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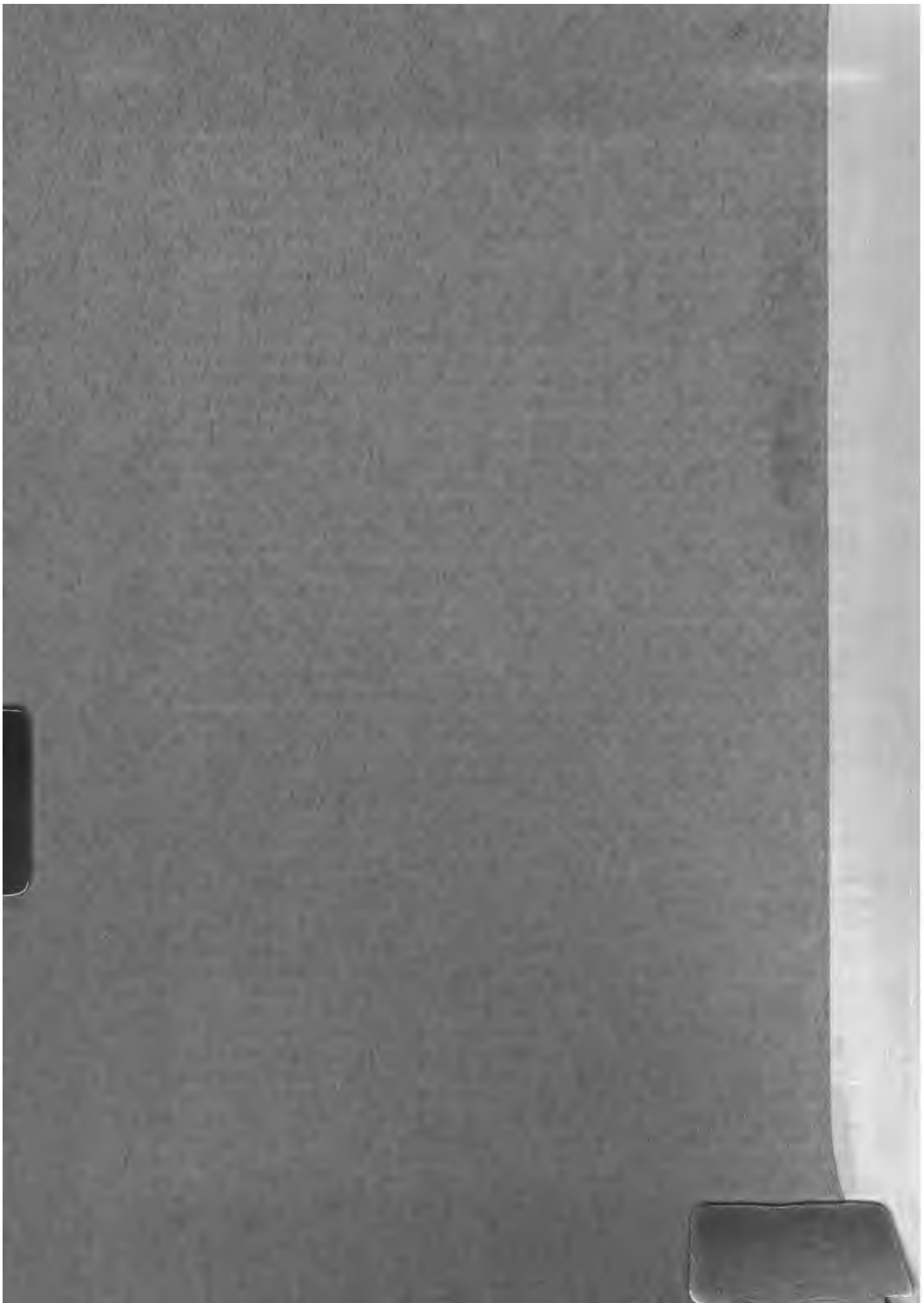


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The purpose of the Survey is to inventory, organize, and describe the records in possession of State, city, and town governmental units; also to inventory church records and manuscript collections of historical societies and individuals. The inventories thus prepared are to be made available in volume form to lawyers, historians, officials, students of government, and the public. Because of the present emergency and the redirection of the W. P. A. to work which will make a direct contribution to national defense, further work on town inventories will not be undertaken at this time. The material collected to date will be stored in such a manner that the work on other town inventories can be readily resumed and brought to completion when the opportunity presents itself.

The Inventory of the Town and City Archives of Rhode Island will, when completed, consist of a series, separately numbered for each county in the State. Counties are numbered according to alphabetical position; towns are numbered likewise, within each county. The publications of the Survey are distributed free to State and local officials, and to a selected group of public and institutional libraries. In addition to listing the records of the various town officers, this inventory briefly sketches the historical background of the town of North Providence and describes the organization of the offices whose records are listed. Records are described in formalized entries to give the following information: title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, information on missing and discontinued records, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volume or contents, and location.

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ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

<u>A. & R.</u>	. .	abbreviated reference citing <u>Acts and Resolves</u>
ad litem	. .	for, and during the suit
alpha.	. .	alphabetically
a. m.	. .	ante meridian (forenoon)
approx.	. .	approximately
<u>A., R. & R.</u>	. .	abbreviated reference citing <u>Acts, Resolves and Reports</u>
arr.	. .	arranged
Ave.	. .	Avenue
aver.	. .	average
bdl(s).	. .	bundle(s)
C. C. C.	. .	Civilian Conservation Corps
ch.	. .	chapter
chron.	. .	chronologically
Co.	. .	Company
C. P. A.	. .	Certified Public Accountant
c. t. a.	. .	cum testamento annexo (with the will annexed)
C. W. A.	. .	Civil Works Administration
d. b. n.	. .	de bonis non (of the goods not yet administered on)
d. b. n., c. t. a.	. .	de bonis non, cum testamenta annexo
env(s).	. .	envelope(s)
E. R. A.	. .	Emergency Relief Administration
etc.	. .	et cetera (and so forth)
f. b.	. .	file box(es)
f. c.	. .	file cabinet(s)
f. d.	. .	file drawer(s)
F. E. R. A.	. .	Federal Emergency Relief Administration
<u>G. L.</u>	. .	abbreviated reference citing <u>General Laws</u>
hdw.	. .	handwritten
<u>ibid.</u>	. .	<u>ibidem</u> (in the same place)
m. d.	. .	metal drawer(s)
misc.	. .	miscellaneous
ms.	. .	manuscript
Mt.	. .	Mount
M. V. D.	. .	Motor Vehicle Department
N. E. L.	. .	Narragansett Electric Lighting
N. E. T. & T.	. .	New England Telephone & Telegraph
no.	. .	number
non compos mentis	. .	not sound of mind
obv.	. .	obvious
p., pp.	. .	page, pages
<u>passim</u>	. .	here and there
<u>P. L.</u>	. .	abbreviated reference citing <u>Public Laws</u>
p. m.	. .	post meridian (afternoon)
P. W. A.	. .	Public Works Administration
R. I.	. .	Rhode Island
R. I. Col. Recs.	. .	abbreviated reference citing Rhode Island Colony Records
R. I. S. P. C. C.	. .	Rhode Island Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Abbreviations, Symbols, and
Explanatory Notes

rm.	. .	room
R. R.	. .	Railroad
s. d.	. .	safe drawer
sec(s).	. .	section(s)
St(s).	. .	Street(s)
S. U. R.	. .	State Unemployment Relief
T. C. R.	. .	abbreviated reference citing Town Council Records
T. M. R.	. .	abbreviated reference citing Town Meeting Records
U. E. R.	. .	United Electric Railways
U. S.	. .	United States
viol.	. .	violations
vol(s).	. .	volume(s)
W. P. A.	. .	Work Projects Administration

Explanatory Notes

Title: Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without parentheses (as in entry 1). In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid capitals and enclosed in parentheses (as in entry 2). If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned explanatory title (or explanatory words), written with initial capitals and enclosed in parentheses, has been added (as in entry 3). The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title and title variation is indicated (as in entry 3).

Dates: First and last dates covered by a particular record are shown in the title line of the entry. Continuous records are shown by a hyphen between the beginning and closing dates, as 1765-1874 (see entry 1). Lapses in the records are indicated by commas between the groups of inclusive dates, as 1776, 78, 80-82, 1862 (see entry 1A, line 7). Current dates are indicated by two hyphens, as 1906--. When dates of a record cannot be ascertained, the expression "undated" is used (see entry 114).

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

Labeling: Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other type of container, indicate the labeling. If no labeling is indicated, it may be assumed that there is none.

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

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Explanatory Notes

Description of Records: The description of the contents of a record applies only to the current or most recent record unless a change in contents is actually shown in a record entry.

Indexing: All indexes to records, unless otherwise stated, are self-contained.

Dimensions: When the dimensions of file boxes, volumes, etc., vary greatly the size of the two extremes is given. When two or more types of containers are considered in an entry, the dimensions item is arranged to correspond with the quantity item to which they apply. Dimensions are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated, and, therefore, the symbol for inches ("") is omitted.

Location of Records: When all or the majority of the records of an office have a common location, the location is indicated in the last sentence of the office essay instead of each individual entry.

Cross References: With the exception of Vital Records, which series is cross referenced by third-paragraph cross references, continuity of a record series may be had only by reference to the subject indexes.

Arrangement: This item is used to show the logical order or planned sequence by which items have been entered in records; it means the internal arrangement of records in volumes, file boxes, or other containers, and not the arrangement of volumes on a shelf. Entries in tabular form are arranged alphabetically by subject matter, and chronologically thereunder. The arrangement, dimensions and location shown at the end of each entry, in the case of an entry in tabular form, apply to the whole entry, and not to individual parts thereof.

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

The town of North Providence was taken from Providence and incorporated as an independent town by an act of General Assembly passed June 13, 1765. ¹

Probably the circumstances leading to the establishment of the town can be best explained by setting forth in detail the original petition urging the division of the town, together with several protests and remonstrances against the separation.

Thus on March 1, 1765, various freemen seeking the division presented the following petition to the General Assembly:

"To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island, Sitting at East Greenwich on the 25 Day of February A. D. 1765.

The petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth, that there are upward of four Hundred Freemen, within the Township of Providence, that those who dwell in the compact Part of the Town, are altogether Merchants and Tradesmen, That for the Greater part of your Petitioners, dwell in the remote Parts of Said Township, and are near all Farmers whose Intrest and Business are often Times different from The Interests of Merchants and Tradesmen in the Compact Part, that Town Meetings are and often have been called and held, no less than Seven Last Fall in three Months Time, in the compact part of Said Town, upon Matters and Things which did not, and do not concern Farmers, in the remote Parts, who nevertheless were then and Still are obliged to leave their Business and Attend Said Meetings, to prevent any thing being Noted to their Disadvantage, which Often occasions much Loss of Time, great Uneasiness -- Contention, and Expence which ought to be born by the Merchants and Tradesmen in the compact Part only Wherefore, as a Remedy against Such great Inconveniences Your Petitioners Pray, that Said Township of Providence may be Divided or Sett off as Follows, Viz. Beginning at the new Bridge near Solitary Hill, Thence bounding by the River, Down to the North West Corner of the Towns Land, at the East End of a Place called Forestack Meadow thence Easterly on, a Strait Line to the middle of the Mill Bridge, thence on a due last Line to Seaconk River So Called, thence Bounding Easterly by Said River to Smithfield Line, thence bounding Northerly by Smithfield Line to Johnston Line, thence Bounding Westerly on Johnston Line untill it comes to the aforesaid Solitary Hill, that the Northerly Part of Town Ship, to be So divided and Sett off, Containing about one Hundred and Sixty Freemen, and being about Foure Miles Square, may be Called and Known by the Name -- Wenscutt, and that all Town Meetings, to be holden within the Same may be by Law directed and required, to be held at or near the Dwelling House of Capt. Thomas Olney -- where he now dwells, Said Place being agreed upon by your Petitioners, as near the Center, and most convenient.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c --

1. Colony Records (Bartlett's), Vol. VI, p. 438.

(First entry, p. 11).

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Elisha Brown
Thomas Olney
Edward Thurber
William Olney
John Olney
Joseph Bronen
William Brown
Danil Olney
Benjamin Whipple
Charles Olney
Ephraim Whipple
Ezra Olney
John Huthenson (probably Hutchinson
poor signature)
Jeremiah Deseter
Stephen Whipple
Epenetus Olney
Fearnot Packer
Jonathan Knowles
John Brown Son of Elis.
Richard Brown, Jun^r
Joseph Smith
Samuel Brown
Barzillai fisher
Phinhas Brown
James Brown
George Cayton
Dan^r Cahoon
James Thurber
Abner Thayer
William Whipple
John Owen
Ephriam Wheten
Seth Luther
John Hawkins
Edward Smith
Joseph Hawkins
John Wilkinson
James Angell Juner
Enoch Angell
Jonathan Whipple
George Taylor Jun^r
Morris Hearn
William Walcut
Stephen Carpenter
Joshua Smith
John Arnis
Hasabiah Hawkins
Coomer Hale
Ezekiel Burr
Amos Morton

Peter Randall
Joseph Olney Juner
Sam Thurber Juner
Jonathan Pike
Jn^r Foster
David Burr Jun^r
Geo. Taylor
Levi Burr
Edward Thurber, Jun^r
Azariah Whipple
William Willikson
Job Olney
Abraham Olney
Seth Tripp
Daniel Whipple
Stephen Swett
Samuel Tucker
Christoper Dexter
Roberd Young
Edward Dexter
Benj. Cozzins
Simeon Thayer
Dexter Brown
Richard Brownell
W^m Brown
Edward Knowles
Timothy Miles
Emor Olney
Gideon Olney
Nathaniel Day Juner
William Arwen
Gideon Deseter
Thomas Olney
Samuel Tucker Juner
Luther Hawkins
Benjamin Shepherd
James Hamman
Stepⁿ Tucker
Nathaniel Stevens
William Lockwood
Isaac White
Ithamar Olney
Benjamin Thurber
Nathaniel Day
Benjamin G^ram
Nathaniel Waterman
James Comstock
Thomas Whipple
Amos Hopkins
Nehemiah Smith
Benjamin Whipple Juner

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Aaron Mason
Jabez Gorham
John Healy
Jacob Woodward
Danl. Woodward

Richard Coman
Andrew Young
John Brown Son of Joseph
John Dexter
Jos. Owen

March 1st, 1765

To the House of Magistrates
Gentlemen Resolved that this Petition be referred to next Session of Assembly and that in the mean time the Town of Providence be cited to appear at next Session to Answer the same.
Voted and past
Per order J. Lyndon Clerk

In the Upper House
Read the same Day and concurred
By Order Henry Ward, Secretary

June 13th, 1765 To the House of Magistrates
Gentlemen Resolved that this Petition be granted --
Voted and past
Per order J. Lyndon, Clerk

In the Upper House
Read the same day & concurred.
By order Henry Ward, Secretary" 2

That the creation of the new town was not without opposition is evident from the following remonstrances and protests.

"Colony of Rhode Island

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Said Colony at their Sitting in the month of February A. D. 1765.

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Northerly part of the Town of Providence Assembly Shew

That Divers persons Inhabitants of the Same part of the Town of Providence in which we dwell have been instigated and Set on by Crafty and designing Men to desire of this Assembly that the Said Town of Providence May be again divided into two Towns in Such a Manner by Such Boundaries as are directly Calculated to Serve the Interested Views and Sinister purposes of Such instigation And as we Are Very Sure that Dividing the Said Town anew can have no good effect, and is in no Sort Necessary and Are able to Shew the Unreasonableness and illegallity of Such a Division We pray this Honorable Assembly that we may have leave to offer our Reasons why the Said Town Should not be divided and that your Honour would Reject the Petition for Dividing Thereof.

John Wilkinson
John Whipple
Nath Balch
John Smith
Jehu Smith
Charles Keen

John Aplin
Ebenezer Jencks
Joseph Olney
Joseph Hewes
Obediah Sprague
Jonathan Knowles

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William Jenks Jr.
Jonathan Jenks
Joseph Jenks
Stephen Jenks
Gideon Jenks
Stephen Scott
Joseph Olney, Jr.
Solomon Owen

Isaiah Hawkins
Silas Bundy
Thomas Whipple, Jr.
William Clark
Daniel Clark
John Power
Israel Angell
Josiah Owen

March 1, 1765

To the House of Magistrates
Gentlemen Resolved that this Petition be referred to next Session of Assembly.
Voted & Past
Per order J. Lyndon, Clerk

In the Upper House
Read the Same Day & Concurred By order Henry Ward, Secretary" 3

"To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island Sitting at East Greenwich the Second Monday in September, 1765.

The Petition and Remonstrance of the Ancient Town of Providence Humbly Sheweth That a Petition was preferred to Your Honours at the Sessions in February 1765, praying that the Town of Providence might be Divided Which Petition was referred to the next --- Session and in the Mean Time the Town of Providence Ordered to be Cited to Appear at the Said Session to make Answer to the Same; Yet Notwithstanding the Strict regard Your Honours have paid to the letter of the Law Made in Cases of this Nature by ordering the Town to be Cited so that an oppertunity might be given to the Objectors to offer their reasons why the Town Should not be divided, no such Citation ever Appeared to be Served or to be Returned to the General Assembly by the proper Officer; and Yet after all this Cautious proceeding of Your Honours, At the Close of the Next Session of Assembly we were alarmed on hearing that this Petition was granted whereby we your petitioners are very much Agrieved and have no way of Redress but by this remonstrating to your Honours wherein we shall With the Greatest Submission and Deference tho' with a firmness equal to the Justice and equity of the Cause we plead. Say That was the Same Caution Observed and the Steps of the Law pursued by Your Honours Throughout the Whole Course of this proceeding as was so Closely Adhered to at the First We Might have had Oppertunity to have been heard and it is easy to Conceive that Were our reasons heard this petition Must have been Rejected Without any Hesitation and have made it's Exit in as Hasty a Manner as it did it's Appearance but However precipitately this petition so Injurious to Us has been Obtained Yet we rely on the Candcur and Impartiality of Your Honours in Still Attending to the reasons to be offered by the Objectors which if found of due weight will Govern Your Honours in reversing all former Proceedings and in restoring to us the Privaledges which we are thereby Divisted of. More especially When it is Considered that after all the violent Efforts Made by those Concerned in Bringing this Petition to this Issue No greater a Majority than one vote could be obtained in the Honorable House of Deputies.

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In the first place permit us to Assert that Dividing the Compact part of any Town was never done or attempted in any part of the English Nation before the Mischiefs and Happening to both the parts when Separated Must be Obvious to every person of reflection. As many prudential regulations must be Necessary for the well ordering, any Body of People, that Live together in a Compact Town so all such regulations will become ineffectual and usles when Such a Compact Body are Disposed into Two Separate Jurisdictions for then the Same Rules Cannot run through the whole but one will thwart and Counteract the other.

Secondly by this Division the Town of Providence is Left so Small that there is not Land Sufficient for Necessary Publick Uses. But from being the Largest and Oldest Town in the Colony is reduced to about One fourth part of the quantity of Land Contained in the Smallest Town in the Government.

Thirdly the first planters and proprietors of the Town of Providence gave and Established a Convenient Burying Place for the Use of Said Town where they and their Descendants or Hitherto have been Interred, but by the Division of the Town this Burying Place is taken from them and Notwithstanding The Saving Clause in the Act permitting the Town of Providence to make Use of their Own Burying Ground if they will go into another Town for it Yet it is No Alleviation of Hardship how Highly all Civilized people have prized and how earnestly they have Contended for the Sepulchres of their Ancestors is abundantly evident from History.

Fourthly the same first Planters and proprietors of the Town of Providence gave several Large Tracts of Land with a fine Stream of Water for the Use of a Grist Mill for the Benefit of said Town to be held and enjoyed on Condition of Keeping the Mill, in good repair and Grinding on the Terms agreed on, but by this Division this Grist Mill falls into another Town which Necessarily Deprives the Town of Providence of the Government and Oversight thereof Agreeable to the Terms of the first grant.

These Reasons with Many Others that will be offered if Your Honours think fit to hear them. We presume will have so much weight with Your Honours as to Determine you to grant the prayer of Your Petitioners which is to disanull and Make Void all Former Proceedings respecting the Division of the Town, And Your Petitions will we Pray &c.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by Adjournment on Saturday ye 7th Day of September 1765 -- the abovesaid Remonstrance was Unanimously Voted and Past by Said Town.

Test James Angell, Clerk" 4

We, the subscribers, beg leave to protest against the vote of this house, for dividing the town of Providence, for the following reasons, to wit:

First. That the town is already reduced to a small extent of land, so that no inconvenience can arise on account of the distance the freemen are to go, to do the business necessary for the town; and that the court there is more convenient for the reception of the whole town, than any house in the part to be taken off, is to receive the freemen of such part.

Secondly. That the line mentioned in the petition, takes off upwards of forty houses containing about sixty freemen, from the part called, and by the law established to be, the compact part of said town; which number of

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freemen are concerned in, and live by, merchandise, by their trades, and by going to sea on wages, as much as the same number of freemen, taken together, in any other part of the compact part of said town; by which it is evident, the interest of these and of the country part, must be as different as the interest of the compact part and the country part now is; and of course, the same, and more difficulties must very soon arise; and the compact part now to be taken off, or the country part, must (by the same reason this division is urged on) soon petition the General Assembly to be set off from the other.

Thirdly. That the practice of dividing compact towns is unheard of before, there being no instance in our colony, or in history, to be produced, of dividing a compact town, corporation, or city; but on the contrary, divers instances may be produced of different corporations or towns being united and incorporated into one city; that the precedent, by this vote introduced, may have a tendency to increase and multiply the towns in this colony to a number that may be highly injurious to the public weal; for the reasons offered for dividing this town, are much less weighty than those that may be offered from divers other towns in this colony, whose extent of lands is much greater.

Fourthly. That the proposed line of division takes off the grist mill, the place whereon it stands, together with one hundred and fifty acres of land, which was given by the original inhabitants of the town of Providence, to John Smith, and his heirs, &c., on conditions entered into by the said town and the said Smith, that he, the said Smith, should uphold the said mill useful and sufficient to grind the corn that shall be needful for the inhabitants of the said town or plantation of Providence, under certain regulations; the depriving of the town of which fatherly provision, made and provided for the inhabitants of said town, by their ancestors, so long ago as the year 1646, and confirmed in 1667, and which they have hitherto enjoyed, may, and in our opinion will, be the most grievous and burthensome to the inhabitants of said town; more especially, as there will be no grist mill left in said town, nor any place where water-works can be erected.

Fifthly. That the only training field, and public burial place, now belonging to the town, will be taken off into the proposed town, by the line mentioned in the petition where by the old town will be deprived of their ancient grant made them about the year 1700, by the proprietors, and of the monuments of hundreds of their deceased ancestors, whose memories they ought to transmit to the latest posterity. The said grant expresses, 'That the said land shall perpetually lie in common for the uses of a trainfield, and for the use of burying their dead, and for other public uses, as the said town of Providence shall see cause, not damnifying the uses particularly mentioned.'

