid., VI, 609.

8. Ibid., V, 219.

9. Ibid., p. 236.

10. Ibid., p. 500.

11. Ibid., VI, 21; Annual Reports, 1937, p. 51, see entry 1.

12. Town Records, V, 19, see entry 31.

time, a superintendent outside its own membership, and continued to do so until the school union was formed in 1895.<sup>1</sup>

Since 1907 the school committee, in conjunction with neighboring school committees, have appointed a school physician annually, in accordance with chapter 502 of the Acts of 1906.<sup>2</sup> His term of office is 3 years. The school nurse has been appointed by the school committee annually since 1922.<sup>3</sup> Since 1911 the school committee has appointed a truant officer annually; in 1923 his title was changed to attendance officer. There is evidence that in 1880, 1893, and again in 1897, these officers were appointed by the selectmen.<sup>4</sup> A fourth appointee of the school committee is the school janitor.

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the town vault, Town Hall. In addition to the following records, see entries 85-88 for school-district tax records 1800-1866.

Minutes and Reports  
(See also entries 143-145)

135. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 1838-72, 1897-1909, 1911--.  
5 vols. (dated). Title varies: School Committee Records, 1838-72, 1897-1909, 3 vols.

Minutes of meetings: Discussions and decisions relative to appointment of teachers and other employees, purchase of textbooks and supplies, approval of annual budget, preparation of annual report. 1838-72 includes summary of pupils' attendance arranged by schools, list of approved textbooks; 1897-1909, 1911-- includes record of contracts for supplies and for transportation of pupils, names and salaries of teachers and other employees. Also contains summary of expenditures, 1906-9: Name of payee; amount, purpose, date of expenditure. Arr. chron. by date of meeting or expenditure. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 8 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 3 vols., 1838-72, 1897-1909, shelf #5, town va.; 2 vols., 1911--, residence of Mrs. Nellie Francis (clerk), 9 Athol Rd.

136. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1839, 1841, 1847-48, 1857-58, 1867-68, 1878, 1880-1910. 39 vols. (dated).

Report on enrollment and attendance statistics, teaching methods, curriculum, faculty, general policy, housing facilities, finances; summary of division of district funds. Includes annual reports of the school physician, 1908-10; superintendent of schools, 1886-1910. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder by subject. No index. Hdw. 1839-58; ptd. 1867-1910. 15 pp. 9 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

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1. Annual School Report, 1868, p. 4; 1882, p. 10, see entry 136.  
2. Town Records, VI, 141, see entry 31; Annual Reports, 1937, p. 51, see entry 1.  
3. Annual Reports, 1922, p. 116; 1939, p. 48, see entry 1.  
4. Town Records, V, 440, see entry 31; Annual Reports, 1893, p. 46, see entry 1.

6 vols., 1839-58, chest, Grange Strm., T. H.; 33 vols., 1867-1910, in wooden box, shelf #1, town va.

For published reports 1910--, see entry 1.

137. SCHOOL RETURNS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1895-1909, 1916--.  
25 vols. (dated).

Annual statistics on teachers, pupils, enrollment, attendance; analysis of receipts and expenditures. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder by subject. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 pp. 11 x 9 x 1/8. Shelf #5.

#### Pupils' Records

138. SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1840-43, 1847-56, 1858-62, 1866-74, 1878, 1880-81, 1884-89, 1895-1904, 1908--. 391 vols. (dated).

Pupils' enrollment and attendance records, grouped by classes: Name of school, grade number; beginning and ending date of school term, number of days in session; number of male and female pupils classified by age and grade; total enrollment, average attendance; number of times each pupil was marked absent, tardy, dismissed; name, educational background, teaching experience, length of service of teacher; name of each pupil's parent or guardian; names of visitors, date of each visit. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 25 pp. 12 x 16 x 1/4 and 10 pp. 12 x 10 x 1/8. 293 vols., 1840-89, cabinet, Grange Strm., T. H.; 98 vols., 1895-1904, 1908--, shelf #5, town va.

139. SCHOOL CENSUS, 1899-1910, 1912-13. 14 vols. (1-14, dated).  
Discont. 1913.

Record of enrollment: Name, address, sex, age, date of birth of each pupil; name, address of parent or guardian; enrollment registration number, date of registration, remarks. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 20 pp. 9 1/2 x 12 x 1/4. Shelf #5.

140. MASS. SCHOOL REGISTRATION CARDS, 1914--. 2 bdls. Estab. 1914.

School history of each pupil: Name, address, sex, place and date of birth, age in years and months as of October first, physical defects, attendance record, registration number of pupil; name of each school attended; date of each annual enrollment, issuance of employment certificates; name, birthplace of parent or guardian. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4 x 5 1/2 x 4. 1 bdl., 1914-28 in wooden box, town va.; 1 bdl., 1929--, residence of Mrs. Nellie Francis (clerk), 9 Athol Rd.

#### Financial Records

141. SCHOOL FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1918--. 5 vols. (1-5, dated).

Record of expenditures: Name of payee; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; order number. 1923-- includes name of department or account charged. Arr. chron. by date of expenditure. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 10 x 8 x 1/2 and 140 pp. 9 x 14 x 1/2. 3 vols., 1918-31, shelf #5, town va.; 2 vols., 1932--, residence of Mrs. Nellie Francis (clerk), 9 Athol Rd.

142. (STUBS OF ORDERS), 1919--. 72 vols. (labeled by dates and contained order nos.).

Stub record of orders authorizing town treasurer to pay school department bills: Name of payee, reason for payment; amount, number, date of order. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 10 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 40 vols., 1919-31, shelf #5, town va.; 32 vols., 1932--, residence of Mrs. Nellie Francis (clerk), 9 Athol Rd.  
For original orders, see entry 121.

#### School District Records

143. RECORDS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1785-1882. 17 vols. (labeled by dates and district nos.).

Minutes of district meetings: Discussions and decisions on reports of special committees and school superintendent, summary of expenditures, names of elected officers, date of meetings. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No. index. Hdw. 150 pp. 6 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf #5.

144. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES ON SCHOOL AFFAIRS, 1820-82. 1 bdl. (87, dated).

Title, recommendations of committee; date of report, signatures of committee members. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm., T. H.

145. TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES, 1847-55. 1 bdl. (88, dated).

Committee reports on examination of applicants for teaching positions: Name of applicant; results, date of examination; signatures of committee members. Includes number of certificate granted and number of district assigned to successful applicant. Arr. chron. by date of examination. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm., T. H.

