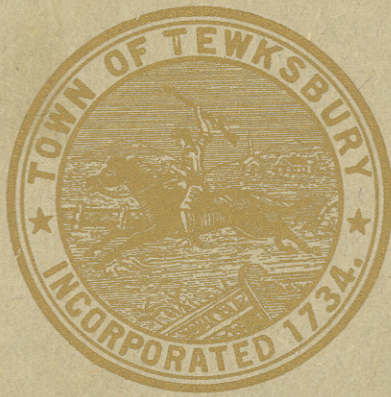




# Towne Book



*Two Hundredth Anniversary*

AUGUST 25, 26, 27, 1934



**TEWKSBURY · MASSACHUSETTS**

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TOWNE BOOK



TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

*August 25, 26, 27, 1934*



TEWKSBURY - MASSACHUSETTS.

## FOREWORD



*To the noble men and women,  
Our ancestors, brave and true,  
Who by their sacrifices, courage and loyalty,  
In both times of peace and war,  
Our good old  
“Town of Tewksbury”  
Was established and preserved . . .  
We render all honor and gratitude.*

## The OLD TOWN HALL

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Built on the site of the  
first Town House  
in 1875

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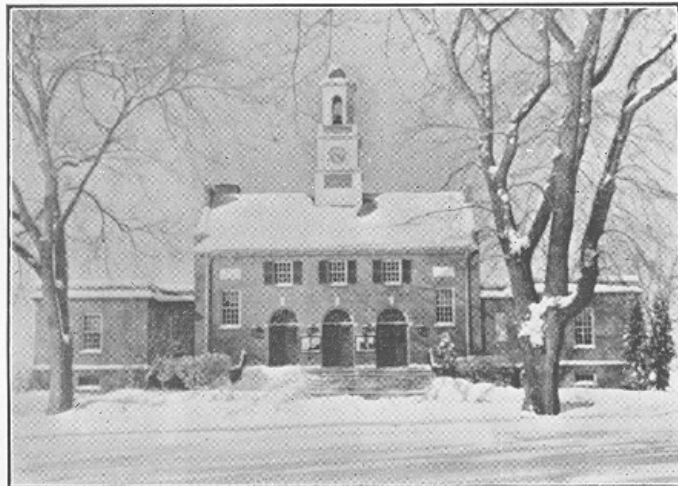
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The first Town House  
was built in 1825.

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Destroyed by fire Oct. 13, 1918

## The PRESENT TOWN HALL



Dedicated in 1920

# Two Hundredth Anniversary Committees

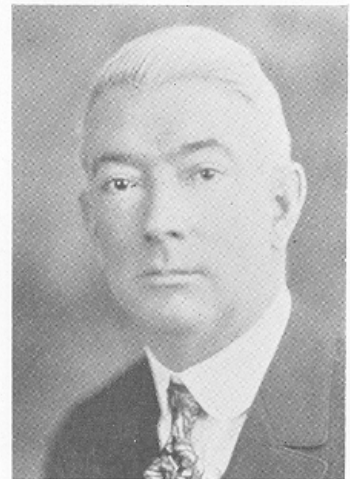
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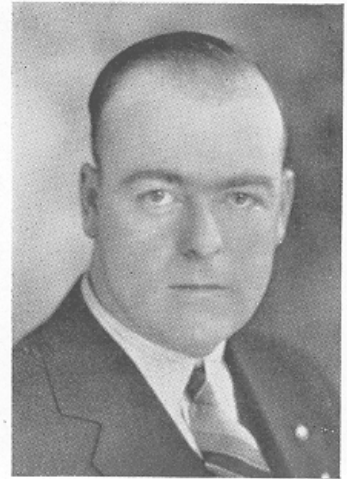


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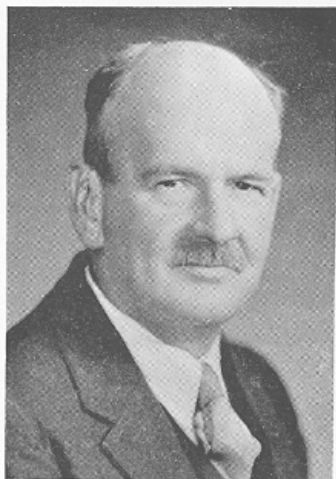
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## EXHIBITS

**O**N the first floor of the Foster School, there will be splendid exhibits, of historical and educational interest.

In the vestry of the Congregational Church, an attractive floral exhibition may be witnessed, staged by the Garden Club.

We urge everyone to visit these exhibitions, for it is almost certain that never again can such a collection be gathered together, particularly in the historical groups. School children will have a clearer and more definite understanding, not only of town history, but of state and national.

### HISTORICAL

**T**HIS EXHIBIT includes pieces of historical interest loaned by the townspeople and former residents and arranged under various groups, such as Religious—Educational—Civic—Industrial—and Home Life. Articles date from times when Tewksbury was a camp ground and hunting region of the Indians, to the period of the Town's Incorporation up to about 1900.

Among those pieces of unusual interest, may be seen a photostatic copy of the original deed of the Town of Tewksbury, also several ancient town reports, a register from one of the old Taverns, Indian relics dug up from farms in the town, religious books, sermons and articles and a splendid oil painting of General Adelbert Ames, of Civil War fame.

### GENERAL EXHIBITS

**W**ILL include one of great interest from the New England Power Association, and an extensive display by the Massachusetts State Infirmary. The groups of the Market Gardeners, Dairy men, Poultry men, Fruit growers and Florists will be interesting and educational. There will also be included an exhibit showing what has been accomplished in welfare work.

### TEWKSBURY GARDEN CLUB

**I**N the Congregational Church will be found an interesting and educational exhibit by members of the Tewksbury Garden Club. These will be eight classes calling for arrangement of flowers in various types of containers.

The hours that these exhibits are to be opened to the public, will be listed in the Official Program on pages 12, 19 and 21.

Official Program

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1934

10.00 - 11.00 a. m.

CONCERT.....The Wentworth Company

EXHIBITS

Historical and General Exhibits

Foster School—9.00 - 11.00 a. m. and 5.00 - 9.00 p. m.

Tewksbury Garden Club

Congregational Church—12.00 - 2.00 and 5.00 - 9.00 p. m.

CONGREGATION B'NAI SHOLOM

10.00 a. m.

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Bick of Malden, Mass.

The Sabbath Services will be conducted in both Hebrew and English. Between the services, Rabbi Bick will preach in English, the ceremony pertaining to the 200th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Tewksbury.

The public are cordially invited to attend this service.

1.00 - 2.00 p. m.

Flight over the Town of Tewksbury by the 101st Observation Squadron, M. N. G.

PARADE

2.00 p. m.

Formation on the State Infirmery Ball Grounds.

Route of the Parade — East to Chandler Street to Main Street to Dewey Street. Parade will be dismissed in rear of the Town Hall.

Formation of Parade

Spirit of '76

Minute Men

Uncle Sam

Chief Marshal and Staff



FIRST DIVISION.....National Guard and Veteran Organizations

Marshal and Aides

Reading Post Band 62, American Legion

Co. D, Machine Gun Company, 182 Infantry, M. N. G.

Post 185, G. A. R.

Gen. Adelbert Ames Camp 19, U. S. W. V.

Hector Jackson Post 259, American Legion

Lowell Post 87, American Legion

Billerica Post 116, American Legion

Harold W. Estey Post 268, American Legion

Edith Prescott Walcott Auxiliary 3, U. S. W. V.

Hector Jackson Post 259, Auxiliary American Legion

Adelaide FitzGerald Cadets, American Legion Post 87

Lowell Post 87, Auxiliary American Legion

Billerica Post 116, Auxiliary American Legion

## SECOND DIVISION.....Civic Organizations

Marshal and Staff

Lowell Post 87 Corps		Police Department
Girl Scouts, Troop 1		Boy Scouts, Troop 1
School Children	Tewksbury Athletic Club	
	"Wamesit Hand Pump"	
Fire Department		Highway Department



## THIRD DIVISION.....Massachusetts State Infirmary

Marshal and Staff

Lawrence Legion, Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps		
	National and State Colors	
State Car with Officials		Assistant Superintendent
Medical Staff	Steward	Office Assistants
	Principal of Training School	
	Assistants and Supervisors	
Head Nurses	Pupil Nurses	Attendant Nurses
	Head Supervisor	
Male Supervisors		Orderlies and Attendants
	Matron	
Assistant Matrons		Occupational Therapists
	Teachers	
Dietitians and Assistants		Laundryman and Assistants
Engineer and Assistants	Repair Men	Head Farmer and Assistants
	Ambulance	



## FOURTH DIVISION..... Floats

Marshal and Staff

St. Rita's Band and Drum Corps		
Ladies' Aid Society — Congregational Church		
Ladies' Aid Society — Baptist Church		
Massachusetts State Infirmary	So. Tewksbury Betterment Association	
	Market Gardeners	
Dairymen	Indians	Ox Carts

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**EXHIBITION DRILL**

Immediately following the parade, will be an Exhibition Drill by  
Lowell Post 87 Corps  
Lawrence Legion, Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps

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**Return of the "Wamesit Hand Pump"**

—by—

HONORABLE JAMES J. BRUIN,  
Mayor of the City of Lowell

Acceptance by  
IRVING F. FRENCH  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

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**W**E HAVE TRIED to depict in these episodes, the records of the town and church, as derived from tradition and the history of the town as written by Rev. Edward W. Pride, of this town.

## EPISODE 1.

### Indian life in Wamesit Village in the days of Passaconaway and Wannalanset.

Mrs. Anna McPhillips	Thomas Sawyer
Mrs. Emily Burris	Frank Sullivan
Mrs. Margaret Sterling	Louis Berube
Mrs. Sophie Coutu	Alec Brabant
Mrs. Mary Carroll	Arthur Coutu
Mrs. Laura Callahan	Henry Jewell
Miss Rose Callahan	Sydney Barnes
Mrs. Mary E. Dilworth	Frederick Gath
Mrs. Roland Robinson	Maynard S. Malonson
Mrs. Martin Flaherty	Ira Goldthwaite
Rev. Gordon Kenison	Walter Pillsbury
Daniel Dilworth	Nathaniel Trull

## EPISODE 2.

### The Settling and Incorporation of the Town of Tewksbury.

#### BILLERICA SELECTMEN—

Dr. Maurice A. Buck  
Dr. A. Warren Stearns  
Frank A. Kelley  
George S. Gracie  
Arthur R. Hallenborg

#### TEWKSBURY SELECTMEN—

Irving F. French  
Herbert L. Trull  
E. Howard King

#### TRULL FAMILY—

George W. Trull  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Trull  
Mr. and Mrs. Carter H. Hoyt  
Carter Hoyt Jr.  
Barbara Hoyt

#### FRENCH FAMILY—

Mr. and Mrs. Irving F. French  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. French  
Gilbert French  
Donald French  
Alvin French  
Frances French  
Mr. and Mrs. Asahel H. Jewell

#### JAQUES FAMILY—

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip M. Battles  
Francis Battles  
Ralph Battles  
Juanita Battles

#### BRIDGES FAMILY—

Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop S. Bean  
Ruth H. Bean

#### ROGERS FAMILY—

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Rogers  
Victor N. Cluff (driver)

#### FARMER FAMILY—

H. Louis Farmer  
Mrs. Grace Johnson  
Miss Harriet Lee  
Miss Betty Goodwin

#### BROWN, JAQUES, and FOSS FAMILIES—

Mrs. Wilbur Foss  
Mrs. Mildred McCausland  
Wilbur Kenneth Foss Jr.

#### KITTREDGE and CLARK FAMILIES—

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rydstrom  
Miss E. May Kittredge  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Kittredge and  
children Sandra, Harry Jr. John G.  
and Jane.  
Miss M. Maude Morton

#### CHANDLER FAMILY—

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Chandler  
Phyllis Chandler

## EPISODE 3.

### Founding of the first church under Rev. Sampson Spaulding.

Franklin Spaulding	Lucy Twiss
Eugenia Farwell	Mrs. Edna Small
Eleanore Fitzgerald	Mrs. Reta Small
Dorothy Fuller	Mr. & Mrs. Ira Goldthwaite
Winthrop Fitzgerald	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pills-
Clara Bailey	bury
Robert Staverly	Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Garland
Mrs. Herbert Trull	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nash
Mrs. Martha Bailey	

## EPISODE 4.

### Founding of the schools with Steven Osgood and Lucy Needham as the first teachers.

Abbie Blaisdell, Teacher	Walter Lavell, Teacher
Violet Beckshaw	George Wilson
Betty Farrell	John Colby
Julia Dillofano	Herbert Patterson
Florence Dillofano	George Manly
Bertha Dillofano	Bernard Marion
Norma Haines	Vernon Darby
Barbara McCann	Frank Heidenreich
Marjorie Flynn	Charles Doucette
Queenia Millett	Francis Cummings
Beatrice James	James Dillofano
	James Farrell

## EPISODE 5.

Group of Arcadian Exiles who found refuge  
in Tewksbury.

Mrs. Alma Tremblay	Jeanette Aubut
Rita Tremblay	Robert Aubut
Martha Tremblay	Joseph Aubut
Margaret Tremblay	Mrs. Rose Plourde
Louis Tremblay	George Plourde
Paul Tremblay	Mrs. Angela Gillison
Mrs. Agnes Aubut	Miss Mary Gillison
Lorraine Aubut	

## EPISODE 6.

Tewksbury took her part in the Founding of  
the Republic.

## SPIRIT OF '76

Alger Johnson  
Herbert M. Larrabee Jr.  
John C. Patten

## PAUL REVERE MESSENGER

Phaida J. Roux

## MINUTE MEN

Harris M. Briggs	Wesley Barron
Elmer Olsen	Robert Farmer
Harris M. Briggs Jr.	Ralph Dodge
William E. Briggs	Chester Wright
Russell Gourley	Wilbur K. Foss
George S. Flint	Walter Robinson

## GARDEN PARTY

Hostess: Mrs. Harold J. Patten      Host: Thomas P. Sawyer

## CHILDREN

Richard A. Patten      Flora Avis Gay  
Frederick R. Millett      Emmett R. Millett

## BUTLER

George A. Gale

## GUESTS

Mrs. Robert Gay      Miss Queena M. Millett  
Herbert W. Rydstrom      Miss Florence Nesmith  
Mrs. Lillian E. Moore      Mrs. Irene Coombs

## MINUET

Dorothy B. Chambers      Alden V. Doucette  
Ruth E. French      Robert S. Mansfield  
Mildred E. Bolton      Austin M. McCormack  
Natalie M. Patten      John G. Rydstrom

## ORCHESTRA

Robert Staveley, Bass Viol  
Stanley E. Gonyea, Violin  
Mary M. Geary, Violin

## EPISODE 7.

Singing School giving a glimpse of the Early  
Social Life of the Town.

## HARRY PRIESTLY, Singing Master

Harriette Lee	Mrs. Mildred Farwell
Beatrice James	Ralph Battles
Donald Bolton	Caroline Blanchard
Mildred Bolton	Francis Battles
Dorothy Pike	Mrs. Justin Fitzgerald
Mrs. William Dewing	Mrs. William Bennett
Katherine Bolton	William Bennett
Dorothy Bolton	Anna Young
Mrs. Howard Dewing	Maude E. O'Connell
Justin Fitzgerald	

## EPISODE 8.

Opening of the State Infirmery Showing the  
Original Staff.

Dr. Eugene Allen	Lillian Smith, R.N.
Dr. Charles Trickey	Mrs. Eveline Colby
Dr. Ralph Heifetz	Mrs. R. R. Hayden
Robert Gay	Mary Stewart Angus
Herbert Fairbrother	Louise O'Connell, R.N.
William Rynne	Charles Flanagan,
Mary F. Dunn, R.N.	male nurse
Jean Calder, R.N.	Katherine Durgin, R.N.
Mary Sabre, R.N.	Margaret Holmstead, R.N.
Ethel Brunelle, R.N.	

## EPISODE 9.

Nineteenth Century Social Life just prior to  
the declaration of the Civil War.

Mrs. Reta Small	Mrs. Thomas McCausland
Mrs. L. E. Small	Walter Lavell
Mrs. Allen Wilson	Honor Kelley
Ruth Kelley	Nancy Goodwin
Louise Kelley	Marion Wiley
John Mahoney	Rita Sullivan
Harry Patterson	Marion Rogers
Marion Bruneau	Edna Bockes
Jean Pike	Mr. & Mrs. Ira Goldthwaite
Ruth Bean	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pills-
Mr. and Mrs. George	bury
Garland	Beatrice James
Constance Peridototis	Gloria Roux
	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nash

## EPISODE 10.

Founding of the Order of Mary Immaculate  
Novitiate.

A GROUP OF STUDENTS.

## EPISODE 11.

## World War.

Hector Jackson Post 259 American Legion and the following members of Hector Jackson Post 259 Auxiliary Am. Legion.

## NURSES

Mildred S. Millett  
Carrie Vivier  
Margaret Millett  
Delia Canavan  
Dorothy Pendleton

## KNITTERS

Nellie Mahoney  
Mildred Patterson  
Clara Stevenson  
Katherine Sheehan  
Josephine N. Patten

## SALVATION ARMY

Mamie Dugan  
Lucy E. Millett  
Elizabeth McCausland  
Marie Burke

## FARMERETTES

Ella Manley  
Lillian Farrell  
Frances Beck  
Glennis G. Fuller

## EPISODE 12.

The Tewksbury of Today and Tomorrow.  
Local organizations and an international group.

## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Virginia Broe	Barbara McCann
Barbara Broe	Richard McCann
Thomas Brewer	Edwin McCann
Marie Brewer	Nancy Trickey

## GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. George Garland	Mrs. Austin French
Mrs. William Smith	Mrs. Winifred Colbath
Mrs. Lillian Moore	Patrick Nash

## BOY SCOUTS

Chester Heald	Phillip Burgess
Elias McCormack	Ernest Broadbent

## GIRL SCOUTS

Natalie Patten	Helen Carter
Marion Rogers	Louise McCann
Marion Bruneau	

## INTERNATIONAL GROUP

Dorothy Ballas	Christine Liakos
Dorothy Botos	Salvadore Lipomi
Nicholas Bubanas	Mary Ogston
Julia DiPalma	Theresa Paquette
Frank DiPalma	Doris Sanville
Aura Genieres	Anastasia Siopis
Sophie Liakos	Athena Siopis
Helen Liakos	





## SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1934

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

10.30 a. m.

## Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Miss Harriette G. Lee, Organist

Call to Worship.....Rev. Sarah A. Dixon

Doxology

Prayer for Country—In Unison

"Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favour and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought thither out of many kindreds and many tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to law, we may show forth thy praise through all the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading—No. 62.....Leader, Rev. James Alexander

Duet.....Mrs. Samuel Crown and Miss Arlene Crown

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Sarah A. Dixon

Hymn 549, "O God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"

Prayer.....Rev. James Alexander

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Remarks by Visiting Former Pastors.....Rev. Sarah Dixon, Ph. D.

Anthem by Choir

Remarks by Visiting Pastors.....Rev. James Alexander

Hymn 543, Gower's Recessional

Anniversary Sermon "Coats Off to the Future; Hats Off to the Past"

Rev. John Cummings

Hymn 539, "America"

Benediction.....Rev. James Alexander

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Tewksbury Anniversary Sunday

10.30 a. m.

- Prelude
- Doxology
- Invocation and Lord's Prayer
- Hymn 479, "Faith of Our Fathers"
- Responsive Reading "The Great Mission"
- Gloria
- Scripture
- Solo.....Mrs. William H. Bennett
- Prayer
- Response
- Announcements
- Offering
- Offertory Prayer
- Hymn 556 "The Church's One Foundation"
- Solo.....Mrs. William H. Bennett
- Sermon "The Unchanging Christ Through the Changing Years"  
Rev. Harvey H. Bishop
- Hymn 539 "Christ for the World We Sing"
- Benediction

Organist, Mrs. Harry C. Dawson  
Preacher, Rev. H. H. Bishop, former pastor  
Dist. Sec. for Western Maine, of the United Baptist Convention of Maine.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY NOVITIATE

Services at the Novitiate Chapel in conjunction with the Bi-Centennial  
celebration of the Town

HIGH MASS at 10.30

Celebrant, Rev. Charles F. Barry, O.M.I., Superior  
Music of the Mass will be supplied by the Students' Choir

- Processional Cross and the Flag.....Cardinal O'Connell
- Kyrie ..... Montani
- Gloria .....Sixth Mode, XI Century
- Credo ..... de Angelis
- Offertory: Prayer for a Perfect Life.....Cardinal O'Connell
- Sanctus ..... de Angelis
- Agnus Dei ..... de Angelis
- Recessional: Hymn to the Holy Name.....Cardinal O'Connell

The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Charles F. Barry, O.M.I.

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**Program For Morning Worship**

Tewksbury Anniversary Sunday

11.00 a. m.

Prelude

Call to Worship: "O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

Let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our Salvation!"

Hymn 415 "Faith of Our Fathers!"

Collect for Purity:

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Responsive Reading: 5th Special Reading P. 81

Gloria Patri

Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Response and Prayer

Anthem

Hymn 577, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Sermon: "Yesterday—Today—Tomorrow".....Rev. Gordon S. Kenison

Hymn 704, "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

Benediction

Doxology

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**EXHIBITS**

Congregational Church, 12.30 - 2.00 p. m. — 4.00 - 9.00 p. m.

Tewksbury Garden Club

## ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES

1.00 p. m.

ORGAN RECITAL..... Miss Harriette G. Lee  
By Microphone from the First Congregational Church

2.00 p. m.

OPENING PRAYER..... Rev. John Cummings  
Pastor of the First Congregational Church

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Harold J. Patten,  
Chairman of Committee on Arrangements  
Melvin G. Rogers, (Presiding Officer)

"AMERICA"..... The School Children

GREETINGS From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hon. Charles D. Howard

"COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN"..... The School Children

CONGRATULATIONS from the Mother Town of Billerica  
Dr. A. Warren Stearns,  
Selectman of Billerica

"AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL"..... The School Children

THE MESSAGE OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, A DESCENDANT OF  
TEWKSBURY  
Hon. James J. Bruin,  
Mayor of the City of Lowell

"BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC"..... The School Children

ADDRESS: "How Did They Ever Do It" ..... Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart  
Emeritus Professor of American History at Harvard University

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER..... School Children and the Audience  
All are requested to remain standing

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Charles F. Barry, O.M.I.  
Superior of the Oblate Novitiate

Trumpeters:

Herbert M. Larrabee Jr., Harold L. Keene

8.00 - 10.00 p. m.

BAND CONCERT..... Giblin's Military Band

## MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1934

Historical Exhibits..... Foster School, 9 - 11 a. m.—1 - 5 p. m.  
 General Exhibits.....Foster School, 9 - 11 a. m.—1 - 5 p. m.  
 The exhibits will close Monday at 5 o'clock

10.00 - 11.00 a. m.

Concert.....The Wentworth Company

2.00 p. m.

### SPORTS

On the Ball Grounds of the Massachusetts State Infirmary.

Contestants must be at hand to report when the several events are announced.

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Archery Contest.....	For Girls under 18 years
Archery Contest.....	For Women
Three-legged Race .....	For Girls under 18 years
Three-legged Race .....	For Boys under 17 years
50-Yard Dash .....	For Girls under 18 years
50-Yard Dash .....	For Boys under 17 years
100-Yard Dash .....	For Men

4.00 p. m.

### BASEBALL

Tewksbury Athletic Club vs Massachusetts State Infirmary

Sullivan, c	Cassells, c
Whittle, 2b	Hawkes, 2b
E. Gath, ss	Bernier, ss
Smith, cf	McCoy, lf
Gray, rf	McVey, cf
Dobson, lf	Solo, rf
Kelleher, 1b	Hazelton, 1b
O'Neill, 3b	Flynn, 3b
Dowery, p	Urban, p
Dodge, utility	Gerrish, utility
Whitehouse, utility	Holmstead, utility

### Umpires

George A. Marshall — Frank Hickey

3.00 - 4.00 p. m.

Concert from the Town Hall.....The Wentworth Company

7.00 - 9.00 p. m.

Concert.....E. R. A. Orchestra  
 John P. Broderick, Conductor

7.00 p. m.

Town Hall Grounds

Tug of War.....T. A. C. vs. M. S. I.  
 Amateur Boxing

9.30 p. m.

### FIREWORKS

On the site of the New High School on Pleasant Street

## The Mother Town—Billerica

**T**HE TERRITORY now comprising Billerica was originally granted to Cambridge. It was not settled until about 1653. The town was then called Shawshin. On May 23, 1655, the towns of Billerica, Chelmsford and Groton were incorporated and soon after the name of Billerica was voted. The town at that time included all of what is now Tewksbury, a small part of Wilmington, about half of Bedford and about one third of Carlisle.

In 1658, there were twenty-five families present and they hired Mr. Samuel Whiting as the first minister. The population increased, although at the time of King Philip's War in 1675, several families left. In 1692 and again in 1695 there were Indian massacres. For a period of some sixty years almost every able bodied man saw service in the various French and Indian wars.

The following towns were incorporated from part of old Billerica: 1729, Bedford; 1733, Wilmington; 1734, Tewksbury; and 1804, Carlisle.

For the first hundred and fifty years the town was almost entirely agricultural, but each man often had a trade which he worked in his own home. With the advent of the Middlesex Canal in 1794, the Turnpike in 1805, and then the railroad in 1833, the town gradually became more and more an industrial community. With the growth of the mills in North Billerica and later the car shops, a smaller percentage of the population worked on farms from year to year.

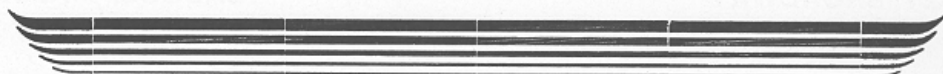
In 1852, Dr. Zadok Howe left a fund of money for an academy and for many years this supplied Billerica and the surrounding towns as a high school.

The town records are in existence from the earliest meeting and form a very interesting history of the development of town government. The present population of Billerica is 5880.



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## ANNO Regni Regis GEORGII Secundi Octavo

**A**N ACT dividing the Town of Billerica & erecting the Northerly and Northeasterly part of said town into a distinct Township by the Name of TEWKSBURY.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Northerly & Northeasterly part of the Town of Billerica in the County of Middlesex are so situated in their habitations as to live very remote from the Place of Publick Worship & on that account as well as divers others have laboured under great difficulties and hardships & for relief therein have petitioned this Court the said Lands being already settled with a competent number of inhabitants to form a township.