Sixthly. As it does not appear that the Town of Providence hath been cited, nor any return of any citation, agreeably to the vote of the Assembly, at receiving the petition, and the standing law of the Colony.

If the foregoing reasons should be thought insufficient, we are humbly of opinion the said town of Providence ought to have liberty to add such other reasons as they shall think proper.

Moses Brown

Jacob Whitman

Daniel Jenckes

We, the subscribers, beg leave to protest against the division of the town of Providence into two towns, for the following reasons:

1st. That the town of Providence is not so large in extent but that they have

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a convenient colony house to do their business in.

2nd. As the colony is so small, and divided into so many towns already, we are of opinion, it is vastly prejudicial to the interests of the colony that it should be done.

Thomas Potter, Jr.

Metcalf Bowler

We, the subscribers, beg leave to protest against the vote of the lower house, for dividing the town of Providence into two towns.

1st. For that it will be the means of creating more deputies to sit in the General Assembly, when, in our opinion, the number ought to be lessened rather than multiplied.

2nd. The making more towns in the colony will occasion a public expense, as all towns must necessarily have a proper number of commissioned officers therein.

William Potter.

George Hazard

Benjamin Greene" 5

Protests were obviously without effect, however, as the General Assembly on June 13, 1765 passed the following act: ". . . dividing the city of Providence . . . "

"An Act For Dividing the Town of Providence

Whereas, a large number of the inhabitants of the northern part of the town of Providence, preferred a petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that there are within the limits of said township, upwards of four hundred freemen; that those who dwell in the most compact part, are altogether merchants and tradesmen; and that far the greater part of the petitioners dwell in the more remote part of said township, and are near all farmers, whose interest and business often times differ from the merchants; that town meetings have been often called, and held in the compact part, upon matters and things which did not, and do not concern the farmers in the northern and more remote parts of said town; that they, the petitioners, nevertheless, have been, and still are, obliged to leave farming business, and to attend upon said meetings, to prevent things being voted to their disadvantage which hath occasioned much loss of time, contention and expense, which ought to be borne by the merchants and tradesmen; all which, being very inconvenient, they prayed to be set off, erected and made into a township; on consideration whereof,---

Be it enacted by this General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted, that the said town of Providence be, and the same is hereby, divided into two distinct and separate towns; and that the bounds of the northern part, hereby set off, begin at the new bridge, near to the hill called Solitary Hill; thence, bounding on Wanasquatucket River, until it comes to the north-west corner of the town's land, at the east end of a place called Forestack Meadow; thence, easterly on a straight line to the middle of the mill bridge; thence, on a due east line until it comes to Seaconck River, so called; thence, northerly, bounding on said Seaconck River, until it comes to Smithfield line; thence, bounding by Smithfield line, until it comes to Johnston line; and thence, bounding westerly, by Johnston line, until it comes to the aforesaid Solitary Hill; that all the lands included within the limits aforesaid, shall be, and hereby are, erected and made into a town--

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ship, to be distinguished, called and known by the name of North Providence; that the inhabitants thereof shall choose two deputies to represent them in the General Assembly; and that they shall have, hold, and enjoy all and singular the liberties, privileges and immunities, which the other towns in this colony enjoy, and are entitled to.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all debts due and money belonging to the town of Providence, before the division thereof, by this act made, shall be divided according to the last tax; and all debts due from the said towns before the division, shall be settled and made in like manner.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every of the justices of the peace, and military officers, that were chosen and appointed for the town of Providence, who live in that part thereof, which is now made North Providence, be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective offices, with as full power and ample authority, in every particular, as they had in consequence of their being chosen into, and commissioned for, the offices by them respectively sustained; and John Olney, Esq., is hereby authorized and fully empowered to issue a warrant, and call the freemen of the said town of North Providence to meet together, at the house of Capt. Thomas Olney, within the same, on or before the 8th day of July, in order to choose and appoint all officers necessary for managing and conducting the prudential affairs of said town, agreeably to the laws of this colony.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all town meetings in said town, shall be holden at the dwelling house of the aforesaid Thomas Olney; it being agreed upon by the said petitioners, as near the centre and most convenient; and that the said town shall send one grand juror and one petit juror, unto all and every the superior courts of judicature, courts of assize and general jail delivery; and also unto all and every the inferior courts of common pleas and general sessions of the peace, that shall hereafter be holden within and for the county of Providence.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the town of Providence shall forever have and enjoy the full, constant and free use, privilege and improvement of the burying hill or ground, that is now to be taken off in the town of North Providence, according as it now is stated and laid out by the town of Providence, for burying their dead, making monuments for the same, and also for mustering their trained bands, and exercising their soldiers thereon, as usual, heretofore, to all intents and purposes; any thing to the contrary, in this act, or any part thereof, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for the future, the town of Providence shall send one grand and one petit juror to each of the superior courts of judicature, courts of assize and general jail delivery; and one grand and one petit juror to each of the inferior courts of common pleas and general sessions of the peace, that shall be holden in and for the county of Providence.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the poor be divided between the said two towns in proportion to the taxes and debts.

It is voted and resolved, that Henry Harris, Esq., and Col. William Brown, be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee to run the line between the towns of Providence and North Providence; that they erect such monuments in the line as they shall think necessary; and that they make report to this Assembly, as soon as may be." 6

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Portions of the original town were re-united to Providence in 1767, 1873, and 1874; and a large part thereof also annexed to the town of Pawtucket in 1874.⁷

The first census taken in 1774 set the population of North Providence at 830. This number was reduced to 698 in 1782, from which time the population gradually increased until the census taken in 1870 fixed the number at 20,495.

Following the annexation of the more populous sections of the town to Providence and Pawtucket in 1874, the number of persons residing in North Providence was decreased to 1,303.⁸ From the division of the town in 1874, the number has progressively increased, the last census (1940) estimating the population of the town at 12,156.⁹ North Providence is the smallest town in the state, having an area of only 5.9 square miles. At present the town is bounded on the north by the towns of Smithfield and Lincoln, on the east by the city of Pawtucket, and on the south by the city of Providence, and on the west by the town of Johnston.

Textile manufacturing constitutes the town's principal industry. Small truck farms dot the outlying sections, and the districts contiguous to Providence are for the most part residential.

The town has a high school, eight elementary schools, a town hall, five fire stations and a bridewell.

The principal communities are designated as Allendale, Centerdale, Fruit Hill, Greystone, Lymanville, Marieville, and Woodville. The Woonasquatucket River is the principal river located in the extreme western part of the town.

The following churches are located in the town: Allendale Baptist, Centerdale Primitive Methodist, Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, school and convent (Roman Catholic), Farmer's Chapel (Baptist), Greystone Primitive Methodist Church, St. Alban's (Protestant Episcopal), St. James (Protestant Episcopal), St. Lawrence (Roman Catholic), St. Mary's Home for Children (Protestant Episcopal).

The government of North Providence is typical of that of Rhode Island towns. Its principal agencies of government are the town meeting, town council, school committee, board of tax assessors, police department and various fire associations. Its essential officers are the town moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, tax collector, and director of unemployment relief, supplemented, however, by numerous minor officials.

7. R. I. Manual, 1937-1938, p. 91.

8. R. I. Manual, 1939-1940, pp. 161-165.

9. Ibid., Providence Journal Almanac, 1941, p. 66.

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I. TOWN MODERATOR

Probably the first official act of the freemen of North Providence was to select an officer to preside over their town meeting and to maintain peace and good order therein. Thus, the records of the first town meeting held July 8, 1765, contain the following entry: "James Olney is chosen Moderator." ¹

Until 1864 the town moderator was the presiding officer at all meetings, elective, financial or otherwise.² During this year (1864), however, the town was divided into districts for voting purposes, and district moderators chosen to conduct all elective meetings. When the town was separated in 1874, from what is now the city of Pawtucket, the new town of North Providence was organized without voting districts, and the town moderator again made responsible for the conduct of all meetings. In 1920 voting districts were again set off in the town, with the consequent re-establishment of the office of district moderator.

Since 1920, the official duties of the town moderator have been restricted solely to the management of the affairs of the financial town meetings.³

From 1765 to 1781, the moderator was chosen at each meeting;⁴ from 1781 to 1912, annually;⁵ and from 1912 to date, biennially.⁶

The office has always been elective.⁷

The moderator keeps no records.

II. TOWN MEETING

By the terms of the act establishing the town, John Olney, Esq. was ". . . authorized and fully empowered to issue a warrant, and call the freemen of the said town of North Providence to meet together at the house of Capt. Thomas Olney, within the same, on or before the 8th day of July (1765), in order to choose and appoint all officers necessary for managing and conducting the Prudential affairs of said town, agreeably to the laws of this Colony." ¹ Pursuant to the provisions of this act, the freemen of

1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 8.

2. T. M. R. (1765-1864).

3. Record of Ballots (1920--).

4. T. M. R. (1765-1808).

5. Ibid., 1781-1863; Election Returns, 1864-68; Ballots, 1869-73;
T. M. R., 1874-1912.

6. Ibid., (1912-1920); Record of Ballots (1920--).

7. T. M. R., 1765-1863; Election Returns, 1864-68; Ballots, 1869-73;
T. M. R., 1874-1920; Record of Ballots, 1920--.

1. Colony Records (Bartlett's), Vol. VI, p. 440.

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North Providence met in their first town meeting on July 8, 1765 and organized the government of the newly created town.²

Once established town meetings have been regularly held in the town to the present time.³ However, the nature of the business transacted in the town meeting has been gradually modified since the first gathering, and many of the functions necessary to the proper management and conduct of the prudential affairs of the town have been delegated to less unwieldy agencies, particularly to the town council; and the voting franchise, originally exercised in town meetings, has been transferred to the more convenient district meeting.

Today, about the only function of the town meeting, designated as the financial town meeting, is the ordering of the assessment of taxes, fixing of tax rates, and the appropriation of money for the various expenses of the municipal government.⁴

Regular town meetings are held annually, and special town meetings called from time to time as the occasion requires.⁵

The town clerk is, and always has been clerk of the town meeting, and as such, makes and keeps all records thereof.

All records, unless otherwise specified, are located in the town clerk's office, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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1. TOWN MEETING RECORD, 1765-- , 5 vols. (3 vols. 1765-1874, dated; 1, 2). Title varies slightly.

Minutes of proceedings of town meetings, containing record of:

- A. Appointment of committees
 - attend general assembly to advise with deputies on division of town, 1767.
 - examine act of general assembly respecting possession of slaves, and to work for abolition of slavery through general assembly, 1775.
 - provide for enlistment, 1776, 78, 80-82, 1862.
 - purchase Connecticut grain, 1779.
 - raise money by subscription for continental loan office, 1779.
 - define town boundaries, 1785-86, 1837, 65.
 - take general estimate, 1795.
 - confer with deputies for repeal of general estimate law, 1796.
 - petition general assembly to resist Embargo Act, 1809.

2. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 8.
3. T. M. R. (1765--), passim.
4. T. M. R., Vol. 2 (New Series).
5. Ibid.

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pike road, 1812.
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select land suitable for erection of memorial monument, 1862.
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confer with town of Johnston regarding support of public library,
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audit town books, 1895.
consider means of obtaining a water system, 1904.
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1905.
procure bond issue to take up floating debt, 1905.
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Providence and Pawtucket for public water service, 1905.
consider procuring lot for new town hall, 1910.
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procure plans for building town hall, 1929.
study subject of new high school, 1933-36.
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1936.
North Providence Sewer Commission, 1938.

B. Appropriations

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Marievile, 1914.
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Centerdale bridge repairs, 1876.
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Union Free Library, 1879-1922, 1926-40.
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Memorial Day, 1897-1940.
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making index to probate records, 1923.
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for preparing a zoning ordinance, 1928.
for purchase of Masonic Lot, 1930.
for grading and fencing Memorial Park, Marienville, 1931.
director of public aid (Welfare), 1933-40.
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town council to make application for authority to issue bonds, 1892.
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acceptance of streets as public highways, 1891, 1900.
various state measures, 1892, 96, 98, 1900, 5-6, 8, 11-13, 16, 20, 22.
abolishing Saturday night and Sunday police for one year, 1895.
report of town officers, 1895--.
providing high school tuition, 1899-1933.
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rebuilding schoolhouse in Woodville, 1920.
erecting town schoolhouses, 1922.
making appropriations for emergency unemployment relief, 1933--.
purchase of site for erection of high school, 1936.
acceptance of grant to install and construct sewer system, 1938.

Arr. chrcn. by date of meeting. 1 vol. 1765-1808, no index; 1 vol. 1808-55, indexed by first letter of subject matter from 1840-43; 2 vols. 1855-1920, indexed by first letter of subject matter; 1 vol. 1920--, no index. 3 vols. 1765-1874 hdw. (emery processed); 300 pp. 12 x 10 x 2, Pawtucket City Hall, Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket; 2 vols. 1874--, hdw. and typed, 400 pp. 17 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

III. TOWN COUNCIL

A town council was elected by the freemen of North Providence at their first town meeting and was composed of six members, namely James Olney (president), Samuel Currie, Jonathan Jencks, Jeremiah Dexter, Thomas Olney, and Nebadiah Angell, who were elected for a term of one year.¹ The town council retained its original membership of six members from 1765 to 1799; from 1799 to 1892 membership varied between seven and five members; and from 1892--, seven members have made up the agency.² Members of the council were elected for one year terms from 1765 to 1912 and since 1912 the town council has been elected biennially.³ The office has always been elective.⁴

The general powers of the town council have varied but little since the creation of the agency. The council today has full power to manage the

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1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 8.
 2. T. M. R., 1765-1863; Election Returns, 1864-68; Ballots, 1869-74; T. M. R., 1874-1920; Record of Ballots, 1920--.
 3. T. M. R., 1765-1862; Election Returns, 1864-68; Ballots, 1869-74; T. M. R., 1874-1920; Record of Ballots, 1920--.
 4. T. M. R., 1765-1863; Election Returns, 1864-68; Ballots, 1869-74; T. M. R., 1874-1920; Record of Ballots, 1920--.

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affairs and interests of the town and to determine all such matters that shall by law come within its jurisdiction.⁵ It also acts as board of health,⁶ board of canvassers,⁷ board of license commissioners,⁸ and sits or may designate not more than three of its members to sit on a board of canvassers and registration on election day.⁹

The town clerk is clerk of the town council and the various town council agencies with the exception of the board of canvassers and registration; and as such makes and keeps the records of the office.

Records from 1765-1874 are located in the Probate Record Room, fourth floor, Pawtucket City Hall, Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket, and from 1874 to date in the office or vault of the town clerk, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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2. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS OF TOWN COUNCIL AND OTHER AGENCIES), 1765-1874. 77 boxes in 40 f.d. (1-67, 88, 90-93, 95-98, 122).

Contains:

Box No.

1. Town meeting warrants, 1765-1820; warrants for jurors, 1781, 90-92, 95, 97-98, 1820; warrants for calling special town council meetings, 1794-1817; citation for appearance of persons before town council, 1797-98.
2. Subscription list relating to poor of Boston, 1774; requests for special town meeting, 1781-1867; indemnity bonds (master's indentures of apprenticeship), 1788, 93; town meeting warrants, 1820-69; indenture of apprenticeship, 1824.
3. Act regulating financial affairs of town, 1857; ordinance relating to duties and powers of town officers, 1859; town meeting warrants, 1870-74; warrants to lay out highways, 1873.
4. Tavern license bonds, 1765-99; certificate of inhabitation, 1766; indemnity bonds (bastardy, transients), 1766-92; administrators' bonds, 1766-98; guardianship bonds, 1779-98.
5. Tavern license bonds, 1801-16, 39-48; town treasurer's bonds, 1806-12; administrator's bond to sell real estate, 1841; oyster house license bonds, 1841-47.
6. Applications for license to sell spirituous liquors, 1846-73; applications for bowling alley licenses, 1872; applications for hotel licenses, 1872; applications for public house licenses, 1872; applications for victualling house licenses, 1872.

5. G. L., 1938, ch. 333, sec. 4, p. 704.

6. Ibid., sec. 13.

7. Ibid., ch. 312, sec. 12, p. 660.

8. Ibid., ch. 164, sec. 4, p. 397.

9. Ibid., ch. 314, secs. 24, 25, p. 665.

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7. Auditors' reports, 1787-1865; town treasurers' reports, 1796-1866; certificate of receipt of town treasurer's books and papers by successor, 1812, 31; town treasurer's estimates on probable expenses of town, 1819-64; name of person appointed to committee to examine alphabetical indexes inserted in deed books, 1, 2, and 3, 1824; town council agreements with physicians concerning attendance on sick paupers, 1826-33; town treasurers' requests to town council for advice and consent to borrow money, 1866-67; report on sinking fund, 1868.
8. Correspondence from various persons and town councils concerning indigents removed from North Providence, 1765-1849; warrants for removal of indigent persons, and petitions from overseers of the poor to town council for warrants, 1766-1869; report of committee appointed by general assembly to settle accounts and divide poor between Providence and North Providence, 1769; summonses and citations for indigent persons to appear before council to show cause why they should not be removed from town, 1774-1864; indemnity bond (bastard child), 1834; notice concerning harboring persons from abroad, 1841; record of school children vaccinated, 1844, 50.
9. Committee reports on laying out highways and estimates of damages to owners of land, 1766-1871; report of commissioner of highways, 1775-99; committee report on running line dividing Providence and North Providence, 1785; resignation of highway surveyor, Providence, 1785; accounts of surveyors of highways settled by town council, 1793-1869; return of surveyor of lumber, 1850-51; petition to be appointed surveyor of lumber, 1852-53; surveyor's certificate of assignment, 1854; resignation of highway surveyor, 1856.
10. Petitions for reports on and contracts for bridges, 1767-1871.
11. Copies of state tax warrants, 1762-1824; tax assessors' book, 1771; petitions and requests for abatement of taxes, 1799-1870; list of uncollectible taxes, 1812-73; tax collector's returns of estates sold for taxes, 1855-73; mechanic's liens filed, 1857-58; report of committee "on having taxable property platted and assessed", 1869; town clerk's receipts for taxes collected by him and turned over to tax collector, 1869.
12. Copy of warrant of distraint and return of sale (for non-appearance for training), 1775, 77; warrant for calling council meeting, 1776; request to town clerk to call town meeting, 1777; report of committee estimating damage caused by French army to woodland, 1782; assignment of wages, 1794; warrant to warn of training of militia and list of delinquents, 1801; settlement of accounts of military officers, 1802-32; petition for remittance of militia tax, 1843; lists of militia enrollments, 1843-64; report of committee to raise company of one hundred men from town, 1861; report of bounty committee (to raise volunteers), 1862-63; certificates of militia enrollment (from adjutant general), 1865; copy of honorable discharge (army), 1865; petition to use town hall for entertaining soldiers, undated.
13. Copies of writs of attachment, 1766-1820.
14. Copies of writs of attachment, 1820-40.

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15. Copies of writs of attachment, 1840-51.
16. Reports, warrants for removal, indemnity bonds (bastardy), correspondence, complaints, accounts, and citations of overseer of the poor, 1779-1872; reports of poor house committee, 1825, 32; agreement between commissioners and lessee of asylum, 1837; reports of commissioners of the asylum, 1849-62; petition from Rhode Island Hospital concerning hospitalization of town pauper, 1868; indentures of apprenticeship (by Providence Children's Friend Society), 1869.
17. Town treasurer's bonds, 1801-72; sinking fund report, 1862-72; victualing house bonds, 1868-72.
18. Reports of school committee to town meeting, 1830-59; deeds for school properties, 1839-52; bills allowed and ordered paid, 1841-52; miscellaneous papers, 1843-66; tax lists and valuations of school District No. 1, 1849, 51; notices calling school meetings, 1849-58; school district treasurer's reports, 1849, 55, 58; minutes of school meetings, 1855-56.
19. Applications for liquor licenses with receipts for fees, 1868-69; list of liquor dealers, 1871; petitions for and against issuance of licenses, 1871-72.
20. Warrants calling town meeting, 1775-76, 78, 97; resignation of town officers, 1830, 50; notices calling special town council meetings, 1841-58; petition for widening High St., 1872.
21. Petitions for watering places for cattle, 1794, 1857-68; petition for a town landing, 1801; copy of vote by town council concerning town landing, 1802; committee reports on town landing, 1803-52; notices of estrays (stray cattle) by pound keeper, 1821-59; petitions against and citations for nuisances, 1823-69; deed by Pawtucket Steamboat Co. conveying town landing to town, 1839; petitions against, summonses, and reports of committee regarding slaughter houses, 1851-71; warranty and quitclaim deeds and assignments, 1857-61; bills for repairing of watering places, 1866, 70; copy of ordinance concerning removal of buildings, 1869; petitions for permission to remove buildings, 1869-71; bonds for removal of buildings, 1869-73.
22. Deeds of gift, 1791, 97; quitclaim deeds, 1793-1869; warranty deeds, 1830-50; driftway agreement, 1835; town deeds (for highways), 1836, 50, 58, 68; report of committee on purchase of Columbia Hall for town house, 1853.
23. List of voters, 1844-54; list of persons voting for general officers and representatives to Congress, 1847; defaulted promissory notes upon which writs were served, 1847-61; petitions by aliens to hold real estate (upon declaration of intention to become naturalized), 1847-68.
24. Citation for appearance of persons before town council (concerning highways), 1770-96; requests to call council meeting, 1775, 99; complaints and warrants (assault and battery, and bastardy), 1785-1860; reports on land surveyed for roads by order of town council, 1795-1805; indentures of leases, 1830, 59; claims of Peoples' Bank against town, and council decrees thereon, 1854; petitions and claims for damages for injuries received on defective

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- highways, 1855-73; discharges of mortgages, 1856; petitions to lay iron water pipes in highways for fire and water purposes, and to place hydrants, 1860-73; decision of town council upon complaint for abatement of nuisance (Lloyd Chemical Works), 1861; assignment of trust, 1870; petitions for gas street lights in Olneyville, 1872.
25. Complaint and warrant (assault and battery), 1791; defeasance bond to convey real estate, 1796; statement of Providence and Pawtucket Turnpike Corporation, 1821; report of committee on encroachments on highways, 1830; requests for license to transact business as money brokers and vendor of foreign and domestic lottery tickets, and bond, 1830, 44; report of committee on highways, 1831; report of committee on Providence boundary line, 1847; petitions of Providence Gas Co. and Pawtucket Gas Co. for permission to lay gas pipes, and approval of town council, 1853-54; report of committee appointed to re-plat highways in the town, 1859; petition for appointment as auctioneer, 1863; petition to general assembly requesting that a strip of land near North End Burial Ground be set off from the town and added to City of Providence, 1866; petition for abatement of taxes, 1867; notice of hearing on Boston and Hartford Railroad Co., 1869; bond (bastardy case), 1870; report on persons vaccinated, 1870; petition to open highway (continuance of Mt. Pleasant Avenue), 1871; plat of territory proposed to be annexed by City of Providence, 1871; report of commissioners appointed to recommend dividing line between towns of Smithfield, Pawtucket, Lincoln, and North Providence, 1871; report of committee appointed to consider division of town of North Providence, 1872; affidavit of individual accompanying application to have name registered as voter in North Providence, 1873; assessors' report on new valuation of property, 1873.
26. Warrants for jurors, 1797-1815; petition to town council to revise highway limits, 1809; petitions for watering places for horses and cattle, 1859-73; petitions for and against widening of Main Street; notices to land owners and report of commission concerning widening of Main Street (village of Pawtucket), 1872-73.
27. Warrant to highway surveyors (for laying out highway), 1768; citations relative to highways, 1796, 1849; petition for highways, 1838-68; warrants for town meetings, 1849-67; documents relating to Mill Street (Pawtucket), 1868; accounts of contractor (Mill Street), 1869.
28. Report on a highway from meeting house (at Pawtucket), 1794; papers, including warrants, citations, petitions, remonstrances, appeal bonds, and report of committee on encroachments relating to High Street (Pawtucket), 1840-72; warrant to lay out Hawes Street and committee report, 1872.
29. Report of committee on building a town house, 1861; notices of acceptance of appointments of trial justices, 1868-72.
30. Papers relating to Read St., including warrant to lay out, petitions, report of committee, notices to land owners, order to town sergeant to remove obstructions, and appeal bonds, 1845-68; petitions for repair of "Old Road", 1873.