146. SCHOOL DISTRICT (Petitions and) WARRANTS, 1819-72. 1 bdl. (86, dated).

Contains:

- i. Petitions requesting selectmen to call district meeting: District number; text, date of petition; signatures of petitioners.
- ii. Selectmen's warrants for district meeting: Text of articles to be considered, date of meeting, order for posting, name of constable ordered to post, signatures of selectmen. Includes constable's return: Place, date of posting; signature of constable.

Arr. chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm., T. H.

147. SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFICATES, 1832-53. 1 bdl. (85, dated).

Copies of certificates authorizing tax levies on residents for support of district schools: For description, see entry 87. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm., T. H.

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

In 1871 the town voted "to accept the Proprietors Library and shall each year choose a Board of 5 Trustees who shall have power to appoint a Librarian, furnish a suitable place in which to keep the Library and to make By-Laws."<sup>2</sup> Five trustees were elected annually until 1889, when the board was increased to six members, two elected annually for 3-year terms.<sup>3</sup> In 1917 the Baptist Church was given to the town for a library building.<sup>4</sup> The trustees have appointed a librarian since 1871, and a treasurer, who is not a trustee, since 1889.<sup>5</sup> The trustees elect one of their number as chairman, and another as secretary.

Except where otherwise noted, all records are in the Warwick Public Library.

148. RECORDS OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, 1869--. 3 vols. (2 vols., 1871-- , 1, 2; 1 vol., 1869-81, unlabeled). Title varies: Warwick Social Library, 1869-81, 1 vol.

Minutes of trustees' meetings: Discussions and decisions on appointment of officers and employees, acceptance of bequests, approval of expenditures, changes in rules and regulations; names of trustees present, date of meeting.

Also contains:

- i. Annual reports of trustees (copies), 1872--: For description, see entry 149.
  - ii. Circulation summaries, 1872--, entry 150.
  - iii. History of libraries in Warwick antedating present institution, compiled by Deacon Hervey Barber, 1874.
  - iv. Library treasurer's reports (copies), 1894--: Summary of receipts and expenditures and trust fund balances; totals.
  - v. Town auditors' reports (copies), 1898-1919: Certification of library treasurer's accounts; date of report.
  - vi. Transcript of town-meeting vote authorizing establishment of Warwick Public Library, 1871. Includes outline of powers and duties of trustees and library rules and regulations.
- Minutes of meetings arr. chron. by date of meeting; i-vi arr. by subject. No index. Hdw. 100 to 300 pp. 8 x 7 x 1 to 12 x 9 x 1. 1 vol., 1869-81, library strm.; 1 vol., 1871-1934, residence of Mrs. O. W. Cole (secy.), Old Winchester Rd.; 1 vol., 1934--, librarian's rm.

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

2. Town Records, V, 253, see entry 31.

3. Ibid., p. 585; VI, 610.

4. Ibid., VI, 253.

5. Ibid., p. 585; Annual Reports, 1939, p. 37, see entry 1.

149. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES, 1878, 1881-88, 1890-91. 11 vols. (dated). Original annual reports on circulation, acquisitions, donations, books on hand, employees, finances; signatures of trustees, date of report. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder by subject. No index. Hdw. 10 x 8 x 1/16. Librarian's rm.

For published reports 1893, 1895--, see entry 1.

150. RECORD OF CIRCULATION, 1872-1914. 1 vol. 1915--, also 1872-1914 in Records of the Town Library, entry 148-ii. Circulation summaries grouped by year, 1872-1913, and by month, 1913-14, showing number of books in circulation classified according to subject; date of summary. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 8 x 7 x 1. Desk, lib. strm.

151. WARWICK LIBRARY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS, 1870-1918. 2 vols. (1, 2). Discont. 1918.

Record of town appropriations and receipts from dog fund and trust funds: Name of payer; amount, source, date of receipt. Expenditures for wages, purchase of books and magazines, supplies, maintenance: Name of payee; amount, purpose, date of expenditure. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 8 x 7 x 1/2. Library strm.

152. (STUBS OF ORDERS), 1919--. 11 vols.

Stub records of authorizations to town treasurer for payment of library bills: Name of payee, purpose of expenditure; amount, number, date of order. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 to 200 pp. 3 x 4 x 1/4 to 3 x 3 x 1. Librarian's rm.

For original orders, see entry 122.

153. WARWICK LIBRARY - INVESTED FUNDS, 1894-1918. 1 vol. (dated). Discont. 1918.

Record of trust funds: Name of donor, amount and date of bequest, amount of interest received; amount, purpose, date of each expenditure. Arr. alph. by name of fund and thereunder chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of fund. Hdw. 50 pp. 8 x 7 x 1/2. Desk, library strm.

154. (BAPTIST CHURCH ALTERATION PLANS), 1918-19. 2 plans.

Plans for alteration of building donated for use of the library, showing plans of floors, front and rear elevations, cross sections, ornamental ceiling detail, wood-cabinet structures. Author, J. Randolph Coolidge. Boston, publisher unknown. Blueprint. 1":4' and 1":2'. 16 x 24 and 24 x 36. Shelf #5, town va., T. H.



X. BOARD OF HEALTH<sup>1</sup>

The selectmen have always handled matters of sanitation and health in Warwick although they were not formally authorized to act as a board of health until 1926.<sup>2</sup> Since 1915, for instance, the selectmen have appointed an inspector of milk annually.<sup>3</sup> In 1936 Warwick joined the Franklin County Health District, and since that time the selectmen have appointed the county milk inspector as local milk inspector also.<sup>4</sup> Since 1936 the board of health has appointed a physician as its general agent.<sup>5</sup>

All records are in the town vault, Town Hall.

## 155. RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, 1932--. 1 vol.

Minutes of board meetings: Discussions on public health conditions, granting of licenses, appointment of officers, adoption of rules and regulations for prevention or spreading of dangerous diseases. Also contains: Record of milk dealers' licenses, 1934-35, entry 157. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf #2.

## 156. RECORD OF DISEASES DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, 1895--. 2 vols. (1, 2, undated). Title varies: Contagious Diseases, 1895-1917.

Name, address, age of patient; type of disease, name of person reporting, case number; date of report, recording; remarks. 1917-- includes occupation or name of school attended by patient, period of quarantine, date of report to State Department of Public Health. Arr. chron. by date of report and thereunder num. by case no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. Aver. 23 pp.  $14\frac{1}{2}$  x  $12$  x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Shelf #3.

## 157. (RECORD OF MILK DEALERS' LICENSES), 1903-28, 1934-35. 1903-28 in Town Records, entry 31-vi; 1934-35 in Record of the Board of Health, entry 155.

Name, address of licensee; term, date of license.

## 158. (MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS), 1935--. 1 env. (dated). Prior records destroyed.

Contains:

- i. Correspondence with residents, state and town officials regarding reports, requests for information, health regulations.

