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THE
EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF LUNENBURG

MASSACHUSETTS

INCLUDING THAT PART WHICH IS NOW FITCHBURG

1719—1764

A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF THE TOWN MEETINGS AND SELECT-
MEN'S RECORDS CONTAINED IN THE FIRST TWO BOOKS
OF THE GENERAL RECORDS OF THE TOWN

ALSO A COPY OF ALL THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE
TOWN PREVIOUS TO THE YEAR 1764

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FITCHBURG

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An Acc^t of the Gene^l Courts Comm^{tee} Proceedings for
Granting And Letting out the Lands in the South Town
Ship Westward of And. Contiguous To y. Town of
Groton in the County of Midd^x. Called Turkey Hill
By virtue of y. Grant or Order of y. Gen. Court

At a Great & General Court or Assembly for His Majesty's Province
of Massachusetts Bay Held Nov^r. 4. 1719

In y. House of Representatives The Vote for Granting To
New Towns Was brought down from the Board With Amendments
Which Were Read & Agreed to, And y. Vote is as follows; Viz.
Voted that Two Towns Each Containing a Quantity of Land, not
more Six Miles Square to be laid out in as Regular Form as y.
Will allow, to be settled in a Defensible Manner On y. West Side of
Groton West Line, And that William^{Taylor}, Samuel Thaxter, Thomas
John Shipley & Mr. Benjamin Whittemore be a Committee to
answer to Alot & Grant out of Land (Contained in Each of y.
Alots not to Exceed Two Hundred & Fifty Acres) to such Persons
Such as Will Effectually Settle y. Same Within y. Space of three Years
Enduring y. Laying out & Granting such Lots by y. Comm^{tee}. Who
Is Directed to Admitt Righty Families or persons who
Who Shall pay to y. Comm^{tee} for y. Use of y. Province the Sum of
pounds for Each Alotment. Which Shall be Granted & Alotted as Above
And that Each Person to Whom such Lot, or Lots, Shall be granted & Laid out
be Obliged to build a Good Dwelling House Thereon & Inhabit it, & to
break up & Fence in three Acres of Land at y. West Within y. Term of
Years, And y. there be Laid out & Reserved for y. first Settled Minister a
Convenient Lot also a Lot for y. School, And a Memorial Lot for
Harvard College of Two Hundred & fifty Acres Each & y. Settlers be
To build a Convenient House for y. Worship of God in Each of y. Towns
The Term of four years, & to pay y. Charge of necessary Surveys & y. Fees
for their service in & about y. premises, And that y. Comm^{tee} Give y.
Notice of y. Time & place Where they Will Meet to Grant Alotment
Consented to, Sam^l Taylor

Votes of the Town & Desire his Answer as Soon as may be

The Fourth Article in the warrant was Read & the Question was put whether they would Grant the Request & there was No Vote

✓ 1762. At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lunenburg Assembled March y^e 1st 1762

Voted and Chose Cap^t Joshua Hutchens Moderator

Mefs^{rs} William Snow }
Afael Hartwel } were chosen Wardens

Mefs^{rs} Jonathan Wood }
William Stearns }
David Wood } were chosen Selectmen &
Abijah Stearns } Sworn Assessors
Jonathan Low }

Thomas Sparhawk was Chosen Town Clerk and Sworn Turn over

[151] Mr George Kimball } was Chose Town Treasurer
and Sworn

Mefs^{rs} Benjamin Redington } were chosen Constables
William Gilchrest } Gilchrest Sworn

Mefs^{rs} Samuel Cummings }
Abraham Sanderfon }
Ephraim Whitney }
Benoni Wallas }
Amos Hazeltine } were chosen Surveyors
Stephen Stickney } of High ways
James Pool } & Collectors of
John Litch } High way Rates
Thomas Peabody }
Moses Mitchel }
Samuel Sanderfon }
Nehemiah Lane }

Mefs^{rs} Samuell Davis }
Elijah Grout } were chosen Tything Men
David Taylor }

Mefs^{rs} Samuel Davis } were chosen Fence Viewers
Ezekiel Wyman } and sworn as the Law directs

Mr Thomas Carter was chosen Sealer of Leather & sworn as the Law Directs

Mr Philip Goodridge, was chosen Surveyor of Shingles and sworn as the Law directs

Mr George Martin was chosen Culler of Staves

Mefs^{rs} Reuben Gibson } were chosen to take
David Goodridge } care of Fires

Mefs^{rs} Edward Gary }
William Chadwick } were chosen Hogreeves
Solomon Steward }
John Fisk }
Ephraim Pearce Jun^r }

Mefs^{rs} Edward Scot } were chosen to take
Samuel Sanderfon } care of Deer

[152] Voted and granted the same Sum of Money to repair Highways as was granted Last year; and that it be work'd out in the same manner — —

Voted, that Swine go at Large this Year — —

Voted and Granted Cap^t Sam^l Hunt \$1 - 2 - 0

Voted and Granted Deaⁿ Benjⁿ Foster 0 - 8 - —

Voted and Granted Mr James Dascomb 0 - 3 - —

Voted and Granted Leut George Kimball the }
Sum of one pound for his service as }
Town Treasurer for the Year 1761 } 1-0—

Voted y^t Mr David Goodridge's account against the Town for service done at at the Bridge near his House be allowed out of next years Highway Rate Viz \$4-0

Voted y^t Mr Paul Weatherbee's acc^t for service done at s^d Bridge be also allowed out of next Years Highway Rate Viz \$0-3-0

Voted and accepted of a Highway Laid out by order of the Seelectmen: Beginning at the Southerly Line of William Flaggs Land and runs to William Benjamins Land & through s^d Benjamins Land, then through the Secratary's Land (so called) then through a part of Browns Farm (so called) to where the Way was before laid out and accepted by the Town, the said Road to be two Rods wide & mark'd on the North westarly side beginning at s^d Flaggs South Line, a Red Oak Tree mark'd, and ending with a Hemlock Tree on the Northerly side of the Road already establi^d mark'd with two Spots and Three Notches

The above Road was discribed and laid out by

Mefs^{rs} Benjⁿ Foster
and John Fitch

Recorded Pr Me THO^s SPARHAWK T. Clerk

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B. (cont.)