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31. Copy of report of committee on laying out highway from Providence to North Providence, 1749; copy of resolution appointing a committee to run line between Providence and North Providence, 1785; committee report on landing place at "Cove", 1803; petition for building a dam at "Abbotts Place" and report of committee, 1814; petition to exchange land for highway, 1834; papers relating to Valley St., including petitions, warrants, and summonses to land owners, 1864-73.
32. Papers relating to Mineral Spring Pike, including warrants, summonses to land owners, petitions, committee report, report on grading, claims, copy of resolution of town council, 1814-74; papers relating to Mount Pleasant Ave., including warrants, notices to land owners, petitions, remonstrances, commissioner's reports to town council and Supreme Court, 1859-73; papers relating to "Old Road" including notices to land owners, petitions, remonstrances, return of committee, 1860-74; papers relating to Bagley St., including petitions, warrants, summonses to land owners, 1873-74.
33. Papers relating to various streets (Marrion, Mason, Martin, Merrick, Miller, Montgomery, Mystic, McKenna), including warrants, petitions, claims, summonses to land owners, return of commissioners to town council, 1853-72.
34. Papers, including warrants to lay out, petitions, claims, returns of commissioners to town council, notices to land owners, committee reports, relating to Log Bridge Road, 1786-1864, Louisquisset Turnpike, 1854-74, and Lavaughan St., 1864-72; petition for and copy of town meeting resolution authorizing building of school house in school district No. 3, 1830.
35. Papers relating to Smithfield Road, including petitions, warrants, reports, notices to land owners, commissioner's reports to town council, 1771-1869; papers relating to Old Killingly Road, including citation, notice to land owners, petitions, warrants to lay out and grade, report of commissioners to town council, 1791-1873; letter of James C. Collins to town council concerning trial justices (opinion), 1873.
36. Papers, including warrants, petitions, citations, complaints, reports of commissioners to town council, relating to Old Wenscott Rd., 1800-1870, Olneyville Road, 1841-53, and Orms St., 1859-73.
37. Papers relating to Powder Mill Pike, including petitions, summonses to land owners, warrants to lay out, reports of committee to town council, deed by Jenks Olney (1829), deed of Gideon Olney (1834), 1796-1874; report of committee on bridewell, 1857.
38. Papers, including warrants, petitions, reports, summonses, notices to land owners, relating to Pine St., 1848-73, and Pine Ave., 1856-73.
39. Papers, including warrants, petitions, reports, relating to Fidge Ave., 1861-74, and Pattinson St., 1870-73; petition to town council by Providence and Worcester R. R., 1873.
40. Papers, including warrants, petitions, notices to land owners, relating to Julian St., 1870-73, and Kimball St., 1873.
41. Papers relating to Old Power Road, including petition (1766), warrants to lay out, reports of committee, notices to land owners, 1766-1861; papers relating to Fountain St., Pawtucket, including petitions and

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- warrant, 1845-59; return of committee on various streets in Fairmount and Pawtucket, 1869; papers including return of committee, and a petition relating to Bath St. and Myrtle St., 1870; papers relating to Farnum Pike, including warrant to lay out, and petition, 1873.
42. Warrant concerning indigent persons, 1818; papers relating to Jenks St., including warrants, petitions, notices to land owners, report of committee on highways, 1844-66; papers relative to Eaton St., including report of committee on highways, petitions, warrants to lay out, 1852-55; papers relating to Elm St., including petitions, report of grading committee, warrant to lay out, 1863; papers relating to Evans St., including summonses to land owners, and petitions, 1867-69; papers relating to Eagle St., including petitions, warrants to lay out, summonses to landowners, and petitions, and return of committee on highways, 1870-72; papers relating to East Ave. (formerly East Turnpike) including summonses to land owners, report of committee on highways, petitions, resolutions of town council, warrants to lay out, 1871-74; papers relating to Erastus St., including warrants to lay out, notices to land owners, petitions, 1873; document defining bounds of "The Old House Lott", undated.
43. Papers relating to Atwells Ave., including petitions, claims, warrants to lay out, reports of committee on damages, complaints, money spent, notices to land owners, copy of vote of town council on curbing, agreements, 1845-71; papers relating to Atlantic St., including petitions, summonses to land owners, agreement, reports of commissions, warrants to lay out, notices to land owners, 1860-73; papers relating to Armington St., including warrants to lay out, summonses to land owners, 1872-73.
44. Reports from chief of police (monthly), 1872-73; papers relating to Waldo St., including petitions, warrant to lay out, commissioner's report, 1873-74; warrants to lay out and grade various streets, 1873-74; complaint and petition regarding nuisance, 1874; copy of general assembly resolution regarding Providence and Pawtucket Turnpike, undated.
45. Appeal bonds, 1868-71; notices of appeal, 1870.
46. Copy of plat of landing place (1754), and papers relating to River Ave. (Pawtucket) including copy of resolution by town council (1802), warrants to lay out, summonses to land owners, petitions, reports of commissioners, appeals, appeal bonds, bill of exceptions, copy of Supreme Court Judgment, 1754-1869.
47. Petitions to lay tracks, 1861-70; report of committee, 1863; bills accepted and ordered paid, undated; copy of ordinance and amendment permitting the Broadway and Providence R. R. Co. to lay tracks in North Providence, undated; petitions for and against the railroad, undated; reports on complaints, undated.
48. Papers relating to Wilbour Hill Road including report on highway (1807), plat (1807), warrants to lay out, summonses to landowners, petitions, reports of committees, 1807-71; citation to highway commissioners, 1846; papers relating to Walker St., including warrants to lay out, summonses to land owners, petitions, reports of

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- committee, opinion (1874), and remonstrance, 1847-74; warrant to lay out new street, 1866; papers relating to Weeden and Pine Sts., including warrants to lay out, petitions, notices to land owners, reports of committees, summonses to land owners, 1866-71.
49. Committee report on Old Neck Road, 1766; papers relating to "Old Road" including copy of resolution by Providence town council (1791), warrants to lay out, summonses to land owners, committee reports, petitions, notices to land owners, 1791-1872; petition to define bounds, 1847; papers, including warrants to lay out, petitions, committee reports, summonses to landowners, remonstrances, report of grade, relating to Ward, Wayne, Bernon, Whipple, Wheldon and Webster Sts., 1860-73.
50. Papers relating to Broad St., including warrants to lay out, report of committee on damages, highway committee report, notification to landowners, copies of votes of town council concerning land, ordinance regarding Union R. R., agreement, petitions, claims, 1842-74.
51. Papers relating to burial grounds consisting of deeds (including deed by Moses Brown and one concerning Jonathan Jenks burying lot), reports of committees, copy of town council vote, notes on land conveyed, treasurer's report of burial ground account, petitions, votes to purchase land, bills for services of committee, correspondence, vouchers of committee, 1822-67; papers relating to Bush St., including warrant to lay out, summonses to land owners, report on grade, citation to land owners, report of committee, petitions, 1861-70.
52. Papers relating to Branch Ave., including warrants to lay out, summonses to land owners, committee report, claims, petitions, 1846-74; papers relating to Brown St., including petitions, summonses, warrants to lay out, 1856-59; papers relating to Baptist St., including notice to landowners, committee report, 1863, 75.
53. Papers relating to Barton St., including petitions and warrant to lay out, 1869-72; petition concerning Burgess St., 1870; return of committee to lay out Bernon and Wayne Sts., 1870; summonses to land owners on Bath St., 1870; warrant to lay out Blackstone St., 1872.
54. Papers relating to Chalkstone Rd. (Chalkstone Ave.), including original profile by Caleb Jenks (1786), survey by Benj. Whipple (1810), reports of committee, warrants to lay out, petitions, citation, return of committee on grade, notice to land owners, 1786-1874; papers relating to Commons St., including warrants to lay out, committee reports, petitions, 1848-62.
55. Papers relating to various streets (Cross, Carlton, Commodore, Crawford, Church Common, Common, Carroll, and Capron), including petitions, warrants to lay out, committee reports, return of committee on grade, notice to land owners, summonses, 1858-71.
56. Papers relating to Church and Cedar Sts., including petitions, report of committee on relaying, summonses, notices to land owners, agreement, commissioner's report, warrants to lay out, claims, 1845-73.

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57. Papers relating to Cemetery, Charles, and Chaffee Sts., including petitions, committee reports, warrants to lay out, return of committee on grading, appeal bond, notification to land owners, 1847-74.
58. Papers relating to Douglas Ave., including reports of committee, warrants to lay out, citations, petitions, release, notifications to land owners, appeal bond, 1845-70; papers relating to Dan and Dover Sts., including warrant, summonses, notices to land owners, 1869-72.
59. Papers relating to Dexter and Delaine Sts., including petitions, warrants to lay out, committee reports, summonses to land owners, warrants to remove obstructions, notification to land owners, complaints, notification to town council, 1844-71.
60. Papers relating to North Union St., including original petition (1798), original report of survey (1798), highway committee report (1798), warrants to lay out, petitions, citations, resolutions, remonstrance, 1798-1872.
61. Papers relating to Providence and Pawtucket Turnpike, including copy of act establishing the corporation (1807) with amendments thereto, reports of committees, petitions, notices to land owners, warrants to lay out, 1807-70; papers relating to Nickerson, Olive, North George, Newton, and North Davis Sts., including warrants to lay out, petitions, summonses to land owners, 1857-74.
62. Papers relating to Bradford, Hardenburg, Harrison, Highland, and Hopkins Sts., including petitions, warrants to lay out, reports of committees, return of committee on grading, summonses to land owners, appeal bond, 1859-71.
63. Papers relating to Hannah, Harris, Hawes, High, Hopkins, Hudson, Oriental, and Whipple Sts., including petitions, reports, citations, warrants to lay out, summonses to land owners, 1857-73.
64. Petition and agreement concerning Catholic Rd., 1842; papers relating to George and Garden Sts., including contracts, warrants to lay out, petitions, remonstrance, summonses to land owners, notices to land owners, 1842-71; committee report on Church St., 1861.
65. Papers relating to George (West River), Grace, Grant, Greene, Greenland, and Greystone Sts., including petitions, warrants, summonses, committee reports, 1846-74; petition concerning Convent and Delany Sts., 1869.
66. Papers including petitions, citations, protests, committee reports, warrants to lay out, summonses to land owners, reports of committee on damages, returns of committees on grades, and copies of town council resolutions relating to Summer St., 1847-71, Meeting, South Union, South Woodlawn Sts., and South Ave., 1847-72, and Smithfield Pike (Smithfield Road), 1869-74; warrant to lay out and committee report on Grotto Ave., 1873.
67. Papers relating to "Stated Common" Highway, including petition and resolution, highway committee return, report of survey, 1773-1800; papers relating to Sandy Hollow, including return of Highway committee (1777), citation (1788), original profile of road by Caleb Jenks (1789), committee report, 1777-89; papers relating to Sampson, Jewett, Sullivan, Smith, and Taylor Sts., including

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- warrants to lay out, petitions, notices to land owners, return of committee on grade, resolutions, summonses, committee reports, 1866-73.
88. Reports of chief of police, 1874; report of special constables under the liquor laws, 1874.
90. Report of clerk of justice court, 1873; reports of committee on nuisance, 1873; reports of health officers, 1873; reports of special constables under the liquor laws, 1873; returns of trial justices, 1873; arbitration bonds, 1873-74; lists of commitments to Providence County Jail, 1873-74.
91. Report of committee to establish watering place at head of Main St., 1848; copy of subscriber's petition to general assembly to create a new town, 1864; petitions against nuisances (slaughter house), 1864-73; claims for town aid, 1865, 70; summonses under liquor laws, 1868-73; indemnity bonds (bastardy), 1870; pending suits (les pendens), 1870; report of committee on estate, 1871; remonstrance on laying turnout on Main St., 1873; warrants calling special town meetings, 1873-74; report of committee on watering place, undated.
92. Bills allowed and ordered paid, 1865-71; tax receipts, 1865-71; warrants to lay out streets, 1872; petitions for streets, highways, and burial grounds, 1872-73; summonses to land owners, 1873; contractor's bill, 1874.
93. Copies of writs of attachment, 1849-60; copies of executions, 1851-60; bonds, plaintiff's demurrers, summonses to justice court, plaintiff's replication, and defendant's pleas, 1858.
95. Warrants for jurors, 1765-1830; warrants for representatives and deputies, 1790-1814.
96. Papers, including warrants to lay out, reports of committees and commissioners, citations, petitions, reports on grading, summonses and notices to land owners, profiles relating to West River St., 1769-1870, Woonasquatucket River Road, 1802-65, West Ave., 1869-74, Old Wanskuck Road, 1870, Walker St., 1870, 73.
97. Warrants for jurors, 1810-73; Governor's proclamation and warrant calling town meeting to elect Governor, lt. governor, and senators, 1832.
98. Petitions for pound (1818), deputations of deputy town clerk, resignation of representative, petition to change time of election of town officers, committee report on bridewell, petitions against coasting, petition by barbers, petitions on Sabbath observance, 1818-71; reports of committees on new system of appropriating road tax, 1828; report relative to town pound in Pawtucket (village), 1828; tavern keeper's bond, 1828; petition for naturalization (to Court of Common Pleas), 1844; petitions, and report of committee on naming and numbering streets, 1850; petitions and applications for appointment as police officer and night watchman, and remonstrances, 1850-60; administrator's submission to arbitration, 1854; bill of sale, 1854; claim for \$50 reward, 1854; certificates of naturalization, 1854, 56; copies of writs of attachment, 1854-59; petitions to locate slaughter house and chemical manufacturing

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- plant, circus petition, petition for fireworks display, 1854-60; report of committee to locate town house, 1854, 64; petitions and ordinances relative to obstructions on sidewalks, 1855; applications for appointment as police constables and remonstrances, 1860-73; constables bonds, 1861, 69, 71; divorce petitions, 1863; application to install bowling alleys, 1863, 72; petitions regarding nuisances, 1866; application for appointment as auctioneer, 1867; town sergeant's bond, 1869; certificates of trial justices, justice court clerk petitions and remonstrances, 1869-73; reports of chief of police, 1870-73; reports of trial justices and returns of fines, 1873; arbitrator's report on various streets, undated.
122. Quitclaim deeds, 1850-74; warranty deeds to town of North Providence, 1861-81.

Arr. numerically by box number. For index, see entry 3. Hdw. 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12.

Minutes

3. COUNCIL RECORDS (Minutes of Proceedings), 1765--. 23 vols. (Labeled A-1; B, A-2 part 1; B, A-2 part 2; A-3, 1791-1823; 8 vols., 1 A-4 to 8, A-11; 3 vols., 9-11. New series, 8 vols., labeled 1, and 4-10). Title varies: Council and Probate A, 1 vol., 1765-1789; Town Council and Probate, 2 vols., 1767-1801; Town Council and Probate C, 1 vol., 1791-1823; Council and Probate, 2-8, 7 vols., 1802-1855.

Minutes of proceedings of town council, showing date, time, place of meeting, members present, selection of president. Also includes record of:

A. Actions on

- probate matters, 1765-1855.
- fixing price for purchase of land for highways, 1765-1864 (scattered).
- issuing of warrants to town sergeant to open highways, 1765-1864 (scattered).
- petitions and complaints concerning highways, 1765-1864 (scattered).
- subsequent redistricting of highways, 1765-1864 (scattered).
- re-surveying of old roads, 1765-1864 (scattered).
- assignment of surveyors, 1765-1864 (scattered).
- settling accounts of surveyors, 1765-1864 (scattered).
- certificates of inhabitation, 1765-1869.
- removal and punishment of persons without legal settlement, 1765-1869.
- examination of jury box, 1765, 80, 88, 94, 97, 1800-1802, 7-8, 11, 16, 32, 40-46, 48, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59-60, 63, 68-69, 72.
- laying out of highways, 1765-1874 (scattered).
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4. LICENSE BOOK, 1933--. 1 vol.

Copies of alcoholic beverage licenses granted by town council sitting
as a licensing board, showing date of meeting, types of licenses granted,
name and business address of licensee, signature of town clerk.

Notices of applications for licenses (newspaper clippings), showing
name of applicant, date, time, and place of hearing, intended location of
business. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. Indexed alpha. by first letter
of surname of licensee. Typed. 200 pp. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Juries and Militia

5. JURY BOOK, 1937--. 1 vol. (2).

Copies of minutes of town council meetings held for drawing of jurors,
showing date of meeting, purpose, number and type of juror to be drawn
(grand or petit).

Jury list, showing type of jury duty (grand or petit), names, addresses,
and occupations of persons drawn, signature of town clerk, signatures of
town councilmen. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. and typed.
299 pp. $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 2.

6. ENROLLED MILITIA (Record of Drawing and List of Jurors), 1874-1936.
1 vol.

• Enrolled militia, showing name, total number enrolled.

Copies of minutes of town council meeting held for drawing of jurors,
showing date of meeting, names of members present, number and type of jurors
to be drawn (grand or petit).

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Jury list, showing type of juror (grand and petit), name and occupation, address (1904--), signature of town clerk, signatures of town councilmen. Enrolled militia arr. chron. by year; each year alpha., grouped by name of enrollee. Jury lists arr. chron. by date of council meeting. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

Ordinances

7. (TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCES), 1874--. 1 vol.

A digest of ordinances of town of North Providence, showing chapter number, title, and provisions. Arr. numerically by number of ordinance. No index. Typed. 40 pp. 11 x 9 x $\frac{1}{8}$.

Reports

8. AUDITOR'S REPORTS, 1916-38. 26 vols.

Annual reports of examination of municipal accounts by certified public accountants ordered by town council, containing:

Report of examination of town treasurer's books and accounts, 19 vols., fiscal years ending 1916-34, with statements of: receipts and disbursements (condensed), 1916-29; Daniel W. Lyman Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Fund, 1916-34; bond and note debt, 1916-34; net bond and note debt, less sinking fund, 1916-34; sinking funds, 1916-34; cash receipts and disbursements, 1924-34; cash receipts and disbursements, relief fund, 1932-34; unpaid bills, 1932-34; relief fund, R. F. C. account, 1934.

Report of examination of tax collector's accounts, 1 vol., 1921-24, with statements of: poll taxes, 1921-23; real estate and personal property taxes, 1921-23; cash receipts, deposits, and payments to town treasurer, 1921-24; cash receipts, deposits, and payments to town treasurer (summary), 1921-24; deposits, interest earnings, and transfers with proof of bank balance, 1921-24; levy collections, and expenses (on tax rolls, 1918-23), 1921-24; payments to town treasurer, 1921-24; taxes, penalties, and transfers collected and reconciliation, 1921-24.

Report of audit of tax collector's accounts, 1 vol., 1924-31, with summary of: additions to and deductions from taxrolls, 1924-30; interest received by tax collector and payments to town treasurer, 1924-31; discrepancies between taxes and interest collected by tax collector and taxes and interest turned over to town treasurer (grand summary), 1924-31; tax assessments and payments to town treasurer, including poll taxes, 1924-31.

Report of audit of tax collector's accounts, 1 vol., 1931-32 (on tax rolls, 1924-32), showing reconciliation of: tax collector's cash, 1931-32; unpaid taxes, by years, 1931-32.

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Annual report of State budget director and comptroller on examination of municipal accounts of town, 4 vols., fiscal years ending 1935-38, with statements of: Marienville Fire Station construction account, 1935; sinking fund, 1935-36; Daniel W. Lyman Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Fund, 1935-37; cash revenue and expenditures (condensed), 1935-38; debt, 1935-38; operation of appropriation accounts, 1935-38; receipts and disbursements (exclusive of sinking funds and trust funds), 1935-38; town debt (bonded and floating), 1935-38; schedule of uncollected property taxes, 1935-38; receipts and expenditures of bond issue funds, 1936-38; receipts and disbursements (high school building account - P. W. A. docket, R.I. 1128- D.S.), 1938. Arr. chron. by fiscal year. No index. Typed. Aver. 25 pp. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$ - 14 x 10 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

Utilities

9. (PETITIONS AND PLANS OF PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL), 1935--. 1 vol.

Petitions, with plans, for location of poles, wires, and fixtures, showing date of petition, name of corporation, nature of petition, signature of corporation officer, action taken by town council, page numbers of council book where recorded, signature of town clerk.

Plans, showing plan number, date, proposed locations. Arr. chron. by date of petition. No index. Petitions typed on printed forms; plans drawn on plain sheets. 150 pp. 9 x 13 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Voting

10. (NORTH PROVIDENCE VOTING LIST), 1874--. 1 vol., 1 ballot box.

Voting list, showing name of town, year, names of persons qualified to vote on real estate, personal property (intangible 1912--), registration, certification by board of canvassers, signature of president of board, date list used, signature of town clerk; 1919--, separate lists for men and women; 1920--, lists prepared for each voting district, containing, in addition to above information, voting district numbers. Vol., 1874-1910, arr. chron. by date of list; ballot box, 1911--, no obvious arr. No index. Printed. Vol., 16 x 16 x 5 ; ballot box, 16 x 16 x 42 .

Indexes

11. INDEX FILES TO HIGHWAYS (Index to Miscellaneous Council Papers), 1765-1874. 1 vol. (1765).

Index to miscellaneous town council papers, see entry 2, showing number of box, where filed, description of contents. Arr. numerically by box number. Hdw. 150 pp. $13\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

12. INDEX TO COUNCIL RECORDS (Proceedings), 1765-1874. 1 vol. (dated).

Index to council records, see entry 3, showing nature of subject matter, year, book number, page number. Grouped alpha. by subject matter; arr. chron. thereunder by date of entry. Hdw. 250 pp. 16½ x 11 x 1½.