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

2. Town Records, VI, 402, 610, see entry 31.

3. Annual Reports, 1915, p. 5, see entry 1; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 69, see entry 29.

4. Annual Reports, 1936, pp. 44, 45, see entry 1.

5. Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 61, 65, see entry 29.

- ii. Notices (copies) to state and outside municipalities of aid rendered to nonresident patients: Name of patient, debtor; amount, date of aid; signature of board agent.
  - iii. Paid bills for persons given medical aid at public expense: Name of person aided, payee; amount, type, date of aid; date of payment, signature of person aided.
  - iv. Physician's reports of communicable diseases: Name, address of patient; type of disease, period of quarantine, date of report, signature of physician.
- Arr. by subject and thereunder chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw. or typed. 10 x 12 x 1. In volume marked Records of the Board of Health (see entry 155), shelf #2.

#### XI. INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING<sup>1</sup>

In 1895 the office of inspector of animals and provisions was created.<sup>2</sup> By 1906, the inspector of meats and provisions had become a separate office.<sup>3</sup> From 1908 through 1931, this office was called simply inspector of meats.<sup>4</sup> In 1932 he was called the inspector of slaughtering, but during the next two years, the office was combined with that of inspector of barns and animals.<sup>5</sup> Since 1935, the inspector of slaughtering, as a separate officer, has been appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>6</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XII. INSPECTOR OF BARNs AND ANIMALS<sup>1</sup>

Mention of an inspector of animals and provisions first occurs in 1895.<sup>7</sup> By 1906 it appears that the inspector of animals had become a separate office, appointed by the selectmen.<sup>8</sup> Since 1929 this officer has been known as the inspector of animals and barns, and has been appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>9</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, 1895, p. 32, see entry 1.

3. Ibid., 1906, p. 20.

4. Ibid., 1908, p. 4.

5. Ibid., 1932-34, passim.

6. Ibid., 1935, p. 4; 1939, p. 5.

7. Ibid., 1895, p. 4.

8. Ibid., 1906, p. 3.

9. Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 38, 69, see entry 29.

XIII. CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS<sup>1</sup>

Until 1872 the care of the town cemetery was in the hands of the selectmen, with special committees being elected to perform some specific task whenever the need arose.<sup>2</sup> In 1872 the town received a fund to be used for the town cemetery, and a board of three cemetery commissioners was elected to manage it.<sup>3</sup> This board was elected annually through 1876; then, for the next 2 years, the term of office was 3 years, with one member elected annually. In 1879 the board went out of existence.<sup>4</sup> The present board of cemetery commissioners was created in 1916, under authority of chapter 156 of the General Acts of 1915. It consists of three members, one elected annually for a 3-year term.<sup>5</sup>

From 1877 through 1915 a superintendent of the cemetery was elected annually by the town meeting but since 1916 he has been appointed annually by the cemetery commissioners.<sup>6</sup>

Cemetery records and plans have been faithfully kept since 1877, and graves prior to that date have been recorded as well as could be determined.

In addition to the following records, see entry 133 for record of cemetery funds 1871--.

## 159. (RECORD OF BURIALS IN WARWICK CEMETERY), 1771--. 1 vol.

Name, age, date of death of each person interred; name of section, lot of grave number. Includes plans of cemetery sections. Arr. num. by lot or grave no. Indexed alph. by name of section. Hdw. 175 pp. 11 x 8 x 1. Residence of Frank W. Webster (supt.), 24 Orange Rd.

For record of burials kept by town clerk, 1781--, see entry 68.

## 160. RECORD OF THE LOTS AND BURIALS IN THE FISK CEMETERY, 1864--. 1 vol.

Contains:

i. Burial records: Name, age of person interred; date of interment, lot or grave number. Includes selectmen's signed instructions to sexton or superintendent for recording burials.

ii. List of lot owners: Name of owner; location, number of lot.

Arr. by subject and thereunder num. by lot or grave no. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 7 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Frank W. Webster (supt.), 24 Orange Rd.

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

2. Town Records, III, 159, 291; IV, 315, 325, see entry 31.

3. Ibid., V, 279.

4. Ibid., p. 381.

5. Ibid., VI, 231.

6. Ibid., V, 381; VI, 229.

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161. (BURIAL PERMITS), 1912--. 2 bds. Prior records destroyed. Original permits sent to and returned by undertakers: For description, see entry 56; includes signature of undertaker. Arr. alph. by name of decedent. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 6 x 3. Town va., T. H.

162. PLAN OF WARWICK CEMETERY, 1921. 1 map. Plans of lot layouts in each section of cemetery showing locations of graves, roads, hearse house, vault; diagram, number of each lot. Blueprint. Harry F. Hastings, Athol. 1":30'. 35 x 20. Sel. off., T. H.

163. PLAN OF A SECTION OF FISK CEMETERY, 1864. 1 map. Map of lots in new section showing location, diagram of lots; locations of roads, lot numbers, names of lot owners. Black-and-white. Author, publisher, place of publication unknown. 1":15'. 30 x 30. Shelf #5, town va., T. H.

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

Since 1915, in accordance with chapter 587 of Acts of 1914, the selectmen have appointed one burial agent annually.<sup>2</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XV. BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE<sup>1</sup>

In 1779 three overseers of the poor were elected for a 1-year term,<sup>3</sup> and for a brief period beginning in 1832 the town voted that the "poor be disposed of to the lowest bidder."<sup>4</sup> Otherwise, since 1765, when the town voted that the care of a widow and her children should be entrusted to the selectmen, the selectmen have always handled relief matters. Sometimes they were elected as overseers; at other times the matter was left in their hands by virtue of their office of selectmen. Since 1859, however, they have been always elected as overseers of the poor, and, since 1928, as members of the board of public welfare.<sup>5</sup> In 1856 the town established a poor farm. It was sold in 1906.

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

2. Record of Selectmen's Appointment, IV, 65, see entry 29; Annual Reports, 1916, p. 5; 1939, p. 5, see entry 1.

3. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.

4. Ibid., III, 274.

5. Ibid., III, 274; IV, 183, 273, 357; VI, 303, 423.

All records are in the Town Hall; except where otherwise noted, they are in the town vault. In addition to the following records, see entry 29-iv for record of almshouse purchases 1831.

Reports  
(See also entry 173)

164. ANNUAL REPORTS OF OVERSEERS OF POOR, 1861-86, 1900-1916. 2 bds. (11, 22 and dated). No title, 1866-86, 1900-1916.

Copies of reports to the annual town meetings showing the accomplishments of the department; number of persons aided, grouped according to age and sex, and classified by type of aid; summary of receipts and expenditures; signatures of board members, date of report. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 1861-86, 1900-1901; ptd. 1902-16. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

For published reports 1895--, see entry 1.