BE IT ENACTED by His Excellency the Governor, Council & Representatives in General Court assembled & by authority of the same that the Northearly & Northeasterly part of the Town of Billerica with the inhabitants thereon be & hereby are set off from the said Town of Billerica & erected into a seperate & distinct Township by the name of Tewksbury, the line or boundary of said Town to take in two thirds of the land from Andover line to Billerica Meeting House by a parallel line with Andover line extending from Concord River to Wilmington line; and that the inhabitants of the said Lands, Be & hereby are accordingly vested & endowed with all powers, privileges, immunities & advantages which the inhabitants of any other Town in this Province do or by Law ought to have, hold or enjoy; & the inhabitants of the said Town of Tewksbury are hereby enjoyed & required within the space of Two Years from the Publication of this Act to build & finish a suitable Meeting House for the Publick Worship of God, & that they procure & settle a learned orthodox Minister of good conversation & make provision for his comfortable & honorable support provided nevertheless that the inhabitants of the said Town of Tewksbury be & hereby are obliged to pay their respective proportion of all Province Taxes that are already assessed upon the Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Billerica hitherto arisen within the same.

December 17, 1734 This Bill having been read throo several times, in the House Representatives passed to be enacted.

J. QUINCY, Sp'kr.

December, 1734. This Bill having been read throo several times in Council passed to be enacted.

THADDEUS MASON, Dep. Sec'y.

December 23, 1734. By his Excellency, the Govnor I consent to the enacting of this bill.

Jn. BELCHER.

# Town and Church History

1734 — 1934

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**P**REVIOUS to incorporation Tewksbury was a part of Billerica, a large township which contained 25,000 acres extending east of the Concord and south of the Merrimack rivers to the Andover line. It contained one church founded in 1663, situated near the center of the town. The inconveniences of attending church to those living in this section of the town were many and great. Roads were but cart or bridal paths.

In 1733 the inhabitants of the north and east part of Billerica asked that a meeting house be erected for their accommodation or "that they may be set off" so "that they may maintain preaching among themselves. January 17, 1734, the request "that they be set off" was reluctantly granted.

December 23rd of the same year, (1734) Tewksbury was incorporated, receiving 9,000 acres of land and about 50 families.

Tewksbury's first town meeting was held January 14, 1734. At a second meeting held one month later, it was voted that they build a meeting house and a committee was chosen for that purpose. Unwilling, apparently, to wait for the completion of a church, it was voted six months later "That they have preaching in ye towne and that they meet at ye house of John French Jr. upon ye Sabbath Day and worship God". It is of interest to note, that the John French house was situated in the eastern part of the town near the late residence of Deacon George Pillsbury on Livingston Street. A part of the building was subsequently moved to the adjacent Bridges Farm and formed the ell of the dwelling house then standing there.

It was during this year, 1735, that the original church covenant was adopted. It was signed by thirty-four men and were as follows—

DANIEL KITTREDGE  
JOHN BAILEY  
NATHAN SHED  
JOSEPH KITTREDGE  
SAMUEL HAZELTINE  
JOHN KITTREDGE  
JAMES KITTREDGE  
JACOB COREY  
EDMUND FROST  
WILLIAM KITTREDGE  
KENDAL PATTEN

STEPHEN OSGOOD  
THOMAS KITTREDGE  
EPHRAIM KIDDER, Jr  
ZECHARIAH HARDY  
ABRAHAM STICKNE  
EPHRAIM KIDDER  
FRANCIS KITTREDGE  
JOHN PATTEN  
AMOS FOSTER  
JACOB WINN  
THOMAS CLARK  
ISAAC KITTREDGE

THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOSEPH FROST  
JOSEPH KIDDER  
JACOB KITTREDGE  
JOHN SHED  
JOSEPH GRIMES  
JOHN CHAPMAN  
ANDREW RICHARDSON  
DANIEL SHED  
NATHAN HALL  
JOHN TWISS



THE BRIDGES HOMESTEAD

Built in 1745 — Destroyed by fire in 1916. — The Ell, moved from Livingston Street was part of the John French House where in 1734 the Town voted to meet to worship God.

The election of a pastor for the new town and church was an event of great importance. We are told in the records that a day was set apart by the town for fasting and prayer that the people might be guided in the choice of a minister. Soon after, Rev. Samson Spaulding of Chelmsford, a young man 27 years of age, a graduate of Harvard College, was unanimously chosen. He was ordained and installed November 23, 1737.

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The sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel Ruggles of Billerica from 2 Cr. XII; 14, "For I seek not yours but you". The hand of fellowship was given by Rev. Samson Stoddard of Chelmsford.

Mr. Spaulding served as active pastor of this church for nearly fifty-five years. When eighty-three years old a paralytic shock so impaired his health that he was unable to preach. He continued to hold the office until his death—December 15, 1796—a month and two days short of sixty years. Judging from the records his pastorate was one of unbroken harmony. When too enfeebled to preach, the town manifested its respect and affection by voting an allowance for his support, settling with him as colleague Rev. Titus Theodore Barton, a graduate of Dartmouth College.

In these early days the whole town was interested in all that pertained to the church. Almost the first business of the town meeting, was to vote what the ministers' salary should be for the coming year, and all voters were taxed according to their means for the support of the Church. This union of Church and State was dissolved about the year 1834 when Rev. Mr. Coggin received his last payment direct from the Town.

During Mr. Spaulding's ministry, we find as we look over the records many interesting items, among them that in the long list of 700 names of children, who have been brought to the church for "Baptism", have always, unless the mother was a widow, been brought by the father and the mother's name not mentioned. Capt. Peter Hunt—3 children, Tamar, Hannah and Timothy July 20, 1740 and Dr. Jacob Kittredge, twins—Mary and Ruth were among them.

Church meetings were called when a member had given the church "just occasion of offense". The discouragement of gossip and the humility of the offending brother are noted.

It was voted that each member should contribute a certain amount to provide for the Sacrament and each one with his name on the money given.

In the Record of Marriages, the amount is given that was paid for each service, varying from \$1.00 up. The "Town" evidently receiving the fee rather than the minister.

Mr. Barton, Mr. Spaulding's colleague was ordained here Oct. 22, 1792 and remained until May 19, 1803. Rev. Jacob Coggin of Woburn, a graduate of Harvard College was ordained Oct. 22, 1806.

The church edifice, that was burned in 1919, was built during his pastorate in the year 1824. At its dedication, Mr. Coggin preached from Hag. 11:9. "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former". The ancient church which had stood for nearly a century was situated several yards in front of the newer church and was removed. "There were galleries on both sides and one end. The singers occupied the gallery at the rear. A single and double bass viol, two violins, a clarionet and bassoon were used to accompany the singers. The clock in front of the gallery, was presented by Mr. Jesse Trull of North Tewksbury.

In 1824 a bell was placed in the tower and the next year it was exchanged for a larger one.

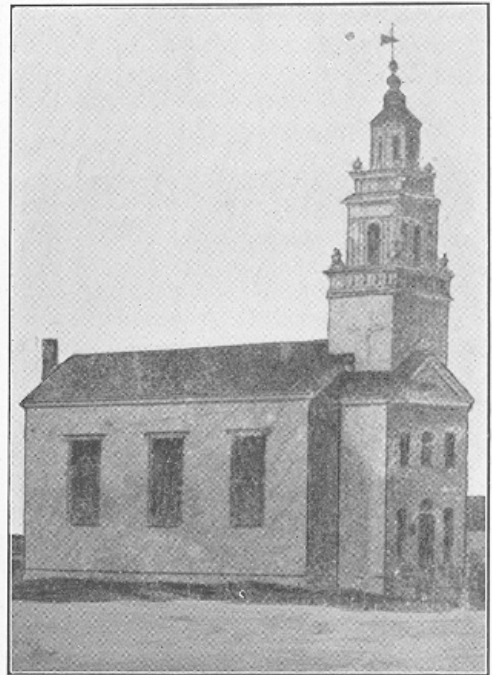
It was during the year of 1842 that the Baptist Church at North Tewksbury was formed, sixty-eight persons going there from this church. Six years later several families from the Northwest part of the town withdrew to unite with the High Street Church in Lowell.

In 1843, because of ill health, Mr. Coggin gave up the pulpit to Rev. Samuel Lamson who occupied it as "stated supply" for two and a half years, giving general satisfaction.

In 1847, Rev. Moses Kimball was settled as colleague with Mr. Coggin. He was dismissed two years later. Rev. Mr. Lamson again supplied until 1851.

During 1850-51 alterations were made in the church building, the side galleries being removed and the walls frescoed.

In 1852, Rev. Richard Tolman, a native of Dorchester, Massachusetts was installed as a



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Dedicated in 1824.  
The first Meeting House was built in 1736.

second colleague with Mr. Coggin. December 12, 1854, Mr. Coggin's death occurred. He was a genial, tactful man, much beloved and sincerely mourned by his people. Rev. Richard Tolman continued with the church until July, 1870. He resigned on account of ill health. At a meeting held by the church to take action on his resignation, several resolutions were passed that expressed much affection and esteem for him during the seventeen years of his faithful pastoral labors among them.

The Parsonage was built in 1852 and occupied by Rev. Mr. Tolman and his family upon their removal here. The home of Rev. Jacob Coggin was directly across the common from the church, the house now owned and occupied by Mrs. Henry M. Billings.

The well-known Spaulding house was built and occupied by our first pastor, Rev. Sampson Spaulding. It has sheltered six generations of that family.

The ministry of Rev. S. F. French began Nov. 1, 1871 and continued for eleven years. Mr. French is remembered as a faithful and devoted pastor and preacher and it was with much regret that his resignation was accepted. In 1871, the building in the rear of the audience room, containing vestry and hall, was built at a cost of nearly six thousand dollars.

Mr. French was followed by Rev. Frank H. Kasson of Boston. Mr. Kasson was hired for one year and afterward installed, Oct. 16, 1884. Besides his duties here, Mr. Kasson edited the "Golden Rule", a religious paper published in Boston. The double work proving too great a burden, he resigned from his work here June 23, 1886.

Oct. 17, 1886, Mrs. Betsey Lang of South Boston presented to the church one of the E. Howard Watch and Clock Co.'s Church Tower Clocks.

In 1889, the church received a legacy of \$5000 from the estate of Mrs. Lang. A legacy of three thousand dollars was at the same time left to the High School with the condition that should the High School be abolished the \$3000 revert to the Church.

In 1904, the High School was given up and this amount was by Mr. Enoch Foster, trustee, paid over to the Church.

In 1899, a legacy of \$500 was received from the estate of Mr. Chas. Littlefield of Lowell, a former resident of this town and a highly esteemed member of this church.

A few years later a legacy of \$1000 was paid us from the estate of Mr. Luther Twiss. Mr. Twiss resided in North Tewksbury but was a member and regular attendant of this church.

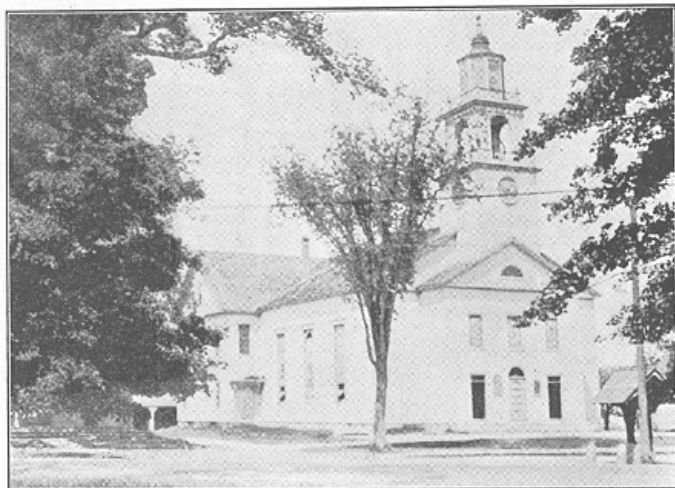
Smaller legacies, various sums of money and gifts for the furnishing or adornment of the church and vestry have at various times been received and are gratefully remembered. Many of these gifts have been from non-residents, who in early life were associated with this church and have since had a heartfelt interest in its welfare. The first gift of which we have mention is a Christening Bowl, from Josiah Brown in 1825.

In 1886, Rev. James Alexander, a graduate of Bangor and of Andover Seminaries was hired to minister to the Church for one year. At its close he was by unanimous vote, asked to remain as settled pastor. He accepted the call and was installed Feb. 28, 1888. During this year the Society of Christian Workers was formed and had an average attendance of between forty and fifty members. This Society afterward adopted the Constitution and By-Laws of the Y.P.C.E.S.

It was during Mr. Alexander's pastorate and largely through his instrumentality and under his supervision that our church took on its attractive appearance. Something over three thousand dollars was raised and the memorial windows, platform and tablet most generously presented by their respective donors.

Soon after the church was called on to take action on Mr. Alexander's resignation and he was dismissed May 10, 1896.

Mr. Alexander's strong personality, his interest in all matters pertaining to the Church and the town are gratefully remembered. In the records of the council called to advise on his dismissal, we read "In approving the dissolution of the pastorate of the Rev. James Alexander over the Congregational Church



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in Tewksbury, the Council very gladly bears witness to his faithfulness, scholarship and Christian spirit and rejoices in the success of his pastorate of almost ten years, as testified by this people and seen in the growth of the church in membership, financial strength and spiritual life. His ministry has been one of attractive and effectual preaching and of consecrated labor and has resulted in bringing this church to a condition of unusual prosperity."

Oct. 27, 1896, Rev. Elbridge Whiting of Auburndale was hired to serve as pastor and remained until April 12, 1899. Mr. Whiting was a pleasant, genial man and by his pastoral work brought families who seldom attended church to become regular attendants. He took special interest in the C. E. Society. New By-Laws for the church were adopted about this time.

Our next pastor was Rev. J. Herbert Yeoman who commenced his work here Aug. 1, 1899. After laboring here for two and a half years, he resigned to become pastor of the Free Evangelical Congregational Church of Providence, R. I.

Oct. 1, 1903, Rev. Wm. J. Minchin became our pastor and labored faithfully for two and a half years. In 1904 through the influence and under the direction of Mrs. Minchin, our pastor's wife, The Woman's Missionary Society was formed. It has become a successful branch of our church work. Mr. Minchin was especially interested in work among young men. Receiving a call which would bring him in touch with several hundred young people each year, he accepted it to become pastor of the Congregational Church of Ames, Iowa.

Communion was held the last Sabbath Mr. Minchin was with us and our individual Communion service was, through him, presented to this church in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Foster by her sister, Miss Frances Munroe.

Rev. Thomas G. Langdale was chosen as our next pastor and commenced his labors Nov. 1, 1906, serving nearly two years. During his ministry the Y.P.S.C. Endeavor, which had been given up for several years, was reorganized with Junior Intermediate and Senior Departments.

In 1908, by unanimous vote, Rev. Sarah A. Dixon was asked to become our pastor and was hired for one year. Her interest in and enthusiasm for her work has been felt in every department of our church. As we look back over the years we marvel that so much has been accomplished. At a largely attended business meeting of the church held in August, 1909, it was voted to invite Miss Dixon to become the permanent pastor of the church.

As nearly as can be ascertained, the Sunday School was established something over one hundred years ago.

The dedication of the present church was held on June 8, 1923, with befitting exercises.

Among the list of Superintendents we find the names of Deacon Oliver Clark, Deacon James Bailey, Mr. Jacob Coggin (son of Rev. Jacob Coggin), John F. Spaulding (grandson of our first minister), Dr. Wm. Lathrop, Mr. George Trull, Deacon Enoch Foster, Mr. Henry Learned, Mr. Irving M. Locke, Deacon H. A. Page, and many others who have served us acceptably.

Since the formation of the church twenty-four good and honorable men have served us as deacons. Among the names are Isaac Kittredge, John Spaulding, Oliver Clark, John Jaques, James Bailey, Abel Marshall, Zephaniah P. Foster, John F. Spaulding, Porter Mears, N. F. Frost, George Pillsbury, Enoch Foster.

We read in Rev. Mr. Tolman's Historical Discourse of Jan. 9, 1859—"As a kind of Appendix to this Historical Account of the church—for more than a century the only church in town, and so spreading its benign and salutary influence over its whole length and breadth—it is worthy of remark that, while we have imposed no burden upon the government in the way of generating criminals to be convicted and punished—no one of the inhabitants ever having been charged with a capital crime, or been a tenant of the state prison—we have contributed, from our limited population, no mean share to the general weal in the supply of the learned professions; having



PRESENT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Dedicated June 8, 1923

furnished the public with five clergymen, three lawyers, and, as to physicians, they seem to have been indigenous to our soil, springing up in this region of the salubrious pines, as willows by the water-courses. There have originated here no less than thirteen doctors of the name of Kittredge, three of the name of Brown, besides Doctors Stickney, Whittemore, Shedd and Frost,—a most luxuriant crop of professors of the healing art, for so small a field."

## TAKEN FROM CHURCH RECORDS

DECEMBER 7, 1910. Rev. Sarah A. Dixon was installed as Pastor of the Tewksbury Congregational Church.

APRIL 29, 1917. At the morning service, Rev. Sarah A. Dixon resigned as pastor of this church. Her pastorate was one of devoted service to the church and community.

JUNE 10, 1917. The Committee on Resolutions in their report state:

"That we sincerely regret her resignation and as a church our prayers and love will always follow her.

"That during her pastorate here she has built up the Sunday School to double its original membership, adding 30 or 33 per cent to the church membership, and has brought the community as a whole to a higher standard and has in several cases increased the personal obligations of her people.

"She has been responsible for many improvements in the church and its property in reorganizing its committees and in the promotion of its fellowship."

DECEMBER 16, 1917. At a special meeting of the church it was voted to extend a call to Rev. Henry B. Mason to become pastor of this church.

OCTOBER 13, 1918. We find — "Between the hours of two and three this morning, fire was discovered in the kitchen of the Congregational Church which completely destroyed the building. Contents were a total loss."

Although nearly sixteen years ago, to many of us this calamity is only too vivid. The awful conflagration destroyed our splendid old Church with its beautiful memorial windows and other valuables that never could be replaced, the Town Hall also, and threatened the destruction of the surrounding buildings.

We would, if space permitted, like to copy here four beautiful poems that were written at this time, that typified the feelings of the townspeople and many others who loved the old Church.

Two of these poems were written by Miss Hannah J. Chandler—"Thoughts on the Passing of the Old Church" and "The Memorial Windows in the Old Church at Tewksbury". The third written by Gertrude Louise Small—"The Old Town Clock". The fourth written by Miss Helen A. Osgood "The Old Church".

We remember how our people rallied, led by their pastor, Rev. Henry B. Mason and by the records we note a service was held in Pickering Hall, Oct. 20, 1918, and they went bravely on choosing a building committee to plan for a new church.

On the church records, May 10, 1923, "Ground was broken March 15th, 1922, and on May 13th the corner stone was laid by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts under the escort of Wamesit Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Tewksbury.

NOVEMBER 20, 1926. At the morning service, Rev. Henry B. Mason resigned as pastor of this church.

MARCH 31, 1927. "It was voted to call Rev. John Cummings of Hampton, N. H., to fill our vacant pastorate. Mr. Cummings accepted this call, his duties as Pastor to begin the 15th of May 1927."

MARCH 31, 1928. "It was voted that the Standing Committee be authorized to have a suitable plate placed on the organ in recognition of the gift of Mrs. Annie D. Phelps and all others who contributed towards our new organ."

Throughout the long history of the church, the contribution and efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society, Missionary Society, and other church organizations have been one of unstinted service and devotion.

MARCH 18, 1928. A beautiful service was held this afternoon (Sunday) in the church, to appropriately dedicate the new organ. "A Gift of those who love the Lord. For the greater glory of His house and service."

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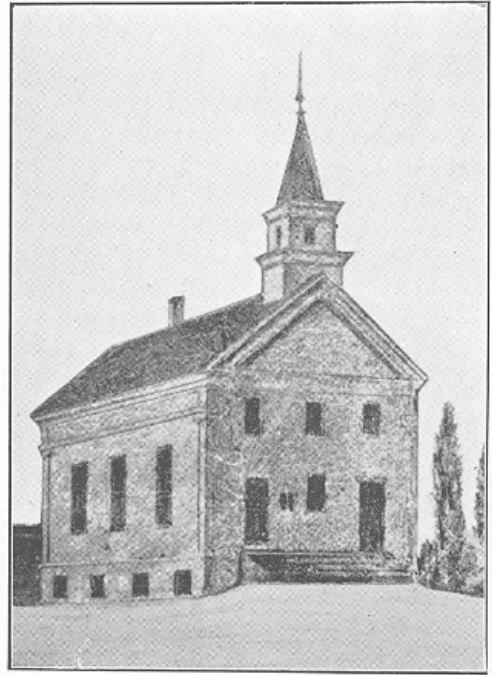
## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**P**REVIOUS to 1842 there were three families of Baptist views residing in the northern part of the town, by the name of Farmer, Wood, and Puffer, who had been praying for the establishment of a Baptist Church there. In the above year the First Baptist church in Lowell held revival services under Elder Knapp and one of those instructed was Mrs. Mehitable Twiss who persuaded her neighbors to attend the meetings, among them being Jesse Trull and his sons, Jesse L., Herbert, Larkin and Nathaniel. The latter was then in the midst of his spring sawing, five hundred logs were waiting, and the spring water was running to saw them. But like an irresistible avalanche the religious power overcame all excuses and he yielded to the urgent request of his brother Jesse."

These and several others joined the Lowell church, but continued to attend the church at the Centre for a time, but later withdrew to the Town Hall. The following year, 1843, they organized the First Baptist Church in Tewksbury with sixty-eight members and erected their building on land donated by Jefferson Farmer. Less than three years later they purchased land and built a one and one-half story parsonage of stone.

Their first pastor was Rev. Joseph Graves, and first deacons were Nathaniel Trull and Abijah Upham, who served forty and fourteen years respectively.

In 1856 a reed organ was installed and soon a baptistry put in. The church was, in 1867, moved a little northwestward onto land given by Jesse L. Trull and the house displaced became the residence of John L. Moore. Extensive repairs and improvements to church and parsonage were made in 1884 and later an organ and ladies' parlor were given by Sarah Celeste Wood of Philadelphia.



From time to time generous amounts have been spent on the property until now each new pastor comes to a well appointed church and his family to a cozy home.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Dedicated 1845

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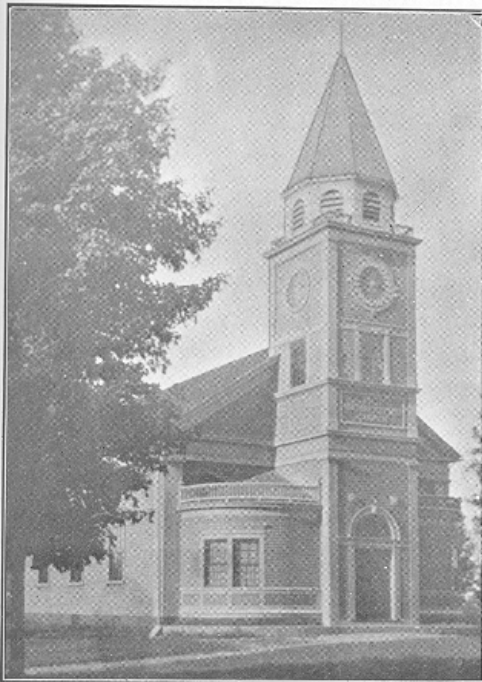
The church has always been an enthusiastic supporter of missions and youth is always well represented in its membership.

Its longest pastorate was that of Rev. E. W. Pride—nearly thirteen years—and its peak of membership (145) was attained under Pastor Raymond.

Among the names on its roll of honor, who "do rest from their labors" are:—Twiss, Fiske, Hardy, Boutwell, Kendall, Flint, French, Livingston, Morey, and many others beloved. One of its deacons, John L. Moore, lived ninety-nine years and one month.

**LIST OF PASTORS**—Joseph M. Graves, David Burroughs, Lorenzo Tandy, John E. Wood, Clifton Fletcher, Albert H. F. Palmer, Eugene E. Thomas, George T. Raymond, Ed. W. Pride, L. W. Frink, A. E. Reynolds, Chas. L. Pierce, Harvey H. Bishop, John G. Grace, G. F. Camp, C. L. Frederick, Elmer E. Loux.

**LIST OF DEACONS**—Nathaniel Trull, Abijah Upham, Lewis Fiske, Thos. Bridge, Peter C. Shedd, Jesse W. Trull, A. Monroe Kendall, Albert J. Trull, John L. Moore, Frank B. Trull, James S. Flint, John Trull, Fred L. Hardy, G. Thorndike Trull, Everett S. Boutwell, Nathaniel W. Trull.



PRESENT BAPTIST CHURCH  
Re-dedicated 1882

## THE OBLATE NOVITIATE

**T**HE FOUNDATION of the novitiate of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Tewksbury, though still within living memory, enjoys, none the less, the prestige of a long and honorable history. The year 1883 saw the opening of the first novitiate house, with the Reverend J. E. Emery, O. M. I., Master of Novices. Religious communities can generally look in retrospect to days of humble beginnings, and that tenth of November, fifty-one years ago, viewed in the light of subsequent events, has borne witness to the truth of the evangelical parable of the steady growth of the mustard seed, which in course of time became a mighty tree of strength and lofty stature.

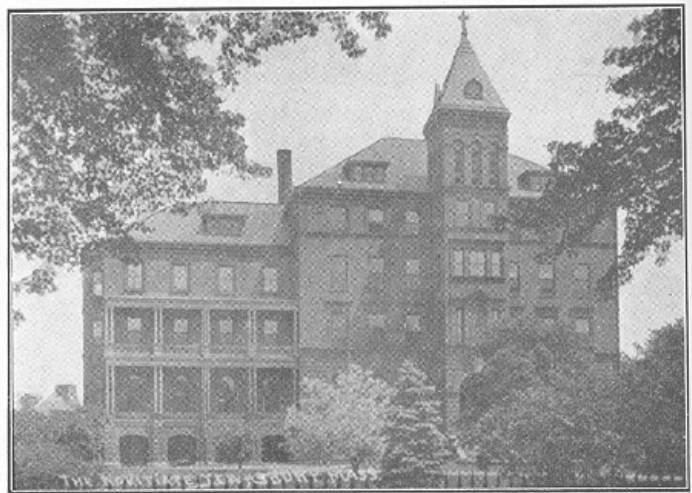
The first novitiate property consisted of a house, a barn, and a large tract of land, which had comprised the Kittredge estate, previous to its purchase by the Oblates for religious purposes. The first scholastic novice received his habit on November 22, 1883—the first of a long series of similar receptions in after years.

In the following February, Archbishop Williams of Boston assigned the Catholic parish of St. Andrew's in North Billerica to the charge of the Oblate Fathers of the Tewksbury novitiate—a work to which the Fathers devoted themselves with characteristic zeal for a period of almost twenty years.

A memorable year was 1888.—On September third a Juniorate was established by the Oblates in Tewksbury, in order to provide a course of classical studies for those who, though aspiring to entrance into their community had not yet received sufficient preparatory training. On October twenty-eighth, the earnest desire of the several Irish families of Tewksbury, for the privilege of attending religious services in the novitiate chapel, was actually realized, when the Reverend Father Emery, O. M. I., celebrated the first Mass in the presence of a congregation which filled the little oratory to capacity.