G. L. L. F. L. B. C. W. G. D. H. G. B. J. A. R. W.

Purpose of marriage betwixt Benoni Boynton Jun, and Elizabeth Going both of Lunenburg was entered September the 28th 1751.

Purpose of marriage betwixt Isaac Bayley of Lunenburg and Mary Lovejoy of Andover was entered October ye 26th 1751.

Purpose of marriage betwixt William Baron of the Ashulot and Isabella Larrabee of Lunenburg was entered June the 4th 1752.

Purpose of marriage betwixt Joseph Brown of Cambridge and Abigail Foster of Lunenburg was entered December 11th 1752.

Purpose of marriage betwixt Stephen Boynton and Elizabeth Lovejoy both of Lunenburg was entered February 7th 1753.

Purpose of marriage between Nathaniel Burnen Junr of Lunenburg and Elizabeth Brown of Lunenburg was entered this (thirteenth) 13th day of July A. D. 1754.

Purpose of marriage between Benjamin Bigelow and Elisabeth Colman both of Lunenburg was entered this 30th day of September A. D. 1754.

Purpose of marriage between William Bemus of Narragansett No. 2 and Rezoma Wilder living on the counrty land was entered May ye 14th 1755.

Purpose of marriage between Jonathan Bennet of Groton, and Mary Going of Lunenburg was entered June ye 12th 1755.

Purpose of marriage betwixt William Brabrook of Lancaster, and Thankful Dutton of Lunenburg, was entered February ye 16th 1757.

Intentions of marriage betwixt Timothy Bancroft & Mary Harriman both of Lunenburg were entered August ye 16th A. D. 1757.

Intentions of marriage betwixt Elisha Bigelo of Narragansett number two, so called, and Sarah Goodridge of Lunenburg was entered August ye 30th 1757.

Intentions of marriage betwixt Benoni Boynton Jun. of Lunenburg and Mary Buttrick of Leominster was entered December ye 24th A. D. 1757.

Intentions of marriage betwixt Benjamin Bellows Esq. of Wallpole and Mrs. Mary Jenison of Lunenburg was entered February ye 24th A. D. 1758.

Intentions of marriage between Unite Brown of a place called Dorchester Canada and Rebeckah Arno — of Shrewsbury was entered June ye 30th 1759.

Intentions of marriage betwixt Josiah Bayley and Mary Reed both of Lunenburg was entered March ye 29th 1760.

Intentions of marriage betwixt Kendall Boutwell of Lunenburg & Mary Wilder of Leominster, was entered November ye 26th Annoq Domini 1761.

B. (cont.)

F. C. W. H. W. W. M.

Intentions of marriage between James Bennet & Elizabeth Fuller both of Lunenburg was entred May 6th 1762.*

Intentions of marriage between Josiah Bailey Junr and Sarah Carter both of Lunenburg were entred Sept^r 11th 1762.

Intentions of marriage between Ebenezer Bridge & Melitable Wood both of Lunenburg was entred April 16th 1763.

Intentions of marriage between Thomas Burns of Monson in the Provice of New Hampshire, and Elizabeth Harkness of Lunenburg were entred July 25th 1763.

Intentions of marriage between Joseph Bellows, and Lois Whitney both of Lunenburg was entred April 28th 1764.

Intentions of marriage between John Buss Junr of Fitchburgh and Mary Wood of Lunenburgh was entered May 28th 1766.

Intentions of marriage between Jonathan Boynton Jr of Fitchburg & Sally Martin of Lunenburg entred May 2^d 1796.

C.

F. B. A. H. G. F. H. S. F.

Porpose of marriage between Jacob Cory Junr of Tewksbury and Keziah Foster of Lunenburg entered Sept 5th 1741.

Purpose of marriage between James Colbourn Jur and Sarah Braodstreet, both of Lunenburg June ye 1st—†

Purpose of marriage between Paul Crocker and Lydia Austin both of Lunenburg was entered April the 12th 1750.

Purpose of marriage between Benjamin Corey Junr of Lunenburg and Beulah Holden of Shirley was entered this nineteenth of October Anno Domini 1753.

Intentions of marriage betwixt William Chadwick of Lunenburg and Eunice Goss of Stow was entered September the 16th 1756.

Intentions of marriage between Nathanael Carlton and Olive Farwell both of — was entered October ye 9th 1756.

Intentions of marriage betwixt William Cowdin of Worcester and Mary Henery of Lunenburg was entered February ye 17th 1757.

Intentions of marriage betwixt Moses Childers and Sarah Stiles both of Lunenburg was entered Janavary ye 18th 1758.

Intentions of marriage betwixt Jesse Carlton of Lunenburg and Sarah Foster of Andover was entered October ye 27th 1759.

*J. R. Rollins, transcriber of the Lunenburg records, thinks this was a mistake for 1763. [W. A. D.]

†John R. Rollins, transcriber, says this date is, no doubt, 1742. [W. A. D.]

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