165. (REPORTS ON CARE OF PAUPERS), 1804-60. 6 bds. (14-19, dated).

Reports from persons in other communities caring for Warwick residents: Name, physical and mental condition of person aided; amount of aid rendered, recommendations, acknowledgment of receipt of town funds, date of report, signature of person reporting. Also contains: Copies of notices and agreements with other towns 1804-21, entry 170. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 8 x 4 x 2. Grange Strm.

General Aid

166. WELFARE REGISTER, 1870--. 4 vols. (1-4, dated). Title varies: Pauper Register, 1870-1916, 1 vol.; Register of Persons Supported by the Town, 1917-38, 1 vol.

Record of aid rendered: Name, age, sex, birthplace, type and place of legal settlement, citizenship status of recipient; date of registration, registered number; amount, type, date of aid; remarks as to recipient's employability, temperance habits, sanity; cause, date of discharge from welfare rolls; closing date of case. Includes records of persons admitted to the almshouse, 1871-78: Name, age, sex, physical description of inmate; date of admission, registered number, remarks. Arr. num. by registered no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 20 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 and 90 pp. 16 x 14 x 1.

167. (ACTIVE CASE RECORDS), 1930--. 25 folders.

Folders for each case containing one or more of the following records:

- i. Card case histories of recipients: For description, see entry 166.
- ii. Bills (copies) sent to State Department of Public Welfare requesting reimbursement for care of needy people or for burial of people without legal settlement status in Warwick: Name, address, settlement history of person aided or buried; amount, purpose, date of expenditure; request for reimbursement, date of bill, undertaker's affidavit of burial (in case of a death), signature of welfare official, case number.

- iii. Bills (copies) sent to State Department of Public Welfare requesting reimbursement for aid to sick persons without legal settlement: Name, address, settlement history of recipient; nature of illness, name of hospital, date of admission; names, addresses of dependents; amount, nature, date of aid; recommendations, request for reimbursement, date of bill, signature of welfare official, case number.
- iv. Copies of notices to and original notices from other municipalities acknowledging or denying legal settlement: Name of municipality, aid recipient; statement of acknowledgment of legal settlement, reason for denial, or statement that aid was granted and requesting reimbursement; signature of welfare official, date of notice, case number.
- v. Correspondence: Case correspondence regarding applicants and recipients, claims for reimbursement from State and other municipalities.

Arr. alph. by name of recipient. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ptd. form.  
9 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Filing cabinet, sel. off.

168. (APPLICATIONS FOR AID), 1810-28. 1 bdl. (23, dated).  
Name, address, financial status of applicant; reasons for and date of application, signature of applicant. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. 4 x 9 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

169. (AGREEMENTS FOR CARE OF PAUPERS), 1792-1886. 1 bdl. (20, dated).  
Agreements for care of paupers by private agents: Name, address of each party; conditions, term, date of instrument; amount of consideration, signatures of contracting parties. Arr. chron. by date of agreement. No index. Hdw. 4 x 9 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

For record of agreements 1812-55, see entry 29-i.

170. RECORD OF NOTICES TO OVERSEERS OF POOR BETWEEN TOWNS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, 1821-96. 1 vol. (dated). 1804-21 in (Reports on Care of Paupers), entry 165.  
Copies of notices submitted to and agreements made with other municipalities for care of persons having legal settlement status in a city or town other than the one in which they reside: Name of municipality, recipient; outline of case facts, date of notice; text, date of agreement; signature of welfare official. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. Hdw. 300 pp.  
13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Safe, sel. strm.

Almshouse Records  
(See also entry 166)

171. ALMSHOUSE REGISTER, 1902-9. 1 vol. (dated).  
Register of almshouse inmates: Name, age, sex, place and date of birth, physical and mental condition, settlement status of inmate; remarks on inmate's employability and earning power; cause, date of admission; case number; cause, date, manner of discharge; signature of warden. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 75 pp. 16 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Safe, sel. strm.

172. (LIST OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO ALMSHOUSE INMATES), 1808-60. 1 bdl. (21, dated).

Name of inmate, list of property, date of admission, signature of overseer. Arr. chron. by date of admission. No index. Hdw. 4 x 9 x 1. Chest, Grange Strm.

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173. (REPORTS), 1936--. 1 folder, 1 loose-leaf vol.

Copies of reports on aid granted, originals sent monthly (1936-39) and semi-monthly (1940--) to State Bureau of Old Age Assistance: Name of town, period covered, date of report; name, sex, color, date and place of birth, mental condition, settlement and marital statuses, registered number of recipient; birthplace of parents; type, amount, date of aid; date of and reason for discharge, recipient's age at time of discharge; signatures of board members. 1940-- includes total aid granted according to type, number of recipients, signatures of town treasurer and selectmen, treasury warrant number. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Folder 10 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; loose-leaf vol. 50 pp. 14 x 12 x 1. 1 folder, 1936-39, sel. off.; 1 vol., 1940--, town va.

174. OLD AGE ASSISTANCE CASE RECORDS, 1930--. 25 folders (labeled by contained names of recipients).

Individual case folders containing the following records:

- i. Applications: Name, address, age, sex, citizenship and marital statuses, physical condition, employability, registered case number of applicant; length of residence in state; place, date of birth, marriage; name, address, place and date of birth of spouse; names, birthplace of each parent; number, names, addresses, ages of dependent children; weekly income of nearest relatives; amount, source of applicant's income; description, valuation of assets; estimated weekly income, expense; signature of witness, applicant; date of application, name of investigator. Includes copies of birth, marriage, and naturalization certificates.
- ii. Case history reference cards: Name, address, settlement and marital statuses, case number of recipient; place, date of birth; birthplaces of parents.
- iii. Copies of notices sent to State Department of Public Welfare regarding change of classification: Name, case number, old and new address of recipient; name, amount of original, new type of aid; amount, effective date of increase or reduction; amount of special allowance; date of transfer to a public institution, original grant of aid; cause, date of closing or reopening of case; date of suspension of aid, state approval of change, writing of report; signatures of reporting official, investigator, and state district supervisor.
- iv. Notices from other municipalities acknowledging legal settlement of their residents receiving aid in Warwick: Name of municipality, recipient; acknowledgment of legal settlement, signature of welfare official, date of notice.

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- v. Reports from banks: Name, address of bank, applicant; name, date and place of birth of spouse, children, parents; largest amount on deposit to account of each person named; amounts, dates of deposits, withdrawals; date account opened, closed; signature of bank, welfare official; date of report.
  - vi. Reports from relatives: Amount, nature of assistance offered for care of recipient; nature of report, signature of relative.
- Arr. alph. by name of recipient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 8. Filing case, drawer #4, sel. off.