On February 7, 1895, fire completely destroyed the house and barn. The Town of Tewksbury was then without means of averting the disaster, while the nearby lake, frozen over at that season of the year, might otherwise have been used to save at least a portion of the ruined property. On the farther side of Chandler Street, however, stood a large farmhouse, which was owned by the novitiate, and which was immediately made to serve as a temporary house. Thus eighteen students were spared the possible necessity of returning to their homes, while the people were permitted to hear Mass in the small chapel until the Spring of 1896.

The present novitiate, begun twenty days after the destruction of the old house and barn, was formally opened November 12, 1896, when the Reverend Father Campeau, O. M. I., the newly appointed master of novices, offered a solemn high Mass of thanksgiving to commemorate the second life, so to speak, of the ever-increasing Oblate community. 1898 marks the celebration of another Mass in the chapel fitted up at the Massachusetts State Infirmiry, which, since then, has been regularly attended by the priests of the novitiate. The untold good resulting from their spiritual ministrations among the unfortunate inmates and patients of this immense establishment, is a glowing page in the history of Tewksbury, which can never go unremembered.



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Again the month of November—this time in 1904—was outstanding in novitiate life. In that year the Scholasticate was opened at Tewksbury, whereby it became possible for those whose year of novitiate had passed, to continue here their studies for the priesthood. The Juniorate, meanwhile, had been transferred to Buffalo, New York. The first ordination to the priesthood in the present chapel was conducted by the then Coadjutor Archbishop O'Connell of Boston, in February, 1907. A new scholasticate was opened in Washington, D. C., on November 8, 1916, leaving the house in Tewksbury simply a novitiate; in this capacity, it has functioned to the present day. The people included within the parochial limits of the Tewksbury parish, which comprises, roughly, the territory bounded by Wamesit, Silver Lake, East Billerica and North Tewksbury, are now adequately accommodated, three Masses being celebrated each Sunday morning at the novitiate chapel, namely, at 5:45, 8:30, and 10:30 A. M.



REV. ROBERT J. McCOY, O.M.I.  
Born Nov. 28, 1880.  
Ordained June 15, 1912. Pastor  
from 1915 until his death.  
Died Nov. 14, 1926.

Of recent memory is the pastoral charge of the Reverend Robert J. McCoy, O. M. I., whose death in 1926 was lamented by all who ever came to know the excellent qualities of this truly admirable priest.

The Oblate novitiate of today is a splendid memorial to the self-sacrificing labors of those who struggled to establish it as a permanent and vital force in the community of Tewksbury, with which it joins in this, the second centennial of its civic incorporation. The celebration of this event is not restricted to the surrounding portion of Massachusetts alone. Every Oblate who has ever gone from the novitiate holds Tewksbury dear to his heart. It recalls to him the scenes of many of the happiest days of his long period of preparation for the priestly goal of his ambitions.

Under the present Superior, the Reverend Charles F. Barry, O. M. I., the condition of the novitiate house had been greatly improved, both interiorly and exteriorly, while the grounds have been beautified to present a very pleasing appearance both to the visitor and to the resident of Tewksbury.

On this occasion of anniversary festivity, the Oblate novitiate expresses its heartiest appreciation of the fine spirit which has always existed between it and the Town of Tewksbury, and joins the people of the community in welcoming into being this 200th year of the existence of the town of which they are so justly proud to be called citizens. The Oblates will never forget to honor the

town which harbors the novitiate of their province; indeed, they seize this opportunity of declaring their sincerest hopes and best wishes for the increased and continued advance of prosperity, loyalty, and mutual good will, which are precisely the characteristic marks of civic progress and of assured success in every municipal undertaking.



## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**D**URING the latter part of 1910 the residents of South Tewksbury decided that a place of worship was needed nearer than Tewksbury Centre or Wilmington. After several attempts to secure a minister, Dr. Raymond Withey of the Wilmington M. E. Church came and held services on Sunday afternoons in the homes of the people, and in the summer time held meetings in the open air. Our next minister was Rev. Van Dyke, and on July 5, 1911 a local organization was formed, land was purchased on the State Road below Foster's Corner on the curve near State Street, and open air meetings were held on the property.

The question soon arose as to what denomination the future church should be. There were several denominations represented in the organization, but since it was a Methodist minister that came to our aid when we needed a religious leader, it was decided that we should have a Methodist Episcopal Church. On Nov. 5, 1911, a local Methodist Episcopal board was formed with Dr. Arthur P. Sharp of the Lynn District presiding. During the summer our first Sunday School was conducted.

Our next pastor was Dr. Hagerman, who came to us in June 1914. In two weeks he had a building committee working, and arrangements to build a church as soon as possible were made. Since the land then held was not considered to be in a suitable location for the new church, it was sold, and more land was purchased at the corner of South and Brown Streets. The church building was started in September, 1914, and in November of the same year the first services were held in the building although it was far from finished. The planks which were used in the open air services were used for seats. In March, 1915, a Ladies' Aid Society was formed, and the ladies worked hard to raise the funds needed to complete the building. The church was dedicated on May 7, 1916 with Dr. Webster H. Powell of the Lynn District presiding.



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Dedicated May 7, 1916

Rev. George Phillips was pastor from 1918 to 1922, and during this time a floor was laid, the sides of the building were sheathed, a platform was built, and other improvements were made. In April, 1922 the Rev. William F. Preston became the pastor and soon electric lights were installed. Through his efforts more land was purchased, a basement was put in, and the church was moved from the point where it was facing on Brown Street to its present position facing on South Street. The church was then plastered, painted and re-dedicated in December 1925.

In April, 1926 the Rev. Stead Thornton was appointed pastor. He was the last of the Wilmington pastors to serve our church, for the following year we became a student charge, and since that time we have had our own pastors.

The first of the student pastors was Rev. Roger E. Garland, and while he was with us many more young people joined the church. In 1928, with Rev. Malcolm Garland as pastor, we had a furnace installed and a number of stained glass windows were given in memory of the deceased members of church families.

From 1929-1931 Rev. W. Henry Shillington was the pastor, and the work in the church and with the young people continued to grow. From 1931-1932 the pastor was Rev. Harland S. Evans who was a fine worker with the boys and young men. Since 1932 the pastor has been Rev. Gordon S. Kenison, under whose leadership the grounds in front of the church have been cleared and graded, sidewalks laid out and a lawn planted.

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In July 1934 the building was completed and furnished. July 8th the building was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies and with a large attendance, including officials of the town.

The Sisterhood of the Congregation B'nai Sholom consist of thirty-five active workers. The Junior Group consist of sixty-eight boys and girls above fifteen years of age, who conduct their social affairs.



CONGREGATION B'NAI SHOLOM  
Dedicated July 8, 1934



## Extracts from Official Records

**A**T a General Town Meeting January ye 14th 1734/5 Lt. Daniel Kittredg—Moderator.

(Lt. Daniel Kittredg  
 (Mr. Joseph Hunt junr  
 (Mr. Joseph Kittredg  
 (Mr. John French  
 (Mr. Nathall Pattin  
 Town Clerk—Nathaniel Pattin  
 Town Treasurer—Nathan Shed  
 Constable—Edmond Frost

The persons above named that was Chosen to any office of which ye Law Requires an oath were sworn accordingly.

At a General Town Meeting January ye 31—1734/5 Lt. Daniel Kittredg—Moderator

Then Cose a Committee to Treat with Billerica Committee Concerning Settling ye Line between Billerica and Tewksbury.

Committee men Lt. Daniel Kittredg—Mr. Samuel Hunt junr—Mr. John French.

Voted a rate of thirty pound to Defray ye Towns Charges to be made by ye last assesement in Billerica.—then Chose a Committee to view old meeting House frame and ordered sd committee to make Report to ye Town at ye adjournment of said meeting.

Then Adjourned the meeting to ye tenth of February next—1734/5.

FEBRUARY 13, 1734.—Voted ye committee (last chose) Should be fully empowered to act in ye behalf of Tewksbury in settling ye line between Billerica and Tewksbury according to ye Corts Act.

Voted that they would Build a new meeting house.

MARCH 31, 1735. Voted that they would not act on ye first article in the Warrant at this time which was to agree of what bigness their meeting House should be. Adjourned to April 7, 1735.

Vote that ye Selectmen be empowered to squadron out its Highways to each Surveyor and propotion their sum of money or work when they set to make ye Highway rate.

Vote that Mr. Enggah should be ye artis to find off Center of their Town.

Voted that there should be so much of that rate (which hath already been grnated to Defray sd Towns Charges) taken as shall be necessary to procure two Books for records.

Voted that would Sing that way that is now called ye new way then chose Joseph Bailey & Abraham Stickney to tune and read ye psalms.

JUNE 30, 1735 adjourned to July 9, 1735. Voted that they would build a Meeting House forty eight feet long & thirty six feet wide and twetithree feet high between joynts.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1735. Voted that they would hire preaching in town.

Voted that they would meet at ye house of John French junr upon ye Sabbath Day to worship God.

NOVEMBER 7, 1735. Voted that ye stated time to begin ye public worship on ye Sabbath Days shall be ten a clock in ye morning.

Voted that ye time of intermission between exercises should be one hour and a half.

MARCH 30, 1736. Voted that their Meeting House shall stand upon ye land of Nathaniel Richardson nere a small pine tree marked with R then chose a Committee to let out their Meeting House to be framed and finished.

JUNE 10, 1736. Voted that they would raise their Meeting House by a Teacle.

Voted a town rate for building the Meeting House of two hundred pounds.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1736. Voted that the town appoint a fast on the twentieth day of November in order for calling a Minister.

Voted to chose a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer.

NOVEMBER 22, 1736. Voted that Mr. Sampson Spaulding of Chelmsford should be our Minister upon his excepting of our choice.

Voted for salary of Mr. Sampson Spaulding yearly 120 pounds according to the valuation of grain as it gos now revc among us: Indian corn at six shillings the bushell, Ric at eight shillings the bushell and wheat at ten shillings the bushell.

Voted for his settlement 300 pounds.

OCTOBER 6, 1737. Voted that Mr. Sampson Spaulding of Chelmsford whom ye have made choice on for their minister should be ordained on the sixteenth day of November next.

Voted that the house of Sergt John Frenchs should be the place of Entertainment for ministers and messengers at said ordination.

DECEMBER 22, 1737. Voted to seat their Meeting House and to have respect both to money and age in seating the Meeting House to age all above six.

Voted to seat the Meeting House by one head, Real and Personal going back to the first assesment that was made in Tewksbury.

FEBRUARY 16, 1738. Voted against providing any money for entertainment of visiting ministers and schollars at the ordination.

MAY 16, 1738. Voted to have the outside of the Meeting House finished.

MAY 23, 1738. Voted not to pay Mr. James Kittreg jr and Mr. Samuel Hunt jr for their services at the Great and General Court. (later allowed one hundred pounds).

MARCH 10, 1740. Voted and excepted of the highway where it is now trod between the lands of Sergt James Kittredges and John Pattens the both being present at said meeting and gave their consent. (the Town voted and accepted Bridal way one pole wide that would run through land owned by individuals, in addition to the Town highways).

DECEMBER 10, 1740. Voted that Stephen Osgood of Tewksbury should serve the Town of Tewksbury for a school master ye remainder of this year. (Mr. Osgood thus becoming the first school teacher).

MARCH 2, 1740. (After electing the principal officers) adjourned one hour (after elected other officers) adjourned to the house of Lt. William Kittredg and (finished the remainder of the Town business).

MARCH 2, 1741. Voted to give Lt. Wm Kittredg 160 pounds to finish the Meeting House in 1742. (Noted that in accepting highways the articles would read "from \_\_\_\_\_ house to the Meeting House).

MARCH 7, 1742. Voted to allow to Wm Brown Town Treasurer one pound lawful money for his services in said office the year past.

DECEMBER 6, 1743. Voted to have a Writing and Reading School in the Town.

MARCH 5, 1743. Voted to see that the fish have free passing up and down those streams where they usually pass to spawn.

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Voted to allow Mr. ——— one pound five shillings old tenor for his trouble in getting the 20 pounds the Town promised for bringing up ——— a poor child to the age of eighteen years.

MARCH 4, 1744. (Noted "& the persons were chosen into office by ye persons then and there assembled by ye majority of written votes").

(This is the first mention in the records as to the method of electing town officials).

Voted a consideration of ten pounds old tenor to ye Westwardly part of said Town for their not having any benefit of ye town school master.

(On page 57 of the first town book appear names of persons and amounts assessed for Ministers' Rate and Town Rate).

SEPTEMBER 23, 1745. Voted to erect a bridge across Shawshin river at the upper end of Mr. Daniel Kittredges meadow.

MARCH 2, 1746. Voted that ye stock of ammunition shall be kept in ye Meeting House in sd town.

MARCH 6, 1748. Voted liberty to Mr. John Needham to hange two good gates across his land on Same Meadow road.

Voted to accept several open highways, two poles wide "provided sufficient bonds be given sd Town to secure Town from damages".

MARCH 4, 1750. Voted that would not maintain the fourth part of the bridge over Concord river to Mr. Nicholas Sprakes Mill.

MARCH 4, 1754. Voted ye Committee 8 shillings for erecting steps at the Meeting House door.

In January 16, 1755 page 339 appears testement by John Kittredge freeing his negro man servant Reuben after his decease. Entered by the Town Clerk November 16, 1756.

1760. The Town Warrants in this period called upon "Freeholders and other inhabitants duly qualified to vote".

MARCH 10, 1760. Voted and chose John Hardey and Samuel Trull to take care that the Irish have free passage (this is noted frequently for several years following).

MARCH 10, 1760. Voted that a man shall have 0.2.0 pr day a yoaok of oxen 0.1.4 and a cart 0.0.4 till the last of August and from that time to the last of October 0.1.4 pr day for a man 0.1.0 for a pair of oxen and 0.0.4 pence for a cart for work at the Highways.

MAY 16, 1760. The question being put whether the Town will chuse some person to serve and represent them in the Great and General Assembly the present year and it passed in the negative.

June 9, 1760. Paid Mr. Davis Chapman for warning Thomas Haggits Family and John Gould to depart out of town 4 s.

OCTOBER 6, 1761. The question being put whether the Town would chose a committee to provide a school master and it passed in the negative.

(At town meetings of this period it was voted to elect certain officials by vote of Stand. In voting to accept certain highways as laid out by the Selectmen it is noted that owners of land must give same to the town).

OCTOBER 19, 1761. It was voted to chose a committee to provide a school master.

(The Town record book of 1760 to 1791 was purchased by Wm. Hunt for 12 shillings, containing 470 pages).

NOVEMBER 16, 1763 on page 350 appears the following: Straid a large red mare with a large white face and shod before and about ten years old, by sd Eben Whittemore.

During this early period of the Town, with the exception of special votes that have been noted, the main business transacted appears to be taking care

of the poor and unfortunate, warning undesirable persons out of town and those that came from other towns without apparent means of support, collecting and working out taxes, etc.

MARCH 9, 1770. Voted to allow a man three shillings pr day for work on the highways and a yoaok of oxen one shilling and six pence and a cart and plow as the Surveyors think proper to allow them.

MARCH 1, 1771. Paid an order to Thomas Kittredge for entertaining the year past asesors 0.17.6. (Payments are noted also where the selectmen were entertained, this is somewhat misleading as the selectmen were also the assessors).

FEBRUARY 20, 1770. Article to see if the Town will accept of a Rode that was laid out by the former Select Men from the Rode from Daniel Griffins down to Andover line as it was formly laid out if that Andover or the County will meet it with a Rode.

Article to see if the town will discontinue the open Rode across Duttons farm and put it to a bridal Rode.

MARCH 4, 1771. Voted not open the rode from Ezra Kindells house to the Meeting House—then voted to reconsider and continue until next town meeting.

We the subscribers being chosen commity to squadron out the Town of Tewksbury for the convenancy of schooling and according to our best judgements we have don it in the manner following (viz) to the First Division begining at Billerica line taking in Joshua Clark Kindal Patton (?) Samuall Kittredge Joseph Kittredge jun Andrew Richardson jun from thence to Andover line: and all the familys in Tewksbury southeast of said line: To the Second Division begining at Billerica line taking in John Sanders Silas Marshall from thence to Abraham Stickney jun and Se Kindall to Andover line and all the familys between said line and the First Division. The Third Division Begining and taking in Samuel Marshall from thence to Johnson Brook so called so on to Merrimack. To the Fourth Division begining at Johnsons Brook from thence to Rogers Mears Robert Nicholas to Concord River. Dated at Tewksbury August ye 31th

Ebenr Temple  
David Bailey  
Aaron B (?) Committee  
Nathl Clark jur  
Solomon French  
Entered pr

JOHN NEEDHAM, Town Clerk.

MARCH 2, 1772. Voted that each squadron draw their equal quota of the money voted for schooling

Article—to hear the report of the committee that was chosen to treat with the Revd Spaulding concerning his sallery and yote him some certain sum for his Sallery annually so long as he shall supply the Ministree in the Meeting House in this Town and for him to give a receipt in full (when paid) or to act in some other way or meathard that the Town shall think proper at the Town meeting.

FEBRUARY 15, 1773. Article—to choose person or persons for to Let the Psalm on Sabbath Day and other time of publick worship. March 1, 1773. Voted and chose

Abr'm Bailey }  
Peter Hardey } For to late the Psalm

MARCH 1, 1773. Voted to give the Rev'd Mr. Sampson Spaulding 66:13:9 pounds for his sallery this year.

(Throughout this book of records there appear at different times entries of money paid to persons for cost of warning certain persons out of town, also for removing them to other towns and for carrying some out of town).

OCTOBER 18, 1773. Voted to repair the Meeting House windowers with Diamond Glace and what was needful at present. At this same meeting it was voted against a new addition to the Meeting House, also against new elabourds and new shingles for the Meeting House, also voted against the Select Men acting as a committee for to repair the Meeting House.

#### EXTRACTS—GALLEY THREE

Entries paying certain persons for mending clothes, making shirts, britches, stockings. (This is presumed to be for the poor) February 15, 1775 paid Benj Burt for four pairs of gloves for the funeral of And'w Richardsons wife 0-7-5-3.

FEBRUARY 1, 1775. Article—to see if the Town will accept of an open Highway two poles wide (etc).

SEPTEMBER 7, 1774. Article—to see if the Town will provide some fire armes and more animission and to chuse a committee for to provide the same.

Article—to appoint one or more delegates to attend a Provencil Meeting to be holden at Concord on the second day of October next.

SEPTEMBER 21, 1774. Voted to buy more powder for a Town Stock. Voted to buy two barrils of powder in addition to the Town Stock. Voted to leave it with the committee to provide bulets and flints as they shall think proper. Voted and chose

Elead Worcester  
Jonathan Brown      Committee  
Aaron Beard

Voted and chose Mr. Jonathan Brown delegate for the said Provincil Meeting.

NOVEMBER 23, 1774. Voted to repair all the windows in the gallery of the Meeting House that the owners of the pues are not obliged to repair and down below that are not against the pues.

JANUARY 23, 1775. Voted and chose Jonathan Brown a delegate for the Provincial Congress Meeting at Cambridge on the first day of Feb'y next.

FEBRUARY 20, 1775. Paid Samuel Brown for perambulating the lines of Billerica and Wilmington 4 shillings.

MARCH 6, 1775. Voted to allow Jonathan Brown 4 s 8 pr day going as a delegate to the Congress.

MAY 23, 1775. Voted and chose Ezra Kindell to be a member of the Provincial Congress at Watertown on the 31st day of May.

AUGUST 2, 1775. Voted that the Selectmen shall make a return of what coats the Town doth make for the soldiers on the province service. (This is the first official mention of town soldiers being on province service in the Town Book).

JUNE 24, 1776. Voted that the Selectmen shall provide aminition and shovels spaidis peik axes etc according to their descretion. Voted that the Town shall provide bayonetts for the training band in the Town. Voted that the Selectmen shall provide fire armes for those persons that they shall think proper and other necessary Accutrements.

OCTOBER 14, 1776. Voted to chose a committee to make a draught for government. Voted and accepted the committee report and plan of government.

On March 4, 1776 Elenor Putnam was paid for sweeping the Meeting House 16 shillings. (She had served several years prior to this date). In 1779 she was paid 6 pounds for sweeping and taking care of the Meeting House.

MARCH 17, 1777. Voted to let those persons that are twenty one years of age to vote in this meeting. Voted to chose a committee to estimate and see what men have already don in towards raising the Army, time past, and to see what will be wanted to procure the men that are now wanting to form the Continental Army. Voted that the committee do make their report about raising money to raise men with and what hath been paid alreedy at the adjournment

of this meeting. Then met according to adjournment P M the meeting being opened, past the following votes (viz)

Voted 8 dollers pr man for 45 men going to Cambridge the first time. Voted to allow 4 dollers pr man for 13 men going to Roxbury 6 weeks. Voted to allow 40 dollers pr man for 22 men going to Tyconderoga last summer. Voted to allow 4 dollers pr man for 14 men going to Cambridge two months. Voted to allow 10 dollers per man for 4 men going to Dorchester. Voted to allow 44 dollers pr man for 12 men going to New York and the Jersseys. Voted to allow Enoch Merril 2 dollers. Voted to allow to others what appears to be due.

MAY 22, 1777. Voted to chose a committee to settle with Rowley about the maintainance of the wid Mary Hunt.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1777. Voted that the Town Treasurer be empoured to hire money to hire the men that are now being raised.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1777. Voted to raise 200 pounds to what was voted to be raised last town meeting, in raising men for publick service. Paid David Bailey jun for making fifty bayonetts for the militia 20 pounds.

MARCH 1, 1779. Voted and chose Mr. Ezra Kindell as agent to take care of the Tory farmers in Tewksbury.

MAY 21, 1779. Voted to have a new Constitution of form of government made. Voters in the affirmative 20, the voters in the negative 2. Voted and chose Major Jonathan Brown and Mr. Ezra Kindell to inquire into and Prosecute Roger Dutton and John Stearns for not going into the Continental Service for the Town of Tewksbury for nine months according to their promise. Voted to accept of the proceedings of the Convention that met at Concord to regulate prices. Voted and chose Mr. Wm. Brown Delegate to go to Cambridge the first day of September next to meet in Convention in order to frame a new Constitution. (Throughout the period of the war are many entries showing payments for the making of shirts, stockings and shoes for the soldiers, also for salt pork and Indian corn. 9 pounds for one blanket and six pounds and six shillings for one pair of shoes and one pound ten shillings for a tomehawk for Nath Hunt for engaging in the Colonial Army during the war. This was paid by ——— Baldwin and refunded by the Town in October 26, 1779. In June 1779, an order to Wm. Hill it being for a pair of shoes at 24 dollers. On Feb. 11, 1780, appear payment to different persons for paying soldiers and supplying soldiers' families).

MAY 22, 1780. On the call for the Town meeting it "warns all freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town affairs and also all that are free and one and twenty years to vote." Article for the Town to hear the report of the committee that was chose to consult upon the form of government and accept the same if the Town thinks proper and pass any other votes upon the said form of government which shall be proper. Article—to see if the Town will allow Mr. Thomas Kittredge Jun for the fifty dollar bill which he received when he was constable which proved to be conterfit.

MAY 29, 1780. Voted to go through the form of government article by article.

Voted to adjourn accordingly to next Monday. (The records show it was customary to elect certain officers then to adjourn and act upon the articles at a later meeting).

JUNE 5, 1780. The following votes (viz) Voted to accept the form of government all but six articles. Number for the form 37, against it 2. Voted to accept the third article in the Declaration of Rights; for it 18, against it 2. Voted to accept the second

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article in the General Courts Power; for it 18 against it 2. The question being put whether the Seventh Article in the Governors Power should stand as it was and it past in the negative. Voted that the Governor and General Court shall not march the Militia for more than six months at any one time without their own voluntary consent; for it 12 against it 1. Voted that the general and field officers shall have a seat in the house, 13 to 3. Voted that the Governor chuse the Justes of the Pease 11 to 1. Voted that the Constitution stand but ten years before a new convention be called. Voted the Governor shall declare himself to be of the Christian Prodenstant Religion for it 20. Voted that the Hon Convention set the time that the Constitution or form of government takes place. Voted to accept the Constitution or form of government with the above amendments to be made 39 for it against it 2.

JUNE 15, 1780. Adjourned to June 21, 1780. Voted to give the men that shall engage in the Continental Army for six months twenty two bushills of Indian corn pr man pr month sole leathers or stock or Continental money equivalent thereto and allowing them pay for twenty miles per day for out and in and the men to give the Town an order for the whole of their wages. Voted to raise 1200 pounds for a Town rate in part to pay the soldiers.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1780. Votes for John Hancock Esq for Governor 26; votes for James Bowdion Esq 5.

DECEMBER 27, 1780. Voted to chuse a committee to assist the Militia officers in procuring the men that are called to engage in the army for three years or during the war (six were chosen).

JANUARY 1, 1781. Voted to give the soldier that shall engage in the army for three years 95 hard dollars per year for the three years or in the same proportion as long as they are in the service under the said three years. (in 1781 appear many accounts and payments to individuals for loans to the town). Item July 16, 1781 an order to Thomas Kittredge for money which he let the town have to pay for beef in the old Continental money to be paid in seventy five Dollars for one of Silver 600 pounds.

MAY 14, 1781. 30,000 pounds of Continental money was voted to defray the charges of the Town, but it was voted to raise 66:13:4 in harde money or the General Exchange to pay the Rev. Mr. Spaulding sallary the present year.

JUNE 24, 1781. Article: Whereas the Town at a town meeting in May 14th voted thirty thousand pounds in the old Continental Currency for a town rate to defray the charges of said Town and it appears that it will not answer the end it was voted for and we now lay it before the Town to see if the Town wont reduce that sum into silver money or the General Exchange or to act in any other way the Town shall think proper at said meeting respecting said rate. (July 2, 1781 the rate was founded on silver money, seventy five dollars of old Continental money for one silver dollar and for the assessors to make the rate at that rate and be paid in the new money).

MARCH 4, 1782. Voted a third part of the front gallery for the use of singers. An order to Wm. Brown the sum of one pound five shillings and six pence for assessing the year past and four shillings for numbering the people and sixteen shillings for taking the valuation and nine shillings for fixing the valuation and sending down to the Court. 2:14:6 (There were other assessors).

JUNE 2, 1785. (Appears an account of whom the pews were struck off to, the bids were in dollars, two items—Lt. Tim'y Rogers pew No one East End struck off 51.—Lt. Thomas Clark pew No one West End struck off 51).

DECEMBER 19, 1785. Seven pews were struck off, the highest bringing 40 dollars—the lowest 28 dollars. This in accord with Article in meeting November 21, 1785 to see if the town will sell the new pews that are to be built upon the walls in the Meeting House at publick vendue to the highest bidder.

FEBRUARY 24, 1786. Appear five pages of names and moneys paid individuals for work on repairing the Meeting House including bourds and oak Joice, carting of planks and shingles, paying for hinges made for pew doors and hanging the doors, also for lime and motar. Pew that are now sold the first time amount to 123 pounds, pews sold second time 61:10:0; on old pews 39:16:4:2; two new pews sold in gallery 9:6:0. (Notice that currency is mentioned in pounds, instead of dollars).