IV. PROBATE COURT

From the incorporation of the town to 1868 probate matters were handled by the town council sitting as a court of probate.¹ In 1868 probate jurisdiction was vested in a probate judge, and William W. Blodget named to the office.² The council continued to delegate probate authority to a single judge until the division of the town in 1874.³ Probate jurisdiction was again exercised by the council from 1874 to 1891.⁴ From 1892 with the possible exceptions of the years 1893 to 1895 a probate judge has been regularly appointed or elected to the office, annually to 1920, and biennially therefrom to date.⁵

The town clerk is clerk of probate court and as such records its proceedings, wills, administrations, inventories, accounts, decrees, orders, determinations, and other writings which are made, granted, or decreed upon by probate court; and has custody and safe keeping of seal of court and all books and papers belonging to the probate office.⁶

Probate records, 1765-1874, are located in the Pawtucket City Hall, Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket, and from 1874 to date the records are in the Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Papers

13. (ORIGINAL PROBATE PAPERS), 1765-1874. 23 f.d.; approx. 36,000 papers and instruments (labeled by contained estate numbers).

Original papers with probate court, including:

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 6. G. L., 1938, ch. 568, secs. 5, 6, p. 1077.

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Accounts

15. PROBATE RECORD OF ACCOUNTS, 1873-74. 1 vol. (1, A25).

Record contains copies of administrator's, executor's and guardian's accounts of estates. Arr. chron. by date of allowance. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

Bonds

16. ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND, 1873-74. 1 vol. (1, A32).

Record contains copies of administrator's bonds and bonds of administrators c.t.a. to return inventory. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

17. EXECUTOR'S BOND TO RETURN INVENTORY, 1873-74. 1 vol. (A34).

Record contains copies of executor's bonds to return inventory. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

18. GUARDIANSHIP BONDS, 1873-74. 1 vol. (1, A35).

Record contains copies of guardianship bonds for minors and guardianship bonds for minors over 14 years. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of ward. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

19. BOND TO PAY DEBTS AND LEGACIES, 1873. 1 vol. (1, A37).

Record contains copy of bond to pay debts and legacies. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

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20. BONDS (GUARDIAN'S), 1874. 1 vol. (1, A38).

Record contains copies of guardian's bonds to sell and mortgage real estate. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of ward. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

21. BOND BOOK, 1874-1918. 3 vols. (1-3). Title varies slightly.

Copies of probate bonds:

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Grouped by type of bond; chron. thereunder by date of filing instrument. Indexed by first letter of surname of ward and name of estate. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Town clerk's vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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22. PROBATE DOCKET, 1874--. 1 vol.

Digest of action taken on individual estates by probate court, including estate number, name of estate; date and purpose of petition, book and page number where recorded; date, amount, kind and purpose of bond, names of sureties, book and page number where recorded; names of appraisers of estates, date of acceptance and amount of inventory, book and page number where recorded; petitions to sell real estate, date received and granted, amount of bond, book and page number where recorded; date accounts received, number of account, date settled, amount of balance, book and page number where recorded; claims against estates, name of claimant, amount of claims, total amount of claims, signature of town clerk. Arr. numerically by number of estate; chron. thereunder by date of original petition. No index. Typed. 1200 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4. Town clerk's vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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23. INDEX TO PROBATE RECORDS, 1765-1874. 1 vol. (dated).

Index to probate records, see entry 14, showing name of estate, type of instrument or proceeding, year, number of book, page number. Arr. alpha. by first letter of name of estate; chron. thereunder by date of proceeding. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

24. (INDEX TO PROBATE ESTATES), 1765-1874. 12 f.d. (A-Bis; B1-Ce; Ci-Day; De-Fox; Fr-Hay; He-Kes; Ki-May; Me-McGe; Mc Gr-Phi; Pi-Shu; Si-Ty; U-Z).

Card index to probate estates, see entry 13, showing name of estate, file number, year, type of instrument or proceeding, book and page number of record. Arr. alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Typed. 17 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5.

25. PROBATE INDEX (Index to Probate Estates), 1874--. 1 vol.

Index to probate estates, see note at end of entry 13, showing year, name of estate, type of instrument or proceeding, number of estate. Arr. alpha. by first letter of name of estate; chron. thereunder by date of proceeding. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Town clerk's vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Letters

26. LETTER TESTAMENTARY, 1873. 1 vol. (1, A41).

Copy of letter testamentary. Contents of vol. arr. chron. by date of letter. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

Warrants and Inventories

27. APPRAISER'S WARRANT (And Inventories), No. 1, 1873-74. 1 vol. (A-18).

Copies of warrants issued by probate court appointing appraisers to take inventories of estates, showing names of town, county and state, names of appraisers, name of estate or ward, name of administrator, executor or guardian, instructions to appraisers (to appraise estate, return inventory and warrant), date of appointment, signature of probate clerk, time and place of return of warrant and inventory, appraisers' oath to faithfully perform duty, signature of notary public.

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Copies of inventories of estate, showing name of estate or ward, name of town, county and State, name of executor, administrator or guardian, description and value (by item) of estate, signatures of appraisers, executor's, administrator's or guardian's affidavit, signature of notary public, date inventory was received, approved and ordered recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Hdw. 400 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

28. APPRAISER'S WARRANT (And Inventories), ON ESTATE OF WARD, 1873-74.
1 vol. (1, A23).

Copies of warrants issued by probate court empowering appraisers to value estate of ward, showing names of county, State and town, names of ward and appraisers, instructions to appraisers (to appraise estate and return inventory and warrant), time and place of return of warrant and inventory, appraiser's oath, signature of notary public.

Copies of inventories of estate of ward showing names of ward, town, and guardian, description and value (by item) of estate, signatures of appraisers, guardian's sworn statement, date inventory was approved, received and ordered recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Hdw. 400 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Wills

29. PROBATE RECORD OF WILLS, 1873-74. 1 vol. (1, A29).

Copies of wills, originals of which have been filed for probate. Arr. chron. by date of probate. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

V. TOWN CLERK

At the first town meeting in North Providence, Jabez Whipple was elected town clerk for a term of one year.¹ The town clerk was chosen annually thereafter until 1912, when by a special act of legislature the tenure was increased to two years.² The office has always been elective.³

The town clerk is also clerk of the town council,⁴ probate court,⁵ board of canvassers,⁶ and board of license commissioners,⁷ and as such he has official custody of the records of these agencies.

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1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 8.
 2. T. M. R., 1912.
 3. T. M. R., 1765-1920; Record of Ballots, 1920--.
 4. G. L., 1938, ch. 333, sec. 10, p. 704.
 5. Ibid., ch. 568, sec. 4, p. 1077.
 6. Ibid., ch. 312, sec. 13, p. 660.
 7. Ibid., ch. 164, sec. 4, p. 397.

Since 1903, the town clerk, with the approbation of the town council, has regularly appointed a deputy town clerk to assist him in his work.⁸

Records from 1765 to 1874 are located in the Probate Record Room, Pawtucket City Hall, Pawtucket; and from 1874 to date, in the office or vaults of the town clerk, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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30. RECEIVING BOOK NORTH PROVIDENCE, 1874--. 14 vols. (4 vols. 1919-33 labeled 1-4). Title varies: Deeds for Record, 1874-1933, 12 vols.; Receiving Book Transfer North Providence, 1933-35, 1 vol.

Record of instruments received by town clerk for recordation, showing type of instrument, book and page number, file number, day, hour, and minutes presented for record, names of grantor, grantee, mortgagor and mortgagee, etc.; name of person presenting instrument for record, fee, consideration, description of property or instrument, to whom instrument delivered, year delivered. Arr. chron. by date and time instrument received for record. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of grantor, mortgagor, etc. Hdw. 260 pp. 16 x 13 x 2. 7 vols. 1874-89, 1895-1919, town clerk's basement vault; 7 vols. 1888-95, 1919--, town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

31. MORTGAGE BOOK, 1765--. 110 vols. (72 vols., 1765-1874, 1-70, 2 vols. labeled 2, 2 vols. labeled 3; 38 vols., 1874--, 1-36, 21A, 21B). Title varies: Record of Deeds and Mortgages, 1765-1838, 9 vols.; Records, 1834-43, 2 vols.; Registry of Deeds, 1842-45, 55-61, 4 vols.; Deeds and Mortgages, 1843-69, 2 vols.; Record of Deeds, 1845-74, 30 vols.; Registry of Mortgages, 1860-61, 1 vol.; Record of Mortgages, 1858-1920, 28 vols.; Mortgages and Transfers, 1876-1922, 2 vols.; Mortgage and Transfer Book, 1900-1927, 3 vols.

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name of mortgagor and mortgagee, grantor and grantee, etc. For separate in-
dexes see entries 46-50, Hdw, and typed. Aver. 650 pp. 16½ x 14 x 2½.
72 vols., 1765-1874, Probate Record Room, Pawtucket City Hall; 38 vols.,
1874-- , town clerk's vault, Town Hall, Centerdale.

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32. OLD RECORDS, 1853-74. 3 vols. (1-3; dated).

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33. DEED BOOK, 1874-- . 38 vols. (1-38). Title varies slightly.

Record of land evidence, other instruments and papers recorded by town clerk, including:

- A. Affidavits
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Arr. chron. by date of recordation. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee, etc. For separate indexes see entries 47-50.

Hdw. and typed. Aver. 650 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 x 2.

34. PERSONAL PROPERTY MORTGAGES, 1829--. 16 vols. (1829-1874, 2 vols. unlabeled; 3-6; 1874--, 10 vols., 1-10). Title varies slightly.

Record of personal property mortgages, deeds, and other instruments recorded by town clerk, including:

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Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of mortgagee and mortgagor, etc. For separate indexes see entries 46-50. Hdw. and typed. 500 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. 6 vols., 1829-74, Probate Record Room, 4th floor, Pawtucket City Hall, Pawtucket; 10 vols., 1874-- , town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, Centerdale.

35. ATTACHMENTS, 1862--. 6 f.d. (labeled by contained numbers of instruments).

Sheriff's copies of writs filed with town clerk for recording, including: attachments, mesne process, scire facias, executions, notice of intentions to claim liens, etc., discharges of attachments, liens and executions; notices of pending suits, and conditional sales agreements. Arr. chron. by date filed and numbered consecutively thereunder. No index. For separate indexes see entries 36, 46-50. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 5 x 16 - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18.

36. ATTACHMENTS, SHERIFFS' BONDS AND DISCHARGES, 1867--. 3 vols. (1 vol., 1867-74, A; 1 vol. 1874-1927, 1). Title varies: Attachments - North Providence, 1867-74, 1 vol., Attachments, 1874-1927, 1 vol.

Digest of attachments, sheriffs' bonds and discharges: attachments, showing date, file number, names of defendant, plaintiff, and plaintiff's attorney, amount of attachment, date and time of day filed, name of officer serving writ, date discharged, explanation of discharge, signature of plaintiff's attorney, signature of witness, date writ returnable. 2 vols. (1874--) also serves as index to file of attachments, see entry 35.

Sheriffs' bonds and discharges, showing file number, name of surety, defendant, and plaintiff, amount of bond, place of original attachment, dates filed and discharged. Attachments grouped alpha. by first letter of surname of defendant, chron. thereunder by date recorded; bonds and discharges grouped alpha. by first letter of name of surety. Hdw. Aver. 216 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 17 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1867-74 (writs Nos. 1-280), Probate Record Room, 4th floor, Pawtucket City Hall.

37. PAWTUCKET AND NORTH PROVIDENCE ATTACHMENT INDEX, 1862-74. 1 vol. (dated).

Copy of attachment record serving as an index to file of Attachments, 1862-74 (North Providence writs nos. 1-280), see entry 36, showing names of defendant, plaintiff, plaintiff's attorney, amount of attachment, name of officer serving writs, date and time of day served, book and page, reference number, file number, remarks. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of defendant, chron. thereunder by date recorded. Typed. 300 pp. 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 13 x 2 3/4.

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38. STATE LIEN NOTICES (State Inheritance Tax Liens), 1920--. 1 f. d.

Original notices and discharges of inheritance tax liens; notices showing estate number, date of notice, name of estate, name of town clerk receiving notice, name of town, notice of filing of inventory with State tax agency, name and residence of decedent, notice that estate has been impressed with a lien, signature of State tax official, seal. Jacket shows estate number, type of document and file number.

Notice of discharge of lien showing estate number, date of discharge, name of estate, name of town clerk receiving notice of discharge, notice that lien has been discharged, name and residence of decedent, description of contents of inventory filed with State tax agency, manner of discharge, signature of chairman of State tax official, seal. Jacket shows estate number, type of document, file number. Arr. chron. by date of notice, numerically thereunder by file number. No index. Typed. 12 x 5 x 16.

39. TAX LIENS (State Inheritance Liens), 1920--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Copies of notices and discharges of State Inheritance tax liens; notices showing estate number, date of notice, name of estate, name of town clerk receiving notice, name of town, notice of filing of inventory with State tax agency, name and residence of decedent, notice of lien, name of State tax official, signature of town clerk.

Discharge of lien showing estate number, date of discharge, name of estate, name of town clerk receiving discharges, name of town, notice of discharge, name and residence of deceased owner, description of contents of inventory filed with State tax agency, manner of discharge, name of State tax official, signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of notice. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of estate. Typed. Approx. 300 pp. 18½ x 12 x 2.

40. LIENS, 1847-74, 1910--. 3 vols. (1847-74, labeled 1, 2; 1910--, labeled 1). Title varies: North Providence Lien Book, 1847-69, 1 vol. North Providence Liens to 1874, 1869-74, 1 vol.

Copies of notices of intention to claim liens for work done and material furnished in construction of buildings, showing file number, name of property owner, name of vendor or contractor (lienor), itemized account of labor and material furnished, description and location of property, notice of intention to claim lien, amount of lien, signature of claimant's (lienor) attorney, date and time recorded, signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for record. Indexed alpha. by surname of defendant. For separate indexes see entries 47-50. Hdw. Aver. 220 pp. 8½ x 7½ x ½ - 14 x 9 x 1.

41. ASSIGNMENT OF WAGES, 1893--. 2 vols. (1 vol. labeled 2).

Copies of agreements for assignment of wages, showing name and address of assignor, assignee, conditions and terms of assignment, name and address of employer, occupation of assignor, power of attorney, date signed and

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sealed, signatures of assignor and witness, date and time recorded, signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of assignor. Hdw. and typed. 360 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

42. BURIAL LOT DEEDS - MINERAL SPRING, 1842-83. 3 vols. (1-3).

Copies of burial lot deeds for land conveyed by town, showing name of town treasurer, date of meeting authorizing conveyance, amount of consideration, name and residence of grantor (town treasurer), lot number, avenue letter, date signed and sealed, signature of witness, acknowledgment, date recorded, clerk's attest. Also contains records of deeds between private parties. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of grantee. Hdw. 100 pp. 10 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

43. DEEDS AND INSURANCE (and Leases), 1874--. 1 f.d.

Contains:

deeds, 1874--.

leases (for use of lot as public pound 1886, for use of spring basin 1892), 1886, 1892.

insurance policies (guaranteeing title to tract of land where E. A. Brayton school now stands), 1928.

Deeds arr. chron. by date of deed; other papers no obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 5 x 16.

44. (OFFICE FEES AND STREET DIRECTORY), 1900-1908. 1 vol.

Record of fees (1900-1907) collected by town clerk for recording various instruments, showing date, type of instrument recorded, amount of fee, and monthly totals.

Also contains street directory of town (1908), showing name and location of streets. Record of fees arr. chron. by date of receipt; streets alpha. grouped by name of street. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

45. PENDING SUITS, 1910--. 1 vol. (1).

Copies of notices of pending suits in Superior Court for liens and attachments, showing names of State, county, name of court, names of complainant and respondent, equity number, date of complaint, type of proceedings, location and description of property effected, name of attorney for complainant, date and time of day recorded, town clerk's attest. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. For separate indexes see entries 49, 50. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

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46. INDEX TO NORTH PROVIDENCE LAND RECORDS, 1765-1874. 4 vols.
(Labeled alpha. by contained letters).

Index to North Providence property records see entries 31, 34, 35, showing name of grantor, grantee, mortgagor, or mortgagee; book and page numbers of record. Grouped alpha. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee, mortgagor and mortgagee, etc. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

47. GRANTOR'S INDEX, 1854-1930. 2 vols. (dated).

Copy of grantor's index serving property records see entries 31, 33, 34, 35, 40, showing date recorded, name of grantor or party (of first part), type of instrument, name of grantee or party (of second part), book and page reference numbers, or file number. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of grantor or party; chron. thereunder by date recorded. Typed. 400 pp. 16 x 15 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

48. GRANTEE'S INDEX, 1854-1930. 2 vols. (dated).

Copy of grantee's index serving property records see entries 31, 33, 34, 35, 40, showing date recorded, name of grantee or party (of second part), type of instrument, name of grantor or party (of first part), book and page reference numbers, or file number. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of grantee or party; chron. thereunder by date recorded. Typed. 400 pp. 16 x 15 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

49. GRANTOR'S INDEX, 1909--. 5 vols. (dated).

Original grantor's index serving property records see entries 31, 33, 34, 35, 40, 45, showing date recorded, name of grantor or party (of first part), type of instrument, name of grantee or party (of second part), book and page reference numbers, or file number. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of grantor or party; chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hdw. and typed. 400 pp. 16 x 15 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

50. GRANTEE'S INDEX, 1909--. 5 vols. (dated).

Original grantee's index serving property records see entries 31, 33, 34, 35, 40, 45, showing date recorded, name of grantee or party (of second part), type of instrument, name of grantor or party (of first part), book and page reference numbers, or file number. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of grantee or party; chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hdw. and typed. 400 pp. 16 x 15 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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51. RECORD OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1765-1853. 1 vol. (1A).

Record of births, marriages and deaths registered 1765-1853; including delayed recordations, 1728-1853; also a register of accounts and orders certified by town clerk or town treasurer:

- record of births, 1728-1850, showing full name of child, name of parents, sex, date and place of birth, signature of town clerk.
- record of marriages, 1748-1853, showing full name of bride and groom, bride's maiden name, names and residence of parents, date of marriage, name of officiating clergyman or officer.
- record of deaths, 1767, 88, 92, 96, 98, 1818, 32, showing name of decedent, name of spouse or parent, date of death, cause of death.
- register of accounts, 1817-23, showing date certified, name of payee, nature of account, amount, certification by clerk.

Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of party. For separate indexes see entries 62-64. Hdw. 200 pp. 13 x 9 x 1.

52. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1850-1921; 1931--. 5 vols. (1850-74, 1, 2; 1874-1916, 1; 1917-21, dated).

Record of births registered in town, showing date of record, date of birth, full name of child, sex, color, number of child of mother, place of birth; whether stillborn; occupation, name, age, color, birthplace of father; maiden name, age, color, and birthplace of mother; name of physician or midwife, town clerk's certification. Arr. chron. by date of birth, 1850-53; chron. by calendar year, chron. thereunder by date of birth, 1853-74; chron. by date of birth, 1874-1921, 1931--. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of child. For separate index see entry 62. Hdw. and typed. Aver. 275 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 17 x 16 x 3.

For record of births, 1922-30 see entry 53.

53. MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS, 1922-30. 1 vol. (dated). Discontinued.

Record of births, showing date of record, date of birth, full name of child, sex, color, number of child of mother, place of birth, whether stillborn; name, age, color, occupation, and birthplace of father; maiden name of mother, age, color, and birthplace; name of physician or midwife; town clerk's certification.

Record of marriages, showing date and place of marriage, full name, residence, date of birth, age, color, birthplace, and occupation of bride and groom, maiden name of bride if previously married, and birthplaces of parents, occupation of father, number of marriage of each, name, address, official station, and denomination of person performing ceremony, town clerk's certification.

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Record of deaths, showing date of recording, date of death, name of deceased, age, place of death, sex, color, marital status, occupation, birthplace; names and birthplaces of parents, place of burial, name of informant and relation to deceased, disease or causes of death, names of physician and undertaker; town clerk's certification.

Arr. chron. by date of marriage, birth, or death. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of child, bride and groom, or deceased. Typed. 200 pp. 17 x 16 x 3.

54. RECORD OF DEATHS, 3 vols. 1852-1921, 1931--. 5 vols. (1852-71, dated and labeled 1; 1872-73 labeled 2; 1874-1916 labeled 1).

Record of deaths registered in town, showing date of recording, date of death, name of deceased, age, place of death, sex, color, marital status, occupation, birthplace; names and birthplaces of parents, place of burial, name of informant and relation to deceased, diseases or causes of death, names of physician and undertaker, town clerk's certification; 1930--, copy of physician's certificate, showing date and hour of death, name of deceased, duration of disease, name of physician; undertaker's certification of physician's certificate; date recorded, name of town clerk. Also contains: Record of a marriage, Oct. 7, 1852. Arr. chron. by date of death, 1852-71; chron. by calendar year, chron. thereunder by date of death, 1872-1921, 1931--. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of deceased. For separate index see entry 63. Hdw. and typed. Aver. 380 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x 3.

For record of deaths, 1922-30 see entry 53.

55. RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1850-1921. 4 vols. (1850-71 dated; 1872-73 labeled; 1874-1916 labeled 1).

Record of marriages registered in town, showing date and place of marriage, full name, residence, date of birth, age, color, birthplace, and occupation of bride and groom; maiden name of bride if previously married, names of parents of each, birthplaces of parents, occupation of father, number of marriage of each; name, address, official station, and denomination of person performing ceremony, town clerk's certification. Arr. chron. by calendar year, chron. thereunder by date of marriage. Index alpha. by first letter of surname of groom and bride. For separate index see entry 64. Hdw. Aver. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 - 17 x 16 x 3. 1850-73, Probate Record Room, Pawtucket City Hall, Pawtucket; 1874-1921 town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

For record of marriages, 1922-30 see entry 53; and for records of marriages, 1930-- see Intentions and Returns of Marriage, entry 56.

56. (Intentions and) RETURNS OF MARRIAGE, 1897--. 12 vols. (3 vols. dated).

Record of intentions and returns of marriage: intentions, showing full name of expectant bride and groom, residence, date of birth, age, occupation, race or color, birthplace, number of marriage (terminated by death, divorce),

father's name, mother's maiden name; occupation of father, birthplaces of parents, name of town, date of intention, certifications of expectant groom and bride, attest of town clerk.

Reverse of form, returns of marriage, showing full name of bride and groom, residence, age, color, occupation, birthplace, number of marriage, father's name, and mother's maiden name, maiden name of bride if previously married, date of return, certification by groom and bride, date and place of marriage, attest of clergyman, signature of witnesses, signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of intention. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of groom and bride. Hdw. and typed. 350 pp. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x 3. 7 vols., 1897-1919, town clerk's basement vault; 5 vols., 1920--, town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

57. BIRTHS (Returns of Births), 1856-73. 1 bdl. (dated).

Returns of births, original and official copies, including delayed and out-of-town births of residents of town, showing name of town, State, date of birth, full name of child, sex, color, number of child of mother, place of birth, present residence; father's name, age, color, occupation and birthplace; mother's maiden name, color, age and birthplace; signature of physician or enumerator. Arr. chron. by calendar year; chron. thereunder by date of birth. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 1.

58. DEATHS (Returns of Deaths), 1856-74. 18 bdls. (dated).

Returns of deaths, original and official copies, including delayed recordations, showing date of death, full name of deceased, age, place of death, residence, sex, color, marital status, occupation, birthplace, parents' names, and birthplaces; place of burial, name of informant; physician's certificate, showing name of deceased, date of death, diseases or causes of death, duration of disease, signatures of physician; undertaker's certification of physician's certificate. Arr. chron. by calendar year, chron. thereunder by date of death. No index. Hdw. 11 x 6 x 2.