## Correspondence

175. (LETTERS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE), 1935--.  
1 folder.

Requests for information regarding recipients' case history; instructions on legal requirements for granting of aid and submittal of reports; monthly summary of state grants; signature, title of correspondent; date of letter. Arr. chron. by date of letter. No index. Hdw. or typed. 8 x 12 x 1. Filing cabinet, drawer #4, sel. off.

176. (INACTIVE CASE CORRESPONDENCE), 1901-36. 7 envs. (dated).  
Correspondence with aid recipients and applicants regarding case histories; with State and other municipalities regarding legal settlement of recipients and claims for reimbursement against and on behalf of Warwick. Arr. chron. by date of correspondence. No index. Hdw. or typed. 10 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chest, Grange Strm.

XVI. WPA CERTIFYING AGENT<sup>1</sup>

In common with most towns, the selectmen of Warwick have appointed a WPA certifying agent or coordinator since the inception of WPA activities in 1936.<sup>2</sup>

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

177. (PROJECT OPERATING RECORDS), 1936--. 14 folders (labeled by contained project no.).

Contains:

- i. Bills for materials and supplies: Name, address of vendor; amount, itemization, date of bill.

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

2. Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 31, see entry 29.



- ii. Certification of sponsor's contribution (WPA form 710): Location, work and job numbers of projects; beginning and ending dates covered by report; description, unit price, quantity, cost of materials; type, location, date, period, cost of personal services; types, amounts of other charges; signature, title of sponsor, state official, project chief.
- iii. Correspondence with state officials, sponsors, and officials of other communities regarding establishment and administration of local projects.
- iv. Proposals for establishment of work projects and estimates of costs (WPA form 310): Name, address of sponsor; amount of federal funds requested; location, purpose, description, type of project; analysis of estimated labor and other costs, amount apportioned to federal government, sponsor; analysis of a sponsorship, labor to be employed, materials and equipment needed; number, date of proposal; signature of sponsor.
- v. Receipts (copy) for services and supplies (WPA form 741): Project and treasury requisition numbers; place received at, delivered from; description, quantity, value of items received, rejected; signature of receiving agent, approval of project supervisor; number, date of receipt.
- vi. Work schedule and analysis of labor: Project and sponsor's numbers; number, hourly and monthly wage rate of unskilled, intermediate, skilled, professional and technical, supervisory workers listed according to sex; number of man-hours, man-months of employed labor; share of labor costs apportioned to sponsor, Federal Government; totals, date of schedule, signatures of officers who prepared and checked schedule.

Arr. num. by project no. and thereunder chron. by date of record. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 12 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Filing cabinet, drawer #1.

178. APPLICATION FOR WPA WORK, 1936-38. 1 bdl. 1938-- in (Project Workers' Case Records), entry 181-i.

WPA form 55: Name of town, case number; name, address, sex, color, place and date of birth, citizenship status of family head; name, sex, age, physical condition, relationship to family head, employment record, income of each member of household; amount, location, description of property owned by family; amount of taxes, loans, other debts owed; military record, signature of applicant; date of application, signature of witness. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 1. Drawer #6.

179. WPA BASIS OF CERTIFICATION, 1936--. 1 folder.

Certificates approving application for employment (WPA form 56-A): Name, number of case; name, address, telephone number, race, sex, marital and citizenship statuses, veteran classification, place and date of birth of worker; classification of need, employment rating; social security, WPA identification numbers; relationship of worker to family head, number of persons in family; name of referring agent, relief district number; signature, title of certifying officer; date of certification. Arr. chron. by date of certification. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 5 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Drawer #6.

180. WPA WEEKLY REPORT OF CANCELLATION OF EMPLOYMENT, 1938--. 1 folder. Certificates from state office canceling eligibility of workers for employment: Name, address, identification number of employee; reason for and effective date of cancellation; signature, title of state official; date of certificate. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Typed on ptd. form.  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . Drawer #6.

181. (PROJECT WORKERS' CASE RECORDS), 1938--. 1 f.d. Individual case folders containing the following records:

- i. Applications for WPA work, entry 178.
- ii. Applicants' affidavits of citizenship and loyalty: Name, address, identification number, case number of applicant; text, date of deposition; signatures of witnesses, applicant; signature, title, address of administering official.
- iii. Notices (copies) of assignment of employment: Name, address, sex, race, identification number of employee; case number; name, address, number of project; date and hour designated for reporting to work, wage classification assigned, date of notice; signature of placement officer, project director.
- iv. Notices (copies) of termination of employment: Name, address, sex, race, occupation, identification number of employee; case number, reason for termination of employment; date and time of effectiveness of termination, signature of notifying official.

Arr. alph. by name of project worker. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 12 x 6 x 26. Desk.

182. (ASSIGNMENT OF PROJECT WORKERS), 1937--. 1 folder. Notices from state WPA certifying office relative to workers assigned to local projects: Project number; name, identification and case numbers, occupation of each worker; name of project foreman; number of project from which worker was transferred; date of assignment, reporting to work, notice; signature, title of state official. Arr. chron. by date of assignment. No index. Typed on ptd. form.  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . Drawer #6.

## XVII. SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS<sup>1</sup>

During the greater part of Warwick's history, the care of the streets was entrusted to highway surveyors, elected annually from 1763 through 1866. Their numbers varied from 3 in 1763 to 18 in 1849.<sup>2</sup> From 1867 through 1919, when the last election of highway surveyors took place, the practice varied greatly; sometimes highway surveyors were elected by the town, sometimes the

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

2. Town Records, I, unfolioed; V, 171, see entry 31.

care of the roads was left in the hands of the selectmen who either appointed surveyors or acted themselves as surveyors.<sup>1</sup> Since 1920 the care of the roads has been entrusted to the selectmen, who since 1922 have appointed annually an agent, known at first as superintendent of roads, and now as superintendent of streets.<sup>2</sup>

All records are in the Town Hall.

183. PAYROLLS, 1935--. 6 folders (dated). Prior records destroyed. Name, address, occupation of employee; number of hours of work, amount and rate of pay, check number; beginning and ending date of pay-roll period, name of contract covering work project; number, date of pay roll; signature of superintendent, countersignature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder chron. by date of pay roll. No index. Hdw. or typed on ptd. form. 12 x 9 x 1. Filing cabinet, sel. off.

184. ORIGINAL OF HIGHWAY TAXES, 1819-32. 1 vol. (dated). 1802-18 in Record of Taxes Assessed, entry 83; 1832-64 in Valuation Lists, entry 81-iv. Annual warrants from assessors for collection of taxes to be used in construction or maintenance of town roads: Name of taxpayer; amount, purpose, date of tax; amount of tax charged to resident, nonresident taxpayers; tax rate on polls, personal and real estate; total annual tax, signatures of assessors. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Town va.