MARCH 6, 1786. Voted to chuse a committee to join with the committees from other towns cercerning building a bridge over Merrimack river.

APRIL 11, 1786. Voted to Vendue to the lowest bidder the price of collecting the taxes. Voted and chose Jonathan Brown Vendue Master. Voted that the collectors give sufficient bonds to the town for their performance. The price upon the pound was struck off to Mr. Timothy Brown at three pence half penny per pound.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1786. Voted that there be a post set up south of the Meeting House for the constables to put their papers on to warn the town meetings. Voted that the negros have the seat next to the long pews for their seat to sit in. (In November the same year mention is made that pews are still being sold).

MAY 16, 1787. Voted to allow those men that was drafted and went into the service themselves or paid money to hire a man Eighteen shillings per man.

OCTOBER 1, 1787. Voted to Thomas Kittredge what appear to be his due for keeping Esther Richardson, and if the Selectmen and he cant agree then to submit it to men.

DECEMBER 24, 1787. Voted and elected Newman Scarlett a delegate to meet in convention at Boston at the State House on the Second Wednesday of January next to take under consideration the constitution of the United States.

MARCH 1, 1790. Voted to carry on that part of publick Worship called Singing without reading in the afternoon upon the Sabbath Days and other days of publick Worship. Voted to allow Lt. Thomas Wood something as gratis for meeting with the singers to instruct them to sing. Voted to put over what they would allow Lt. Wood to April meeting.

MAY 13, 1790. Voted to move stock of ammuni- tion into Meeting House when said house is made secure. Voted to give Lt. Wood 2:8:0: for his service in instructing the singers.

(Among payments made in 1779 and 1780 appear a list of persons from whom the town treasurer borrowed money for the use of the Town. There were thirty five such persons, amounts loaned from 30 pounds to 1300 pounds, the two largest loans were from Nathan Carlton 1300 pounds and Timothy Rogers 600 pounds, the two smallest were from Thomas French and Asa Liviston 30 pounds each).

On pages 420 to 424 inclusive is written the Declaration of Independence, following is this order: Ordered that the Declaration of Independence be printed and a copy sent to the ministers of each parish of every denomination within this State and that they severally be required to read the same to their respective congregations as soon as devine service is ended in the afternoon or the first lords day after they shall have received it and after such publication there to deliver the said Declaration to the clerks of there several towns or districts who are hereby required to record the same in their re-

spective town or district books there to remain as a perpetual memorial thereof in the Name and by Order of the Council.

R. DERBY Jun President  
JOHN AVERY Dep Secy

A true Copy: Attest

Entered pr John Needham, Town Clerk.

(Records of Intentions of Marriage and dates of Marriage appear throughout this old Book of Records, especially in the later part of the book).

On page 448 appear certain marks of individuals for their sheep. The following is the description on one Benjamin Temples mark for his sheep, a Swallows tail in the off ear and a slit in the underside of the same ear and a crop of the end of the near ear—Entered June 9, 1770. The oldest mark recorded in this book is David Chapman's August 1764).

Record Book for years 1791-1841 purchased in 1792 price 18 shillings.

MAY 12, 1791. Voted that the Selectmen Vendue the poor that are supported by the town to the lowest bidder.

SEPTEMBER 21, 1791. Voted that the committee paint the Meeting House between the months of April and July next. Voted that the committee inquire of the painter which collar is the most durable to paint the Meeting House and make report to March meeting.

MARCH 5, 1792. Voted that the committee that was chose to git the Meeting House painted proceed to do it in the best manner and to the best advantage to the Town, the collar to be stone collar.

MAY 7, 1792. Voted that Cambridge should remain the Shertown of this County. Voted to have a day of fasting and prayer in concurrence with the vote of the church. Voted and concurred with the vote of the church respecting the Rev gentlemen to be sent for to attend the fast. Voted to have the day of fasting and prayer the Seventeenth Day of this instant May. Voted that the Selectmen should see that there be entertainment for the Rev gentlemen that shall come to attend the fast. (This is the first mention of the word Church in the Town Book).

JUNE 5, 1792. (Rev. Sampson Spaulding having served the Town for many years and with failing health it was)

Voted to concur with the Church in giving Mr. Titus Theadore Barton a call for their Minister. Voted to give Mr. Titus Theadore Barton one hundred and fifty pounds as his settlement. Voted that one half of Mr. Titus Theadore Bartons settlement be paid him in nine months after he is ordained and the other half in fifteen months as above said. Voted to give Mr. Titus Theadore Barton eighty pounds per year during the Rev. Mr. Spauldings natural life and after his decease ninety pounds per year and twenty cords of wood yearly as long as he shall supply the desk. Voted and reconsidered the last vote. Voted to give Mr. Titus Theadore Barton eighty pounds per year and twenty cords of wood yearly during the Rev. Mr. Spauldings natural life. Voted and reconsidered the last vote. Voted to give Mr. Titus Theadore Barton ninety pounds yearly and twenty cords of good wood at his door for his salary as long as he supplies the desk. Voted to chuse a committee to wate on Mr. Titus Theadore Barton with the proceedings of the town. Voted and chose Dec. Kindell Esq. Brown Mr. Bordman. On July 26, 1792 (a town vote to strike out certain words in the previous vote on Mr. Barton's salary and inserted "so long as he shall remain our minister."

AUGUST 23, 1792. Voted and chose a committee to prop up the galleries in the Meeting House and make it secure against the day of ordination. (Other votes to see that order be maintained and to provide

other ministers, candidates and scholars that shall come to the ordination).

MARCH 4, 1793. Voted that all that are sixty years of age shall be taken out of the jury boxes.

JANUARY 4, 1794. Voted that the Selectmen purchase a tull or funeral cloth which is decent for the town.

AUGUST 18, 1794. Voted to make the pay of the men that are called for from this town to complete their proportion of the eighty thousand men which Congress Recommend to be raised the sum of eight dollars pr month.

MARCH 7, 1796. Voted and reconsidered the vote of having five Selectmen the present year. Voted not to have but three Selectmen the present year.

APRIL 4, 1796. Voted to chuse a committee to inspect the schools. Voted that the School Committee consist of five.

MARCH 6, 1797. Voted that the two Commanys of Militia in this town be brought into one Commany at the request of the officers of said commanys and the desire of the greater part of the soldiers. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as laid before the town the alterations in the Rode from the new bridge over Concord river by the Meeting House to Wilmington line. Voted to chuse a committee to inquire into and see if there be any money in the Justices hands taken for fish fines.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1797. Voted to build a new pound 34 feet by 34 and 5 feet high without the cappies and three sides to be stone and the other wood with a good gate. Voted to furnish the soldiers with 210 pounds of beef and 210 pounds of bread and half a pound of powder pr man (to each man) that shall march to Concord to the muster. Voted and chose Capt. Peter Hunt to provide the beef and Capt. (Aaron?) Beard to procure the flower to make the bread.

MAY 17, 1798. Voted to introduce the Bass Viol into the Meeting House on the Sabbath Day and other days of publick Worship.

JUNE 5, 1798. Voted to chuse a committee to put out subscription paper to see what any person will give towards fencing the buring ground.

DECEMBER 24, 1798. Voted that those persons that are taxed for dogs draw an order on the Treasurer for one Dollar. (This is the first mention in the Records that dogs were taxed).

Voted to meet the committee from Chelmsford for building a bridge over Concord river near the mouth of said river.

MAY 2, 1799. Voted to chuse a committee to meet the Courts committee that is coming to lay out a road from Mr. Pattins Mill to Logging bridge so called, committee to act in that matter for the town benefit.

MAY 15, 1800. Voted that the committee have full power to build a bridge over the canal near the house of Joseph Woodward near the mouth of Concord river at such place on the said canal as they think proper. (accepted the report of the committee and voted \$450.00

Voted not to chuse any person or persons to pursue theaf or theaves.

MARCH 7, 1803. Voted that a committee be instructed to treat with the Rev. Titus T. Barton upon a seperation as well as upon the sinkage of his salrey.

APRIL 4, 1803. Voted that in case the Rev. Titus T. Barton should be dismissed from being our minister that said Barton and estate be free from taxes for the space of three years should he remain in town.

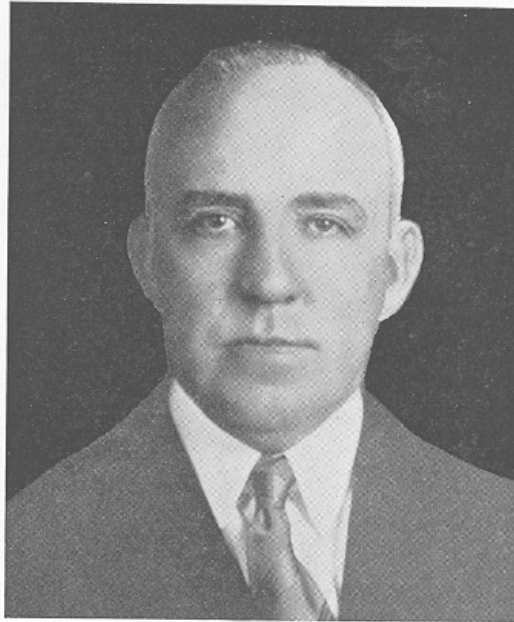
MAY 30, 1803. Voted that the sum of three hundred and forty dollars that was voted to the Rev. Mr. Titus T. Barton at the annual meeting in March last past as his salrey for the present year, be appro-

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FEBRUARY 23, 1805. Voted to raise four hundred dollars for a highway rate. Voted not to have the swine run at large under the regulation of the law the present year. (At meetings previous it had been voted to allow the swine to run at large). Voted to raise the sum of nine hundred dollars for a town rate this present year. Voted to raise the sum of four hundred dollars to hire preaching this present year.

NOVEMBER 4, 1806. Voted that the town do concur with the church in giving Mr. Jacob Coggin a call to settle with them in the work of the gospel ministry. (It was voted to give Rev. Mr. Coggin \$520.00 and 16 cords of wood yearly as long as he remained minister, also to give him \$600.00 to settle in the town). At the meeting July 10th relative to securing Mr. Coggin the vote was 76 in favor and 6 against. Voted that the pole be open for a Representative for Congress untill after sun set.

NOVEMBER 2, 1807. Voted to raise the sum of five hundred dollars towards paying for the bridge now building near the mouth of Concord river.

JUNE 27, 1808. Voted to chose a committee to consist of five to attend the Courts Committee that is coming on the road from Jeremiah Allens in Bilerica to the store of Jonathan Brown Jr in Tewksbury August 22 in order to oppose the laying out the same.

JULY 6, 1812. Voted that if the soldiers are called on to march that enlisted for the government service in this town that the town will make up their pay to them with what government gives them, they shall receive thirteen dollars pr month.

APRIL 5, 1813. Voted to pay a bounty on crows that are killed in the Town of Tewksbury between the first day of May & first day of July 1813 (viz) twenty cents per head for old crows and ten cents per head for young crows.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1814. Voted to raise the sum of five hundred dollars for the payment of soldiers and purchasing equipment for town stock. Voted to make up the soldiers that have been or may be called out for the defense of the Country, fifteen dollars pr month the present season.

APRIL 6, 1818. Voted to build a new Meeting House.

MAY 7, 1818. A committee of seven was appointed, Zephaniah Clark, John Chandler, Jonathan Clark, William Rogers, Josiah Brown, Hermon Marshall and Jese Trull.

OCTOBER 15, 1818. The article adjourned from the May meeting respecting building a Meeting House and providing a spot of ground to sit it on being taken up the report of the committee at the May meeting was read and excepted which is on file.

MAY 13, 1819. Voted that the Selectmen see that all Tiplers and Drunkards be posted in the licensed houses.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1821. Voted to chose a committee to get the town measured and centered for the purpose of fixing on a spot to lett a Meeting House on.

MAY 16, 1822. The committee report that William Brown will not let a price on his land to set a Meeting House on and that they inquired of Dr. John Spaulding and that he will sell one acre for one hundred and seventy five dollars for one acre. Voted to chose a committee to draft a plan for a Meeting House. Voted and chose Josiah Brown, John Chandler, Joseph Brown, Jesse Flemmings and Samuel (?)

SEPTEMBER 16, 1822. Voted to accept the plan for to build a Meeting House by with such alterations shall be thought best in finishing said House.

Voted to build a Meeting House in one year. Voted to choose a committee of five to build a Meeting House. Voted to chose such committee by ballot. Voted and chose Josiah Brown Esq., Dr. Joseph Brown, Jesse Trull, William Rogers Esq., and Capt. Dudley Martin for said committee. Voted that said committee advertise that they are ready to receive proposals for building a Meeting House, fifty five feet square with a projection of nine feet.

Voted that the committee that were chosen to build a Meeting House borrow any sum of money not to exceed twenty five hundred dollars at such time as it may be wanted on interest not to exceed six per cent. Voted the committee furnish stone steps to the Meeting House. Voted to let the halling of the underpinning and steps for sd House to them that will do it chepest. The halling of said underpinning and steps struck off to Life Farmer jun for \$27.50

NOVEMBER 4, 1822. Voted that the committee that were chosen to purchase land to lett a Meeting House on purchase one acre on the North side of the Road back of the old Meeting House. Voted to reconsider the vote that was passed to lett the Meeting House on land now belonging to William Brown Esq.

AUGUST 25, 1823. Voted and chose Josiah Brown Esq as agent for the town to carry on a law suit commenced against said town by the Town of Reading for the support of ——— and family.

MAY 13, 1824. Article 7 to see if the town will vote to purchase a bell for the Meeting House that they are now building or if there is a bell purchased by subscription that in case that the pews of said Meeting House sell for more than the cost of building said house that the surplus arising from the sale of pews shall be divided between those that advance the money to purchase the bell in the same proportion that they advance or for the town to act for the same in any way they think proper at said meeting. Voted that the surplus money if any be taken to purchase a bell. Voted that their be a guardian put over all such as are spending their time & property for ardent sperit in town. Voted that their be a tipler list posted up.

JUNE 21, 1824. Voted to dedicate the Meeting House that they are now building on the Sixth Day of July next at two o'clock PM. (A committee of arrangements was chosen consisting of fifteen). Voted to sell the pews in the new Meeting House on Wednesday the seventh day of July next sale to comence at nine oclock AM.

JANUARY 3, 1825. Voted to chose a committee to petition the Court of Sessions for a committee to straighten the Boston road leading from Tewksbury Meeting House through Wilmington and Woburn.

MARCH 7, 1825. Voted to chose a committee of seven to view that part of the Northwesterly School District known by the Belvideer Vilage and report to the town their opinion of the propriety of setting off said vilage into a school district. Voted to accept the report of the committee that built the meeting House. (On page 303 is an itemized report of expenditures,

Town Meeting House cost	\$4590.31
Pews sold for	5399.00
Balance	208.69

APRIL 4, 1825. Voted that that part of the North School District known as the Belvideer Vilage be sett of into a School District as reported by the committee chose to view and report be called the Seventh District. Voted to sell the old Meeting House bell for one that weighs thirteen hundred and fifty pounds. Voted that the Rev. Mr. Coggin be authorized to exchange the bell as above stated. Voted to chose a committee of two in addition.

MAY 12, 1825. Voted that the committee sell the old Meeting House the first Monday in June. Voted that any ten or more persons may build sheds to put their horses under on the town land said shed to be eighteen feet by ten, eleven or twelve as may be agreed upon by the builders.

JUNE 13, 1825. Voted to build a house to do town business. Voted to chose a committee of five to find a suitable spot, said house on. Chose Dec. Joseph Brown, Timothy Hunt, David Rogers, Capt. Samuel Hardy, Benj Sanders. They reported to Let the town house at the Northwest corner of the new Meeting House. Voted to chose another committee. Vote and chose John Chandler, Samuel Hardy, Aaron Manser, John Jaques, David Rogers, said committee reported in favor of Letting the town house to have the front of said house parcel with the body of the new Meeting House with the Southwest corner at the line by William Brown Esq. land. Voted to build the Town House thirty feet by forty with posts fourteen feet in height. Voted to choose a committee of three to git said house built by the last of October. Voted and chose Josiah Brown, William Rogers and Capt. Stephen Brown. Voted to leave it to the descretion of the committee whether the Town House be finished at the time appointed.

MAY 10, 1826. Voted to hire the Meeting House bell rung on the same terms as last year. Voted to pay sixteen cents apiece for a dinner for all soldiers that attend the Regimental Muster the present year.

NOVEMBER 6, 1826. Voted to appropriate fifty dollars for the use of singing. Voted to purchase a farm to support the poor. Voted that the Selectmen paint the Town House.

MARCH 5, 1827. A committee appointed in November to purchase a farm for the poor made the following report: (This report is pasted on the first page of the Town Records 1791-1841)

The committee appointed by the Town of Tewksbury in November last, for the purpose of purchasing a farm for the support of their poor, having attended the duties assigned them, ask leave respectfully to report; That they have received proposals from several persons and have looked at several farms, and have therefore come to a decision that the farm belonging to the heirs of Doct Benjamin Kittredge is the most suitable one. Your committee have for the sum of \$3500 purchased said farm of Doct Harry Kittredge, agent for the heirs, and received a deed in behalf of the Town from Miss Rebekah Kittredge. Possession to be given the second day of April next and interest to be paid from and after that date.

Jonathan Brown  
Bravity Gray  
Jese Trull  
Timothy Hunt  
William Rogers  
Hermon Marshall  
Aaron Mansur

March 5, 1827

MAY 15, 1828. Article 5. To see if the town will set up a grammar school near the Meeting House in said Town. Voted not to act on this article.

MAY 14, 1829. Voted to accept of the petition of John Lowell Jr and others praying to have a part of said Tewksbury annexed to the Town of Lowell 109 votes for accepting, 107 against.

December 12, 1829. Voted and chose the Selectmen as a committee to alter the desk in the Town House by sealing up one end, and having a door in the other end and a wide board on the top of said desk.

APRIL 5, 1830. (Appears the first report of the Overseers of the Poor).

MAY 13, 1830. Voted that the town meetings in future be warned in the following manner (viz) by

a Constable: posting up an Attested Copy of the Warrant in the following places (viz) one at the Meeting House and one in some public place in Belvidere Village so called, to be up at least eight days and over two Sundays. Voted that Doct Henry Kittredge and others have liberty to keep a private school in the Town House they making good the damages and paying rent if requested.

NOVEMBER 1, 1830. Voted and chose William Rogers, Jonathan Clark 2nd and Aaron Mansur a committee to repair the hearse and hearse house. Voted and chose Rev. Jacob Coggin, Doct Henry Kittredge and John Jaques as a committee to oppose the annexing of Belvidere Village (so called) from the Town of Tewksbury to the Town of Lowell at the next winter session of the Legislator.

FEBRUARY 26, 1831. Voted that a man shall have one dollar per day and a pair of oxen one dollar per day for working on the highways the present year.

MAY 11, 1831. Voted on the petition of Alpheas Smith and others to annex a part of Tewksbury to the Town of Lowell. Yeas eighty-eight, nays sixty-six. Voted that the Selectmen provide some person to take care of the Town House, Meeting House, bell, stone, etc.

JANUARY 16, 1832. Voted that individuals may set up a stove in the Town House.

APRIL 9, 1832. Votes for the annexation of a part of Tewksbury to Lowell 132 votes against the annexation of a part of Tewksbury to Lowell 100.

AUG. 20, 1832. Article 3 to see if the Town will choose a Board of Health with full power to take such measures as they may deem expedient and best adapted to preserve our citizens from spasmodic cholera and to see how much money the town will vote to be used by said board at their discretion. (ten men were chosen and authorized not to expend over three hundred dollars).

NOVEMBER 12 1832. Town meeting voted to adjourn until tomorrow at nine oclock AM at E. Thompsons Hotel in said Tewksbury (at Belvidere Village, so called).

MARCH 4, 1833. Voted to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the Engine at Belvidere Village.

APRIL 1, 1833. Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to purchase the hoes and necessary apparatus for the engine in Belvidere provided the raising the aforesaid sum of \$150 at the last March meeting was a legal vote for raising said sum by a tax.

MAY 6, 1833. Voted that the Schollars shall be counted between the age of four and eighteen.

Voted that the clerks in each school district take the number of schollars in their respective districts and make return to the Selectmen by the first day of June next, under oath.

NOVEMBER 11, 1833. Votes for and against the annexation of a part of the Town of Tewksbury to the Town of Lowell as prayed for in the petition of George Brown and others (viz) for the annexation 80, against the annexation 71.

APRIL 21, 1834. Voted to choose a committee to settle the affairs with Belvidere and that the committee consist of three. Voted to attach one part of the highway left vacant by Belvideres being annex to Lowell, to Thomas Morey and the other part to Joel Clarks district. Voted to annex Mr. Livingston to Thomas Morey's district.

NOVEMBER 10, 1834. Committee reports "We have taken Council and find the recovery of the \$150 laid out for hose for the Engine at Belvidere will depend on circumstances and evidence: also that said Brown says he will obligate himself to return this town two thirds the amount said hose shall be

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appraised at, if taken by the Town of Lowell next March or said Town may take the same and sell them for the most they will bring and return him one third of the same and the remainder of the money in his hands he is ready to pay three hundred dollars down and give his note for a short time, with an endorser if they wish".

Regarding Rev. Jacob Coggin's salary as paid by the Town—in March 10, 1834 Town meeting, the sum of \$575 was voted as his salary—no mention of any wood. This is the last record of money being appropriated by the Town of Tewksbury for the salary of a minister.

NOVEMBER 14, 1836. Voted fifty dollars for a singing school.

MARCH 5, 1838. Voted two hundred copies of Towns Expenses be printed.

APRIL 30, 1838. Voted the town pay for the pews bought to make room for the stoves in the Meeting House.

1840. Annual return of the names of all persons enrolled in the Militia in the Town of Tewksbury 109. Returns made yearly to 1858 show from 59 to 167 enrolled for service.

1849. Appeared the most serious cases filed for damages against the Town. Quote: The falling of a horse harnessed to a carriage driven by said Bartlett, by a defect in the highway. This was carried to the Supreme Judicial Court and Bartlett was awarded damages of \$4000, cost of Court \$203.87; Damages awarded to Bohonon \$125, cost of Court \$46.55. Paid for Town counsel \$117.25, for witnesses, etc., \$189.94; total costs to the Town \$4682.61.

MARCH 4, 1850. Voted that a safe be procured for the keeping of the town records.. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to put up guide boards.

NOVEMBER 11, 1850. Voted to procure blinds for the Town Hall.

MARCH 3, 1851. At the opening of the town meeting voted to send for Rev. Mr. Coggin to offer prayers. Voted and chose Oliver Clark and Abel Marshall a committee to wait on Rev. Mr. Coggin. Said committee reported that Rev. Mr. Coggin was not at home.

APRIL 4, 1853. Voted to offer a reward of fifty dollars in addition to the fifty dollars offered by H. E. Preston for the detection of the robbers and recovery of the property taken out of said Preston's house in the night of the 21st of March last past.

NOVEMBER 15, 1853. Voted on the motion of Mr. Merriam to strike off the names of Charles Clark, Alvin Moor, Thomas Crosby Jr and William Trow from the list of names presented by the Selectmen for Jurymen and that the names of four Whigs be substituted in their stead. After some discussion and several votes it was voted that the Selectmen bring in a new list for the Jury Box at the present meeting. Voted to accept the list of names as presented the second time. (The names of those voted struck off were all accepted. Thomas Crosby Jr. name was not presented).

1854. Town debt, \$2038.14.

MARCH 5, 1855. Voted that Nathaniel L. Trull, Elijah M. Reade and Ebenezer French be a committee to consider the expediency of establishing a Sunday Police. Report accepted at the meeting and police regulations adopted.

MARCH 3, 1856. Town Warrant Article 11. Will the Town make any change in their school system. Voted to proceed to the election of a Superintending School Committee of three. Voted and chose Joshua Clark, B. F. Spaulding and R. Toleman. Voted that the Superintending School Committee hire school teachers the coming year.

JUNE 13, 1855. Aaron Frost Jr was appointed and authorized by the Selectmen as agent for the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

APRIL 4, 1859. Extracts from a report of the Committee appointed regarding repairs to the Center burying ground. "Center burying ground contains about half an acre of land—never cost the Town anything—recommend \$150 be appropriated to enclose same with a stone wall and gate at entrance—very few burials here for the past 25 years owing to difficulty in finding land of sufficient size—persons who have been accustomed to bury in this part of the town have had to resort to private property—the law requires that necessary provision be made for this object—recommend that \$150 be appropriated to purchase and put in proper condition a lot of land for a public burying ground near the center of the town—recommend that authority to receive any gratuities that friends of the several measures may see fit to entrust to them.

(During the years where only a brief mention is made of outstanding votes, town meetings were not held as frequently and fewer articles appeared in the Warrants—business seemed to be more of straightening roads, adjusting bounds, the petitioning of and building new roads, developing school districts election of state, county and town officials and conducting town affairs on a more business-like basis).

MARCH 5, 1860. Article—To see if the town will appropriate money for repairing and improving the burial grounds in the South and in the Northwest School Districts and act thereon. Committee reported—Old Burial Ground in the Center—Committee placed an iron gate with two hammered stone posts at the entrance. Voted that the sum of \$125 be appropriated for the improvement and repairing of the Burying Ground in the Northwest District.

MAY 6, 1861. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2000 and that a committee consisting of the Selectmen and four other citizens be appointed to disburse this appropriation on among the volunteer citizens of Tewksbury in such manner as in their judgement, the circumstances of the men require. It being understood that out of said appropriation an outfit and a reasonable amount of pocket money be provided for all volunteers from Tewksbury and that the families of all volunteers shall be well cared for: and also that this committee shall also look after their future wants and necessities during their enlistment—and also that the compensation of the said volunteers be increased to \$25. pr month for the time of their actual service.

NOVEMBER 5, 1861. Voted that the Lowell Gas Company be permitted to lay their pipes in Andover Street from the Lowell line to the dwelling house of D. S. Wood on Andover Street, provided the said street is not rendered dangerous thereby.

MARCH 3, 1862. Choose a committee to lay out into lots the unoccupied land enclosed in the South Burying Ground and affix prices.

Committee on South Burying Ground reports making the repairs needed.

JULY 28, 1862. Call for 15,000 volunteers from Massachusetts by Proclamation of the Governor. Eleven men are assigned as the quota of Tewksbury. Voted a bounty of \$125. to each of said eleven men who shall enter said service from this town, to be paid to them when mustered in.

AUGUST 25, 1862. Call for 19,080 volunteers for Massachusetts. (Quota not stated). Voted to pay the new levy of recruits for nine months service \$100. when mustered in.

NOVEMBER 4, 1862. Voted that the town pay to each person the fee charged by the Examining Physician who is appointed by the Governor to examine

all persons claiming exemption from draft for physical disability who shall appear before them.

MARCH 2, 1863. Voted to increase the School Committee from three to six members (several votes required). Voted that the School Committee appoint a superintendent. Voted the Superintendent's salary be fixed at \$50. Tax collector paid 2% for collecting taxes. Voted not to abolish the school district.