59. MARRIAGES (Returns of Marriages), 1857-74. 18 bdls. (dated).

Returns of marriages, original and official copies, including delayed recordations and records of marriages of nonresidents, showing full name, residence, date of birth, age, birthplaces, race or color, occupation, and number of marriage of bride and groom respectively, name of father, maiden name of mother of each, date of return, certification of bride and groom, signatures of witnesses; clergyman's certification of marriage, showing name of groom and bride, date and place of marriage, attest of clergyman, and signatures of witnesses. Arr. chron. by calendar year. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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60. (INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE AND RETURNS OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS), 1873-1921. 82 envs. in 2 f.d. (dated).

Intentions of marriage, 1874-1921, showing full name of expectant groom and bride, residence, date of birth, age, occupation, race or color, birthplace, number of marriage (terminated by death, divorce), father's name, and mother's maiden name of each; birthplaces of parents, occupation of father, name of town, date of intention, certification by expectant groom and bride, attest of town clerk.

Returns of marriages, 1874-1921, showing full name of groom and bride (maiden name if widow); residence, age, color, occupation, place of birth, father's name, mother's maiden name, and number of marriage of each, date of return, certification by bride and groom, signature of town clerk, date and place of marriage ceremony, attest of clergyman, signatures of witnesses.

Returns of births, 1874-1921, showing names of town and State, date of birth, name of child, sex, color, number of child of mother, place of birth, residence, father's name, age, birthplace, occupation; mother's maiden name, age, color, and birthplace, signature of physician or enumerator.

Returns of deaths, 1873-1921, showing date of death, full name of deceased, residence, date of birth, age, place of death, sex, color, marital status, name of husband or wife, occupation of deceased, place of birth, father's name, mother's name, parents' birthplaces, place of interment, signature of informant, and relationship to deceased; physician's certification, showing date of death, name of deceased, causes of death, duration of diseases, signature of physician and certification by undertaker.

Minors' permits to marry, 1896-1921, showing name of town, date of permit, name of father, mother or guardian, name of minor, signatures of parents, and witness.

Arr. chron. by calendar year. No index. Hdw. and typed. f.d. 12 x 16 x 24.

61. INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE, 1881-1896. 2 vols.

Record of declarations of intentions to marry, showing full name of expectant groom and bride, residence, date of birth, age, occupation, race or color, birthplace, father's occupation, number of marriage (terminated by death, divorce), name of town, date of declaration, signature of groom and bride, town clerk's certification. Arr. chron. by date of declaration. Indexed alpha. by first letter of surname of groom or bride. Hdw. 350 pp. 17½ x 16 x 3.

62. INDEX TO BIRTHS NORTH PROVIDENCE AND PAWTUCKET 1728 TO 1910, 1765-1874. 2 vols. (A-Z).

Index to North Providence record of births see entries 51-53, showing surname of child, given name or names, names of parents, date of birth, book

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and page reference number. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of child. Typed. 17 x 12 x 3.

63. INDEX TO DEATHS, 1765-1873. 2 vols. (A-Z).

Index to North Providence record of deaths see entries 51, 53, 54, showing full name of deceased, names of parents, date of death, book and page reference number. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of deceased. Typed. 500 pp. 17½ x 12 x 3.

64. INDEX TO MARRIAGES, 1765-1873. 1 vol. (dated).

Index to North Providence record of marriages see entries 51, 53, 55, showing full name of bride and groom, date of marriage, book and page reference number. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of groom and maiden name of bride (and inverted), chron. thereunder by date of marriage. Typed. 500 pp. 17½ x 12 x 3.

Bonds and Notes

65. BONDS, 1892--. 1 vol.

Register of bonds issued by town for municipal purposes (payment of outstanding notes, erection and equipment of schools, erection of town hall, installation of sewers, etc.), showing name of town, bond number, date of issue, purpose and amount of bond, rate of interest, date authorized by town meeting; year, month, and day of maturity, date paid, remarks. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by bond number. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 10½ x 1.

66. NOTE REGISTER, 1906--. 1 vol.

Register of notes issued by town for municipal purposes (current expenses, relief, renewals, etc.), showing name of town, title of record, note number, date of issue, amount of note, rate of interest, duration of note, name of purchaser, date authorized by town meeting, year, month and day of maturity, number of notes in renewal, date paid, remarks. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by note number. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 10½ x 1.

67. HIGHWAY BONDS, 1927--. 1 bdl., 3 envs. (dated).

Bonds posted by licensed plumbers to open streets, showing names of principal and surety, amount of bond, conditions and obligations, date signed and sealed, signatures of principal, surety, and witness. Arr. chron. by year of bond. No index. Hdw. Bdl. 18 x 10 x 3; envs. 10 x 15 x 1. 1 bdl. and 2 envs., town clerk's basement vault; 1 env., town clerk's office, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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68. VICTUALLING HOUSE BONDS, 1927--. 3 envs., 1 bdl. (dated).

Bonds furnished town by victualling house licensees for compliance with provisions of license and law, showing names of principal and surety, amount of bond, conditions and obligations, location of premises, date signed and sealed, signatures and addresses of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. and typed. Bdl. 12 x 10 x 2; envs. 10 x 15 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 envs. and 1 bdl., 1927-37, town clerk's vault; 1 env., 1938--, town clerk's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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69. NORTH PROVIDENCE RETURNS TO 1874 (Corporations and Partnerships), 1862-74. Subsequent records apparently mislaid.

Contains:

Copies of annual certificates (1862-74), made and filed in the office of town clerk by the several manufacturing concerns located in town, showing name and location of corporation, amount of assessments voted by corporation, amount of existing debts, date of return, signatures of president of corporation and majority of directors, signature of witness, notarization, date and time of day recorded, clerk's attest.

Copies of notices of limited partnerships (1866-69), showing names of special partners, names of general partners, name and location of business, amount of cash paid in by special partners, nature of business, date of commencement of partnership, duration, signatures of partners and witness, notarization, date and time of day recorded, clerk's attest.

Copies of notices of dissolution of partnerships (1866-69), showing name and location of limited partnership, date dissolved, signature of partners, date recorded, and clerk's attest.

Arr. chron. by date received for record. Indexed alpha. by first letter of name of corporation or partnership. Hdw. 100 pp. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3/4.

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70. FISHING LICENSE RETURNS TO THE DIVISION OF FISH AND GAME (and Receipts), 1922--. 1 env. (dated).

Copies of returns of fresh-water fishing licenses made by town clerk to State, showing date of return, number and kind of license (resident, nonresident, alien resident, alien nonresident); amount of fees for each kind, total number of licenses issued, total amount of fees, amount of fees retained by town clerk, total amount paid over to general treasurer, date remitted, signature of town clerk.

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Receipts for monies paid over to general treasurer for fresh-water fishing licenses issued by town clerk (attached to copy of above return), showing date of receipt, name of town clerk, name of town, amount received, type of license (resident, nonresident, resident alien, nonresident alien), amount of fees for each kind issued, inclusive numbers of licenses issued, signature of State official. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. and typed. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 1$.

71. FRESH-WATER FISHING LICENSES, 1935--. 5 pads (dated).

Copies of fresh-water fishing licenses, showing license number, fee, name, address, nationality, age, occupation, and identifying physical description of licensee, date issued, and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by license number. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. $3 \times 6 \times \frac{3}{4}$.

72. APPLICATIONS FOR HUNTING LICENSES, 1935--. 8 envs. (dated).

Applications for hunting licenses, showing license number, name of town, date, type of license (resident, nonresident, alien); name, address, age, occupation, birthplace, identifying physical description, citizenship status and signature of applicant; notarization. Arr. chron. by date of application, numerically thereunder by application number. No index. Hdw. $10 \times 7 \times 1$.

73. HUNTING LICENSES, 1935--. 5 pads (dated).

Stubs of hunting licenses, showing license number, fee paid, type of license (resident, nonresident, alien), name, residence, nationality, age, color or race, identifying physical description, and occupation of licensee, name of town, date issued, signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by license number. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. $5 \times 3 \times \frac{3}{4}$.

74. (HUNTING LICENSE RETURNS), 1924--. 2 envs.

Copies of monthly returns of hunting licenses made by town clerk to State, showing name of town, month covered by return, type of license (resident, nonresident, alien, nonresident alien), fees collected, license numbers issued, numbers voided, total fees collected, amount retained by town clerk, amount remitted to general treasurer, certification and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Typed. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

75. GENERAL TREASURER (Receipts for Hunting License Fees), 1912--. 2 envs.

Receipts for monies paid over to general treasurer for hunting licenses issued by town clerk, showing name of town clerk, date of receipt, serial and code numbers, revenue classification, cashier's letter, amount received, signature of general treasurer or agent. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Typed. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times \frac{1}{4}$.

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76. OLD HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, 1930-34. 1 box.

Contains:

Applications for fresh-water fishing licenses, 1934, showing application number, date, names of town and State, type of license (resident, nonresident, alien), residence, citizenship status, age, occupation, identifying physical description, and signature of applicant; notarization.

Copies of fresh-water licenses, 1931-34, showing license number, amount of fee, name of licensee, address, nationality, age, occupation, identifying physical description, date license issued, signature of town clerk.

Applications for hunting licenses, 1930-34, showing application number, name of town, date, type of license (resident, nonresident, alien), name, address, age, birthplace, occupation, citizenship status, identifying physical description, signature of applicant; notarization.

Copies of hunting licenses, 1930-34, showing year, license number, amount of fee, type of license (resident, nonresident, alien), name of licensee, residence, nationality, age, occupation, identifying physical description, name of town, date license issued; signature of town clerk.

Arr. chron. by date of application or issue, numerically thereunder by application or license number. No index. Hdw. 19 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

77. (BEVERAGE LICENSES), 1933--. 1 vol.

Stubs of beverage licenses, showing class of license, license number, date issued, name and address of licensee, place of business, fee paid, date of expiration. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by license number. No index. Hdw. 12 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

78. DOG LICENSES, 1932--. 5 vols. (dated).

Stubs of dog licenses, showing stub number, license number, date of issue, name and address of owner or keeper; sex, breed, physical description of dog; fee. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by stub number. No index. Hdw. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

79. (PEDDLERS' LICENSES), 1933--. 1 vol.

Stubs of peddlers' licenses, showing license number, badge number, date issued, name and residence of licensee, type of goods or merchandise to be sold, how to be peddled (pushcart, wagon, cart, auto, etc.), date of expiration, fee, signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by license number. No index. Hdw. 12 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

80. (RECORD OF CASH RECEIVED FROM LICENSES), 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of money received for issuance of various licenses by town clerk, showing date of receipt, from whom received, license number, type of license

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(dog, peddler, victualling, alcoholic beverage, miscellaneous), advertising fees; date and amount deposited with town treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 14 x 11 x 1.

81. (MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES), 1922--. 3 vols.

Stubs of licenses for victualling houses, pool parlors, dances, hotels, amusements, and other types, showing license number, date issued, name of licensee, location of business, and fee. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by license number. No index. Hdw. 12 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

82. MOVING PERMITS, 1914--. 1 bdl., 3 f.b. (dated). Title varies:
Old Notices of Removals, 1914-1928, 1 bdl.

Notices of removal of household goods, chattels, and personal effects, reported to town clerk by persons, firms, or corporations owning or operating moving vehicle, showing date of notice, nature of property, name of owner or custodian of goods, address from and to which moved, date of moving, name of owner and operator of vehicle, signature and address of owner of vehicle. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of owner of goods. No index. Hdw. and typed. Bdl., 6 x 12 x 6, town clerk's basement vault; f.b., 12 x 11 x 3, town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

83. WATER PERMITS (Plumber Permits to Open Highways), 1927--. 2 vols.

Stubs of permits issued by town clerk to licensed plumbers authorizing opening of public highway and laying of pipes, showing permit number, name of licensed plumber, conditions, location in highway, date permit delivered, date work to be commenced. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by permit number. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 7 x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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84. (PLATS RECEIVED FOR RECORD), 1724-1874. 280 plats on 133 cards.

Plats of North Providence land areas received for record, including: common land plats, 1724; partition plats, 1801-70; plat of old Woonasquatucket Turnpike Road, 1810-53; private land plats, 1830-74; cemetery plats, 1841, 47, 53, 66; street plats, 1846-50; town land plat and plan, 1852-58; plat of Woonasquatucket River, 1861; plat of Lincoln Park, 1865; Samuel Hedley's plat of town hall lot, 1867; plat of land sold by Asa Pike to town, 1867. Various draftsmen. Black and white, colored, mounted. Scale varies. 64 x 21.

85. (MAPS, PLANS, AND PROFILES, MISCELLANEOUS), 1929-74. 70 plat cards.

Contains:

Street plans, 1829-74; plan of Pawtucket Turnpike with list of encroachments and names of owners, 1848; profiles of east and west sides of a portion

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of Pawtucket Turnpike, 1850; street profiles, 1852-74; maps of school districts, 1859; map of boundary line (Johnston and North Providence), 1865; map of proposed widening of Exchange Street, 1871; plan of district assessed for benefit of widening Exchange Street, 1871. Various draftsmen. Black and white, colored, mounted. Scale varies. 64 x 21.

86. (MAP OF NORTH PROVIDENCE), 1853. 1 framed wall map.

Plat map of town of North Providence, showing names and locations of streets, rivers, ponds; number and locations of plats, locations of buildings and lots, town boundaries, names and relative locations of adjoining towns, cities and states; azimuth. Draftsmen, C. J. Lorigan and J. H. Christy; Engineers, Sarony and Major, New York City. Colored. 6 inches = 1 mile. 28 x 39.

87. PLATS (Plans And Profiles), 1874--. 4 vols. (1-4). 289 mounted plat cards.

Plats, plans, and profiles of North Providence land area, received for record by town clerk, showing names of plat, owner, author, and surveyor, names, widths, and locations of streets, names and locations of rivers, ponds, railroads, location of buildings, numbers, areas, and perimeter dimensions of lots and estates, scale; date and time of day received for record; azimuth, signature of town clerk.

Plans of streets, showing name and location of particular street, road, or avenue, date grade established, horizontal and vertical scale, names of author and surveyor, names and relative locations of abutting and intersecting streets, length and width of particular streets.

Profile of streets, showing vertical view, amount of rise and fall, vertical dimensions from base to established grade, location of surface of ground and established grade; azimuth.

Cards arr. numerically by card number. For separate index see entry 91. Various draftsmen. Black and white, colored, blueprint, mounted. Scale varies. $38\frac{1}{2}$ x 28 x $\frac{3}{16}$ - $26\frac{1}{2}$ x 25 x $\frac{3}{16}$.

88. (PLATS RECEIVED FOR RECORD), 1874--. 133 plat cards, 289 plats.

Copies of original plats, plans, and profiles see entry 87 for reference and description of contents. Cards arr. numerically by card number. For separate index see entry 92. Various draftsmen. Black and white, colored. Scale varies. 27 x 38.

89. (TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, HIGHWAY MILEAGE AND STATISTICAL DIGEST), 1880. 1 framed wall map.

Political map of town of North Providence, showing numbers and locations of school districts, names and locations of streets, ponds, rivers, villages; names of plats, town boundary lines; names and relative locations of adjoining

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ing towns and cities; azimuth. Table of length of roads, showing names and length in miles of each road, avenue or street, total number of miles of public roads. Table of statistics, showing population, valuation of real estate and personal property, average valuation of real estate per acre, rate of taxation, area of town in square miles, total number of miles of public roads. List of town officers for the year. Draftsman, L. M. E. Stone. Black and white. 1 inch = 500 feet. 31 x 47.

90. (INDEX TO PLATS), 1874-1919. 1 vol. Discontinued.

Index to plats received for record by town clerk see entry 87, showing name of plat, date received for record. Grouped alpha. by name of plat. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

91. PLAT BOOK INDEX, 1874--. 1 vol.

Index to plats received for record by town clerk see entry 87, showing name, location and type of plat, date platted, book and page number recorded. Arr. alpha. by first letter of name of plat. Typed. 200 pp. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

92. PLAT INDEX, 1874--. 1 vol.

Index to copies of plats received for record by town clerk see entry 88, showing name of plat, number of plat card. Grouped alpha. by first letter of name of plat. Hdw. and typed. 150 pp. $9\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 1.

93. INDEX MAP TO PLATS OF LAND SITUATED NOW OR FORMERLY IN NORTH PROVIDENCE, R. I. 1905. 1 wall map.

Index map to plats, showing location and number of each plat, names and location of streets, highways, railroads, rivers, ponds, reservoirs, location of city and town boundary lines, locations of former city and town lines, names and relative locations of adjacent towns and cities, scale and declination point. Also contains list of plats (location unknown) not shown on map, with card number and title reference. George A. Carpenter, City Engineer. Colored. 1 inch = 800 feet. 41 x 30.

94. (CARD INDEX TO PLATS), active. 11 f.d. (A-Z).

Card index to plats on record; guide plat cards showing name of plat, total number of lots in plat; lot cards showing lot number, name of present owner (names of prior owners crossed out upon sale of lot). Grouped alpha. by name of plat, numerically thereunder by lot number. Hdw. 15 x 6 x 4.

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95. REGISTRY OF CLERGYMEN, 1908--. 1 vol.

Record of clergymen registered in town, showing registration number, name of town, date of registration, name and residence of clergyman, name, location, and denomination of parish, signature of clergyman. Arr. chron. by date registered, numerically thereunder by registration number. No index. Hdw. 28 pp. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{3}$.

96. MEDICAL REGISTER, 1910--. 1 vol.

Register of physicians in North Providence, showing name of town, date of registry, physician's name, age, residence, post office address, place of birth, school or system of medicine, certificate number of State health agency, signature of doctor, notarization. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hdw. 30 pp. 11 x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{3}$.

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97. ELECTION RETURNS, 1864-73. 2 vols. (Dist. 1, Dist. 2). Title varies. Ballots, 1869-73, 1 vol.

Record of elections held in district 1 and 2 in town, showing title of record, name of town, district number, name of candidate, title of office, number of votes cast for question, proposition or candidate; total number of votes cast for each office. Arr. chron. by date of election. No index. Hdw. 125 pp. 11 x 9 x 1 . Office of Board of Canvassers, Pawtucket City Hall, Pawtucket.

98. (NOMINATION PAPERS), 1906-25. 1 bdl.

Nomination papers endorsing candidate, showing name of town, date of election, names and addresses of candidates, party or political principal represented; signatures and addresses of qualified electors; date and time of day filed, signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 4 x 2 .

99. RECORD OF BALLOTS, 1920--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of ballots cast in each of town's voting districts, showing type and date of election, nature of office (presidential electors, senator, representative, town clerk, etc.); names of candidates, names of party, number of votes received by each candidate, signatures of district moderator and clerk. Arr. numerically by district number, chron. thereunder by date of election. No index. Hdw. and typed. 250 pp. $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2 .

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100. ELECTION PAPERS (and Nomination Certificate and Papers), 1923--.
1 f.d.

Caucus certificates of nomination, showing name of party, date and place caucus held, names and addresses of candidates nominated; office, name of party or political principal; signatures and addresses of presiding officer and caucus clerk; notarization; date, place and time of day filed, signature of town clerk.

Nomination papers signed by qualified electors of town endorsing candidate for public office, showing name of town, date of election, names of candidates, name of party or political principal, address of candidate, signatures and addresses of qualified voters, date and time of day filed, signature of town clerk.

Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. and typed. 3 x 12 x 12.

101. REGISTRY BOOK - MEN, 1877--. 10 vols. (dated). Title varies slightly.

Record of men registered in North Providence, showing date registered, name, residence, date of birth, time of entrance into State, time of entrance into town, date of entrance into United States, place of entry; when, where, and by what court naturalized; where, when, and by what court father or husband was naturalized; signature of registrant, signature of town clerk. Grouped alpha. by first letter of surname of registrant, chron. thereunder by time of registration. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 16 x 1½. 5 vols., 1877-1915, 1922-26, town clerk's basement vault; 5 vols., 1915-22, 1926-- , town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

102. REGISTRY BOOK - WOMEN, 1919--. 5 vols. (dated).

Record of women registered in town, showing date registered, name, residence, date of birth, time of entrance into State, time of entrance into town, date of entrance into United States, place of entry; when, where, and by what court naturalized; where, when, and by what court father or husband was naturalized; signature of registrant, signature of town clerk. Grouped alpha. by first letter of surname of registrant, chron. thereunder by time of registration. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 16 x 1½.

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103. MINERAL SPRING TURNPIKE CORPORATIONS BOOK, 1832-60. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of Mineral Spring Turnpike Corporation, showing date, time, place of meeting, names of members present, appointment of officers and employees, vote of adjournment.

Also contains:

record of acceptance of bonds and sureties posted by secretary; record

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of stock transfers; bills; record of sale of interest in corporation; personal property mortgages; number of shares transferred, by whom and to whom transferred, year transferred; receipts and disbursements.

Minutes arr. chron. by date of meeting; receipts and disbursements arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

104. TOWN COUNCIL PETITIONS (and Miscellaneous Town Council and Town Meeting Papers), 1866--. 4 f.d., 252 envs. in box. Title varies: Untitled, 1866-1924, 1 f.d., 1874--, 1 f.d.; Returns of Jurors, Military Returns, Burial Permits, Contracts and Agreements, Restoration of Voting Rights, and Misc., 1866--, 1 f.d.; Original Town Council Papers, 1919-34, 1 box.

Miscellaneous papers and documents of town council and other local agencies, including:

- A. Affidavits, 1923, 37-38.
- B. Applications
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- C. Approval of appointment, notices of
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- F. Claims allowed and disallowed, 1923, 25, 32, 35-37.
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 - purchase of safe, 1874.
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 - erection and completion of schoolhouse (Woodville), 1889.
 - setting up appliances and appurtenances for distribution of electricity, 1898, 1901, 14.
 - erection of soldier's monument (Fruit Hill), 1903.
 - water supply (Providence), 1905.
 - altering and enlarging heating system in Centerdale School, 1906.
 - measured service (Providence Telephone Company), 1907-8.
 - water supply (Pawtucket), 1909.
 - construction and furnishing of fire-proof vault with plans and specifications attached (Town Hall, Centerdale), 1910.
 - construction of school building on Waterman Ave. (also original bond), 1912.

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- O. Notices
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 - special town meetings (posters), 1920, 33, 35, 38.
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- P. Petitions
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 - claim for damages (injury on sidewalk), 1874.
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 - transfer of reservoir to town, 1874.
 - build bridge, 1876.
 - appointment of weigher of hay and produce, 1876.
 - licenses to sell liquor, 1876-1919.
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 - corporation returns to assessors of taxes, 1885-86, 90, 92, 95-97, 1900, 3-5.
 - military returns to assessors of taxes, 1900, 7-8, 20-31.
 - bids for collection of town taxes, 1919--.
 - copy of tax agreement between Providence and North Providence, 1932.
 - photostatic copy of act passed in the general assembly, authorizing appointment of a clerk of Board of Tax Assessors, 1937.
- X. Town budget, 1919--.
- Y. Town ordinances enacted, 1919-21, 1923--.
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 - town sergeant's, 1874-75, 77-87.
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 - agreement concerning highway lines, 1875.
 - town clerk's receipts, 1880-31, 1898-1906.
 - copy of act of general assembly concerning schools, 1897.
 - resignation of town officers, 1897, 1903, 5, 19, 23-27, 29-30, 32, 34-38.
 - military duty, order from governor for census of men 18 to 45, 1898.
 - certificates of caucus nomination, 1902, 5, 7, 12.
 - certificate of concerns doing business under assumed names, 1910.
 - burial permits, 1910--.
 - copy of Supreme Court Decree restoring voting rights, 1911.