185. HIGHWAY LISTS AND LIMITS, 1804-56. 53 bdls. (dated). Assessors' warrants to highway surveyors for collection of highway taxes within surveying districts: Name of surveyor, bounds of district, rate of pay and expenses allowed for collection; names of taxpayers, number of polls assessed; tax rate on polls, real and personal estate; directions for collection of delinquent taxes, date of warrant, signatures of assessors. Includes surveyor's return: Amount collected, date of return, signature of surveyor. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. 1804-15; hdw. on ptd. form 1816-56. 3 x 6 x 1. Wooden chest, Grange Strm.

### XVIII. TREE WARDEN<sup>3</sup>

Since 1900 a tree warden has been elected annually, in accordance with

- 
1. Ibid., V, 185, 206, 253; VI, 107, 173, 252, 289.
  2. Annual Reports, 1922, p. 43; 1930, p. 5; 1939, p. 5, see entry 1.
  3. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.

chapter 190 of the Acts of 1896.<sup>1</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XIX. FOREST COMMISSIONERS<sup>2</sup>

Since 1927, the selectmen have appointed three forest commissioners, one annually, for three-year terms, to have charge of the town forest purchased by Warwick in 1925.<sup>3</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XX. CONSTABLE<sup>2</sup>

A single constable was elected annually from 1763 through 1772. Two were elected annually from 1773 through 1782, with the "first constable" serving as collector. In 1784 the practice of selling the office of tax collector and then naming the same person as constable began. This practice continued generally through 1902, although at various times the number of constables varied from one to three.<sup>4</sup> Since 1914 three constables have been elected annually.<sup>5</sup>

No records were found for this office, but see entries 33-vii, 71-ii, 146-ii for constable's returns.

#### XXI. DOG OFFICER<sup>2</sup>

It is known that this officer has been appointed annually by the

- 
1. Town Records, VI, 75, see entry 31.
  2. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  3. Town Records, VI, 75, p. 390; Record of Selectmen's Appointment, IV, 34, see entry 29; Annual Reports, 1937, p. 5, see entry 1.
  4. Town Records, I, unfolioed, V, 380, see entry 31.
  5. Ibid., VI, 200, 402, 610.

selectmen since about 1902,<sup>1</sup> but the records show appointments only since 1914.<sup>2</sup> The selectmen generally appoint the "first constable" as dog officer. He keeps no records. The town clerk, however, has a list of dogs licensed each year.

No records have been found for this office.

### XXII. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES<sup>3</sup>

From 1762 through 1803, in 1840, and from 1851 through 1882, a sealer of weights and measures was elected for a 1-year term. There is no mention of this office in the intervening years, but since 1885 the selectmen have appointed a sealer annually.<sup>4</sup>

#### 186. RECORDS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, 1910-- 3 vols.

Record of inspections of weights and measuring devices: Name, address of owner of device tested; type, address of business; type, date of testing, adjusting, sealing, condemning of weighing or measuring device; amount of fee received for sealing, adjusting; amount of fee unpaid, total charges, remarks. Arr. chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw. under ptd. head. 15 pp. 11½ x 23 x ¼ and 50 pp. 10 x 14 x ½. Shelf #5, town va., T. H.

#### 187. DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, 1910-- 3 vols.

Duplicate copies of certificates of inspections given to owners of weighing or measuring devices: Name of owner; location, nature of business; description of device tested; results, date of inspection; amount of fee; number, date of certificate; signature of sealer. Arr. chron. by date of inspection. No index. Hdw. in ptd. form. 100 pp. 12 x 5½ x 1 and 9 x 6 x 1. Town library rm., T. H.

### XXIII. PUBLIC WEIGHER<sup>3</sup>

Since 1915, the selectmen have appointed a public weigher annually.<sup>5</sup> That there were earlier appointments to this office, which the town records fail to divulge, is indicated by an isolated record of public weighings kept for the years 1837 to 1841.<sup>6</sup>

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1. Information secured from Fred W. Bass, former selectmen.
  2. Annual Reports, 1914, p. 5, see entry 1; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 68, see entry 29.
  3. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  4. Town Records, II, 8; IV, 5, 485, see entry 31; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 69, see entry 29.
  5. Annual Reports, 1915, p. 5; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 69, see entry 29.
  6. Weighings, 1837-41, passim, see entry 186.

## 188. WEIGHINGS, 1837-41. 1 vol. (dated).

Record of weighings on town scales: Name of vendor, purchaser of article weighed; name of article; gross and net weight, amount of tare, date of weighing, amount of fee. Arr. chron. by date of weighing. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 8 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Safe, sel. strm., T. H.

XXIV. FOREST WARDEN<sup>1</sup>

Three "fire wardens" were elected annually from 1889 through 1892. It is probable that the selectmen thereafter appointed three fire wardens annually until 1907, although this statement can be corroborated only for the period from 1904-1907.<sup>2</sup> Since 1910, the fire wardens have been replaced by a "forest warden" appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>3</sup> The only records of the forest warden are his reports as contained in the annual town reports.

No records were found for this office.

XXV. MOTH SUPERINTENDENT<sup>1</sup>

Since 1913 the selectmen have appointed a moth superintendent annually.<sup>4</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XXVI. MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK<sup>1</sup>

Appointments to this office have been rather spasmodic. A measurer of wood and bark was appointed in 1816, 1817, and 1825;<sup>5</sup> two were appointed

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

2. Town Records, V, 585, see entry 31; Annual Reports, 1904-7, passim, see entry 1.

3. Ibid., 1910; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 69, see entry 29.

4. Ibid., I, unfolioed; VI, 502, see entry 31; Annual Reports, 1937, p. 3, see entry 1.

5. Ibid., III, 294, see entry 31; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 2, see entry 29.

## Measurers of Wood and Bark

in 1838 and 1839; four were elected in 1840 and 1851;<sup>1</sup> five were elected in 1852.<sup>2</sup> From 1853 through 1895, the number of measurers elected annually varied from 9 to 11, in accordance with the number of school districts.<sup>3</sup> From 1896 through 1927, the number elected was three or four,<sup>4</sup> but since 1928 the selectmen have appointed three measurers of wood and bark annually.<sup>5</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XXVII. FIELD DRIVERS<sup>6</sup>

Except for a brief period from 1919 through 1922, this office has been continuous in Warwick since 1763, when one field driver was elected for a one year term. The number was increased to two in 1765, and remained two until 1824 when it was voted to have a field driver for each of Warwick's nine school districts. From 1879 through 1890, the number elected annually was three, but fluctuated during the next period of time from one to six. In 1927, only one field driver was elected, and since 1928 the selectmen have appointed a single field driver annually.<sup>7</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XXVIII. FENCE VIEWERS<sup>6</sup>