NOVEMBER, 1862. Voted to drain the surface water that collects in front of the Town Hall.

APRIL 6, 1863. Proclamation by the President of the United States—set apart Thursday the thirtieth day of April 1863 as a day of National Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.

NOVEMBER 3, 1863. Voted that the Town pay a bounty of \$200 to each volunteer soldier on being mustered into the U. S. Service, also that the Town choose a committee to make an assessment on each individual of his proportion necessary to be raised for this purpose.

MAY 30, 1864. Voted that the Town do pay \$125. to each enlisted man that shall be mustered into the Military Service of the U. S. from the Town the ensuing year.

NOVEMBER 3, 1868. Page 228-230 inclusive, protesting against accepting a petition from certain individuals for a separation of part of Tewksbury to be annexed to Lowell.

MARCH 8, 1869. Voted to abolish the present School District System.

APRIL 1, 1869. Voted to raise \$3000 to repair the several school houses and build a new one. Voted the Selectmen a committee to locate the new school. Voted to enlarge by adding the School Committee.

APRIL 13, 1874. Article—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of R. G. Crowell, treasurer of the G.A.R. organization of this Town in celebrating Decoration Day in an appropriate manner. Voted \$75.00.

JUNE, 1874. Page 373—County Commissioners decision as to grade crossings of the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company in Tewksbury.

MARCH 1, 1875. Voted the tax collector's commission be 7/8 of one per cent. Voted a committee be appointed to report "if advisable for the Town to repair the present Town Hall, remove the same or build a new one".

MARCH 29, 1875. Voted to move the school house in District No. 7 to some suitable spot near the center of said district. Voted \$200 to defray expense of moving.

Voted that a new Town Hall be constructed of one story, 33 x 60 posts 16 feet with proper stone foundation. Voted that a fireproof vault be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$700. Voted that the new Town Hall be located on the site of the present Town Hall, as near as practicable. Voted to sell the old Town Hall.

NOVEMBER 2, 1875. Page 410—Report of the Committee as to deed of property of the New Town Hall, noted that (given by John Spaulding to the Town of Tewksbury bearing date November 27, 1822) New Town Hall cost \$4139.70. Old Town Hall sold for \$100.

NOVEMBER 7, 1876. Voted the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the purpose of improving the common, highways and setting out trees around the center of the Town.

NOVEMBER 7, 1877. Voted to establish a Public Library.

MARCH 4, 1878. Voted to grant the use of the Town Hall free for religious meetings.

MARCH 3, 1879. Voted and appropriated \$100 to the Town Library. Voted the money arising from the licensing of dogs, to the Public Library.

Valuation of the Town \$1,034,054.00  
Rate of taxation, 6.50 on \$1000.

JULY 17, 1882. Voted to erect a new school house in District No. 7 not to exceed \$3000.

MARCH 3, 1884. Voted that \$250 be appropriated for drainage at the center of the town.

MARCH 1, 1886. Book 1885-1896. Voted that the South Cemetery be fully enclosed with a wall and steps to pass in and out.

MARCH 7, 1887. Appropriated \$150 to complete the drainage at the Common.

MARCH 5, 1888. Appropriated \$300 to build a sidewalk from the Town Farm to the Baptist Church and thence to meet the sidewalk from Lowell. Voted to build a school in Gilmanville.

MARCH 3, 1890. Appropriated \$4000 to build a dwelling house at the Town Farm. Appropriated \$1000 to macadamize the road leading from Lowell to North Tewksbury.

MARCH 2, 1891. Voted that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for lighting and care of lights at the center of the town, now cared for by the Village Improvement Association. Voted \$150 to build a Band Stand. Voted \$400 towards the salary of a Superintendent of Schools. Voted the town would unite with Dracut, No. Reading, Tyngsboro, Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Lincoln, Wilmington or with anyone or some of them to employ a Superintendent of Schools.

MARCH 6, 1893. Appropriated \$8000 to build a new school house at the center of the town. Appropriated \$75 for Decoration Day to be expended by the School Committee. Appropriated \$2000 more to assist in building the new school. Page 468 the copy of the franchise of the Lowell & Reading Street Railway Co., commencing at the dividing line between Billerica and Tewksbury to Lowell.

MARCH 5, 1894. Voted to build an iron bridge across the Shawshen River on the Boston Road near the South School House. Voted \$535.

JUNE 18, 1894. Voted that the name of the new school at the center be called the Foster School and the hall in the same building be called Pickering Hall.

MARCH 4, 1895. Page 557. Betsey R. Lang will left \$3000 in trust, the income to apply toward the support of the High School. Voted and approved four projects for lighting in various parts of the Town. Voted \$1500 for a stone crusher and engine. Recommended that four years be devoted to High School studies instead of three at present.

APRIL 22, 1895. Voted that the town petition the State Road Commissioners to build a state road in Tewksbury from the Lowell line to the Wilmington line.

OCTOBER 24, 1895. Petition from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to erect poles and maintain wires in the town.

Petition of the Lowell & Suburban Street Railway Company to grant locations, Andover Street through North Tewksbury to the Town of Andover, from Rogers Street to Tewksbury Center. Franchise granted Dec. 19, 1895.

JANUARY 18, 1902. Voted to investigate the cost to the Town of some modern and efficient means for protecting property in the Town against fire and furnish a water supply to any sections when it may be available.

JUNE 27, 1902. Town accepts new method of electing Town Officers.

MARCH 3, 1902. Report presented relative to fire protection and water supply in the Town. Voted \$700 for surveys, water tests and estimates of cost of such

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water supply and fire protection. Voted to pay the City of Lowell for services at any fires to which they may be called.

MAY 12, 1902. Voted \$200 for the purpose of celebrating "Old Home Week". On pages 227 to 237 inclusive, data relative to the proposed reservoir on Prospect Hill showing tables and maps. Several votes were taken and doubted, on the last vote the citizens decided against petitioning the Legislature for a permit for a water supply.

MARCH 2, 1903. Voted to give up the High School in town and provide High School training at the Lowell High School. (Note—the Betsey Lang Fund for the Tewksbury High School then reverted to the Congregational Church).

JULY 29, 1903. About nine o'clock a.m., the Town of Tewksbury received the most serious internal disaster in its history. Two brick magazines containing powder and other high explosives, the property of the U. S. Cartridge Co., blew up, causing a loss of twenty-two lives, injury to seventy others and damaging property to the value of half a million dollars, part within our Town and partly in the City of Lowell.

Seventy members of the Lowell Police force volunteered for duty, assisted by the local police, later augmented to twenty-two. The Lowell Fire Department immediately responded and saved many homes nearby. The serious situation became apparent to the authorities and three Companies of the Massachusetts Militia, located in Lowell, were ordered to the scene of the disaster and established a military cordon around the scene of the explosion.

The Board of Selectmen were continuously on duty, the local Fire Wards and eighteen men from the State District Police.

The Agent of the Board of Health, in his later report states, on duty five days and part of several others, no epidemic or a single case of contagious disease.

A fund was raised by the Lowell Courier-Citizen to care for the sufferers. Food was distributed over a period of ten days. The homeless were provided with shelter with kindly neighbors and clothing provided for the needy.

A complete report of the Riverside Park Explosion was printed and issued by the Town of Tewksbury.

OCTOBER 19, 1903. Voted that a committee be appointed to investigate some system to light the streets in the Town.

MARCH 7, 1904. Voted a new School House in Wigginville, appropriating money for first payments on site and for construction.

APRIL 25, 1904. Appropriated \$1300 for gas lamps and posts.

MARCH 10, 1906. Voted that the School Committee be instructed to place the bell now on the Library Building in the cupola of the Foster School.

Committee appointed to represent the Town of Tewksbury favoring the annexation of certain sections of the Town to the City of Lowell.

Report of committee appointed to ascertain area, valuation, etc., of area annexed. Report 1200 acres of land, 1491 population, valuation \$865,400, and legal voters numbering 252.

MAY 16, 1908. Voted to purchase a small hand fire engine to be located in North Tewksbury and a larger engine to be located at the Center.

OCTOBER 26, 1909. Appropriated \$700 for suitable drainage of surface water from the Center, Pleasant, Main and East Streets.

MARCH 7, 1910. Appropriated \$250. for forest fire-fighting equipment.

MARCH 3, 1913. Appropriated \$8000 for the erection of a suitable school building in the South part of the Town near Foster's Corner.

MARCH 2, 1914. Voted to hold annual Town meetings the first Monday in February instead of the first Monday in March.

Voted \$1500 for organizing, equipping and maintaining a Fire Department.

JULY 25, 1916. Appropriated \$2500 to purchase of Motor Fire Apparatus, \$1000 to be for care and maintenance.

OCTOBER 1, 1917. Voted to accept gift according to the will of Deacon Enoch Foster.

OCTOBER 15, 1917. Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to make an offer of \$8000 for lots A and D Foster Plan, with buildings thereon, same to be accepted on or before December 1, 1917.

FEBRUARY 4, 1918. Voted to appoint a permanent man to drive and care for the fire truck and \$1200 appropriated.

JUNE 24, 1918. Voted to sell the Town Farm.

OCTOBER 13, 1918. Tewksbury Congregational Church burned to the ground.

Town Hall gutted. All valuable law reports saved. Safe opened and contents found in good condition. Vault opened and contents found in fine condition. Credit should be given to the Billerica Fire Department in saving adjoining buildings.

Temporary offices for the town officers opened in the residence of the late Enoch Foster.

FEBRUARY 3, 1919. Town meeting held in Pickering Hall of the Foster School.

Voted a committee of seven to secure site for a new Town Hall. Voted a committee to investigate records and Memorial to those persons who have been in service during the World War.

Voted to sell the Town Farm, all land, buildings and personal property.

MARCH 17, 1919. Voted to construct a new Town Hall.

MARCH 25, 1919. Voted \$8000 to purchase the Foster Estate for a new Town Hall.

JULY 15, 1919. Voted \$3900 to install an electric light plant in the Town Hall.

Voted to appropriate \$1000 for a World War Memorial.

MAY 19, 1920. Dedication of the new Town Hall. Total cost of buildings and site \$80,663.72.

MAY 31, 1920. Welcome Home Exercises to the men who served in the World War.

Presentation of tablet dedicated to the men who served in the World War.

FEBRUARY 7, 1921. Voted \$21,100 for additional installation of electric lights. (For some years certain sections had previously secured electric lights, but this was the first general effort of installing lighting over a large area of the town).

FEBRUARY 4, 1924. Appropriated \$4500 for a new fire engine. Appropriated \$1200 for the purchase of hose. Appropriated \$600 for a fire alarm siren.

FEBRUARY 6, 1926. Appropriated \$5000 to purchase a five-ton tractor and snow plow.

MARCH 16, 1926. Voted to discontinue certain streets if the Boston & Maine Railroad should locate the proposed new freight yards. (The proposed site for the freight yards was abandoned).

FEBRUARY 7, 1927. Voted \$1500 for the purchase of land of Mary Lynch for an enlargement of the Foster School Lot.

FEBRUARY 1, 1928. Appropriated \$1600 for two Ford Dump Trucks for the Highway Department. (The first motor equipped trucks for the Town).

Voted to sell all horses and horse-drawn equipment.

JUNE 4, 1928. Appropriated \$2000 for two trucks for the Highway Department.

FEBRUARY 2, 1929. Committee appointed to consider the advisability of a water system for the town. (Later report accepted and committee discharged).

JULY 24, 1933. Appropriated \$5000 for the Department of Public Welfare.

DECEMBER 27, 1933. Appropriated \$5000 to secure a site for a High School Building.

Elected a committee of five to enter into contracts to erect a High School. Appropriated \$80,000

for the construction of, equipping and furnishing a High School.

FEBRUARY 7, 1934. Appropriated \$1000 for the observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Tewksbury. Committee, Harold J. Patten, Mark Roper and John J. Sullivan.

MAY 2, 1934. Voted that the committee appointed to construct the High School make application for a Grant from the Federal Government under the National Recovery Act.

July 16, 1934. Appropriated \$500 as an additional amount for the proper observance of the Incorporation of the Town.





## Ships

"Some Ships go East and some go West,  
 Whilst the self-same wind doth blow;  
 For it's rudder and sail, and not the gale,  
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## Ye District School

**M**R. PRIDE tells us that on December 10, 1740, Mr. Stephen Osgood was appointed by the town to serve as school master for the remainder of the year. Three years later it was voted to have a writing and reading school in town. Mr. Franklin Kittridge and Capt. Peter Hunt were chosen as our first school committee. For some twenty years the usual three months' school seems to have been kept.

In 1771 the town was divided into squadrons. The next year Lucy Needham, the first female teacher, was employed. In 1774, money was appropriated to build school houses in the several squadrons.

**School No. 1 at the South District.** Probably Mr. Calvin Shedd and Deacon Parker Foster were among those attending this school. Later there was a school at the corner of Main and Hill Streets, near the old blacksmith shop. Here over one hundred years ago Nancy Bridges gave the reward of merit which is on exhibition, to a little girl from School No. 2. Her parents boarded her in the South District because of the longer term there. We are told by a grown-up boy that girls as well as boys came to this school barefooted. A teacher tells of the work and worry caused by those same little feet venturing on the thin ice of the Shawsheen River.

The new school still stands across the river on the opposite side of the road. Here children continued laboring over the A B C's and algebra.

Among the early teachers none are more lovingly remembered than Miss Letitia Clark.

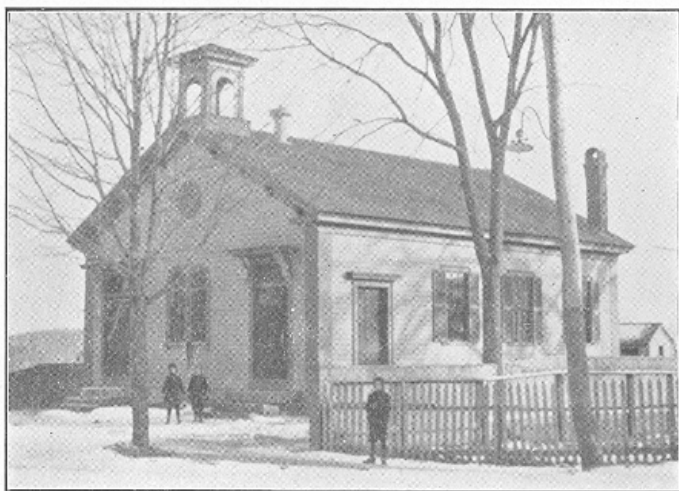
**School No. 2 at the Centre**—The corner stone of the old building that stood near the gateway of the cemetery was recently discovered when a grave was being dug. Tradition gives us a story from this school. "The President, Andrew Jackson, is on his way to Lowell to look over the mills. The children of the school are promised a treat if they are orderly. They assemble under a big tree on the corner of Main and Lee Streets and await the procession which comes at last and goes on for a gala day in Lowell."

Of those living who enjoy telling stories of the school at the corner of Main and James Streets, one says that "Mary Ann was very smart in her studies. She sometimes amused herself in those leisure moments by removing the screws from the rear seats." All remember the painstaking work of their teachers, Miss Wilder among others. (The third school house was afterwards a part of the Spaulding School).

**School No. 3 at the North District.** Not far from the old school on the present site stood the older building at the corner of Andover and North Streets. In both these schools mental arithmetic was stressed. Misses Sarah Richardson and Kate Huntress were among those who helped develop the minds of the boys and girls.

**School No. 4 at the Northwest District.** The old red schoolhouse near Stafford Road was burned. A new school house was built on Andover Road but when the land was sold to Mr. Pickering, the school was moved to Ridge Hill. In the old school Lawyer Davis taught during the winter. He was very strict in discipline but so thorough was his teaching that several pupils came over from a neighboring district for instruction. Other teachers were Mr. Whitcomb, who became a missionary to the Sandwich Islands; Dr. Gage, afterwards pastor of a Hartford church, and Jacob Clark.

The old school stood at the corner of South and Hill



YE DISTRICT SCHOOL



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never failed to make them laugh. Well liked also was the kindly Deacon Pillsbury who asked them questions on examination day.

The day began with the reading by each pupil of a passage from the Bible. The children gathered about their teacher and sang as she played their favorite songs. The three R's were well taught. Mr. French called Rhoda his best writer.

**School No. 6 at the East District.** The old red school house on East Street was on the opposite side of the track from the new school house now owned by the state. Many children walked long distances to this school, some coming from near the Ballardvale line. The same story might be told of the faithful work of teachers here. Often mentioned is the name of Miss Fannie Spaulding who also taught in other districts of the town.

**School No. 7 at Wamesit.** The old school was in the Belvidere section which was annexed to Lowell. The school house was then moved to a site opposite the Blaisdel house, but as Atherton Mills brought in a larger population, this was replaced by a two-room building which served until the schools were consolidated.

**The Private Schools.** In 1830 the town voted that Dr. Henry Kitteridge and others have liberty to keep a private school in the Town Hall. In the house now occupied by Mr. Walter Pillsbury a private school was held in the kitchen where there was an open well on which the teacher was accustomed to rap for order. To the great amusement of the children that thimble at the time of a very energetic rap fell into the well. There were several other private schools. College Road, now Trull Street, was the road over which youths walked to the home of Minister Coggin to be fitted for College.

**The Tewksbury High School.** The High School used the upper part of the building that has since been remodeled into the Spaulding School. The pioneer class of six graduated in 1891. Miss Kirkland of New York was its first teacher. Mr. Galger is associated in our minds with chemistry, mineralogy and geology, and his cousin, Mr. Jackson with astronomy, Caesar, and Virgil. Miss Goucher, the assistant, led us in literary paths—With her we Lost and Regained Paradise.

The class prophet as he stood before us in the old church gave no hint that one of our little class would be instructing hundreds of girls of the Teachers' College in penmanship. The prophet himself was our leading bass singer. He has since then joined that choir invisible.

Minister Tolman, a member of the school committee, solemnly impressed the children that each boy should prepare himself to become president of the United States and each girl should fit herself to take up the duties of the wife of the president.

"Men of ye several districts, there is a little lady who attended your schools who remembers studying your beloved Colburn's Mental Arithmetic but her book was stained with tears."

In the new school Miss Alice Marshall gave her faithful service fitting many a pupil for Lowell High School.

**School No. 5 at the West District.** The old school was on the site where the Charles French house now stands, not far from the senior David Rogers' home where the children got their drinking water. Mrs. Rhoda Parkhurst Davis, who attended this school over ninety years ago, tells us that the benches at the rear of the room each seated three pupils, those at the front two. There was a clearly defined boys' and girls' side but alas mischievous "Rhody" with the curls enjoyed occasionally bridging the distance with a sly whisper, making the very quiet Joel laugh.

Miss Fidelia Rogers was one of the early teachers. In the winter, Joshua French taught. The children enjoyed the visits of his brother Ebenezer, who often recited for them their favorite poem, which

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## Old Homesteads

**JONATHAN GRAY Homestead**, Center Village, built about 1769. Residence of Harris M. Briggs.

**Jaques Homestead**, corner Main and Chandler Streets, built about 1795. Present owner Daniel Sheehan.

**Squire Rogers Homestead**, Main Street near Wamesit, built early in 1800; original owner unknown. Residence of Mrs. Alice Pike.

**Clark House**, on Shawsheen Street, built about 1780. Present owner Robert Barron.

**Burt House**, South Street; built about 1800. Present owner James H. Lord.

**Gray House**, at the Center; built about 1800, owned by the Wamesit Association of Masons.

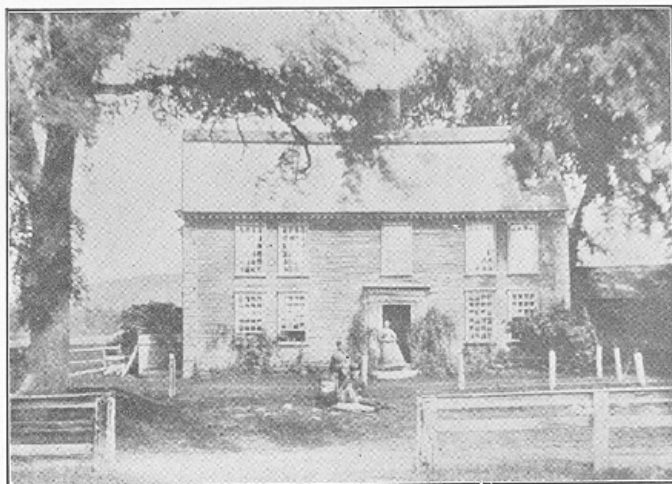
**Strachan House**, on Livingston Street; built prior to 1775. Now owned by the State Infirmary. Original builder unknown. Here was discovered the first Scotch Heather to be found in this section of New England, according to Alexander Dawson, of the Arnold Arboretum.

**French Homestead**, corner of Billerica and French Streets; built about 1800. Present owner Aaron Osterman.

**Jonathan Clark Homestead**, North Village; built about 1746. Owned and occupied by the descendants.

**Rev. Jacob Coggin Homestead**, in the Center Village; built in 1800. Residence of Mrs. Henry M. Billings.

**Thomas Marshall Homestead**, located on Pleasant Street, built in 1728. Part of this home is the original structure. Residence of James Marshall and continuously occupied by six generations of the Marshall Family.



**REV. SAMPSON SPAULDING HOMESTEAD**  
Built in 1735.

Located in Tewksbury Center. Residence of Franklin F. Spaulding, the fifth of his line to occupy it.



**JONATHAN BROWN HOMESTEAD**  
Built in 1721

Corner South and Main Street. Residence of Enoch W. Foster

**John Chandler Homestead**, located on Chandler St., built in 1802. Owned and occupied by the Oblate Novitiate.

**Pringle House**, on Pringle St., off South; built about 1750. Original owner unknown. Now owned by Mr. Allen.

**Widow Bailey House**, situated near Trull's Brook; built about 1800. Residence of Cyril Barker, Chief of Police.

**Deacon Pillsbury House**, on Livingston Street; built about 1825. Original owner unknown. Now owned by the State Infirmary.

**Bravity Gray Homestead**, Center Village; built about 1790. Present owner, Arthur Tremblay.

**Burt House**, on Livingston Street, former residence of Elbridge Livingston; built about 1790. Original owner unknown. Now owned by the State Infirmary.

**BATTLES HOME**

Built about 1742.—Near the North Village. Original owner unknown. Residence of Miss Josephine Battles.

**TIMOTHY ROGERS HOMESTEAD**

Built in 1744. Corner Rogers Street and Whipple Road. Present owner Melvin G. Rogers

**SAUNDERS HOMESTEAD**

Built about 1745. Vale Street

**Sanders Homestead**, located on Main Street near the Shawsheen River. Built about 1800. Later occupied by A. Hill who conducted a blacksmith shop. Owned by Tenney.

**Samuel Clark House**, on Chandler Street. Original owner unknown. Built about 1800. Owned by the State Infirmary.

**Kittredge House**, on Vale Street, known as the Manley Place. Built about 1780.

**Chapman Homestead**, Center Village; built in 1790. Residence of Albert S. Briggs.

**Kenney House**, located on Pleasant Street near the Center Village. Original owner unknown; built about 1795. The residence of Frederick Carter.

**Chandler House**, corner of Main and Chandler Streets. Built about 1777.

**Alvin Marshall Home**, built in 1808. Situated on Main Street near Chandler. Now owned by Albert Kathrina.

**Abram Mace Homestead**, located on Main Street at Wamesit; built about 1780. Original owner unknown. Owned and occupied by the Soteriades Family.

**Zachariah Hardy Homestead**, on River Road, North Tewksbury; built in 1736. Residence of Joseph Seamans.

**George Lee House**, built about 1805. Situated on Lee Street. Original owner unknown. Afterwards known as the "Old Tannery House".

**Jonas Clark Homestead**, at the North Village. The residence for many years of Deacon John L. Moore; built about 1820. Present owner C. Randolph Fitzgerald.

**Sibel Gray House**, at the North Village; built in the early 1800's. Present owner is Robert Rutledge.

**The Hilton Homestead**, at the North Village; built in 1802 by Life Farmer who occupied it at that time. Another house on this property was built by James Hardy Jr., and moved to its present site. We believe this house to be nearly two hundred years' old.

Mention should be made of some of the original homes in the section now a part of Lowell.

**The Deacon Thomas Clark Homestead** on Clark Road, built in 1790. The residence of Miss Jennie Clark. The

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original house which stood in the rear, was built by Deacon Clark on his moving into Tewksbury from Chelmsford in 1740.

**Deacon Oliver Clark Homestead**, now occupied by Warren Mansur, on Clark Road, was built in 1809.

**The Timothy Hunt House** was built in 1809 by Andrew Clark, on Clark Road. Now occupied by the O'Heir Family.

**Ebenezer Hunt Homestead**, on Butman Road. Built early in 1800.

**The Bootman House**, long since destroyed. Butman Road was named after this family.

There are possibly other old homesteads in the Belvidere section, but those mentioned above are in closer proximity to the Tewksbury line.

#### HOMES and TAVERNS

**Enoch Foster Tavern**, corner Shaw-sheen and Main Streets, built about 1725.

**Jonathan Brown Tavern**, corner South and Main Streets; built early in 1700. Now owned by Leo Bonugli.

**Browns Tavern**, at the Center Village, prominently mentioned in the early history of the town. Residence of Dr. Herbert M. Larrabee.

The Records Committee, in compiling the list of "Old Homesteads" in the town, have tried to include all within the town limits; it may be possible that some have been inadvertently omitted; those listed, were constructed in the seventeenth and early eighteenth century, and are now standing.

The earliest construction was the small three-room log cabin. The later construction was of the cottage type and the more elaborate two and a half story, both of which are shown in the accompanying cuts. Many owners have made changes in the exterior appearance of the original structure.

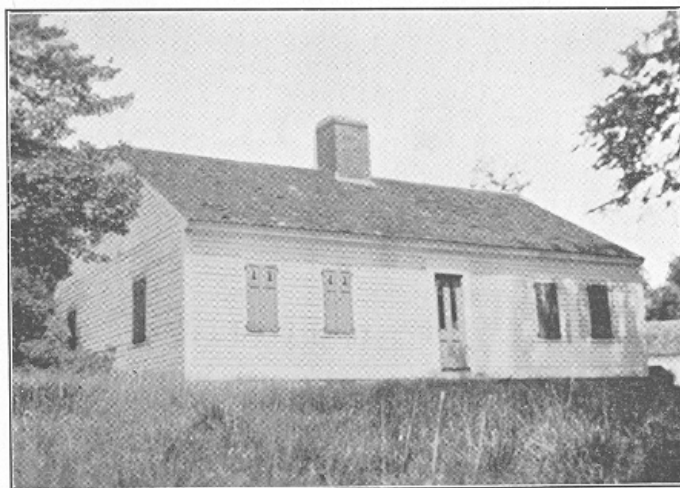
It is impossible to show pictures of all of the homes listed; those shown are representative ones in the several sections of the town.

The date of construction in many cases is impossible to ascertain, those given are believed to be as nearly correct as possible, from the information received.