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specification for mounting and copying record maps in town clerk's office, 1912.
appropriations (town meeting), 1919-21 23-38.
copy of section of will of Frank C. Angell granting site for new town hall, 1929.
decree of abandonment of Armonde St., 1931.
playground projects adopted for Fruit Hill, Marieville, Woodville, 1935.
proposals for use of town hall, 1935--.
certificate of vote tabulation, 1936.
copies of new liquor rules (State), 1937.
opposition to granting building permit, 1937.
photostatic copy of act passed by general assembly authorizing establishment of a Budget Commission, 1937.

1 f.d. 1866-1924, no obvious arr.; 1 f.d. and envs., 1919--, arr. chron. by date of meeting; 1 f.d. 1874--, 1 f.d. 1866--, arr. by subject matter and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed. F.d., 16 x 5 x 12 - 27½ x 17 x 11½; box, 25 x 14 x 17. 3 f.d. 1866-1924, 1866--, and 1874-- in town clerk's vault; 1 box (204 envs.) 1919-34, town clerk's basement vault; 1 f.d. 1935--, town clerk's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

105. (MINUTES OF UNION LIBRARY ASSOCIATION), 1869-1913. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of the Union Library Association, showing date, time, place, and purpose of meeting, election of officers, appointment of committees, reports of officers and committees, resignations of officers, resolutions adopted, bills allowed and ordered paid, transfer of association's property (1913); vote of adjournment, signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 6 3/4 x 8½ x ½.

106. TREASURER'S BOOK (Cash Book of Union Library Association), 1869-1927. 1 vol.

Record of all monies received and expended; receipts showing date, name of payer, amount received; expenditures showing name of payee, amount of expenditures, purpose of payment, certification and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of receipt of disbursement. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 6 3/4 x 8½ x ½.

107. TRADE CERTIFICATES, 1911--. 1 letter file.

Record of certified returns made by persons carrying on business under an assumed name, showing names of State and town, date filed, assumed name, location of business, P. O. address and signature of owner; notarization, and date filed. Grouped alpha. by first letter of surname of owner. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 11 x 3.

108. (STREET DIRECTORY OF NORTH PROVIDENCE), 1914. 1 vol.

List of streets in town, showing name and location of street. Arr. alpha. by name of street. No index. 100 pp. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 7 x 1.

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Assessors of Taxes

109. (MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF DRAFT EXAMINERS FOR DIVISION 4), 1917.
2 vols.

Minutes of meetings of Board of Draft Examiners, showing date of meeting, names of members present, names, addresses, serial numbers of men to be examined, decision of adjournment, signature of clerk of Board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $3/4$.

110. INDEX TO STREETS, 1937--. 1 vol.

List of streets in North Providence, showing names and locations. Arr. alpha. by first letter of name of street. Typed. 200 pp. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

VI. ASSESSORS OF TAXES

This office was established in the first town meeting, at which time Samuel Currie, Edward Tripp and Col. W. Brown were elected, under the title of "Assessors of Rates" for a period of one year.¹ The title has varied slightly since the creation of the office. The present title has been more or less consistently applied to the office since 1817.²

From 1765 to 1873 the number of incumbents has varied from three to seven.³ Since 1873 three members have made up the agency.⁴

The tenure was changed in 1873, at which time one assessor was appointed for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.⁵ Beginning in 1874, one member has been appointed each year for a three year term.⁶

The assessors were elected in town meeting from 1765 to 1849 and from 1852 to 1855.⁷ They were appointed by the town council in 1850 and 1851, and from 1856 to date.⁸

A clerk of this board is appointed regularly by the Board of Tax Assessors, who makes all the records of the agency.

Unless otherwise specified all records are located in the office or vault of the town clerk, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 9.
 2. T. M. R. (1817-49, 1852-55); T. C. R. (1850-51, 1856--).
 3. T. M. R. (1765-1849, 1852-55); T. C. R. (1850-51, 1856-73).
 4. T. C. R. (1874--).
 5. Ibid. (1873--).
 6. Ibid. (1874--).
 7. T. M. R. (1765-1849, 1852-55).
 8. T. C. R. (1850-51, 1856--).

Proceedings; Automobiles;
Census; Exemptions

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Proceedings

111. (MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS, BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS), 1912--. 4 vols.

Record of meetings held by Board of Tax Assessors, showing date of meeting, names of members present, nature of business transacted, adjournment date, signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Automobiles

112. AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION, 1933--. 7 boxes, 2 f.d. (dated),
Title varies slightly.

Duplicate copies of automobile registration cards transmitted by State motor vehicle agency to assessors, and used as basis in making assessments of motor vehicles owned by residents of the town, showing name and address of owner; registration year and registration number; dates of issue and expiration; make, type, model, year, engine number, serial number, seating capacity, and gross weight of car; annual fee. Arr. chron. by registration year, alpha. thereunder by name of owner. No index. Typed. Boxes 4 x 6 x 18; f.d. $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x 25. Boxes in town clerk's vault; f.d. in town treasurer's office, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Census

113. (TAX CENSUS), 1932. 3 boxes.

Card index to tax status of persons over 21 years of age, showing year of census, district letter; name and address, age; place of birth; residence in State, town, citizenship status, name of spouse, whether taxed in own name or spouse's; location of real estate owned in town; nature of ownership (joint, life, etc.); automobile owner; whether taxed on personal property in 1931; war veteran; dog owner. Arr. by card colors (white card for male, buff for female), alpha. thereunder by surname of person. No index. Hdw. 4 x 7 x $13\frac{1}{2}$.

Exemptions

114. VETERANS EXEMPT - \$1000, undated. 1 box.

Card file, showing name and address of person exempt (honorably discharged veteran or unmarried widow of veteran). Arr. alpha. by surname of veteran or unmarried widow. No index. Typed. 2 x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 4.

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Assessors of Taxes - Indexes;
Maps and Plats

Indexes

115. (MAF INDEX TO ASSESSOR'S PLATS), 1917. 1 framed wall map.

Map index to tax assessor's plats see entry 118, showing name and location of streets, rivers, ponds; number and location of assessor's plats (each plat designated by different color), town boundaries, name and location of adjoining towns and cities. Draughtsman and publisher unknown. Colored. 1 inch = 800 feet. 30 x 24.

116. (Assessors' Valuation Cards) 1930--. 8 f.d. (labeled alpha. by contents of drawer: A-CAP, CAR-DE, etc.).

Card index to property valuations, real and personal, with (white) real property cards, showing name of owner, description of property, assessor's plat and lot numbers, land record lot number, lot area, valuation (land, buildings) to whom transferred, deed book and page number; also with (blue) personal property cards, showing name of owner, description of property, valuation (tangible, intangible), year valuation made. Arr. alpha. by surname of property owner. Hdw. 6 x 9 x 17.

117. (CARD INDEX TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE), 9 f.d. (labeled by contained numbers of assessor's plats).

Card index to owners of real estate, showing assessor's plat and lot numbers, land record lot number, names of current and previous owners, deed book and page numbers where change in ownership is recorded. Arr. numerically by plat number, numerically thereunder by assessor's lot number. Hdw. 5 x 7 x 17.

Maps and Plats

118. ASSESSOR'S PLAT CARD(S), undated. 25 cards.

Assessor's plat cards, showing plat number; location and names of streets; numbers and perimeter dimensions of lots; area of each lot; location and name of ponds, rivers, railroads; numbers of adjacent plats; location of town boundaries; name and location of adjoining towns and cities; azimuth. For separate index see entry 115. Draughtsman and publisher unknown. Black and white. 1 inch = 80 feet. 30 x 40.

119. (TRACINGS OF ORIGINAL PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINES), 1933--. 1 vol.

Tracings of original property lines, made before corrections and changes are recorded on assessor's plat cards, showing date of tracing, plat number, name and location of streets, numbers of lots, dimensions, areas, azimuth. Black and white. Grouped numerically by plat number, chron. thereunder by date of change made on assessor's plat cards. 82 pp. 10½ x 15 x 1. Town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Records and Returns; Veterans;
Miscellaneous

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Records and Returns

120. NORTH PROVIDENCE TAX BOOK (Assessor's), 1855--. Approx. 85 vols. (dated). Title varies slightly.

Yearly collection of tax data, containing copies of assessor's tax lists (property, 1855--; poll, 1906--), showing name of person assessed, description and location of real property, assessed valuation and tax on property (real and personal), with totals, 1855-- (also breakdown of real property to land and improvements, 1890--, and breakdown of personal property to tangible and intangible, 1912--).

Also contains:

assessor's certification of tax lists, 1874--; tax exemptions list, 1908-- (with summary totals, 1912--); recapitulation of property tax data by totals, 1874--; list of property transfers, 1880-83; assessor's (newspaper) notice to public, 1874-1911; owner's statement as to property value, 1880-1910.

Vols. arr. chron. by year of tax, contents arr. alpha. by surname of person assessed. No index. Hdw. and typed. Aver. 200 pp. 17 x 20 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 7 x $8\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$. 17 vols., 1855-73, Probate Record Room, Pawtucket City Hall, Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket; approx. 68 vols., 1874--, town clerk's vaults, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Veterans

121. (VETERANS' RETURNS TO ASSESSOR OF TAXES), 1919--. 1 m.d.

Declaration of property ownership made to tax assessor by war veteran or unmarried widow showing date of return, name and address of veteran (or widow); location, description and valuation of property, war (Rebellion, Spanish-American, World War, etc.), dates of enrollment and discharge; legal residence (State and town); oath; signature of veteran or widow.

Jacket, showing name and address of veteran or unmarried widow, and year of tax for which return is made. Arr. alpha. by name of veteran or widow. No index. Hdw. 11 x 17 x 24.

Miscellaneous

122. TAX ASSESSORS (Miscellaneous Papers), 1931-33. 1 env. (dated).

Miscellaneous papers of assessors of taxes, containing: returns of members of the Rhode Island National Guard, 1932-33; corporation and individual returns to the assessors of taxes, 1931-32; general correspondence, 1931-32; list of tax levies, 1932. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Collector of Taxes - Tax Books

VII. COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Responsibility for the collection of the taxes in the town was vested in an officer designated as the "Collector of Rates", at the first town meeting.¹ At this time the freemen elected Jonathan Pike to the office and fixed his tenure at one year.² Title of the office has varied slightly, the present title identifying the office since 1817.³

From the establishment of the office in the town until 1850, the collector was chosen in town meeting;⁴ from 1850 to 1877, he was either appointed by the council or elected in town meeting;⁵ and from 1877 to date he was chosen by the council.⁶

All records, unless otherwise specified are in the office of the tax collector, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Tax Books

123. TAX BOOKS, 1854, 56-57, 61, 64-65, 69-73, 75-76, 79, 1881-1922, 24-31, 36. Title varies slightly. Discontinued.

Tax books printed for distribution and in custody of town clerk, containing: list of taxpayers, 1854-1936 (including poll tax list, 1890-91, 1893-1936); totals for valuation and tax on property, real and personal, for each taxpayer, 1854-1936 (with breakdown of real property to land and improvements, 1890-1936; also breakdown of personal property to tangible and intangible, 1912-36); tax exemptions, 1893-1936 (veterans, 1893-1936; corporations, 1912-36; town properties, 1915-36; religious and military institutions, 1927-36).

Also contains:

vote of town meeting ordering tax, 1854-56; name of tax collector, 1856; names of tax assessors, 1856-73; list of town officers, 1875-1936; tax collector's notice, 1870-1936; assessor's report on valuation, 1881-1911, 1927-36; tax rates and credits for school tax, 1885.

Arr. chron. by year of tax. No index. Printed. Aver. 50 pp. 9 x 6 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 8.
 2. Ibid.
 3. Ibid. (1765-1877); T. C. R. (1850--).
 4. T. M. R. (1765-1850).
 5. Ibid. (1850-1877); T. C. R. (1850-1877).
 6. T. C. R. (1877--).

Tax Books; Receipts and Payments

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124. NORTH PROVIDENCE TAX BOOK (Collector's), 1867, 70, 74, 76-77, 1880-1900, 1904-6, 9, 11-18, 1924--. 55 vols. (dated). Title varies slightly.

Yearly collection of tax data, containing copies of assessor's tax lists (property, 1867--; poll, 1906--), showing name of person assessed, description and location of real property, assessed valuation and tax on property (real and personal) with totals, 1867-- (also breakdown of real property to land and improvements, 1890--, and breakdown of personal property to tangible and intangible, 1912--); date paid.

Also contains:

assessor's certification of tax lists, 1867--; tax exemptions list, 1908-- (with summary totals, 1912--); recapitulation of property tax data by totals, 1867--; collector's warrant from town treasurer, 1867--; collector's (newspaper) notice to public, 1874--; collector's record of taxes paid over to town treasurer, 1874-97; list of town officers, 1880-1911.

Arr. chron. by year of tax. No index. Hdw. and typed. Aver. 168 pp. 17 x 20 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7 x 10 x 3/4. 2 vols., 1867, 1870, Probate Record Room, Pawtucket City Hall, Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket; 36 vols., 1874-1918, town clerk's basement vault, Town Hall, Centerdale; 11 vols., 1924-34, Gilson's Drug Store, 2030 Smith St., Centerdale; 7 vols., 1935--, tax collector's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Receipts and Payments

125. POLL TAX, 1889-97. 1 vol. Discontinued.

Copy of assessor's yearly poll tax rolls, used as check list of persons paying poll taxes, showing year of tax, name and address of taxpayer, amount of tax, date paid. Arr. chron. by year of tax, alpha. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 9 x 7 x 1. Town clerk's basement vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

126. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1935--. 4 f.d. (dated).

Copies of receipted poll tax bills, showing year of tax, name of town, date tax assessed, name and address of taxpayer, amount of tax, extra charges, total amount due, date paid, tax collector's signature. Arr. chron. by year of tax, alpha. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Typed. 6 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16.

127. TAX RECEIPTS, 1935--. 6 f.d. (dated).

Copies of receipted property tax bills, showing year of tax, name of town, date tax assessed, when and where payable, name and address of taxpayer, assessed property valuations (real, personal, intangible), rate and amount of tax, extra charges, total amount due, date paid, tax collector's signature.

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Collector of Taxes -
Receipts and Payments;
Tax Sales

Also contains:

copies of other receipts issued for part payment of property taxes, showing year of tax, name of town, name of tax collector, name and address of taxpayer, amount of tax due, interest due, total due, amount paid, balance due, date paid, tax collector's signature.

Arr. chron. by year of tax, alpha. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Typed. 6 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16.

128. (TAX COLLECTOR'S CASH BOOK), 1935--. 3 vols.

Record of cash received through tax payments, showing date of payment, name of taxpayer, page number of entry in North Providence Tax Book (Collector's), amount paid by each taxpayer as shown in separate columns for (property) taxes, interest, poll tax, levy and charges; each column also headed by tax year for which payment is made, and totaled monthly. Arr. chron. by year of tax, chron. thereunder by date of tax payment. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 12 x 18 x 2.

Tax Sales

129. NOTICES OF TAX SALES, 1915--. 7 vols. Title varies slightly.

Copy of notice to owner that his property is to be sold at public auction by tax collector for nonpayment of town taxes, showing date of notice, name and address of property owner, date and amount of tax assessed, amount of tax due, date property advertised to be sold; also date, time, and place of sale, tax collector's signature, and certification of constable who served the notice. Arr. chron. by calendar year, chron. thereunder by date of notice. No index. Hdw. and typed. 75 pp. 10 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

130. TAX SALES, 1915--. 7 vols.

Record of property sold at public auction by tax collector for nonpayment of town taxes, showing date of sale; name of owner taxed at time of sale, plat name and lot number of property, year and amount of tax due, extra charges, total amount due, name and address of purchaser, type of deed conveying title to property, tax collector's signature. Arr. chron. by calendar year, chron. thereunder by date of sale. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 10 x 8 x 3/4. Town clerk's vault, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Unpaid Taxes

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Town Treasurer - Bonds
Notes, and Checks

Unpaid Taxes

131. UNPAID TAXES, 1935--. 7 f.d. (dated).

Unpaid property tax bills, showing year of tax, name of town, date property assessed, date and place payable, name and address of taxpayer, assessed property valuations (real, personal, intangible), rate and amount of tax, extra charges, total amount due.

Unpaid poll tax bills, showing tax year, name of town, date tax assessed, name and address of taxpayer, amount of tax.

Arr. chron. by year of tax, alpha. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Typed. 6 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16.

VIII. TOWN TREASURER

This office was established in the town at the first town meeting, Joseph Brown being chosen therein as the town's first treasurer for a term of one year.¹ In 1912 tenure was increased to two years.²

The office has always been elective.³

Unless otherwise specified all records are located in the office of the town treasurer, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Bonds, Notes, and Checks

132. (CANCELLED BONDS), 1892-1938. 11 bdl.

Cancelled bonds, showing number and amount of bond, type, name of town, conditions, authority for issuance, certification by financial town meeting, town seal, signature of town treasurer, countersigned by town clerk, bank cancellation stamp; reverse side shows number of bond, name of town, type of bond, due date of principal, time and place of payment of interest, and trustee's certificate with number of bond in series, aggregate amount, date of issue, name of bank, and signature of bank's trust officer. Arr. numerically by bond number. No index. Hdw. and printed. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 - 16 x 12 x 1. 9 bdl., 1892-1936, in town clerk's basement vault; 2 bdl., 1937-38, safe, treasurer's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 8.

2. T. M. R. (1912).

3. Ibid. (1765-1863); Election Returns (1864-68); Ballots (1869-74); T. M. R. (1874-1920); Record of Ballots (1920--).

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Town Treasurer

133. BONDS (Register of Bonds), 1892--. 1 vol.

Register of bonds issued by town, kept by town treasurer, showing total number issued, date, purpose, and total amount of issue, rate of interest, date authorized by town meeting, year, month, and day of maturity (serially); number and amount of each bond, date paid (those matured), and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by bond number. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

134. BOND INTEREST COUPONS, 1892--. 1 box, 1 env.

Bond interest coupons from bond issue see entry 132 showing amount and number of coupon, date and place interest payable, name of bond issue, number of bond to which coupon was attached, signature of town treasurer. No obv. arr. No index. Printed. Box, 24 x 18 x 14, 1892-1937, town clerk's basement vault; env., 9 x 12, 1937--, safe, treasurer's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

135. (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BONDS), 1933--. 1 bdl.

Alcoholic beverage bonds in custody of town treasurer, showing name of town, names and addresses of principal, surety, name of town treasurer to whom bonded, amount of bond, date sealed, conditions and obligations, location of business, signatures of principal, surety, and witnesses. No obv. arr. No index. Typed. 8 x 5 x 4. Town clerk's basement vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

136. NOTES (Note Register), 1906--. 1 vol.

Register of notes issued by town treasurer, showing serial numbers of notes in each issue, purpose and date of issue, amount of each note, rate of interest, time of note, to whom sold, date authorized by town meeting, year, month and day of maturity, number of note in renewal, date paid, remarks. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by number of note. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

137. CANCELLED NOTES (Floating Debt), 1932--. 1 env.

Notes issued for unemployment relief under authority of town council, showing number and amount of note, name of town, date due, to whom payable, rate of interest, date and place interest payable, authority and purpose for issuance, signature of town treasurer, countersigned by town council president, town treasurer's certificate of registration of note, date registered, town clerk's certification that town treasurer was duly elected and qualified according to law, date, and town seal; reverse side shows names of State and town, number, type and amount of note, date principal is due, dates interest payable, date of issue, certification by State Unemployment Relief Commission, signatures of commissioners, cancellation stamp of general treasurer denoting terms of cancellation, date cancelled, and name of general treasurer.

Bonds, Notes, and Checks;
Receipts and Expenditures

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Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes, issued and cancelled 1933--, showing number and amount of note, name of town, date of issue, date due, where payable, purpose and authority for issuance, signature of president of town council, signature of town treasurer, certification of registration by town clerk, date registered, town seal, certification by bank, signature of bank officer, cancellation stamp denoting date paid, name of bank; reverse side shows name of town, and endorsement of town treasurer.

Arr. chron. by date of issue; numerically thereunder by number of note. No index. Hdw. and typed. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 1. Town clerk's basement vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

138. (CANCELLED CHECKS), 1927--. 487 bdl.s.

Cancelled checks in custody of town treasurer, showing name of town, name of fund, check number, date of issue, bank on which drawn, name of payee, amount of check, explanation of payment, bank cancellation stamp impression; reverse side shows signature of endorser, clearing house stamp impressions. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by check number. No index. Hdw. and typed. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 x 1. 337 bdl.s., 1927-36, town clerk's basement vault; 150 bdl.s., 1937--, town treasurer's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

139. (CHECK STUBS), 1927--. 107 vols.

Check stubs in custody of town treasurer, showing check number, name of payee, amount, date and explanation of payment. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by check number. No index. Hdw. $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. 77 vols., 1927-37, town clerk's basement vault; 30 vols., 1937--, town treasurer's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Receipts and Expenditures

140. TREASURER'S CASH, 1910-15. 2 vols.

Town treasurer's record of receipts and disbursements by fiscal years under fund headings: receipt entries show date of receipt, name of payer or source, explanation, and amount; disbursement entries show date paid, payee's name, explanation, title of fund, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of receipt or disbursement. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 20 x 17 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Town clerk's basement vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

141. TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS, 1915--. 2 vols.

Town treasurer's record of disbursements by fiscal years, showing name of town treasurer, check number, date of disbursement, name of payee, and amount of disbursement. Arr. chron. by date of disbursement. No index.

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Town Treasurer

Hdw. and typed. 300 pp. 20 x 17 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1915-26, in town clerk's basement vault; 1 vol., 1926--, safe, town treasurer's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

142. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1915--. 1 vol.

Town treasurer's record of receipts by fiscal years, showing dates of receipts, name of payer or source, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 20 x 17 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

143. (SCHOOL LEDGER), 1926--. 1 vol.

Ledger of receipts and disbursements by fiscal years for school purposes; receipts, showing balance carried forward from previous year, date money was received, source, and purpose; disbursements, showing apportionments, date and amount of payment, name of payee, amount and purpose of expenditure. Arr. chron. by calendar year, chron. thereunder by date of entry. No index. Typed. 500 pp. 18 x 15 x 2.

144. TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS (Schools), 1926--. 1 vol.

Record of cash disbursements by fiscal years, made by town treasurer for public school expenses, showing name of town treasurer, check number, date of disbursement, name of payee, and amount; column headings are used for teachers' wages, miscellaneous, high school tuitions, and school bond issues. Arr. chron. by date of disbursement. No index. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

145. (PAID BILLS), 1927--. 4 boxes, 1 f.d., 1 s.d.

Invoices and payrolls (originals) presented to and paid by the town treasurer; invoices, showing invoice number, name and address of vendor, date, name and address of vendee, items and amount, total amount of invoice, date approved and ordered paid, signature of officer(s) of approving agency; payrolls (E. R. A. 1933-35; S. U. R. 1935--), showing page number, name of town, project numbers, name of disbursing officer, date (week ending), type of project, full name and sex of employee, identification card number, nature of occupation, number of hours worked daily, total hours worked during payroll period, hourly wage rate, total earnings during payroll period, check number, recapitulation, signature of local unemployment relief director and district auditor. Grouped by name of agency or office, chron. thereunder by date of payment. No index. Hdw. and typed. Boxes, 10 x 20 x 25, 1927-36, in town clerk's basement vault; f.d., 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 25, 1937, town treasurer's office; s.d., 6 x 10 x 20, 1938, safe, town treasurer's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

146. (PUBLIC WELFARE LEDGER), 1932--. 1 vol.

Ledger of accounts of various public welfare agencies, showing number of men working, name of project, amount of project refund, cost of supplies, equipment, transportation and supervision of the federal, State and local W. P. A. projects, C. W. A. projects, and S. U. R. projects, amount expended

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for home relief, amount of S. U. R. refunds, F. E. R. A. refunds, and miscellaneous receipts. Arr. chron. by calendar year. No index. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 12 x 10 x 2.

147. DANIEL W. LYMAN SOLDIER'S MONUMENT ACCOUNT, 1911-36. 1 vol.

Town treasurer's account of receipts and disbursements of the Daniel W. Lyman Soldier's Monument Fund (bequeathed by Daniel W. Lyman for maintenance and preservation of Lyman Memorial Parks at Fruit Hill), showing receipts, with date and amount of receipt, explanation of receipt, total receipts for year; disbursements, with date and explanation of disbursement, amount of cash on hand each year, 1914-36.

Bills allowed and ordered paid are loose in volume, showing date, name of town, name of debtor, explanation, amount paid, date allowed and ordered paid, signature of president of town council, date paid, signature of payee. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 3/4.

148. ACCOUNT OF THE WELCOME HOME FUND (World War), 1918-20. 1 vol.

Treasurer's record of the Welcome Home Fund, showing receipts with date and name of payer, amount received; expenditures with date paid, name of payee, and amount. Also contains bank book, showing date and amount of deposits and withdrawals. Arr. chron. by date of receipt or expenditure. No index. Hdw. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 3/4. Town clerk's basement vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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149. ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER, 1860--. 1 bdl. Title varies: Reports of Town Treasurer and Auditors, 1860; Annual Reports of Town Treasurer, Town Auditors, and Overseer of the Poor, 1862-72; Report of Town Treasurer, 1876.

Reports of town treasurer containing: receipts, 1860--; expenditures 1860--; recapitulation, 1860--; list of town liabilities, 1877-78; statements of assets and liabilities, 1881--; report of overseer of the poor and farm commissioners, 1860-75; abstract of report of overseer of the poor, 1879-90, 96-97; amounts reserved for sinking fund, 1877-82, 1912--; available funds, 1877-82; list of proposed appropriations, 1879, and appropriations recommended, 1880-90, 1911; abstract of report of police, 1879-82; tax rate recommended, 1880-82; total amount of town debt, 1886-90, 1911; report of commissioner on special highway improvement, 1895; certification of examination by State budget director and comptroller, 1935--; transcription of report of State budget director and comptroller, 1936; report of collector of taxes, 1936--; auditor's report (certificate, 1876--), 1860--. Arr. chron. by date of publication. No index. Printed. Aver. 40 pp. 9 x 6 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Town clerk's vault, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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IX. TOWN SERGEANT

Among the officers chosen at the first town meeting was a town sergeant, William Arwin.¹

An officer was named annually until 1912,² when a special act of the general assembly increased the tenure to two years.³

The sergeant was regularly chosen in town meeting from 1765 to 1850,⁴ and from 1851 to 1892 either by the town council or in town meeting.⁵ From 1893 to date the office has been elective.⁶

No records have been found.

X. CONSTABLE

At the first town meeting the freemen of the town chose, among other town officers, three constables, Gorham, Stephen Tucker, and Jacob Woodward.¹

Tenure, originally one year, has apparently remained unchanged to date.² The number chosen varied, ranging from one to twenty-three.³

Until 1850 constables were chosen in town meeting;⁴ by the town council in 1851;⁵ again in town meeting from 1852-54;⁶ by the council from 1855-61;⁷ and for the last time in 1862 in town meeting.⁸ From 1863 to date constables have been appointed by the town council.⁹

No records were found.

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1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 8.
 2. T. M. R. (1912).
 3. P. L., Jan. 1912, ch. 889, sec. 1.
 4. T. M. R. (1765-1850).
 5. T. C. R. (1851-92); T. M. R. (1852-63); Election Returns (1864-69); Ballots (1869-74); T. M. R. (1874-92).
 6. T. M. R. (1893-1920); Record of Ballots (1920--).
 1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), p. 9.
 2. T. M. R. (1765-1863); T. C. R. (1851--).
 3. T. M. R. (1765-1863); T. C. R. (1851--).
 4. T. M. R. (1765-1850).
 5. T. C. R. (1851).
 6. T. M. R. (1852-54).
 7. T. C. R. (1855-61).
 8. T. M. R. (1862).
 9. T. C. R. (1863--).

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XI. POLICE CONSTABLE

On August 16, 1869, the town council appointed as "police constables without pay", Alvin Kimball, James Townsend, Lorenzo Bosworth, and Jeremiah Rex.¹

Henceforth, the council has continued to annually appoint police constables, ranging in number from four to as many as 149.²

The office has always been appointive.

No records have been found.

XII. CHIEF OF POLICE

Pursuant to a town ordinance enacted August 10, 1871, the town council on August 27 of the same year appointed a chief of police, Marcus M. Cowing.¹

With the separation of Pawtucket from North Providence in 1874, the office disappears from the records of the latter town until 1886, when the town council appointed Randall Tallman to the office.² In all probability the town sergeant acted as chief law enforcement officer during this period (1874-86).

From 1886 to date a chief has been regularly appointed by the town council.³

Unless otherwise specified all records are housed in the offices of the police department, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

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150. ARREST CARDS, 1909--. 1 f.d.

Records of arrest, showing name of person arrested, sex, folio number, address, age, height, weight, color of eyes and hair, complexion, nationality, occupation, identification marks, date, complaint or charge, disposition. These cards, filed alphabetically and each containing a folio number, serve as an index of case history folders, see entry 151. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of person arrested. No index. Typed. 3 x 6 x 21.

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1. T. C. R. (1869).
 2. Ibid. (1869--).
 1. T. C. R. (1871).
 2. Ibid. (1886).
 3. Ibid. (1886--).

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151. CASE HISTORY FOLDERS, 1909--. 3 f.c. (1-2010).

Record of police case histories, showing date, time, and place of arrest, name, age and residence of offender, nature of charge or offense, name of arresting officer, date of trial, name of court, disposition of case; number of offense. Arr. numerically by folio number. For separate index, see entry 150. Typed. 9 x 12.

152. POLICE RECORDS, 1914-34. 2 f.d.

Record of all types of law violations, including accident reports, complaints, juvenile cases, motor vehicle violations, and other offenses, showing name and address of violator, age, nature of violation, date, place, and time of violation, summary of investigation, disposition of case. Grouped alpha. by last name of violator. No index. Typed. 4 x 6 x 13.

153. NORTH PROVIDENCE DAY BOOK, 1929--. 1 bdl., 1 vol. Title varies: Day book, 1929-35, 1 bdl.

Daily record of police activities, showing dates, reports of investigations, names of persons arrested, and other matters relative to daily routine of police department. Arr. chron. by daily date. No index. Typed. Bdl. 11 x 8 3/4 x 2; vol. 11 1/2 x 10 x 1 1/2.

154. ARREST RECORD, 1935--. 1 f.d.

Record of persons arrested for various violations of the law, showing name and address of person arrested, age, birthplace, occupation, height, weight, color of hair and eyes, marital status, complexion, build, sex and color, cause of arrest, date and place of offense, by whom released, date and time of day released, arraignment, plea, amount of surety, name of judge, date of continuance of trial; amount of fine, fees, total cost, and date paid; period of probation, waiver of examination; jury to which bound over, final disposition; license and registration numbers, signature of arresting officer. Grouped alpha. by last name of violator. No index. Typed. 15 x 6 1/2 x 5.

155. (TELETYPE RECORDS), 1935--. 1 box; 24 bdls.

Teletype records received and transmitted by police department, showing daily date, time of day, nature of message, receivers' and transmitters' code identification number. Arr. chron. by date of receipt or transmittal. No index. Typed. Box, 18 1/2 x 15 x 15; bdls. 12 x 8 1/2 x 3. Box and 20 bdls., 1935-37, detention room in basement; 4 bdls., main office, police department, 1st floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

156. NORTH PROVIDENCE ARREST BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of persons arrested for various violations of law, showing name and address of person arrested, nature of violation, summary of investiga-

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tion, name of investigating officer, disposition of case. Arr. chron. by date of arrest. No index. Typed. 100 pp. $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{3}{4}$.

157. JUVENILE CASES, 1935--. 1 vol. (16-18).

Record of juvenile cases handled by police department, showing date of complaint, name and address of complainant, name, address and age of defendant, nature and disposition of complaint, signature of officer in charge of case. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. Approx. 75 pp. 12 x 9 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

158. COMPLAINTS B & E (Breaking and Entering), 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of complaints of breaking and entering, showing name and address of complainant, date, time and place of break, time reported to police, list and description of articles missing, summary of investigation, name of investigating officer, disposition of complaint. Arr. chron. by date of complaint. No index. Typed. 100 pp. $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

159. PRISONER'S STATEMENTS, 1935--. 1 bdl.

Prisoner's declarations taken by chief or commander upon arrest, showing date of arrest, statement, signature of prisoner, signature of witness. Grouped alpha. by name of prisoner. No index. Hdw. and typed. 11 x 8 x 1 .

160. MOTOR VIOL. REPORTS M.V.D. & COURT, 1935--. 1 f.d.

Carbon copies of police reports on motor vehicle violations, showing name, license number, and address of operator; name, registration number, and address of registry owner; make, type, and engine number of vehicle; attitude of operator; date, time, place, and type of violation, name of officer, name of chief of police. Grouped alpha. by name of violator. No index. Typed. 5 x $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 .

161. REPORTS OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 1935--. 1 folder.

Original records of motor vehicle accidents made by an officer of town police (carbons sent to the State Motor Vehicles agency), showing names and addresses of operators and owners involved, damage, date, time and location of accident, weather, road, light, and traffic conditions; names of persons killed or injured, police and court action, miscellaneous comments, diagram and measurements, summary by investigating officer, information relative to persons injured or killed, miscellaneous information, and special information when operator was found to be sleepy or asleep. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 9 x 12 .

162. ACCIDENT REPORT, 1935--. 1 vol., 1 bdl.

Reports of accidents made to police department, showing date, time of day reported, name and address of person making report, description of accident, types of vehicles involved, registration numbers, description of

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damage to vehicles, injuries to persons, name of doctor, number of passengers, signature of officer receiving report. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. Vol. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$; bdl. 11 x 8 x 1.

XIII. TOWN SOLICITOR

On June 9, 1873, the town meeting passed the following resolution: "That the Town Council be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to employ annually a Town Solicitor to attend to all law business of the Town, at a salary not exceeding One Thousand Dollars." ¹ On the following day the town council established the office, and named James C. Collins, Esq. as the town's first solicitor. ²

Thenceforth, with more or less regularity, the council has continued to annually employ or appoint a town solicitor. ³

No records have been found.

XIV. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In accordance with the terms of an act of the general assembly, establishing public schools, passed in 1828, ¹ the electors of the town on June 2 of the same year chose the following thirteen persons to organize and conduct the affairs of the town's first school committee: Richard Anthony, William Chaffee, Henry Stone, Edmund Bailey, James Scott, Benjamin B. Pearce, Lemuel Angell, Elisha Angell, Barney Merry, Shadrach Randall, Luther Woodward, Joseph Arnold, and Otis Tiffany. ²

Tenure remained at one year until 1882 when it was increased to three years. ³ In 1895 the term of office was made five years by special act of the general assembly; ⁴ 1897, five, two, and one; ⁵ 1902, three; ⁶ 1912, two; ⁷ 1916, two members for two years and three for four. ⁸ From 1918 to date tenure has been four years. ⁹

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1. T. M. R. (1873).
 2. T. C. R. (1873).
 3. Ibid. (1874--).
 1. A. R. & R., Jan. 1828, "An act to establish Public Schools," sec. 3, p. 10.
 2. T. M. R. (1828).
 3. T. C. R. (1882).
 4. A. & R., Jan. 1895, ch. 1412, sec. 1.
 5. Ibid., 1897, ch. 501, sec. 1.
 6. P. L., Jan. 1902, ch. 1033, sec. 1.
 7. Ibid., 1912, ch. 889, sec. 1.
 8. Ibid., 1916, ch. 1435, sec. 1.
 9. Ibid., 1922, ch. 2283, sec. 3.

The number of persons chosen to committee membership ranged from three to thirty.¹⁰ At present this body is made up of seven members.¹¹

Although the method of recording the election or appointments to the office at times fails to clearly identify the selecting agency, so far as can be ascertained, these officers were chosen as follows: 1828-49, town meeting;¹² 1850-51, town council;¹³ 1852-53, town meeting;¹⁴ 1854, town council;¹⁵ 1855-56, town meeting;¹⁶ 1857-61, town council;¹⁷ 1862-63, town meeting;¹⁸ 1864-94, town council;¹⁹ and 1895-- , town or district meeting.²⁰

Unless otherwise specified, all records are located in the office of the superintendent of schools, High School, 1828 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

Proceedings

163. RECORD (School Committee Meetings), 1913-- . 3 vols.

Minutes of meetings of school committee, showing date and place of meeting, number of members present, reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting; election of chairman, clerk, superintendent, principals, truant officer, and census enumerators; appointment of medical inspector, school teachers, janitors, nurse, and special committees; receipt of and action on report of superintendent of schools; reports of other school officers; fixing salaries and school terms; authorizations to school officers to purchase supplies; instructions to superintendent to raise or lower teachers' salaries; ordering books and supplies; adoption of books; itemized list of bills allowed and ordered paid; bids received and acted upon for building and repairing school buildings; resignations received and action upon; resolutions passed; vote of adjournment; and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 8½ x 14 x 2½. 2 vols., 1913-31, supt's off., High School, 1828 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale; 1 vol., 1931-- , res. E. Albanese, 1628 Smith St., Centerdale.

10. T. M. R. (1828-62); T. C. R. (1850-94); T. M. R. (1895-1920);
Record of Ballots (1920--).

11. Records (School Committee Meetings) (1913--).

12. T. M. R. (1828-49).

13. T. C. R. (1850-51).

14. T. M. R. (1852-53).

15. T. C. R. (1854).

16. T. M. R. (1855-56).

17. T. C. R. (1857-61).

18. T. M. R. (1862-63).

19. T. C. R. (1864-94).

20. T. M. R. (1895-1920); Record of Ballots (1920--).

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164. BY-LAWS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE,
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By-laws of school committee, concerning organization, chairman, clerk, superintendent of schools, regulations, budget, school books; a manual of standing rules of superintendent and his subordinate officers, contracts, rules of order, amendments; rules and regulations governing duties of superintendent of schools, school principals, supervisors, school teachers, school janitors, school physician, school nurse, attendance officer, census takers; miscellaneous rules concerning absence and tardiness, exclusion because of contagious diseases, attendance at high schools, collection of money in schools, enrollment and transfers, use of school buildings, terms and sessions of schools, and rates of tuition for nonresidents attending the town schools; duties of purchasing committee, and building committee. No obv. arr. No index. Printed. 6 3/4 x 4 7/8 x 1/6.

Census

165. CENSUS, 1936--. 4 f.d. (A-Z).

Annual record of children of school age, showing name and address of child, sex, age, schools attended in past, name of parent or guardian. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of child. No index. Hdw. and typed. 20 x 5 x 6.

Receipts and Expenditures

166. PUBLIC SCHOOL CASH BOOK, 1927--. 2 vols.

Record of school receipts and disbursements; receipts, showing name of town, period covered, date of receipt, name of payer, amount, total receipts for fiscal year, and total receipts for school year; disbursements, showing date, check number, name of payee, amount, purpose, monthly total; total amount for school year. Arr. chron. by date of receipt or payment. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 1/2 x 10 x 1.

167. EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL CONTROL, 1927--. 1 vol.

Record of expenditures for general control during school year, showing name of town, school year, date, order number, cash book page number, amounts expended for salaries and other purposes of general control, totals. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 20 x 11 x 1 1/2.

168. (SALARY EXPENDITURES), 1927--. 1 vol.

Record of salary expenditures during school year, for school teachers, supervisors, substitutes, school nurse, office associates, school committee,

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evening school teachers, janitors, superintendent, committee clerk, truant officer, and school doctor, showing name of school officer, amount of monthly salary, and totals for each. Arr. chron. by date of expenditure. No index. Hdw. and typed. 11 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

169. RECORD (Cash Receipts and Disbursements), 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and expenditures; receipts, showing amount and source with totals; disbursements, showing amount and purpose with totals. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 13 x 9 x 1.

170. (GENERAL EXPENDITURES), 1927--. 1 vol.

Record of general expenditures during school year, showing amounts expended for new equipment, auxiliary agencies, tuition, apparatus, libraries, teaming, replacement and repair of equipment, ground repairs, janitors' supplies, gas, telephone, light, water, fuel, pupils' supplies, text books, office supplies, school committee, miscellaneous; also date of expenditure, check number, name of vendor, amount, and total amount under each classification. Arr. chron. by date of expenditure. No index. Hdw. and typed. 11 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

171. RECORD (Cash Receipts), 1928--. 1 vol.

Summary of cash receipts, showing source, purpose, and deficit (if any). Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

Registration and Attendance

172. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1932--. 2 f.d.

File of all pupils attending high school, showing name and address of pupil, sex, age, school or schools attended; record of changes in high schools attended (prior to 1939, North Providence had no high school, pupils were sent to schools in neighboring cities), amount of tuition paid. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of pupil. No index. Typed. 20 x 5 x 6.

173. SCHOOL REGISTER, 1905--. Approx. 600 vols. (dated).

Record of school enrollment and attendance, showing school year, pupil's number and name, parents' names; dates of entering and leaving school, record of other schools attended during year; daily register, showing name of teacher, term and year, pupil's number and name, daily attendance record, total days present, total days absent, times tardy; teacher's report, showing term and year, total length of school term in days, number of holidays and other days allowed, total number of boys registered, total number of girls registered, total number of pupils registered, total number of days' attendance, total number of days' absence, total daily attendance, percentage of attendance, average number belonging,

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total number of times tardy, number of daily class recitations, number of new pupils by terms (boys), number of new pupils by terms (girls), number of new pupils under five and over fifteen, number of new pupils previously registered in town (boys), number of new pupils previously registered in town (girls), number of new pupils previously registered in town under five or over fifteen, number of new pupils previously registered in other towns (boys), number of new pupils previously registered in other towns (girls), number of pupils previously registered in other towns under five or over fifteen, number of visits by committee or superintendent, number of visits by other persons; residence and P. O. address of teacher, education, number of years experience, grade and date of teacher's certificate, number of school journals read by teacher, number of volumes in school library, monthly salary, salary for term; teacher's certification; roll of honor, showing names of scholars distinguished for perfect attendance and excellent deportment and scholarship; visitor's record, showing date, name and residence of visitor. From 1932 to date record contains annual and daily register only. Arr. chron. by school year; school register arr. numerically by number of pupil; daily register arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of pupil. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 11 x 9 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Storage room, basement, Fruit Hill School, Central Ave.

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174. PHYSICAL RECORD, 1926--. 6 f.d. (labeled by contained letters).

Dental record (white card) of each pupil, showing pupil's name, school, condition of teeth, previous treatment, treatment advised; treatment given, number of teeth filled or extracted, place of treatment (office of dentist or home); number of teeth treated in public clinic, number of teeth extracted or filled in public clinic; remarks.

Physical record (yellow card) of each pupil, showing pupil's name, school, sex, place and date of birth, age, nationality of father and mother, number in family (male and female), number of child of mother, diseases during life, diseases during school years (by grade), results of periodical physical and mental examinations, treatment prescribed, date of vaccination, date and result of Schick test, etc., results of periodical health examinations.

Arr. alpha. by surname of pupil. No index. Hdw. 20 x $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

175. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1912. 3 f.d. (1, 1A, 2A).

Miscellaneous documents, including school reports, school committee data, teachers' reports, contracts, state reports, bids, medical reports. Arr. according to classification, chron. thereunder by date of document. No index. Hdw. and typed. 30 x 11 x 14.

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176. PUPILS' RECORDS, 1921--. 10 f.d. (labeled by contained letters).

File of pupils enrolled in schools in town, showing name of pupil, address, date and place of birth, date of admission to school. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of pupil. No index. Hdw. and typed. 20 x 5 x 6.

177. SCHOLASTIC RECORDS, 1930--. 3 f.d. (labeled by contained letters).

File of scholastic records of all students, showing quarterly gradings, subjects studied, schools attended (separate cards for grade and high schools). Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of pupil. No index. Hdw. 14 x 11 x 27.

178. ANNUAL REPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, 1915--. 26 vols.

Annual publication of school department, containing list of members of school committee, names of superintendent, school physician, school nurse, supervisor of music, supervisor of art, and attendance officer; report of clerk of school committee, report of school committee, budget for ensuing year, report of superintendent, and report of school physician. No obv. arr. No index. Aver. 12 pp. $8\frac{1}{4}$ x 6 x $1\frac{1}{8}$.

179. TEACHERS' REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol.

List of teachers employed by school department, showing name of teacher, grade taught, salary. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of teacher. No index. Hdw. and typed. 150 pp. 13 x 9 x 1.

Correspondence

180. CORRESPONDENCE, 1926--. 1 f.d.

File of incoming correspondence, and copies of outgoing correspondence. Arr. chron. by date of letter. No index. Hdw. and typed. 27 x 14 x 11.

Miscellaneous

181. (CONSTRUCTION DATA ON NEW HIGH SCHOOL), 1938--. 2 f.d.

Construction data relating to new high school containing reports of secretary of building committee, reports of building committee members, general correspondence, blueprints, contracts, bills allowed and ordered paid, inspectors' reports. Arr. chron. in each folder by date of document. No index. Hdw. and typed. 14 x 11 x 30.