Two fence viewers were elected annually from 1763 through 1827. Thereafter, through 1916, three were elected annually.<sup>8</sup> From 1917 through 1926, the number

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1. Town Records, IV, 5, 275, see entry 31.
  2. Ibid., V, 300.
  3. Ibid., pp. 307, 329, 506.
  4. Ibid., VI, 33, 109.
  5. Ibid., p. 423; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 69, see entry 29.
  6. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  7. Town Records, I, unfolioed; III, 104, 241; V, 426, 594; VI, 181, 344, 416, see entry 31; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 69, see entry 29.
  8. Ibid., III, 156, 180; VI, 230, see entry 31.

varied from one to three.<sup>1</sup> The office was not filled at all from 1927 through 1930, but since that time the selectmen have appointed three fence viewers annually.<sup>2</sup>

189. RECORD OF DIVISION OF FENCE, 1840-78. 1 vol. (dated). Discont. 1878. 1819-39 in Town Records, entry 31-iii.

Record of fence viewers' decisions and property owners' agreements for erection of fences: Nature, date of dispute; location, bounds of disputed property; text, date of decision; location, measurements of fence; signatures of property owners, countersignatures of fence viewers. Arr. chron. by date of decision. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 7 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Sel. strm.

For original agreements kept by town clerk 1821-85, see entry 49.

#### XXIX. MODERATOR<sup>3</sup>

A moderator was elected at each town meeting until 1932, when the town voted to extend his term of office to a full year.<sup>4</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XXX. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT<sup>3</sup>

Since February 1931, the selectmen have appointed a workmen's compensation agent annually, in accordance with the General Laws, 1932, chapter 152.<sup>5</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XXXI. CARETAKER OF THE TOWN CLOCK<sup>3</sup>

In 1884 a clock was given to the town in honor of Mary Blake Clapp, and

1. Town Records, VI, 252, 402.

2. Ibid., p. 423; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 69, see entry 29.

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

4. Town Records, I, unfolioed; VI, 502, see entry 31; Annual Reports, 1937, p. 3, see entry 1.

5. Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 42, 69, see entry 29.



## Caretaker of the Clock

placed in the steeple of the Unitarian Church.<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the terms of the gift, a caretaker has been appointed annually to have charge of the clock and to keep it in good running order since 1884.<sup>2</sup> He is appointed annually by the selectmen.

No records were found for this office.

XXXII. JANITOR OF THE TOWN HALL<sup>3</sup>

This office was created when the town hall was completed in 1895. The janitor has been appointed by the selectmen ever since.<sup>4</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XXXIII. CROCKERY COMMITTEE<sup>3</sup>

In 1898 dishes and other furnishings were given to the town of Warwick for use in the new town hall built in 1894, on condition that three ladies be elected to take care of them. Consequently, from 1898 through 1907, and again from 1923 through 1932, three ladies were elected, one annually for three year terms.<sup>5</sup> There is no mention of elections to this office during the intervening period. Since 1933, however, the selectmen have appointed the three members of this committee, one annually, for three year terms.<sup>6</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XXXIV. CARETAKER OF TOWN HOUSE GROUNDS, FOUNTAIN AND PARK<sup>3</sup>

This office was created in 1901, after the town had been donated a fountain and land for a park by various community-minded citizens. Since that time,

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1. Town Records, V, 525, see entry 31.
  2. Annual Reports, 1885-1939, passim, see entry 1.
  3. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  4. Annual Reports, 1895-1939, passim, see entry 1.
  5. Town Records, VI, 54, 146, 358, see entry 31.
  6. Ibid., p. 505; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 64, see entry 29.

the caretaker has been appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>1</sup>

This office keeps no records.

#### PART C. DEFUNCT OFFICES

##### XXXV. CULLER OF STAVES, SHINGLES AND CLAPBOARDS<sup>2</sup>

A culler of staves, shingles and clapboards was elected at the first town meeting in 1763. Thereafter, until the final election in 1834, the number of cullers elected annually varied from one to four.<sup>3</sup>

No records were found for this office.

##### XXXVI. DEER REEVES<sup>2</sup>

Two deer reeves were elected annually from 1763 through 1784, and one in 1805 and in 1806. In the intervening years, and since 1806, the office was defunct.<sup>4</sup>

No records were found for this office.

##### XXXVII. WARDENS<sup>2</sup>

Two wardens were elected annually from 1763 through 1789, with the exception of certain years (1765, 1769, 1783) when three were elected or when none were elected (1777 through 1782).<sup>5</sup> The office went out of existence in 1790.

1. Ibid., VI, 88, see entry 31; Record of Selectmen's Appointments, IV, 3, 69, see entry 29.

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

3. Town Records, I, unfolioed; II, 158, 244; III, 132, 303, see entry 31.

4. Ibid., I, unfolioed; II, 42, 56, see entry 31.

5. Ibid., I, unfolioed; III, 332, see entry 31.

Wardens

No records were found for this office.

XXXVIII. HOG REEVES<sup>1</sup>

At the first annual meeting in 1763, three hog reeves were elected. The number elected thereafter varied from one to seven. The office went out of existence in 1835.<sup>2</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XXXIX. POUNDKEEPER<sup>1</sup>

From 1763 through 1881 a poundkeeper was elected annually. Thereafter the office became defunct.<sup>3</sup> It should be added that in 1825 two were elected,<sup>4</sup> and that there is no record of this office being filled in 1855 and 1856.

No records have been found for this office, but see entry 33-vi for reports relative to stray animals 1749-1843.

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

This office existed, with gaps, from 1763 through 1882, and was always filled by election. The number was one from 1763 through 1826, in 1840, and from 1860 through 1882; it was two from 1827 through 1829; and from 1853 through 1859 the number was either two or three.<sup>5</sup> There were no elections to this office in the missing years.

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, I, unfolioed; III, 332, see entry 31.
  3. Ibid., I, unfolioed; V, 485, 505, see entry 31.
  4. Ibid., III, 132.
  5. Ibid., I, unfolioed; III, 137, 156, 193; IV, 5, 333; V, 19, 485, see entry 31.

XLI. TITHINGMEN<sup>1</sup>

Two tithingmen were elected from 1763 through 1807, and one from 1808 through 1836.<sup>2</sup> The office has since been defunct.

No records were found for this office.