**PRESTON HOMESTEAD**

Built prior to 1760. Tewksbury Center. Res. of Herbert W. Pillsbury.



**KENDALL HOMESTEAD**

Built prior to 1760. Kendall Road. Present owner Mrs. Jessie Marshall



**DAVID CARTER HOMESTEAD**

Main Street. — Built about 1780 on the side of his previous home. Owned by the Duffy Family.

## The Old Burying Grounds

**P**RIOR to the incorporation of the town, it is reasonable to assume that most of the burials were made in the "Churchyards" of our mother town, Billerica, near the Meeting House. These older Churchyards were either a part of or nearby the Meeting House.

Many of our older stones have disappeared through the action of the elements or the passing of time. Some have been replaced, usually retaining the character of these old memorials; figures of urns, weeping willows and winged heads, emblematic of the departed spirits.

In these plots of land, sacred to the memory of our forefathers who blazed the wilderness with their loved ones and fought for their preservation, one cannot pass without a feeling of reverence and awe. The allotted span of life appears somewhat different than at the present, graves of children of early childhood, some in the twenties, but the majority ranging from the seventies throughout the nineties.

Here the graves may be seen of some of our earliest settlers or their immediate descendants, many bearing inscriptions to show they served their country in the early wars of that period.



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### THE OLD CENTER BURYING GROUND

**S**TONES marking the resting place of the children of our earliest ministers. John Spaulding, son of Rev. Sampson and Mehitable Spaulding who died in 1755 at the age of four years, five months and three days. Also the son and daughter and wife of Rev. Titus Theodore Barton, bearing the dates of 1799 and 1803.

Among the names appearing are those of the Kittredge, Kendall, Marshall, Rogers, Shed, French, McCoy, Bayley, Hardy families.

Some quaint inscriptions appear:

LIEUT. WILLIAM KITTREDGE,  
died April ye 26, 1789 in the 92d year of his Age.

He's gone at length, how many grieve  
Whom he did generously relieve  
But O how shocking he expire  
Amidst the flames of raging fire!  
Yet all who sleep in Christ are blessed  
What ever way they are undress'd.

Somewhere in this ground lies the body of Captain John Trull of Revolutionary fame, no stone marking his grave.

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The oldest stone in this cemetery is that of the body of John Hardy Ju son of Mr. John and Abigail Hardy, died Feb'y 16—1704.

Dea. Ezra Kendall who died in 1817 at the age of 97 years, on the stone of his wife appears—

My children and my friends  
Prepare to follow me,  
This is the home assigned for all  
Of high and low degree.

### THE SOUTH BURYING GROUND

**A**MONG the familar names appearing in this cemetery are those of the Baldwin, Beard, Clark, Brown, Kittredge, Foster, Thompson, Saunders, Kidder and Burt families.

The oldest stones standing read—

Here Lyes the body of  
DOCTOR JOHN KITERIG  
who departed this Life April the 28th 1714  
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### THE CLARK CEMETERY

**K**KNOWN in its earliest history as the Hunt Cemetery, later as the Clark Cemetery. This old burying ground was set aside for the early families in that neighborhood and their descendants. Among the old names are those of the Hunt, Clark, Chapman, Russell, Worcester, Kimball and Candee families.

The following inscription appears on the stone of Dr. Worcester:

Death to the grave his dust conveys  
There sleeps the hidden prey  
Nor wakes till with a mighty noise  
The heav'ns shall pass away

The oldest stone is that of Samuel Hunt's wife,

Here lyes ye body  
of Sarah Hunt  
Wife of Samuel  
Hunt, Departed  
this life ye 10th  
of September 1708  
in ye 28th year  
of her age.

### NEW CENTER CEMETERY

#### Old Section

**S**TONES are placed here in memory of such families as Marshall, Farmer, Jaques, Brown, Chapman and Blanchard. The graves of three of the first four ministers who served the Town and Church, appear in this section.

REVEL  
12.21  
The Grace of our  
Lord Jesus

Christ be  
with you all  
Amen

S A C R E D  
to  
the memory of  
REV. SAMPSON SPAULDING  
who died  
Dec. 15, 1796  
AET 86

Lord I commit my soul to thee  
Accept this sacred trust  
Receive the nobler part of me  
And watch my sleeping dust.

REV. JACOB COGGIN

Born Woburn, Sept. 7—1781. Graduated Harvard Un 1802. Ordained over the church in Tewksbury Oct. 22—1806. Died Dec. 12—1854 in the 74th year of his age and 49th of his ministry.

REV. RICHARD TOLMAN  
1817—1894.

In memory of  
MR. JEREMIAH P. CHAPMAN  
who died Feb 18—1821  
Aet 41

An husband kind, a parent dear  
A neighbor just, a friend sincere  
Confessed by all with him acquainted  
He lived beloved & died lamented

#### New Section

**T**EWKSBUURY Cemetery Corporation. Consecrated in 1860. Here lie buried those loved ones of recent years, the names being familiar to most of our people.

Many inscriptions in memory of loved ones appear, one of recent date bearing the following,

Warm summer sun,  
Shine kindly here,  
Warm southern wind,  
Blow softly here.  
Green sod above,  
Lie light, Lie light  
Good night, dear heart,  
Good night, good night.

In other parts of this book will be found the names of those persons signing the Church Covenant and those appearing in the list of persons set apart from Billerica in 1734, of which no grave stones have been found. It is reasonable to assume that some are among the unmarked graves in the older cemeteries.

## Tewksbury Soldiers in the Wars

VITAL records have never been compiled in detail, showing how long the Tewksbury soldiers served, names of their various organizations, ranks held by them, and honors bestowed by a grateful government; but what we do know, is that Tewksbury men and women have always responded promptly to any call of their government for the defense of their Country.

Prior to the forming of the Tewksbury Minute Men, there were two companies of Militia and all three organizations responded promptly to the alarm given by one of Paul Revere's messengers, marching to the Battle of Lexington and Concord and engaging with the British troops.

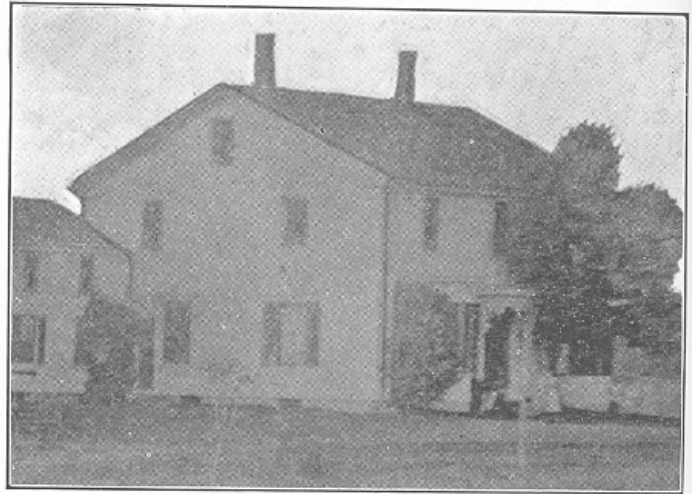
The alarm was given to Capt. John Trull, and he in turn fired three shots across the Merrimack River at a pre-arranged signal with Captain Varnum of the Dracut Minute Men, to notify them of the march of the British soldiers.

The Training Field, off Trull Road in North Tewksbury, was used for the training of the Revolutionary soldiers.

The first soldier from Tewksbury wounded in the Civil War was George W. Loverin, a member of Company D, 6th Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. Private Loverin was wounded in the riots when the "Old Sixth" passed through Baltimore, Maryland, April 19, 1861.

We hope in the near future, that Vital Records in detail, may be compiled and published, so that the proper credit due these men and women may be embodied in book form, and bear a silent record to the coming generations, of the part Tewksbury played in the formation and development of our beloved Country.

The list of men credited with service in the Wars and Campaigns in which the United States has been engaged, has been compiled from the records of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Archives of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Adjutant General's Office of the Commonwealth.



HOME OF JOHN TRULL  
Captain of the Tewksbury Minute Men.

### FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR, 1753 - 1763

Beard, Aaron	Frost, Edmund Jr.	Leveston, John, Lt.
Brown, Joseph Corp.	Frost, Joseph	Mace, Daniel
Brown, William	Frost, Joshua	Mace, Isaac
Champall, James	Frost, Samuel	Mears, Samuel
Clark, Benjamin	Griffin, Daniel	Merrill, Stephen
Clark, Peter, Lt.	Hall, Oliver	Ober, William
Cogin, Thomas	Hazeltine, Samuel	Osgood, Stephen
Danforth, Samuel	Hoegg, Benjamin	Peacock, Thomas
Dutton, Timothy	Hunt, Nathan	Putman, Samuel
Farmer, Peter	Hunt, Peter	Stearns, Oliver
Fisk, Ebenezer	Hunt, William, Lt.	Shed, Jonathan
Fish, Ephriam	Jacquith, Ebenezer	Shedd, Jacob, Corp.
Flint, Thomas	Jewett, Seth	Stickney, Abraham, Ensign
Foster, Amos	Kidder, Joseph, Capt.	Stickney, Daniel
French, Benjamin	Kittredge, Daniel	Thorndike, James
French, Jonathan	Kittredge, Joshua	Trull, David
Frizel, Samuel	Kittredge, Nathan Jr.	Whiting, Oliver
	Kittredge, Timothy	Winch, Samuel

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## WAR OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 1775 to 1782

Annis, Isaac	Fowler, Philip	Livingston, Daniel
Annis, James	Frost, Benjamin	Livingston, William
Annis, Phineas	Frost, Edmund Jr.	Longgun, Sam
Babb, Joseph	Frost, Ephraim	Mace, Benjamin
Bailey, Daniel	Frost, Jacob	Manning, Eliphalet
Bailey, David	Frost, Jonathan	Manning, Isaac
Bailey, James	Frost, Jonathan	Manning, Samuel
Bailey, John	Frost, Joseph	Manning, Thomas
Bayley, Abraham	Frost, Joseph Jr.	Marshall, Joel
Bayley, Samuel	Frost, Samuel	Marshall, John
Bayley, Timothy	French, Aaron	Marshall, Samuel
Baldwin, Joshua	French, Isaac	Marshall, William
Ball, John	French, Joel	Mears, Roger
Batchelor, John P.	French, Nehemiah	Mears, Russell
Batchelor, Prescott	French, Reuben	Mears, Thomas
Beard, Jason	French, Samuel	Merrill, David
Beard, Jonathan	Frie, Prince	Merritt, Daniel
Bell, Jonathan	Glode, Daniel	Morrill, David
Bootman, Edward	Gould, John	Needham, John
Brown, Jonathan	Gould, Jonathan	Needham, Stearns
Brown, Joseph	Gray, Jonathan	Nicholas, Robert
Brown, Timothy	Gray, Moses	Ober, Sam
Brown, William	Green, William	Osgood, Stephen
Burt, Jonathan	Hagget, Jonathan	Parsons, William
Burt, Benjamin	Hall, John	Patch, Timothy
Burt, Benjamin	Hall, Oliver	Phelps, Joseph
Burt, Jacob	Hamblet, Jonathan	Richardson, Andrew
Chambers, James	Hardy, Nehemiah	Richardson, Jude
Chambers, James	Hardy, William	Richardson, Thomas
Chambers, John	Harris, William	Rogers, Philip
Chambers, Thomas	Haywood, John	Rogers, Timothy
Chapman, Davis	Hazeltine, James	Rogers, Timothy Jr.
Chandler, Thomas	Hazelton, Elijah	Sanders, Jacob
Clark, Benjamin	Hazelton, James	Scarlett, Newman
Clark, Jacob	Hazelton, John	Shed, Jacob
Clark, Joshua	Hill, John	Shed, Joel
Clark, Peter	Hill, William	Shed, Jonathan
Clark, Thomas	Hoadly, Thomas	Shed, Marcus
Corey, Jacob	Hogg, Andrew	Shed, Nathan
Corey, Jacob Jr.	Holt, Jesse	Spaldwin, Samson
Corey, Samuel	Howard, John	Spaulding, Jonathan
Crosby, Timothy	Hubbard, Cato	Spaulding, Sampson
Dandely, John	Humphrey, Jonas	Sterns, Thomas
Danforth, Benjamin	Hunt, Ebenezer	Stickney, Abraham
Danforth, John	Hunt, Israel	Stickney, Abraham, Jr.
Danforth, Samuel	Hunt, Jonathan	Stickney, Eleazer
Davidson, Alexander	Hunt, Nathaniel	Sweat, Luke
Davis, Daniel	Hunt, Nehemiah	Talbot, Henry
Dresser, Jonathan	Hunt, Paul	Taylor, Thomas
Dutton, Jonathan	Hunt, Peter	Thompson, Joshua
Dutton, Timothy	Hunt, Samuel	Thompson, Samuel (Woburn)
Dyke, Archelaus	Hunt, Timothy	Thorndike, Hezekiah
Dyke, Hercules	Jewett, John	Thorndike, Paul
Farmer, Aaron	Kendall, Ephraim	Tinsley, Richard
Farmer, David	Kendall, Ezra	Towle, John
Farmer, Life	Kidder, Jeremiah	Truce, David
Farmer, Samuel	Kidder, Jeremiah	Trull, John
Farmer, William	Kidder, Josiah	Trull, John
Fish, Ebenezer, Jr.	Killum, Daniel	Walker, Eliakin
Fisk, Benjamin	Kittredge, Asa	Walker, Supply
Fisk, Jonathan	Kittredge, Asa	Whiting, Moses
Flint, John	Kittredge, Daniel	Whiting, Olmer
Foster, Amos	Kittredge, Isaac, Jr.	Whittemore, Eben
Foster, Amos	Kittredge, Nathaniel	Wood, Asa
Foster, Ezra	Kittredge, William	Worcester, Eldad
Foster, Jonathan	Kittredge, William Jr.	Worster, Samuel
Foster, Joseph	Livingston, Asa	Worster, William
		Wright, Joel

## WAR OF 1812

Baldwin, Davic  
Brown, George

Clark, Jesse  
Clark, Peter  
Hardy, William

Morey, Thomas  
Shead, Isaac.

## WAR OF THE REBELLION, 1861-1865

Abbott, Ahbiond C.  
Atkins, Samuel S.  
Babcock, Frederick K.  
Bailey, George  
Balcom, Frank M.  
Ball, Francis  
Ballard, Edward  
Benson, Samuel W.  
Benton, Theodore M.  
Boomhover, Horatis  
Brady, Patrick  
Brady, William G.  
Brait, Francis H.  
Brown, Jonathan  
Brown, Samuel C.  
Bryant, John M.  
Burns, Richard  
Calves, James M.  
Campbell, Alexander  
Cartney, William  
Casey, John  
Church, Thomas  
Clark, Anson B.  
Clark, John  
Clark, Samuel H.  
Clifford, Thomas  
Colman, James M.  
Condon, David  
Conely, Michael  
Cormick, John  
Cornish, John  
Cowell, John  
Crowd, Edwin S.  
Cushing, Augustus C.  
Cushing, George  
Cushing, Waldo S.  
Daley, James B.  
Davis, George Jr.  
Davis, Lowell  
Davis, Thomas  
Davis, Riley  
Dexter, Jairus A.  
Dexter, Samuel W.  
Duffy, William

Dyer, John  
Fiefield, Stephen C.  
Fletcher, James H.  
Franc, Francis C.  
George, Jason R.  
Gillion, John  
Glass, Abraham  
Gleason, Dennis  
Golding, Joseph  
Goodman, Peter  
Gray, George H.  
Hapgood, William E.  
Henry, Irving  
Hill, John  
Huckins, Charles M.  
Huckins, Edwin J. D.  
Huckins, Henry L.  
Huckins, Watson F.  
Jacques, Frederick P.  
Jaques, William L.  
Jenkins, William  
Johnson, Elijah  
Jones, Robert  
Kendall, Daniel A.  
Kerwin, William  
Kittredge, Henry  
Lane, Lyman  
Loverin, George W.  
Livingston, Samuel J. M.  
Manning, Thomas  
Marshall, Alonzo D.  
Marshall, Herman  
Matthew, Martin  
Maynard, William W.  
McCormick, John  
McDonald, Alexander B.  
McDonald, Anthony  
McDonald, Hugh  
McGovern, Patrick  
McGovern, Thomas  
McQuarrie, Alexander  
Merriam, John W.  
Mitchell, Richard  
Moore, Spencer

Noonan, Dennis  
Osgood, Jesse C.  
Orcutt, Charles A.  
Page, Dudley L.  
Phelps, Enoch B.  
Pickering, Daniel  
Pierson, Hiram J.  
Poor, Washington L.  
Preston, George L.  
Riley, Patrick  
Saunders, Ziba C.  
Seaver, George A.  
Senter, Almon S.  
Shed, Abner A.  
Shed, Charles O.  
Smith, Charles H.  
Smith, James H.  
Smith, John T.  
Smith, John W.  
Smith, William  
Sotting, Henry  
Spaulding F. Martin  
Spaulding, George B.  
Stackpole, Albert B.  
Stone, Josephus  
Sullivan, John  
Symns, Jesse  
Taylor, John P.  
Tingley, William B.  
Trow, James J.  
Trull, William H.  
Twiss, Alvin S.  
Tye, James  
Tyler, Alonzo C.  
Welsh, Edwin  
Whittemore, Daniel A.  
Whittemore, William F.  
Williams, Ansel W.  
Williams, James J.  
Williams, James S.  
Winters, William  
Wood, Albert  
Young, John J.

## SPANISH AMERICAN WAR, 1898-1899

Davis, Herbert A.  
Meer, Robert J.

Moore, Adolph B.

Murphy, Daniel  
Ruckledge, William D.

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Ames, Adelbert, Jr.  
 Anastasopoulos, Mike  
 Anderson, William  
 Bailey, Dexter  
 Bebbington, Thomas A.  
 Bennett, William H.  
 Benson, Richard M.  
 Bram, Linwood H.  
 Caldwell, Florence E.  
 Caldwell, George W.  
 Cameron, Fred M.  
 Chisholm, Florence B.  
 Colburn, Dr. Harry R.  
 Colleran, John P.  
 Coombs, Walter D.  
 Conroy, Peter J.  
 Cristoforo, Antonio  
 David, James  
 Daw, Elwyn H.  
 Dawson, Harry C.  
 Dickson, Arthur W.  
 Drolet, Louis P.  
 Finn, Pierce L.  
 Fitzgerald, Charles B.  
 Foley, Frank T.  
 Fortier, Damas  
 French, Harold E.  
 French, Jesse J.  
 Fuller, Walter P.  
 Fulton, Everett E.  
 Gale, Ernest C.

Gale, George A.  
 Gibbons, Walter D.  
 Gill, Thomas  
 Graham, William G.  
 Holden, Sarah E.  
 Jackson, Hector  
 Johnson, Edwin I.  
 Kane, George E.  
 Kelley, Frank A.  
 Lacy, James L.  
 Lacy, Peter W.  
 Langlois, Joseph F.  
 Leary, Edward  
 Leary, Frederick A.  
 Lee, Joseph A.  
 Lynch, James E.  
 Manley, Eugene W.  
 Manley, Thomas J.  
 Martin, Edwin M.  
 Martin, Emanuel  
 McCausland, Thomas C.  
 McGann, Rev. Francis X.  
 McCracken, David J.  
 Millett, William R.  
 Mondrone, Guiseppi  
 Moody, Wilbur H.  
 Norton, Thomas F.  
 Ogston, James R.  
 Osterman, Edwin W.  
 Patten, Harold J.  
 Patterson, Harry W.

Peirce, Dr. George A.  
 Petersen, Oscar W.  
 Piccardi, Hugo  
 Pillsbury, George B.  
 Powers, John J.  
 Prince, Rufus  
 Putman, Barry  
 Quennell, Dr. Willard L.  
 Rockwell, Walter R.  
 Rouff, Edward M.  
 Rovelle, Emilio  
 Ryan, John T.  
 Savage, Frederick  
 Sawyer, Walter H.  
 Scott, Samuel J.  
 Shalvey, John J.  
 Shuris, Dennis  
 Smith, John R. Jr.  
 Spaulding, John A.  
 Stankwich, Michael W.  
 Stevens, Ames  
 Stevenson, William G.  
 Sunbury, Harry A.  
 Sunbury, Herbert E.  
 Tenney, Arthur  
 Toothaker, Roger A.  
 Trull, Agnes J.  
 Trickey, Dr. Charles L.  
 Tufts, Lutie  
 Vivier, Joseph A.  
 Whitcher, Ernest L.



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### THE OLD TANNERY

The Tannery on Lee Street was built by George Lee, who came from Attleboro in 1839.

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Mrs. Jane Allen and others, made gloves from hides dressed at the Tannery and a pattern of these gloves will be found in the Historical exhibit.

Scrapings from the hides were taken to Jacquith's Factory in Billerica, where they were made into glue.

William H. Lee succeeded his father in carrying on the Tannery until the early nineties, when the demand for moccasin leather ceased. Nearly all the employees were residents in the town. Many of the hides were bought from local sources but at times hides were secured as far south as Washington, D. C.

**MOCCASIN SHOPS**—At one time there were two Moccasin Shops located in the town. One carried on by Henry Tingley and Philip Jacques, located on Main Street, about where the residence of William R. Millett now stands. Later the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Tingley opened a shop in the house now occupied by James Manley, at the corner of North and East Streets.

**CABINET SHOPS**—It may be interest to know that the first knock-down furniture made in the United States, was manufactured in our town. In 1851 a firm of local citizens opened this shop under the name of J. & E. Foster & Co. The members were Joel Foster, Enoch Foster and Nathaniel Cole. It was located in the lot adjoining and south east of the George Brown home.

At first horse-power was used — later a steam mill was built and other shops added. At one time as many as fifty men were employed.

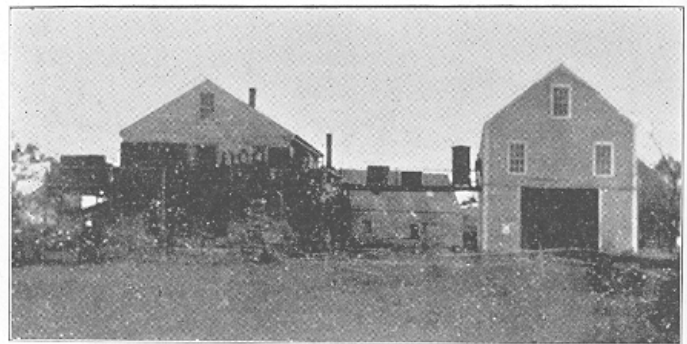
Much of the furniture was sent to California. Freight being high, the firm originated the idea of making knock-down furniture, thereby being able to ship four pieces in the space of one. Trade connections were made with Cuba, Africa, and the Southern States. At the beginning of the Civil War, the blockade prevented the shipping of goods to the South.

In 1862, Mr. Cole went to San Francisco and opened a wholesale furniture store, followed by Joel Foster in 1865. In 1868 the business here was sold and in 1870 Enoch Foster joined the others in California. Here they retained the identity of the firm and continued the manufacture of furniture in the State Prison at St. Quentin.

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In Pattenville, at Patten's Cabinet Shop, furniture was made and teamed over the road to Boston. Here Dudley L. Page was employed.

Alvin Marshall was engaged in the furniture business for about fifteen years, in the Fred Scarlett House. At the close of the Civil War he transferred his business to Lowell where, in partnership with Charles Crosby, he continued to manufacture furniture.

Gregory & Barrell manufactured pine tables and similar articles.

Aaron Frost manufactured coffins and had a wheelright shop adjoining his house on Main St.

**CHEMICAL WORKS.** At Wamesit was located the Taylor & Barker Chemical Works, manufacturing large quantities of charcoal, ammonia, indigo, sulphuric acid, vitriol and wood acid.

**MACHINE SHOP.** At Atherton Village, nearer Lowell, the Atherton Machine Shop was located. Here cotton machinery was manufactured and sold to the mills of Lowell and vicinity.

**PEAT MILL.** The Huntington Peat Mill, at Wamesit, located back of the Chemical Works, in operation sixty-eight years ago.

**CORN CAKE FACTORY.** The Littlefield Corn Cake Factory, owned and operated by Charles Littlefield, located at Wamesit. Here pop-corn balls were made, corn ground into corn-cake and molasses candy was sold.

**COBBLER SHOP.** At North Tewksbury, Deacon John Moore had a Cobbler Shop in the building pictured in this book, showing the Post Office and General Store.

**JEFFERSON'S SOAP FACTORY.** About 1889 Perry M. Jefferson built a soap factory on Robinson Avenue at Tewksbury Center. Both hard and soft soap were made here and retailed in Lowell and suburban towns until 1904 when the business was sold to the Lowell Rendering Co.

**GRIFFIN PUMP WORKS.** Located on Astle Street in Wamesit. In existence sixty-eight years ago. We are unable to learn many details except that wooden pumps were constructed here. Wood pipe made from white pine logs up to sixteen feet long were bored out by a special auger and reamed to fit other logs, making a very satisfactory system before iron pipe came in general use.

**CROSBY CANNING FACTORY.** About fifty years ago, Mr. George Crosby operated a canning factory on his property on Whipple Road. He was the first to successfully can dried beef and squash in this country, also canning corn, tomatoes and other vegetables. These products had a ready sale in various parts of the country. Local people found it convenient to have their own vegetables canned here for their personal use. This canning factory was on the property now owned by M. P. Mahoney.

**THE OAKUM SHOP.** One hundred years ago, a firm known as Livingstone, Marshall & Allen conducted an Oakum Shop in the building at the corner of what is now the new part of North Street, (crossing East Street to Main) where Mr. James Manley lives. Here all sizes of rope were made and a profitable business carried on for quite a few years.

**GRIST MILL AND SAW MILLS.** These mills were of the greatest importance to the early settlers. The various grains had to be ground and lumber cut for the construction of the homes of that period. These mills were located in different sections of the town, near brooks and rivers to secure water power and float the logs.

The map of 1796 shows the following:

TRULLS MILL, a grist and saw mill on Trulls Brook.

KENDALLS MILL, a saw mill on Strongwater Brook.

BORDENS MILL, a grist and saw mill, on the Shawshin River.

BROWNS MILL, a grist and saw mill, near mouth of the Concord River.

PATTENS MILL, a grist and saw mill, on Content Brook in Pattenville.

In 1736 on Johnstons Brook (later called Trulls Brook) at the Merrimack River, Zachariah Hardy had a saw mill, logs were floated down the Merrimack River to be cut at his mill.

**SHRINKING MILL.** Opposite the Trull saw mill was the Trull Shrinking Mill where cloth was shrunk and dried in the late 1700's.

**BLACKSMITH SHOPS.** These were of the greatest importance, especially those located at or near the Taverns, where those travelling through to Salem or Boston, put up for the night.

Hand forged hinges, pins and nails were in great demand and some things commanded high prices. Bayonets used in the Revolution, square-tined forks, axes, picks, bars and whatnot, showed the skill of the early artisans.

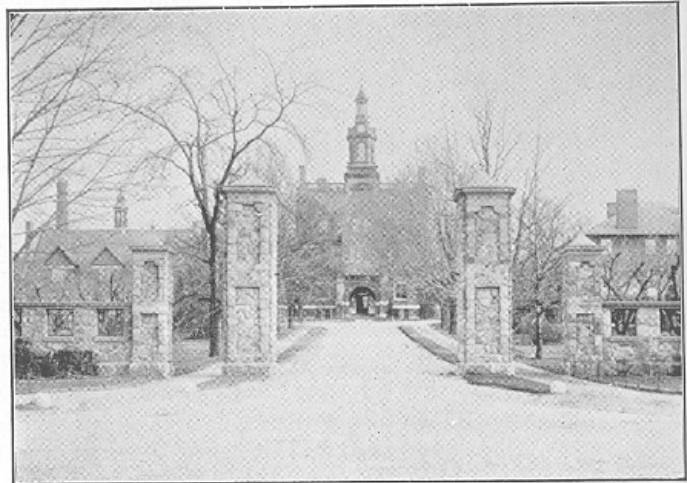
## MASSACHUSETTS STATE INFIRMARY

**B**Y AN ACT of the Legislature dated May 20, 1852, Chapter 275, authorization for the building of three state almshouses was given, to accommodate not less than 500 persons, each. \$100,000.00 were appropriated for the three, and sites were selected in Tewksbury, Bridgewater, and Monson. The three almshouses were erected and were all opened on May 1, 1854, by proclamation of Governor Emory Washburn.

The almshouse at Tewksbury, erected and furnished for 500 persons only, by the 20th of May 1854, had a population of 800. On May 23rd, 200 were transferred to Bridgewater, and on June 24th, 210 were transferred to Monson. The number of admissions from May 1, to December 1, 1854, was 2193; the expenditures for the seven months were \$20,374.68; the daily average number of inmates was 705, and the weekly per capita cost was \$ .94½. There were 14 employees.

The government of the almshouse was placed in the hands of Isaac H. Meserve, Superintendent; Dr. Jonathan Brown, Physician, and Rev. Jacob Coggin, Chaplain. The inspectors were Elisha Huntington, Stephen Mansur and Daniel Henchman.

The almshouse consisted of one wooden structure, the main or central portion being four stories in height. The top floor was used for a chapel or assembly room; the wings or extensions were three story and nearly surrounded a small quadrangle. The building was heated by eight furnaces supplemented by stoves in the coldest weather.



MASSACHUSETTS STATE INFIRMARY

In 1858, Isaac Meserve was succeeded by Thomas J. Marsh as superintendent who served until 1883, when Col. Wm. D. Tripp was appointed acting superintendent and served until August 1, 1883, at which time Dr. C. Irving Fisher was appointed superintendent. Dr. Fisher resigned in 1891, and Dr. Herbert B. Howard, then Assistant Superintendent, was promoted to the superintendency serving until 1897, when he resigned and was succeeded by Dr. John H. Nichols, the present superintendent.

In 1866, a department for mental cases was established and a large brick building for 250 female patients, constructed. A training school for nurses was established in 1894, with Miss Clara V. Stevens as the first Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of the Training School.

By an Act of the Legislature of 1900, the name of the State Almshouse was changed to State Hospital, and by Act of the Legislature of 1909, the name of State Hospital was changed to State Infirmary.

Seventy-eight employees, men, and women, went directly into the World War from the Infirmary, including 10 out of 16 of the medical staff. As far as is known, only one did not return from overseas—Dennis F. O'Connell, an orderly, of Buchardville, Pa., who died of pneumonia, Feb. 25, 1919, in an Army Hospital at St. Aignan, France, where he was serving as an orderly.

The State Infirmary at the present time is a hospital with over 50 brick buildings and 30 wooden structures including cottages for employees; a water tower of 1,000,000 gallons' storage; a steam heating and electric lighting and power plant; a laundry with a capacity of over 120,000 lbs. per week; a farm of 894 acres; a dairy herd of over 200 head of thoroughbred Holstein stock, including 109 milking cows with average milk production for the year 1933, of 12,602 lbs. per cow.

The cost of maintenance of the State Infirmary for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1933, was \$912,342.68; the daily average number of patients, 3,069, and the weekly per capita cost, \$5.71.

The present personnel is comprised of the Superintendent and Resident Physician, 13 assistant physicians, a steward, dentist, 2 graduate male nurses and 65 male attendants, 32 graduate female nurses and 157 female nurses and attendants, and 239 other employees, or a total of 511.

The State Infirmary is governed by a Board of seven Trustees as follows: Dr. G. Forrest Martin of Lowell, Chairman; Robert G. Stone of Brookline, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Nellie E. Talbot of Brookline, Secretary; Hon. Dennis D. Sullivan, Middleborough; Mrs. Mary E. Cogan, Stoneham; Dr. Patrick J. Meehan, Lowell; and Charles A. Cronin, Lawrence.



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## Present Organizations

### BOY SCOUTS, TROOP 1, TEWKSBURY

**O**RGANIZED in 1915 with Hector Jackson as Scoutmaster. — Purpose: to properly guide young boys to manhood. In 1934 there are thirty-three registered scouts. Scoutmaster, Harry P. Wiley; Assistant scoutmasters, Alden Ducette and Austin McCormack.

### GIRL SCOUTS, TROOP 1, TEWKSBURY

**T**HE first Girl Scout Troop in Tewksbury was organized May 20, 1920 with Miss Nettie L. Eagles as Captain. For fourteen years this troop has maintained an active interest in Scouting. At present there are forty girls in the Troop with Miss Ann F. Cheney, Captain.

Meetings are held weekly except during the summer. The Scouts are formed in patrols for their opening exercises and also in classes for their badge work. Part of the time each week is given to recreational games.

The purpose of Girl Scouting is to help girls to realize the ideals of womanhood, as a preparation for their responsibilities in the home and service to the community.

### WAMESIT LODGE—A. F. and A. M.

**W**AMESIT LODGE A. F. and A. M. was instituted April 11, 1921 by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M. W. Arthur D. Prince of Lowell being the Grand Master at that time. There were fifty-two charter members and at the present time there are one hundred twenty-three active members.

The meetings are held the first Monday of each month in Masonic Hall, on the property owned by the Wamesit Association.

Wamesit Lodge was organized to enable the Masons of Tewksbury to meet without the necessity of travelling to Lowell or the surrounding towns.

### HECTOR JACKSON POST, No. 259 AMERICAN LEGION

**T**EWKSBURY POST 259, A. L., was granted its charter August 20, 1921 with fifteen charter members. In May, 1926 the name was changed to the Hector Jackson Post in honor of its commander who died in office in March, 1926.

At the present time the Post has fifty-three members and the meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays in Legion Hall.

The preamble to the Constitution:

“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

### THE TEWKSBURY PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**O**N NOVEMBER 7, 1922, about 150 people met and organized the Tewksbury Parent-Teachers' Association. The object of this organization is to bring the school and the home closer together, and work for the best good of the children.

The first officers were: Philip Battles, President; Ralph Sawitzsky and Miss Ethelyn Howard, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. H. Louis Farmer, Secretary; Miss Nettie Eagles, Treasurer.

The Association has ever since successfully carried on, holding meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

The organization has been especially fortunate in securing speakers of prominence, in the field of activities pertinent to the education and welfare of the children.

### LADIES' AUXILIARY

Hector Jackson Post 259, A. L.

**H**ECTOR JACKSON POST 259, Auxiliary of the American Legion was founded in August, 1928. The Unit received its charter May 24, 1929. There were twelve charter members.

The activities of the Auxiliary are to aid the Legion in caring for disabled veterans, child welfare work for children of the World War Veterans, assisting in relief work in case of any local disaster and supporting a program for adequate national defense.

Meetings are held monthly in Legion quarters and the membership is now twenty-four.

### SOUTH TEWKSBURY BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

**O**RGANIZED in 1931 with twenty members. In 1934 the membership is two hundred and thirty. Purpose: to promote civic pride and better living conditions in South Tewksbury.

The meetings are held monthly in the Shawsheen School.

### TEWKSBURY GARDEN CLUB

**T**HE TEWKSBURY GARDEN CLUB was organized in April, 1932 with twenty-five members. The officers were Mrs. George Garland, president and Mrs. Austin French as secretary and treasurer.

The object of the club is the advancement of gardening, development of home grounds and furthering of town beautification.

The present membership is fifty, with Mrs. A. Henry Colbath, president; Mrs. Manter Garland, vice-president; Mrs. William Smith, secretary and Mrs. Austin French, treasurer.

### TEWKSBURY ATHLETIC CLUB

**O**RGANIZED as the Rangers Athletic Club in 1932 with eighteen charter members. Purpose: to foster and encourage all forms of athletics, to keep them clean and sportsman-like.

In September, 1932 the name was changed to the Tewksbury Athletic Club.

The Club House and athletic field of twenty-five acres are located on Chandler Street.

The present membership is one hundred and fifteen.

### INDIAN HILL ROD AND GUN CLUB

**T**HE Indian Hill Rod and Gun Club was organized in April, 1933 with twelve members. The



object of this organization is to create a better feeling of sportsmanship and sociability among its members, to encourage the propagation of fish and game and to cooperate with any similar organization in any effort toward the betterment of fishing and hunting.

A modern club house about a mile off Chandler Street overlooks one of the finest trout streams in New England. The Club has about twenty-seven acres of land and it is planned to flood the greater part this fall into a pond for the breeding place of water fowl.

The carrying out of present plans will make this one of the finest sportsman clubs in New England.

## Old Organizations

### THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1883, a small group of people met together at the home of Jacob Coggin (now the home of Mrs. Henry M. Billings) and formed a society to be known as the Village Improvement Association. These officers were chosen: William H. Lee, Chairman, and Miss Minnie Coggin, secretary. The Executive Committee for 1883 and 1884 were Miss Mary Eastman, Mr. William H. Lee, Miss Minnie Coggin, Mr. A. F. Saunders, Mr. Benjamin Spaulding, Miss Lucy A. Hill, Miss M. Esther Marshall and Mr. Arthur Tingley.

During the first year, according to an item written in a paper published in Tewksbury (printed in Lowell) at that time, over one hundred trees were set out and lights installed (oil lamps). The following year more lights were added, sidewalks made, old ones repaired and a new drain added at the Center. They provided adequate means for the lighting of the lamps and installed more during the second year.

On February 6, 1884 the village paper of that date contained an advertisement for a Fair to be held in the Town Hall with a most elaborate program.

It may be of interest to the people of the present era to know that all improvements in the center part of the town were not only carried out by the Village Improvement Association but all expenses were raised and paid for by this organization. March 2, 1891 the town, realizing the importance of the work carried on by the V. I. A., appropriated the sum of \$200 for lighting and care of lights at the center of the town. On this date the Town also voted \$150 for a Band Stand. Lights were then installed by the town in different sections and gradually the town took over and added to the program advanced and worked for by this very efficient association.

In 1934 there are still twenty members remaining of the old V. I. A.

### TEWKSBURY GRANGE NO. 20, P. of H.

IN THE YEAR 1893, a club was organized known as the Farmers' Club. This club grew and after a short time its members wanted to organize a grange which they did on March 8, 1895.

This was known as Tewksbury Grange No. 20, Patrons of Husbandry. Members from Andover Grange installed the officers. Mr. George Crosby was elected its first Master and served for several years. Mr. George D. Foristall was the first Lecturer. Other officers were Joel Phelps, Treasurer; Susie C. Whittimore, Secretary; Mr. Howard W. Foster, Overseer; William Trow, Chaplain; Mrs. Marcellus Patten, Flora; Mrs. George Trull, Ceres; Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald, Pomona; and Mrs. George D. Foristall, Lady Assistant Steward.

Among other masters were George Trull, Howard W. Foster, Albert Blaisdell, Walter Pillsbury and Harold J. Patten. The last master was Maud G. Griffin. Their work among the agricultural people of the town for better farming conditions, co-operative buying, educational and social advantages were widely spoken of for many years, and much good work done.

This grange disbanded after 25 years and gave up its charter June 21, 1921.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB

A CLUB known as the Twentieth Century Club was organized on March 20, 1901 by Rev. J. Herbert Yeoman, then pastor of the Congregational Church. Mr. Henry M. Billings was chosen as its first president and held that office for ten years. Its members were from all parts of the town and the organization was known as a cultured and social club. Their slogan was "Get Together".

Programs consisting of organ recitals and outstanding speakers from many localities were heard here. Among which were Edward Everett Hale, Dr. Asher Anderson, R. Perry Bush, Judge Henry Shute, Miss Mary E. Wooley of Mt. Holyoke College, Arthur D. Prince, Rev. J. Harold Dale, Hon. George Marden and many other splendid speakers. Their banquets were considered one of the most social events of the season. Members of the first council were Rev. Mr. Yeoman, George W. Trull, Henry M. Billings and John Fleming. Meetings were held monthly in the Congregational Church vestry and later alternated between North Tewksbury and the Center.

The organization ceased its activities in 1926.

## Facts of Interest

### SEPARATION FROM BILLERICA

IN 1733, May 13, our early settlers asked the town to erect a meeting house in the center of the town, or so accommodate the northerly part of the town, upon the Town's cost, or set them off, so that they may maintain preaching among themselves". This the town was not ready to grant, but they had discovered that it was useless to oppose the separation, and on December 19, when the request was again renewed, or, as an alternative, that the town would "please to set them off, with two-thirds of the land lying between Andover and Billerica meeting house, from Wilmington line to Concord River, for a Township". Others desired that the organization should be a "Precinct, for their better accommodation in public worship". At this meeting, a committee, consisting of Mr. Samuel Danforth, Lieutenant Daniel Kittredge, Lieut. Joseph Hill, Mr. Samuel Hunt, Jr., and Lieut. Joseph Kidder, was appointed to "view the land" and report, which they did, January 9, 1733. The report was accepted and granted, provided (if the inhabitants on the southeasterly side of Shawshin River be willing to join with them).

This final condition called out a petition from Samuel Hunt and others to the General Court, "praying an absolute grant of this Court for their being made a Towne with these bounds", of the appointment of a committee to examine and report. The latter was done, with the result that Tewksbury was incorporated December 23, 1734.

Tewksbury was taken wholly from Billerica and received in round numbers nine thousand acres of land.

The following list of families included in Tewksbury is imperfect, but will have interest:

Brown, Joseph	Hunt, Peter	Levestone, Seth
Brown, William	Hunt, Samuel	Manning, Eliphalet
Farmer, Richard	Kidder, Ephraim	Manning, Thomas
Farmer, Thomas	Kittredge, Daniel	Marshall, Thomas
French, John	Kittredge, Daniel Jr.	Needham, John
French, Thomas	Kittredge, Francis	Osgood, Stephen
Frost, Daniel	Kittredge, James	Patten, John
Frost, Edmund	Kittredge, James Jr.	Patten, Kendall
Frost, Joseph	Kittredge, James, ters	Patten, Nathaniel
Hall, Richard	Kittredge, Dr. John	Peacock, Samuel
Hall, Samuel	Kittredge, John Jr.	Richardson, Andrew
Haseltine, Samuel	Kittredge, Joseph	Rogers, Nathaniel
Haseltine, Stephen	Kittredge, Thomas	Shed, Nathan
Hunt, Jeremiah	Kittredge, William	Stickney, Abraham
Hunt, John	Levestone, John	Trull, Samuel
Hunt, Joseph		Whiting, John.

To these forty-seven names enough should probably be added to make the number sixty.

### WAMESIT OR TEWKSBURY

MANY PERSONS have often remarked that our town should have been named Wamesit after the Wamesit Indians. This is to be regretted, for the Wamesit Indians were peaceful, and were friendly with the white settlers. They roved all over what is now Tewksbury and their arrow-heads and stone hammers have been found on many farms years ago, on what is known as Sandy Plain, were unearthed pieces of flint, arrow-heads, hammers, spears and traces of their council fires.

It may be of interest to our citizens to know that the town might have been named Wamesit, but owing to the failure of our early settlers to construct a Meeting House in the time designated, our separation from Billerica was postponed for several years.

In the History of Billerica written by Henry A. Hazen and published in 1882 the following appears:—

December 4, 1725 in "a petition of Jonathan Bowers, Samuel Hunt, and divers others, Dwellers on the Land called Wamesick Purchase and Winthrop's farm, wch lands ly adjacent to Billerica, between Pautucket and Chelmsford Line, praying for reasons therin assigned, to be erected into a separate and distinct Town".

This petition was referred to the next session of the General Court, but there is no record of any action upon it. It was probably abandoned as Chelmsford had also petitioned for annexation of that part of the Wamesit Purchase that lies on the west side of the Concord River. This petition was granted to Chelmsford June 13, 1726.

The friends of the earlier project did not, however, abandon their efforts, and were so far successful that the General Court, April 9, 1729 considered favorably a bill to establish Wameset Parish, with these bounds: "the line to begin at Concord River, between the lands of John Rogers jr., and Enoch Kidder, and so on that line to the Way leading to Winthrop farm, so called" thence on a "strait line to the S. E. end of Prospect Hill, six score rods north of the House of James Kittredge, continuing the same line to Andover Line", then following that line and Merrimack River to "Chelmsford Old Line, keeping said line to Concord River to a stake called Paddock or Wamasset; thence crossing Concord River to the bound first mentioned, which includes Wamasset or the whole Indian Purchase".

In December, Wamesit Precinct was favorably considered and acted upon by both Houses, "the former order of this Court referring to Wamasset Purchase Lands notwithstanding". The Precinct was required, within three years, to erect and finish a good and suitable house for public worship "where the committee that have already viewed the said lands shall appoint", and settle a learned orthodox minister of good conversation, and make Provision for his comfortable and honorable support".

This was not done, and Wamesit failed to secure a place among the municipalities of the State.

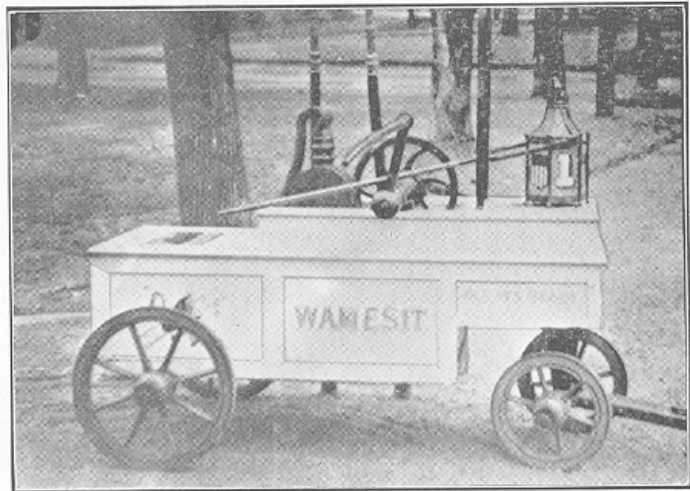
#### THE OLD HAND PUMP

A volunteer fire department was organized in 1798 in Belvidere Village. The apparatus and equipment was bought by private subscription.

In the Town Records of March 4, 1833 the town took over the maintenance and appropriated the sum of \$150 to purchase hose and other equipment.

When Belvidere was annexed to Lowell this fire engine was taken over and for many years was stored in the Central Fire Station in Lowell.

The General Committee appointed to conduct the 200th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town, believing that it was proper to request the return of this original piece of Tewksbury fire apparatus, communicated with Hon. James J. Bruin, Mayor of Lowell and with his recommendation a letter was forwarded to the City Council and it was un-



WAMESIT FIRE ENGINE

aminously voted to return the Wamesit Hand Pump to the Town of Tewksbury.

#### THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

LOCATED on the Bridges Homestead near the Shawsheen River, this Old Well for many years provided ice-cold water for weary traveller, bicycle rider and thirsty animals. The bicycle riders of the nineties for miles around, made this spot a gathering place to meet and rest. At one time a fund was raised to build a bicycle path from Lowell to this famous spot.

#### THE POW-WOW TREE

AT a meeting of Old Bay State Chapter, D.A.R., a number of years ago, Miss Jennie Clark of Clark Road, read a most delightful paper about the Pow-wow Tree. The story was in the form of a word pageant, telling the Tree's own story of the wonderful happenings and people who passed before it, beginning with the Pow-wows, or councils of the Indians held under its broad branches and from which it took its name.

At the present time a marker erected by Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R., marks this historic spot. The inscription follows:

"Under this oak, the Wamesit Indians met for their Pow-wows, their peace conferences, and their councils of war. At the time of the Revolution of the colonies, the men of this vicinity passed by this tree to Tewksbury Center to join a Company which fought in defense of Concord and Lexington. Tradition claims that this Pow-wow Oak was standing as early as 1700."

### OLD GARRISON HOUSE

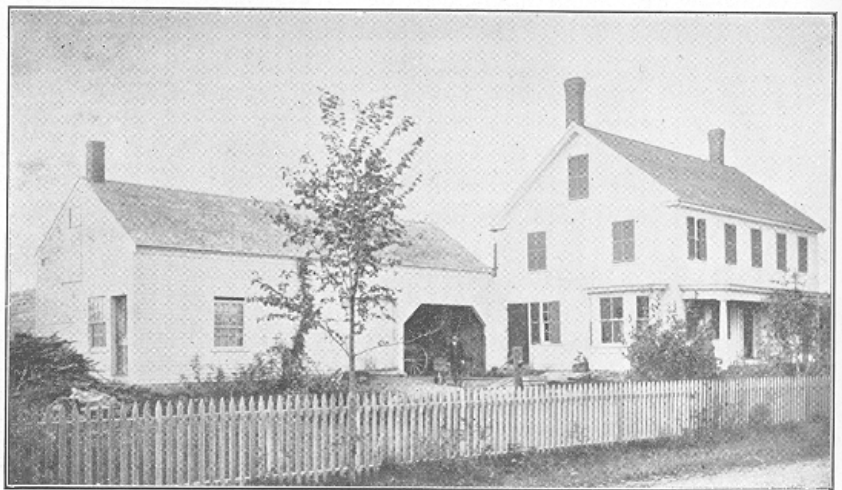
**T**WO of the first houses built in the early days were used as a Fort House or Garrison House, where the settlers gathered for protection against the hostile Indians. The present home of the Collins Family on Shawsheen Street was the site of one of these Old Garrison Houses. The ell of this home is the only remaining evidence now standing. The charred timbers tell us that the old house was destroyed by fire.

### HUNT GARRISON HOUSE

**O**NE of these Ancient Block Houses was erected off Clark Road. The map of 1831 places the site between what is now Andover Street and the Deacon Thomas Clark Homestead, but it is believed to have been nearer Butman Road, overlooking the farms.

### NORTH TEWKSBURY POST OFFICE

**F**EW people of this generation will remember when there was a Post Office in North Tewksbury. The building at the left of the house was a General Store and Post Office. The first Postmaster was Warren Wood. The store was owned by Jonas Clark who later sold the property to Henry Kittredge. It is understood that Mr. Kittredge was the last Postmaster in the North Village.



JONAS CLARK HOMESTEAD

The residence for many years of the late Deacon John Moore who died at the age of ninety-nine years and one month.

### THE WHIGS AND FEDERALS

**A**BOUT 1818, the two parties, known as the Whigs and Federalists passed through a crisis described as being of most bitter character. Dr. Israel Hildreth of Dracut, an ardent Federalist, made several effective speeches. "Soon after repeated in Tewksbury before a much larger audience, where, if possible, the enthusiasm it created exceeded that on its first delivery in Dracut".

A paper read before the Old Residents' Historical Association of Lowell, by Dr. N. D. Patterson says: "With no disrespect to any who have in the past, or may in the future, practice the healing art in the ancient Town of Tewksbury, we venture to affirm that it is doubtful if there ever was, or ever will be, within its borders a greater than Dr. Henry Kittredge, son of Dr. Benjamin Kittredge of Tewksbury". The early Kittredges of this branch came from England at an early period, settling in Billerica, "were eminent in the same line". Dr. Jonathan Brown at the death of Dr. Kittredge came to Tewksbury from Wilmington. He was the first resident physician at the State Almshouse.

# A Statement of the Expenses of the Town of TEWKSBURY, from March 1st, 1832, to March 1st, 1833.

## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid District No. 1, for	1830	\$29 80.
" " " " "	1831	67 56.
" " " " "	1832	30 00.
" " " " "	1831	67 21.
" " " " "	1832	43 00.
" " " " "	1830, '31, & '32.	90 00.
" " " " "	1828	42 73.
" " " " "	1831	37 00.
" " " " "	1832	40 00.
" " " " "	1828	18 34.
" " " " "	1830	23 74.
" " " " "	1831	62 72.
" " " " "	1832	35 00.
" " " " "	1830	6 51.
" " " " "	1831	30 00.
" " " " "	1832	15 00.
" " " " "	1828	22 33.
" " " " "	1831	60 00.

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## EXPENSES OF ROADS & BRIDGES.