XLII. CARETAKER OF THE MEETINGHOUSE<sup>1</sup>

At the second annual meeting in 1764, the town elected one man to take care of the meetinghouse for the ensuing year. He was elected annually until 1784, with his salary being determined at each town meeting. From 1784 through 1800, the position was put up at vendue and sold to the lowest bidder.<sup>3</sup> In a book of selectmen's appointments there is also evidence that the selectmen made agreements, from 1812 through 1824, with certain individuals to take care of the meetinghouse.<sup>4</sup>

No records were found for this office.

XLIII. SURVEYOR OF WHEAT<sup>1</sup>

In 1766 the town elected a surveyor of wheat for a one-year term.<sup>5</sup> It was the only time a surveyor of this sort was elected.

No records were found for this office.

XLIV. COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION, CORRESPONDENCE AND SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

This committee existed from 1775 through 1778. Its purpose was to aid

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1. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  2. Town Records, I, unfolioed; II, 91; III, 355, see entry 31.
  3. Ibid., I, unfolioed, see entry 31.
  4. Record of Selectmen's Appointments, I, unfolioed, see entry 29.
  5. Town Records, I, unfolioed, see entry 31.

Committee of Inspection,  
Correspondence and Safety

in fanning the spirit of revolution.<sup>1</sup> Its membership varied from three to seven.

No records were found for this committee, but see entry 31-ii for committee's fixing of commodity prices.

#### XLV. SEXTON<sup>2</sup>

From 1807 through 1831, a "saxton" or sexton was elected annually. His principal duty was to dig graves.<sup>3</sup> In 1832, the town decided that he should receive his compensation only from private employers.<sup>4</sup> From 1883 through 1907, the office was combined with that of superintendent of cemeteries, and on 1908 merged with it.<sup>5</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XLVI. AUCTIONEER<sup>2</sup>

The selectmen appointed an auctioneer annually from 1813 through 1856, and one was appointed in 1861, 1875 and 1899.<sup>6</sup> Thereafter, the system of licensing auctioneers has done away with the necessity of appointing them.

No records were found for this office.

#### XLVII. BELL RINGER<sup>2</sup>

In 1837, when the Unitarian Church was completed, it was voted by the town meeting "that the expense of ringing the bell in the new meetinghouse be

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1. Ibid.
  2. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  3. Town Records, II, 81, see entry 31.
  4. Ibid., III, 271.
  5. Ibid., V, 505; VI, 146.
  6. Record of Selectmen's Appointments, I, unfolioed, see entry 29.
  7. Annual Reports, 1909, p. 11; 1911, p. 14, see entry 1.

defrayed by the town."<sup>1</sup> The selectmen contracted annually for the ringing of the bell until 1852, after which the position was given to the lowest bidder in open town meeting.<sup>2</sup> The position became defunct in 1884, when the present clock and bell were donated to the town, and its duties were taken over by the caretaker of the town clock.<sup>3</sup> The bell was tolled once to indicate the death of a male, and twice to indicate the death of a female. After a pause, the age of the deceased was tolled, with a pause after each ten years. The bell was again tolled at the funeral, for all church services and town meetings, at twelve noon, and at 9 P.M. for curfew.<sup>4</sup>

No records were found for this office.

#### XLVIII. LIQUOR AGENT<sup>5</sup>

A liquor agent was appointed annually by the selectmen from 1855 through 1867.<sup>6</sup> Since the town voted thereafter not to allow the sale of intoxicating liquors, there has been no further necessity for a liquor agent.

No records were found for this office.

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1. Town Records, III, 376, see entry 31.
  2. Ibid., IV, 304.
  3. Ibid., V, 525.
  4. Information secured from Mrs. E. M. T. Bass, resident.
  5. For the statutory origin and development of this office, see Town and City Government in Massachusetts.
  6. Town Records, V, 175, 217, see entry 31.

## APPENDIX

## STATE ARCHIVES PERTAINING TO WARWICK

The following archives are located in the Massachusetts State Archives, room 438, State House, Boston.

1. (GENERAL COURT'S GRANT OF LAND TO ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS), June 15, 1736.  
1 sheet.

"By virtue of a grant made by the court to Samuel Newell and other officers and soldiers in the Canada Expedition anno 1690 under the command of Capt. Andrew Gardner deceased," the general court ordered that the lands described therein be confirmed to the grantees, "provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of six miles square and does not interfere with any other grant." Signature of Governor J. Belcher. Hdw. 2 pp. 9 x 12. ("Towns," 1730-1742, vol. 114, pp. 129-130.)

For printed version of this order, see Province Acts and Resolves, XII, 1734-1740, pp. 273, 274.

2. (GRANTLES' REPORT ON PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT), Mar. 31, 1751. 1 sheet.

Report stating that, in spite of the mountainous condition of the land, the grantees had laid out the lots and built houses thereon; that the French and Indian War had held up further progress at the time, but upon its termination the proprietors had renewed their resolution of settling their land; that they found, however, that the frequent burning of the woods had so defaced their lines that they were obliged to run and mark them out anew. "Likewise (we) have given great encouragement in the public prints to any that will settle with them the year current. Therefore the grantees rely upon the indulgence of the honorable court" to grant more time for settlement of the township. Report includes a list of the descendants of the officers and soldiers who fought under the command of Captain Andrew Gardner in the Canadian expedition of 1690. Signed by Joseph Heath, clerk of the proprietors. Hdw. 1 p. 7½ x 12. ("Towns," 1751-1754, vol. 116, p. 8.)

3. (GENERAL COURT'S ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR SETTLEMENT), Nov. 12, 1754.  
2 sheets.

Order of the general court "that the petitioners and other proprietary of the within mentioned township (of Gardner-Canada) be allowed a further time not exceeding one year other from this date to complete the settlement thereof the order of this court in April 1753 to the contrary notwithstanding." Passed Nov. 12, 1754, and signed by the Province Governor, W. Shirley. Hdw. 4 pp. 7½ x 12. ("Towns," 1751-1754, vol. 116, pp. 741-743.)

For printed version of this order, see Province Acts and Resolves, XV, 1753-56, p. 216.

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4. (REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROVINCE FRONTIERS), Nov. 20, 1754. 1 sheet. Report of committee appointed by the general court favoring the appointment of a new committee to inspect the frontiers of the province between the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers, and recommending an appropriation of £100 for the erection of new block houses and repair of those already in existence. Township of Gardner-Canada is mentioned among the towns favoring this proposal. Hdw. 1 p.  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ . ("Colonial," 1724-1775, vol. 6, p. 167.)

5. (PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF SEAT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT), Jan. 1, 1762. 2 sheets. Petition of selectmen or agents of towns of Hampshire County, among them Roxbury-Canada, requesting that either Hadley or Springfield be made the shire town in place of Springfield. Hdw. 4 pp.  $8 \times 13$ . ("Towns," 1755-1762, vol. 117, pp. 682-684.)



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