Paid Charles Livingston for work on Andover road,	\$589 53
" Saml Worcester Esq. for work on Worcester road	128 22
" " " " " for services with C. Commissioners on Andover road,	1 00
" Jesse Trull for services with C. Commissioners on Andover road,	1 00
" Aaron Mansur in part for making new road in Belvidere,	300 00
" H. Kittredge for services against the Petition of Worcester and Goshuoc,	1 80
" Geo. Brown, to pay for Lumber and Timber for new Bridge,	250 00
" Life Shael, for work on Andover road,	65 71
" Gilbert Farmer, for work on Worcester road,	38 00
" Aaron Mansur, for work on new Bridge,	500 00
" A. Willerbe, for work on Andover road,	38 72
" Geo. Brown, to pay in part for work on new bridge,	240 00
" Wm. Brown, for moving 194 squares of ground,	281 00

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## TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid Job Kittredge, for collecting tax for 1830	\$ 5 55
" Ziba Saunders, for collecting tax for 1830, 34-27 for Abatements, 6 65,	40 25
" Josiah Brown, as a Witness between Jaques and Hardy,	10 00
" For Endicement on the Belvidere Road in 1828,	23 07
" Henry Eaton, for Ringing Bell and care of the town House,	25 85
" J. H. Ashman, on trial between Hardy & Jaques,	40 00
" H. Kittredge for wood for M. House and Town House for 1831,	4 12
" To those who Equiped themselves according to law for Military Duty,	36 75
" Leami French, for wood for town House and M. House for 1832,	7 67
" For the Abatement of Granvill Kimball's Taxes for 1828,	1 17
" Eldad Worcester for Abts. on tax list for 1831,	95 70
" " " " " for collecting taxes for 1831,	38 73
" Ziba Saunders for Abts. and collecting of Taxes for 1831,	51 60
" For Books, Paper and Quills,	4 50
" For taking Level on Worcester Hill,	1 50
" Wm. Rogers for 3 days time on Andover road,	3 00
" do. do. for Powder and making Cartridges,	4 45
" do. do. for sawing wood for T. & M. House,	6 62
" E. C. Pundy for Printing expenses,	6 25

401.48

## MINISTERIAL EXPENSES.

Paid John Chandler for 8 cords of Wood delivered to Mr. Coggin,	\$7 90
" Jacob Coggin for 8 cords of Wood delivered to Mr. Coggin,	37 60
" Jacob Coggin's salary for 1832 cash,	520 00

\$595.50

## SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

To Wm. Rogers for 17 1-2 days taking Valuation Making Highway & Town taxes & list of voters, together with other town business,	17 50
Two days spent as one of the Board of Health,	2 00
To Jona. Clark 2d for 20 days taking Valuation, Making Highway & Town taxes together with other town business,	20 00
To George Brown for 20 days taking Valuation Making Highway & Town taxes & list of voters, together with other town business,	20 00

## TOWN PAUPER EXPENSES.

To Purchases made by Mr. Puffer, viz.	
39 bushels Rye,	\$40 10
26 do Corn,	23 52
43 1-2 do Potatoes,	14 50
300 Shud,	18 75
3 1-2 barrels Pork, &c. of J. Brown,	59 18
Lot Mantre,	9 30
Sundry articles as per bills from April 1st, 1832, to March 1st 1833,	112 67
To Purchases made and bills paid by Wm. Rogers,	
305 1-2 yds. Streting, Shirtings, Bad Ticking &c.	\$35 46
Jesse Trull for sawing,	4 12
23 3-4 yds. Cloth and 24 1-2 yds Sattinet,	16 79
John Pomey's Bill for cloth	12 39
3 1-2 B. Beans & 1-2 box chocolate	6 28
One Ox 30, 14 B. Corn, & 4 B. Rye 15 60	45 60
Josiah Brown's bill	71 64
Mary Kittredge for cow	20 00
Cash paid S. Puffer	20 00
14 B. Rye 15 75, 6 1-4 lb. wool 2 50	18 25
2 swine 23 50, 40 B. Potatoes 16 00	39 50
Pastruing oxen 22 weeks	14 00
C. Wheelster's bill 8 00, Exchange of oxen 8 00	14 00
Geo. Brown's bill sundries	71 04
Loami Saunders for keeping Pauper	26 00
Fur keeping Wd. Kittredge	23 00
Pr of Steers 46 00 Sundry Items 2 50	48 50
Geo. Brown's bill sundries	42 91
Pasture hired of Jona. Clark 2d.	18 00
One cow \$17 Due for J. Hardy's board \$48	65 00
Wd Frosts board \$32 Murrey's child 2 50	34 50
Wd Kittredge board \$1 Dr. Kittredge's bill \$50	51 00
Geo. French and others for wood	15 00
Mr. Puffer on settlement up to March 1st 1833	150 00

1167.96

## CREDIT.

By cash for Hay from April 1st, 1832 to March 1st, 1833	\$131 01
By cash for cider	10 67
By cash for swine	17 17
By cash of Miss Kittredge for labor	20 00
By cash for sundries sold	45 78
By cash due from the town of Lowell for support of Paupers from April 1, 1832 to March 1, 1833,	1259 00
Amount of Dr. brought over	1483 61
Amount of Income over and above the Expenditures from April 1st, 1832 to March 1st, 1833	315 65

N. B.—The foregoing statement of the Pauper Expenses is made with as much accuracy as the nature of the case will admit of. It is to be understood that there are some small bills against the town, that have not been received; likewise, some small bills due the town which have not been collected—probably a small balance stands in favor of the town,—a full report of which will be laid before the town at the April meeting.

Submitted by  
WM. ROGERS,  
JONA. CLARK, 2d. } SELECTMEN  
GEO. BROWN, } OF  
TEWKSBURY.

## WANNALANCET

**W**ANNALANCET was born probably in 1619. Wannalancet and his tribe were peaceful Indians. In 1669, fearing an attack from the Mohawks, Wannalancet and his people came down the Merrimack and erected fortifications on Fort Hill. In 1676 Wannalancet was captured with about four hundred other Indians and taken to Boston, where many were executed or sold into foreign slavery but he with his tribe were set at liberty. In the same year Wannalancet and sixty of his people were removed to Tyng's Island.

In 1677, he with his people, except two, upon being visited by a party of Indians from Canada, was persuaded partly by persuasion, partly by force, to accompany them to their country". He was not heard of after. Before going he went to the Rev. Mr. Fiske, of Chelmsford, and inquired of him concerning the welfare of his former acquaintances, and whether the place had suffered much during the war. Mr. Fiske answered they had been highly favored in that respect and for which he thanked God. "Me next," said the chief, thereby intimating that he was conscious of having prevented mischief from falling upon them.

As late as 1683 there were numerous Indians in this section. Wamesits and other strange Indians. No trouble apparently developed from their presence for it is known that as late as the early 1800's that they visited the families, slept on the hearths and were curious to learn the ways of their white brethren.

## ISLANDS IN THE CONCORD RIVER

**T**HERE were several islands in the Concord River, part of the land purchased by Samuel Hunt from the Winthrop grant. Here was located the saw and grist mill as early as 1750. These islands were one of the dwelling places of the Wamesit Indians. May 4, 1821, Moses Tyler Jr., of Dunstable, N. H., and George Tyler of Tewksbury sold the entire island territory for \$2800, "together with the mill and fish privileges in said river".

## ACADIAN EXILES IN TEWKSBURY

**T**HE most tragic and brutal outrage that mars the annals of the New World was perpetrated upon the Acadians in 1755, which is called unto this day "The Great French Derangement" by the natives of Nova Scotia. A peaceful and friendly people through whose persistent efforts great areas had been developed into a highly developed farming area, they become the envy of the English who, through trickery in 1755, by proclamation assembled every man, woman and child and with such household effects as were allowed them, loaded them on the ships that bore them away to distant and unfriendly territory. On the fifth day before sailing, gathered in groups on the shore of their Island, they raised their voices and sang with tremulous lips:—

Sacred Heart of the Savior  
O, inexhaustible fountain  
Fill our hearts this day with strength  
And submission and patience.

Quite a number escaped, the rest, seven thousand in number, were scattered from New Hampshire to Georgia. Of those Acadians that were landed in Boston, 156 were apportioned in Middlesex County. Of this number eleven were cared for in Tewksbury. June 10, 1757, the Selectmen submitted a bill for the care of Francis Meers, wife and nine children for board at three dollars per week. Later this appears: "We have removed all the French Neutrals that were in our town to the town of Redding on the 31st of July 1760".

The tragedy of the Acadian exiles is almost forgotten and only the faded pages of early records show that once among us, a few of the ill-fated Acadians found not a home, but a stopping place.

## THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE

**T**HE first Meeting House was located, as near as can be ascertained, near the location of the present Band Stand and extending toward the flag pole, almost directly in the Main road. It faced North as the old road passed on that side.



### TAVERNS

THESE were of the greatest importance in the old days, here all travelling people stopped, particularly the countrymen from New Hampshire enroute to Boston, to exchange their crops for all things they were unable to raise or make themselves. If the walls could only talk, interesting indeed would be the stories of historic significance. Browns Tavern, now the residence of Dr. Larrabee's Family, in the Center; Enoch Foster Tavern, at the corner of Shawsheen and Main Streets; and the Jonathan Brown Tavern, corner of Main Street and Salem Road. At Belvidere, the Thompson Tavern was very popular. At one time there was a Half-way House, now the residence of Mrs. Alice Pike near Wamesit. There may have been several others, but those mentioned were the most familiar ones.



BROWNS TAVERN

### STORES

BRIVITY GRAY'S Store and Preston's Store were the largest and most important. Like all old stores they carried all articles which might be in demand at that period. Preston's Store had the U. S. Post Office and today, owned by the Fairgrieve Family, still remains a store and Post Office. Bravity Gray's was later moved across the street and is used as a store by Adolph B. Moore.

### BRIEFS

Directly opposite Browns Tavern at the Center, in the open field of that period, were a long row of stables. This was equally true of the other Taverns, as many as one hundred horses at a time have been housed and their owners entertained on this, the most direct road to Boston and Salem from the north.

It was the custom in the older days when one built a new home, to have all the neighbors come and assist in the raising. Medford rum was served in liberal quantities to the workers before the raising began; raising the home of ———— had to be postponed to a later period as it was impossible to raise the large beams; evidently man power was lacking.

The oldest string orchestra was composed of Joshua French, Edmund French and Aaron Frost, Violinists; Nathan Jaques played the Bass Viol. They provided music in the church, and at the fairs and old-time dances.

Of the Civil War Soldiers enlisting from Tewksbury, it is believed but two still survive,— Dudley L. Page of Lowell and Albert B. Stackpole of West Lebanon, Maine. Both are expected to be in the Reviewing Stand during the Parade and Pageant.

General Andrew Jackson (Old Hickory), President of the United States, visited Lowell June 27, 1833. He remained in Andover about an hour then proceeded through Tewksbury into Lowell. The order of the Parade stated that he would be received at the South end of Nesmith Street.

"The Committee of Arrangements and the Cavalcade will form on Merrimack Street, Lowell, precisely at half-past seven o'clock, to proceed to Tewksbury Meeting House, or Andover line, to escort the President to the place designated for his reception". The parade passed over the Tewksbury Bridge, over the Concord River.

"The artillery was stationed on Chapel Hill—near to and overlooking the Concord River, their position commanding a view of the road beyond the Rogers farm, on which the distinguished stranger was to come".

In the Reminiscences and Recollections of Lowell, since 1831, by George Hedrick appear these extracts: "I resided in Belvidere (then a part of Tewksbury). I with others went town-meeting days five miles, to old Tewksbury Village. We used to charter all the teams, haycarts and all kind of vehicles, and go down and disturb the good people of the town, as we neared the village a "Hurrah" gave them warning of our approach.

"We took extra pains to have a full turnout, make all the trouble we could, and have for one day in the year a good time. Josiah Brown Esq., was chairman of the meeting. We usually kept up such an uproar that the moderator pounded lustily upon his desk and commanded peace. At twelve o'clock we adjourned to Brown's Tavern to dinner, and the hot flip and other favorite beverages were freely partaken of. Logger-heads were in use for warm drinks.

"The last time we met, before we were annexed we kept doubting the votes and at eight o'clock carried an adjournment to Thompson's Tavern. There was great opposition to adjourning to Belvidere. Old Mr. David Rogers hoped the motion would not prevail, as such a thing would be disgraceful; he had never heard anything like it since the town was incorporated".

In a paper written by Charles Hovey, read February 12, 1879, the following is noted: "In the Town of Tewksbury, just beyond the easterly boundary line of Lowell, there is now in successful operation an iron foundry which probably has no superior in Massachusetts. A mile further on (Wamesit) there have been erected and are now in practical use permanent brick buildings for the production of chemicals.

"About 1816, the Gedney Estate or the Old Yellow House, near the confluence of the Merrimack and Concord Rivers (about 200 acres) was bought by Judge Livermore. The beams and interior woodwork of this estate were prepared in England and brought to this country for a Mr. Brown about 1750

"In 1802 the land of Ebenezer Hunt located on Butman Road was known as the "Lynde Hill Estate" (About fifty acres).

About 1870 a local paper called the Tewksbury Gazette, written and edited in town (printed in Lowell) contained many local advertisements and items of local interest.

Phyllis, the loved and respected slave of Rev. Sampson Saplding, lies buried at his feet in the Old Section of the New Cemetery.

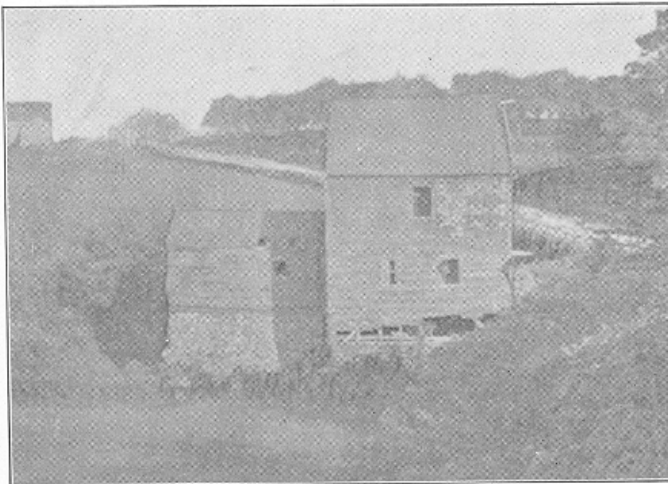
When Tewksbury was set off from Billerica there were 9000 acres. After losing Belvidere, Wigginsville and a large residential section of Andover Street through annexation, the town has 13,000 acres within its bounds.

### MASONIC HALL BUILDING

**T**HIS building was formerly attached to the rear and east side of the homestead of Bravity Gray (now occupied by Arthur Tremblay). The hall was used for places of enjoyment, the Singing School met here and here the church held its fairs. Possibly dances of the old days, the minuet, may have been trod by our forefathers.

### OLD TOWN HALL

In 1875 the town voted to erect a new Town Hall and to sell the old building. This later was purchased for \$100 and moved and became what was known as the Taylor Paint Shop, a part of and adjoining the Blacksmith Shop.



TRULLS MILL

### MILLS

**T**HE map of 1796 shows there were three saw mills and grist mills and one saw mill. Trulls Mill on the Trull Brook; Browns Mill at the mouth of the Concord River; Kendalls Mill, Pattens Mill on Content Brook (not shown on the map but mentioned in the early history of Billerica), and one on the Shawshin River, Bodens Mill.

### PONDS

The map of 1796 shows three Ponds in Tewksbury. Round and Long Pond (incorrectly called Mud Pond by many) and Mud Pond, south of the Shawshin River, not far from the Billerica and Wilmington line.

### FISHING INTERESTS

**I**N the early settlement of the Town, fishing was a valuable asset, the rights enjoyed by certain individuals and the abundant fish in the rivers, ponds and brooks, provided both food and fertilizer for the inhabitants. Trout were in great abundance and as late as the middle of the last century, fishermen were in the habit of walking to Boston with strings of fish weighing from fifty pounds upwards.

The Merrimack or "Sturgeon River" was especially favored with fish of various kinds, also the Concord and Shawsheen Rivers.

In the early days the northwestern part of the town was known as "Shadtown" and apprentices stipulated that they be fed only so often upon the royal salmon or upon shad. The southern portion of the town was called "Pigeon-town" from the numerous wild pigeons frequenting those parts. From 1743 until 1830 fish Reeves or wardens were appointed, and their duties were important. After the founding of Lowell, the manufacturing interests, by polluting the waters and the building of the Lawrence Dam sounded the death knell of the fishing industry in the Merrimack and Concord Rivers.

### JOHN GALE

Born in Mathews County, Virginia, March 9, 1848. Came to Tewksbury in 1873. Married Miss Virginia Gwyn of Mathews County in 1874. Father of eight children, five daughters and three sons. Died January 21, 1934 at the age of 85 years, 10 months and 12 days. A well known and respected citizen of the community.

### OLD LETTERS

Many old letters are in the possession of Tewksbury residents and show that as late as 1842 envelopes were not used, the letter was folded and sealed with red wax. There were no postage stamps; the cancellation showing only where the letter was sent from. One from Fitchburg, Mass., bore on the cancellation "Fitchburg".

The photograph of the old Town Hall showing the decorations will remind the older residents of Old Home Week which was celebrated in 1902.

### POST 185 G.A.R.

Post 185 G.A.R. was organized in Lowell in June, 1866. There were 250 members. Today only ten veterans of the Civil War, members of this Post, are living.

For many years, Post 185, G.A.R. made an annual pilgrimage to Tewksbury on Memorial Day, to assist in the observance of the day as guests of the townspeople. They have become endeared to us through the passing years and today we welcome them again as they come to assist us in the observance of the Incorporation of the Town of Tewksbury. Health permitting, the following named veterans will appear in the parade: Albert I. Gilman, Commander; Leonard J. Van Steenburgh, Charles M. Bixby, Samuel Partlow.

### JONATHAN CLARK HOMESTEAD

**H**ERE is evidence of the days before the Civil War. Note the dresses of the period. In the window one can observe the grandmother with her little lace cap. What would be the thoughts and topics of conversation of our early inhabitants if they could appear before us today and witness the changes brought through the passing years.



CLARK HOMESTEAD

One should realize in scanning the pictures of the early homes and other photographs in this historical book, that many of the cuts were taken from tin-types, faded photographs, and old maps.

Many of this generation remember Mrs. James Long, a dear old lady who died some years ago on Decoration Day. Before her marriage her maiden name was Amelia Saunders. When visiting her brother Ziba M. Saunders, a soldier going from East Tewksbury stationed near Harper's Ferry, Va., she mingled with and gave great assistance to the Union Soldiers.

From Albert S. Stackpole, aged 92 years and 5 months, of West Lebanon, Maine, one of our living veterans of the Civil War, comes this information.

He made furniture in Pattenville before the war, remembers Deacon William Patten who sang in the Congregational Church seventy years ago and his son who, when seven, also sang in the choir. Rev. Mr. Tolman was the minister. John Spaulding was superintendent of the Sunday School and Mrs. Chandler was his teacher. Mr. Stackpole is the only Tewksbury soldier living who was in Co. G of the "Old Sixth".



#### ZACHARIAH HARDY HOMESTEAD

Home of Mrs. Mehitable Twiss, a pioneer in the movement to establish the First Baptist Church at North Tewksbury. The oldest part of this house was moved to the present location and was the first house erected in that part of the town.

Dudley L. Page, who enlisted under the age of eighteen years, is a familiar and beloved resident of Lowell. Known to all as "Uncle Dudley" his reputation as a candy manufacturer is known from coast to coast. His first store was opened in Lowell in a small basement, jointly occupied by Marcellus A. Patten, who opened the first retail flower shop in that city.

Those who attended the Union Services held in the Memorial Auditorium in Lowell last May in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, remember the dignified and impressive manner in which Mr. Page delivered Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address."

Lack of space prohibits the printing of many other interesting facts, which could tell us of the stirring events of the olden days.



## The Oldest Living Native of Tewksbury

**A** MOST PLEASANT experience was the interview of the general committee with Mrs. Rhoda Parkhurst Davis, now of Andover, Mass. On August 4th we motored to her home on Salem Street. Little did we realize the thrill that awaited us, for here lives a lady, born in Tewksbury on Feb. 25, 1836, almost one hundred years ago, that has a vivid recollection of the very things we had hunted weeks to verify.

Mrs. Davis was born in the homestead of Colonel Russell Mears, situated on Main Street, corner of Old Boston Road, now owned and occupied by the Buck Family. Colonel Mears owned 80 acres on both sides of the main road and joined the extensive Rogers farm that reached to Lowell.

The original house of the Colonel was a short distance nearer the Center and in 1780 on a visit home from his regiment he started the present house.

But let this charming lady herself tell of the old days. "Mrs. Davis," asked our spokesman, "how far back can you tell us about?" "Well, gentlemen, my grandmother, on my mother's side, spoke often of the gallantry of my grandfather, Captain Joseph Parkhurst of Lexington. He recruited quite a company, you know. Yes, eleven men, which was one of the first to go. The war to us always referred to the Revolutionary War, when I was a girl, and folks talked about it as you do today of the World War.

"What a happy girlhood I had in Tewksbury. Mother sent me to singing school in the hall now used by the Masonic Club. It was across the street then. Here the dancing parties were held and our bonnets were placed under the long seats with hinged covers along the sides of the hall. I sang in the choir when Mr. Coggins was the minister. We had quite a choir, with three violins and a bass viol.

"When I married Mr. Augustus M. Davis in 1859, we moved to Lowell, residing there until the Civil War broke out. Mr. Davis enlisted in the 1st Mass. Cavalry, Co. G, serving three years in the Union Army. It was while he was away I returned to Tewksbury and upon his return we bought the house now owned by the Gale family at the corner of James Street. We lived there until 1880.

"Mr. Davis was employed by Foster & Cole for a number of years. My, what changes there are today. I remember when Mr. Preston came to town. He worked at Gray's store and later started one himself and became Postmaster. The Boys in town are mostly all gone now, The Farmers, Scarletts, Jaques, Prestons and many others. I can see them all. There was Enoch Foster, 'Young Enoch' we always called him, I hope to see him again. Then there were the Kittredge boys, all studied medicine, and the Marshalls and Callahans our neighbors.

"A gala day in town was the opening of the State Almshouse. When the buildings were completed the public was invited to inspect them and we all turned out. . . ."

And so the committee listened to this dear sweet lady recall many, many events that held us spellbound. She



Mrs. Rhoda Parkhurst Davis  
Age 98 years, 6 months



HOMESTEAD OF COLONEL RUSSELL MEARS  
Revolutionary Soldier. — Built in 1780.

talked of the past like it was only yesterday, yet here was the oldest living person, born in Tewksbury, here sat a lady, the belle of 1850 who trod our village streets with bonnet and hoop skirts. She must have been beautiful, she is beautiful today. Her hearing, sight and health is perfect. To meet and talk with her was a privilege we will never forget.

After taking a few pictures in her garden, we started on our way. No one spoke. We were still thinking. Thinking of the things she said and the way she said them.

Mrs. Rhoda Parkhurst Davis will be our honored guest at the 200th Anniversary celebration. It will be our great pleasure to welcome her to the town where she was born and spent so many happy years of her life.

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## RURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**T**HERE are not many who realize what a distinctive form of local government we enjoy and how it remains unchanged from the earliest settlement of the town. Here in New England alone this form is used and is considered quite remarkable in efficiency by students of government. The following quotation from the Encyclopaedia Britannica, edited in England, shows how unique they consider New England town government:

“Three main types of rural local government may be distinguished, prevailing in different regions. One is characterized by its unit, the town or township, and exists in the six New England States. The town of New England is generally a rural community occupying a comparatively small area, and with a population averaging about 3000, but ranging from 200 in newly-sttled districts or thinly-peopled hilly districts up to 17,000 in the vicinity of large cities and in manufacturing neighbourhoods. Each town is governed by the town meeting, an assembly of all the qualified voters within the limits, which meets at least once a year in the spring, and also at other times when specially summoned. This assembly elects the town officials at the annual meetings, but it is much more than an electoral body. It is a deliberative assembly and the legislative authority for local matters. It enacts by-laws and ordinances, receives the reports of the local officials, passes their accounts, manages the town property, votes appropriations for each item of expenditure, and authorizes the necessary taxation. Every resident citizen has the right to bring forward and speak in favour of any proposal. The meeting is presided over by a chairman called the Moderator. In rural communities the attendance is usually good, the debates are sensible and practical, and a satisfactory administration is generally secured.

“The town officials consist of the ‘selectmen’, the town clerk, treasurer, assessors, tax collector, school committeemen, and the holders of divers minor offices according to local needs. These are elected annually, except in some cases. The ‘selectmen’ and School committeemen have a term of several years, one member of each board being elected annually. The ‘selectmen’ form a sort of directory or executive committee, which manages the ordinary administrative and financial business under such instructions as may have been given by the town meeting.”

How accurately the above describes our present government, unchanged through the years. It is the purest democracy, the forerunner of representative government made necessary by the growth of the largest cities.

How well it has served our people is every year demonstrated at our town meeting, where anyone may freely discuss and make proposals for the public good.

## Major General Adelbert Ames

**M**AJ. GEN. ADELBERT AMES, formerly a resident of Tewksbury and Ormond Beach, Florida, was a man of splendid personality and sterling character. He was the last surviving general of the Union forces, and died in Florida April 13, 1933.

General Ames was born in Thomaston, Me., receiving his education in the public and private schools in that state. Appointed to the West Point Military Academy, graduating in May 6, 1861, he was immediately commissioned a lieutenant in the Union Army and served with distinction from 1861 to 1865. Promoted through the various grades, he became a major general of Volunteers in 1865. Gen. Ames was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallant and meritorious service at the battle of Bull Run, where he was severely wounded. He participated in the battles of Malvern Hill, Gettysburg, Gaines' Mills, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Antietam.

Appointed Provisional Governor of Mississippi in 1868, he served as senator from that state four years. Elected Governor, he served two years. Resigning he moved to New York, later living in Minnesota.

During the Spanish American War, he served as brigadier general, being honorably discharged in 1899. At the outbreak of the World War, General Ames volunteered for service. In spite of his advanced years, his indomitable spirit called him to offer his services in any capacity that the United States Government might require.

In 1870 he married Blanche Butler, daughter of General Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell. Mrs. Ames is still living as are two sons and four daughters.

In 1906 the Castle on the Hill was built and here the general lived, except in the winters, when he sojourned in Florida.

A splendid oil painting of Major-General Ames, loaned through the courtesy of Mrs. Blanche Butler Ames, may be viewed in the Historical Exhibition.



Major-General Adelbert Ames

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## WAMESIT ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY

**T**HE WAMESIT ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY was started twenty-five years ago by D. H. Scarlett on his father's farm on Livingston Street. Beginning with a two and a half inch telescope which was later exchanged for a five inch Clark telescope. In 1926 the observatory was moved to its present location on Main Street at Wamesit. At the opposition of Mars in 1910-11 some fifty observations were made which attracted attention all over the world.

Mr. Scarlett was presented a Medal of the Astronomical Society of France and made an Immortal of that Association.

Desiring to construct an observatory for public use, and facing untold expense, only by constant savings from daily employment, has the observatory reached its present construction. At least four years more will be required to complete the equipment desired. The twelve inch reflecting telescope is one of the most accurate instruments ever built, the greatest variation from absolute perfection in the surfaces of its optical parts is less than one one-millionth of an inch.

Only three other towns in the world have observatories of any size located within their borders that are maintained wholly for the use of the public.

At this observatory are many articles of historical and geological interest.

The Wamesit Astronomical Observatory will be open to all invited guests and former residents Saturday afternoon and evening, Aug. 25, Sunday and Monday evenings, Aug. 26-27, from six p.m. until midnight. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this privilege to gain additional knowledge of the solar system.

## ...Our Thanks...

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**T**HE successful celebration of the Tewksbury Bi-Centennial has been achieved through the loyal and generous co-operation of the townspeople and their friends. The Committee on Arrangements thanks them one and all. A special word of appreciation is due . . .

To the chairmen and members of the various committees, who worked so energetically and so efficiently;

To Hon. James J. Bruin and the members of the City Council for the return of the old Wamesit hand-pump;

To Dr. John H. Nichols, of the State Infirmery, and to the New England Power Association for their invaluable co-operation;

To those who searched old family records to find material for the Towne Book;

To those who helped to make the Historical Exhibition a success;

To all those who, by the decoration of their homes, helped dress the Town in gala attire for the observance;

To the school children, their instructors, and those who took part in making our beautiful Pageant possible.

To Mr. John W. Daly, E.R.A. Administrator, for the music by the E.R.A. Band;

To the Lowell Courier-Citizen, the Lowell Sun, The Lowell Leader and the Lowell Sunday Telegram for the generous publicity given;

To our friends the Advertisers, who made the publication of the Towne Book possible;

To our townsman, Frederick F. Meloy for his gift of the speakers' and the reviewing stands;

To those who generously contributed the loan of equipment, trucks and automobiles;

To Mr. and Mrs. C. Brooks Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Hilton for their generous contribution to enhance the success of our 200th anniversary;

To all those who have contributed, one way or another, in making the 200th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Tewksbury a most brilliant and successful celebration.



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