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XV. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

On June 7, 1847, a vote of the town meeting provided " . . . That the School Committee be empowered and instructed to appoint an Agent to visit under their direction, the Public Schools in this town with an annual compensation not exceeding One Hundred Dollars." ¹ A similar vote is noted in the town meeting records of June 3, 1850. ² On June 12, 1876, the first appointment to the office under the designation of the present title of Superintendent of Schools was apparently made at this time by the town council.³

As the extant records of the School Committee date only from 1913, there exists no documentary proof of the appointment of a superintendent from 1877 to 1913. However, the absence of evidence of the appointment of the officer in the records of the town meeting and town council for this period indicate with some degree of certainty that with the exception of the year 1876, the school committee has appointed the superintendent from 1847 to date.⁴

Tenure so far as can be ascertained from the records has always been for one year.

All records are housed in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1829 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

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182. APPLICATIONS, 1938--. 1 f.d. (4).

Application for position as teacher in public schools, showing applicant's name, address, present position, and nature of position sought; telephone number, date and place of birth, race, marital status; number of children; height, weight, and age of applicant, condition of health for past two years; defects in sight or hearing; other physical defects; type of certificate held; in what States valid; if under contract and date of expiration; when available; position, grade, or subjects applied for in order of preference, special abilities (to sing, teach penmanship, music, art), coaching or directing abilities; present salary, and minimum salary acceptable; instructions concerning photograph, additional information concerning experience, training, character, and ability, with testimonials; and instructions on preparation and disposition of application, detailed account of educational and professional training, and teaching experience; references; additional information concerning qualifications; official data showing date appointed, school year, rank, salary, position assigned, name of building, changes in assignment. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of applicant. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 13 x 28.

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1. T. M. R. (1847).
 2. Ibid. (1850).
 3. T. C. R. (1876).
 4. Records (School Committee Meetings) (1913--).

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Budget

183. PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET, 1927--. 1 folder.

Copy of public school budget sent to State department of education by superintendent of schools, showing name of town, period covered, receipts: from preceding year, estimate from preceding year, for current year, increase or decrease, balance, town appropriation, State appropriation, poll taxes, dog taxes, income from school funds, tuition from nonresident pupils, other revenues, totals; expenses: general control, instruction, evening schools, operation and maintenance of school plant, coordinate activities, auxiliary expenses, capital outlay, recapitulation of estimates; signature of chairman or clerk of school committee, date. Arr. chron. by date of budget. No index. Hdw. and typed. 9 x 11 x 3/4.

Census

184. SCHOOL CENSUS, ATTENDANCE, AND SCHOOL RECORD, 1930--. 7 f.d.

Individual records of persons between ages of four and twenty one: census and attendance record, showing name, address, sex, date and place of birth of child, if mentally or physically incapable of school attendance, if illiterate, vaccinated; name, residence, and occupation of parent or guardian; year, age, census, grade, attendance (public, parochial, other private, evening, public college, other school), whether employed. Reverse of card, school record, showing name of school, grade, room, date of admission, age previous September 1 (years and months), health, conduct, scholarship rating, date of discharge. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of person enumerated. No index. Hdw. 15 x 7 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

185. SCHOOL CENSUS - 1941, 1941. 2 f.d. (A-Z).

Annual census of persons between ages of four and twenty, showing form number, year, name and address of child, name and address of parent or guardian, age, sex, grade, record of school attendance in 1940, ability to read, speak, and write the English language, reason for inability to attend school (physical or mental defect). Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of person enumerated. No index. Hdw. 15 x 7 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Certificate of Age

186. CERTIFICATE OF AGE FOR MINORS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND EMPLOYER'S AGREEMENT AND PARENTS' PERMISSION, 1939--. 1 f.d.

Certificate of proof of age for minors 16 years of age or over (under U. S. Fair Labor Standards Act) showing names of State, county, town, certificate number, date of issue, name, address, age, sex, color, date and place of birth of minor; name and address of parent or guardian, signature

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of minor, certification of age, nature of proof, name, business address, nature of industry of employer, occupation, signature, title and address of issuing officer; reverse side are directions for using form. Attached to some certificates are copies of Employer's Agreement and Parents' Permission, showing form number, agreement to employ minor, nature of industry, occupation, date, name and address of employer, statement of permission to enter employment, signature and address of parent or guardian, and date. Arr. numerically by certificate number, chron. thereunder by date of issue. No index. Hdw. and typed. 5 1/2 x 7 x 15.

Correspondence

187. CORRESPONDENCE, 1936--. 7 f.d.

Incoming correspondence of superintendent of schools, and carbon copies of replies. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of addressor. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 13 x 28.

Receipts and Expenditures

188. (GENERAL LEDGER), 1927--. 1 vol.

Itemized record of receipts and expenditures: cash receipts; expenditures for general control, instruction, operation, and maintenance of school plant, coordinate activities, auxiliary agencies, capital outlays, and cash payments. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 18 x 2.

189. PUBLIC SCHOOL CASH BOOK, 1927--. 1 vol.

Public school cash book, showing receipts with name of town or city, period covered, form number, date, order number, source, purpose, distribution number, amount, and total; payments, with name of town, period covered, form number, date, order number, name of payee, purpose, distribution number, amount, total. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 13 x 11 x 1.

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190. HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS and GRADE SCHOOL RECORDS, 1928--. 4 f.d.

Individual records of high school pupils (1930--), showing pupil's name, name of school, subjects (including extra-curricular activities), grades attained, credits, basal texts used, English classics and books read (in and out of class), principal's name, system of grading; reverse record shows name of pupil, name of parent or guardian, address and telephone number, occupa-

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tion of parent or guardian, pupil's date of birth, date enrolled, how entered, course, date of graduation (if withdrawal before graduation, date, cause), attendance, physical record, physical examinations, standardized tests (including intelligence tests).

Individual records of grade school pupils (1928--), showing pupil's name, name of school, system of grading, subjects, grades attained, conduct, attendance, teachers' signature; reverse of record shows name of pupil, name of parent or guardian, standardized tests (including intelligence tests), location of pupil's home, occupation of parent or guardian, pupil's date of birth, date and reason for leaving school, physical record, physical examinations.

Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of pupil. No index. Hdw.
12 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 28.

191. SUBSTITUTE'S REPORT OF SERVICE, 1939--. 1 folder.

Record of substitute's report of service, showing name, school, name of teacher for whom substituted, dates, a. m. or p. m., total days served, signature of substitute. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw.
9 x 11 x 3/4.

192. TRUANCY (Report of Attendance Officer), 1939--. 1 folder.

Copies of reports of attendance officer, showing name of officer, date of report, name and address of child, school, age if high school student, disposition. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed.
9 x 11 x 3/4.

193. TEMPERATURE RECORDS, 1940--. 1 f.d. (4A).

Temperature report made monthly by teacher to superintendent of schools, showing period covered, a. m. and p. m. daily readings, signature of teacher. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 12 x 13 x 28.

194. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORTS, 1940--. 1 f.d.

Teacher's reports submitted monthly, showing period covered, name of school, grades, name of teacher, number of boys enrolled to date, number of girls enrolled to date, average membership for month, average attendance, number of pupils tardy, number of days' absence, number of perfect attendances, number of pupils admitted during month, number of pupils transferred to other schools in town, left town, cases of truancy and absenteeism, cases of truancy reported to truant officers, cases of corporal punishment, cases of suspensions, present membership, membership by grades, dates of tardiness of teacher, dates of half days' absences of teacher, cause of tardiness or absence of teacher, names of substitutes, substitutes' time in half-holidays, dates of holidays including all days or half-days when school was closed, reasons for closing school, dates of teachers' meetings attended by teacher reporting, absence or tardiness of special teacher, dates of fire drills,

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dates of visits of medical inspector, dental inspector, school nurse, and re-
marks. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed.
12 x 13 x 28.

Miscellaneous

195. M. D. (State Aid for Medical Inspection), SCHOOL NURSE, SCHOOL
COMMITTEE RECORDS (Attendance, Finance, Census, Teachers' Payroll,
Accident Reports, Sight and Hearing Tests), HIGH SCHOOL AND
CORRES., STATE RECORDS, etc., SCHOOL INVENTORIES, 1920--. 1 f.d.

Miscellaneous school records, containing:

applications for medical inspection made to State, with supporting
statements of superintendent of schools, 1920-22, 26-27, 30-32,
1935--.

summarized report of attendance (day school), 1924-37.

copy of record of public school finance, 1924--.

copy of school census report, 1927--.

copies of bills presented to school committee, 1937-39.

school nurse reports, 1938--.

reports of sight and hearing tests, 1938--.

school inventories (classroom equipment), 1938--.

teachers' payrolls (preliminary), 1939--.

accident reports, 1940--.

Arr. chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw. and typed. 28 x 13 x 12.

196. STANDARD PLAN BOOK, 1935--. 156 vols.

Daily work program, prepared biweekly by each teacher, showing day of
week, name of subject to be taught, scheduled time for each subject, and
remarks. Arr. chron. by calendar year. No index. Hdw. 12 x 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$.
Basement storeroom, New Fruit Hill School.

XVI. ATTENDANCE OFFICER

In 1873 the town council appointed a " . . . Prosecuting Officer Under
the Truant Act," and named Randall Tallman as the first officer for a term
of one year.¹ The title of the office was changed to Truant Officer in
1890² and to Attendance Officer in 1925.³

1. T. C. R. (1873).

2. T. C. R. (1890).

3. Records (School Committee Meetings) (1913--).

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From 1902 to date, the truant officer has apparently been chosen annually by the school committee, although due to the absence of committee records prior to 1913, no direct documentary proof of this fact exists for the 1902 to 1913 period.⁴

No records have been found.

XVII. SCHOOL CENSUS ENUMERATOR

This office was established by the town council in 1879 at which time Henry F. Brown was appointed for a term of one year " . . . to take the Census required by Ch. 693 of the Public Laws." ¹ One officer was appointed annually until 1920 when the town council increased the number of members to two.² From 1921 to date the school committee has regularly appointed either two or three enumerators to take the school census.³

No records have been found.

XVIII. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WELFARE

This office was established under the title of Overseer of the Poor, at the first town meeting when the following three persons were chosen to the office: Samuel Currie, Edward Tripp and Col. William Brown.¹ The original title was changed by legislative act in 1925 to Director of Public Aid,² and in 1936, the present title of Director of Public Welfare was assigned to the office by an act of legislature.³

The duties of the Local Director of Aid to Dependent Children have been delegated to the Director of Public Welfare (1937--).

Membership has ranged from one to as many as eight.

The office was elective from 1765 to 1849, 1855-56, 58, 62, 83-84; appointive, 1850-54, 57, 59-61, 63-82, 1855--.⁴

Unless otherwise specified, all records are housed in the office of Director of Public Welfare, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

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4. Records (School Committee Meetings) (1913--).
 1. T. C. R. (1879).
 2. T. C. R. (1879-1921).
 3. School Committee Records (1921--).
 1. T. M. R. (1765-1808), pp. 8, 9.
 2. P. L., Jan. 1925, ch. 64, sec. 1.
 3. P. L., Jan. 1926, ch. 2312, sec. 1.
 4. T. M. R. (1765-1849); T. C. R. (1850--).

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197. (ORDER STUBS), 1933-34. 1 box (26 pads).

Stubs of shoe orders issued by director of public welfare, showing order number, date, name of vendor, name and address of relief recipient, number of pairs, size, and value of shoes ordered, and signature of director of public welfare.

Stubs of food orders issued by director, showing order number, name and address of vendor, name and address of relief recipient, date, amount of order, signature of director of public welfare.

Arr. numerically by stub number; chron. thereunder by date of issue. Hdw. 6 x 12 x 15. Storage vault, 1st floor, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

Due possibly to their confidential nature, the remaining records of the director are not available to the survey.

XIX. DIRECTOR OF UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

On January 2, 1934, the town council assigned the task of carrying out the details of the Unemployment Relief program in the town to an officer designated as the "Unemployment Relief Director". Herbert A. Brown was the first incumbent.¹

Henceforth, the town council has annually appointed a director.²

Unless otherwise stated, records are located in the director's office, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

Applications

198. UNEMPLOYMENT AND RELIEF APPLICATIONS, 1932. 1 box.

Applications submitted to director of public aid for direct assistance from town, showing name of town, name of director, name, address, and age of applicant, length of residence in town, marital status, names and ages of dependents, name and wage of working dependents, trade or business of applicant, number of months out of work, where employed after January 1, 1931, amount of income other than wages, amount of carrying charges on property, amount of rent received monthly, names of agencies that have aided applicant

1. T. C. R. (1934).

2. T. C. R. (1934--).

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in past, number of times aid received, whether owner of automobile, money in bank. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 16 x 8 x 10. Storage vault, 1st floor rear, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

199. (APPLICATIONS FOR WORK RELIEF) E. R. A., 1933-35. 2 f.b.

Copies of applications for work relief (E. R. A.), showing name of applicant, date, age, address, occupation, veteran status, period of residence in town and State, number of dependents, health statement, home environment, name, age and income of dependents; last place of employment, name and address of last employer, names of concerns from whom employment has been sought; valuation of property owned, amount of mortgage, name of mortgagee, amount of money in bank, name of bank, amount of premium on life insurance, name of insurance company, amount borrowed on policies, automobile registration number, telephone number, itemized account of debts, amount of aid received within past three months from public or private agencies; remarks, certification of relief applicant, signature of investigator. Arr. alpha. by surname of applicant. No index. Hdw. 6 x 11 x 6. Storage vault, 1st floor rear, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

200. (APPLICATIONS FOR AND CERTIFICATES OF C. C. C. ENROLLMENT), 1933--. 6 folders.

Applications, showing date, applicant's name, address, years of residence in State or country, age, date and place of birth, date of first naturalization papers, date and place of second naturalization papers, height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, marital status; whether or not convicted of a crime, on probation or parole, condition of health, physical handicaps, whether member of National Guard, deputy sheriff or other civil law officer, school record, employment information, previous service in the C. C. C., allotment, remarks, signatures of applicant and parent or guardian.

Certificates of selection, showing applicant's name, address, name and address of local agency receiving application, general information (age, place of birth, etc.), school record, employment information, previous enrollment, designation of allottee, authorization for deposit in lieu of allotment, affirmation of applicant, certification of enrollment, signature and official designation of selecting agent, date of certification.

Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Typed. 8½ x 11 x 1.

201. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF WORK PROJECTS, 1933--. 1 drawer.

Application for approval of work projects, showing date of approval, name of town, title of approving State officer, project number, nature of project (rural or urban), date of application, formal request by local relief administration, proper agency for approval (F. E. R. A., 1933-35, State Unemployment Relief Commission, 1935-39, State Department of Social Welfare, 1939--), name of town, brief title of project, description in

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detail (location, amount of work, etc., of proposed project), operating in past, when, date of commencing, estimated duration, name and title of person preparing plans and specifications, name of local supervising officer, total estimated cost of project, amount of estimated cost town is prepared to furnish (amount of cash or value of materials or other services), request to State for balance of funds necessary to complete project, statement concerning liability of State to complete project, whether application made to or rejected by W. P. A., statement that work was not provided for in current budget, signatures and titles of local employment relief director, local government officer (usually president of town council), estimated cost of teams, trucks, and other major equipment (detailed), estimated cost of materials (detailed), estimated labor costs (detailed), summary of costs, division of labor costs between town and State (town 6/11, State 5/11), statement that project has been approved for relief labor only with noted exceptions, if any, signature of approving officer. No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 12 x 12 x 24.

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202. (RECORD OF COMMODITIES RECEIVED BY RELIEF RECIPIENTS), 1933-34.
1 bdl.

Summarized record of surplus commodities received by relief recipient showing name and address of recipient, case number, number of persons in family, itemized list of food and clothing received, number of units or quantity, commodity order receipt number, date of commodity receipt. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of recipient. No index. Hdw. 12 x 8 x 4. Storage vault, 1st floor, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

203. ASSIGNMENT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS, E. R. A., 1933-35. 1 bdl.
(Discontinued).

Director's record of E. R. A. assignment and identification cards, showing name, address, identification number, sex, age, and signature of worker; signature of project foreman, date, place and time to report for work, worker's classification, number of hours allowed to work, hourly wage rate, total wage. (Original to worker, duplicate to project time keeper, triplicate to disbursing office, quadruplicate retained). No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 4 x 6 x 4. Storage vault, 1st floor rear, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

204. (INDIVIDUAL CASE NUMBER CARD FILE), 1933--. 1 f.b.

Record of case numbers assigned to relief recipients, showing case number, initial of district, number in family, and name of recipient. Arr. alpha. by surname of recipient. No index. Hdw. 4 x 5½ x 11½.

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205. SOCIAL SERVICE (DORMANT CASES), 1933--. 4 f.d. (labeled alpha. by contained letters).

A dormant file of individual relief cases (E. R. A. 1933-35; S. U. R. 1935--), containing:

- applications for work relief, 1933--.
- individual case histories, 1933--.
- correspondence, 1933--.
- family record face sheet, 1935--.
- family budget sheet, 1935--.
- questionnaire to employer, 1935--.

Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of applicant. No index. Hdw. and typed. 24 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

206. SOCIAL SERVICE (Active Relief Cases), 1933--. 4 f.d. (labeled alpha. by contained letters).

Active file of individual relief cases (E. R. A. 1933-35; S. U. R. 1935--), containing:

- applications for work relief, 1933--.
- individual case histories, 1933--.
- correspondence, 1933--.
- family record face sheet, 1935--.
- family budget sheet, 1935--.
- questionnaire to employer, 1935--.

Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of applicant. No index. Hdw. and typed. 24 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. Office of S. U. R. investigator, 1st floor, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

207. PROJECT REGISTER, 1933--. 1 vol.

Register of weekly project expenses, showing name of town; location, number, and description of project; date project approved, estimated date of completion, dates work was started and completed; date of expenditure, reference (explanation of expense), number of man hours worked, amount of wages, amount of trucking pay roll, amount for equipment rentals, amount for materials, amount of supplementary aid, total weekly expense for project, weekly unexpended balance of approved estimated cost, distribution of costs by funds (amount from federal, State, and local funds). Arr. numerically by project number. No index. Hdw. and typed. 137 pp. 18 x 16 x 2.

208. (MONTHLY AND WEEKLY RECORDS OF RELIEF EXPENSES, AUDITS AND REPORTS), 1933--. 5 boxes.

Monthly and weekly records of local director of unemployment relief, filed monthly in individual folders, containing:

- copies of invoices and bills received by local director for groceries, fuel, wearing apparel, footwear, lodging, supplies, medicine, and hospital care furnished to recipients, 1933--.

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copies of orders issued through relief director to recipients for provisions, wearing apparel, and fuel, 1933--.
recommendations of State investigator concerning amount and type of relief, 1933--.
copies of monthly audits of direct, home, and supplementary relief accounts, 1933--.
director's monthly statement of expenses for food, shoes, shoe repairs, coal, oil, medical care, medicine, and administration, 1933--.
director's monthly statement of shoes received and issued to recipients, 1933--.
director's weekly analysis sheets used to compile figures for S. U. R. and State Department of Social Welfare, 1933--.
director's weekly reports to State Unemployment Relief Commission, 1933-39, and to State Department of Social Welfare, 1939--.

Folders arr. chron. by month of record. No index. Hdw. and typed. Aver. 14 x 14 x 10. Storage vault, 1st floor, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

209. (COMMODITY RECEIPTS), 1933--. 1 box.

Original record of receipts for commodities issued to relief recipients, showing receipt number, date of receipt, case number, name of recipient, acknowledgement of receipt, quantity and description of commodities received, cash value, initials of person filling order, name of issuing officer, date of issue, nature of recipient. No obv. arr. No index. Hdw. 36 x 24 x 24. Storage vault, 1st floor rear, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

210. MASTER CONTROL CARDS (Inactive), 1934--. 2 f.b.

Summarized record of aid given to relief recipients, showing name and address of recipient, number of dependents, case number, amount of budget; record of assistance given with date, amount of cash pay roll, direct home relief, food, milk, fuel, clothing, medical; amount and kind of commodities received, unit price, total amount of assistance given. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of recipient. No index. Hdw. 6 x 8 x 12.

211. MASTER CONTROL CARDS (Active), 1934--. 2 f.d.

Summarized record of aid given to relief recipients, showing name and address of recipient, number of dependents, case number, amount of budget; record of assistance given with date, amount of cash pay roll, direct home relief, food, milk, fuel, clothing, medical; amount and kind of commodities received, unit price, total amount of assistance given. Arr. alpha. by surname of recipient. No index. Hdw. 12 x 8 x 6.

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212. SUPPLEMENTARY AID, 1935--. 1 f.b.

Summarized record of supplementary aid given to relief recipients, showing name and address of recipient, case number, date of supplementary aid, items given, cash value; cash amounts carried forward, total amount of supplementary relief rendered to date. Arr. alpha. by first letter of surname of recipient. No index. Hdw. 6 x 8 x 12.

213. SOCIAL SERVICE EXCHANGE SLIPS, 1935--. 1 box.

Individual reports on resident relief recipients of town, from the Providence Social Service Exchange concerning aid given to relief recipients by private and State agencies (reports sent to town unemployment relief director upon his request), showing surname of recipient, case number, woman's first name, maiden name, birthplace; man's first name, occupation, birthplace, color, previous marriages, aliases, address, previous addresses, children's names and birthplaces, names and addresses of relatives, nature of relationship, variations in spelling of recipient's name, name of inquiring agency, date of inquiry. Reverse side shows report of the Exchange with date, names of private and State agencies rendering aid, itemized statement of assistance rendered by each agency. Arr. alpha. by surname of recipient. No index. Typed. 11 x 4 x 6.

214. ASSIGNMENT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS, 1935--. 2 bdl.

Director's copies of active and inactive S. U. R. assignment and identification cards, showing full name, identification number, case history number, address, sex, age of worker; date, time and place to report for work, labor classification, hourly wage rate, signature of foreman and worker, signature of S. U. R. assignment officer, date of assignment. (Original to worker, duplicate to project timekeeper, triplicate to disbursing office, quadruplicate retained). Arr. alpha. by surname of worker. No index. Typed. 4 x 6 x 5.

215. (RECOMMENDATIONS FOR S. U. R. RELIEF), 1935--. 41 pads.

Carbon copies of recommendations to unemployment relief director by S. U. R. investigator concerning type of aid given to relief applicants (medical care, food order, wearing apparel, fuel, footwear, increase or decrease of relief amounts previously granted, aid supplementary to W. F. A. pay, aid supplementary to S. U. R. pay), showing case number, date, name and address of recipient, number in family, amount of relief, nature of recommendation, remarks, signature of investigator (S. U. R.). Arr. chron. by date of recommendation. No index. Hdw. 3 x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 1935-37, 16 pads, storage vault, 1st floor rear; 1936-38, 25 pads, office of investigator (S. U. R.), 1st floor, Old Town Hall, 2226 Mineral Spring Ave., Centerdale.

216. C. C. C. DATA, 1936. 1 f.b.

File of names of applicants for C. C. C. enrollment, showing name, address, and age of applicant, date of application, date application cancelled

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(if cancelled), date sent to C. C. C. camp, date and reason for discharge, comments by selecting agent. Arr. alpha. by surname of applicant. No index. Typed. 4 x 6 x 11½.

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217. (OFFICE GUIDE TO INDIVIDUAL CASE NUMBERS), 1933--. 1 vol.

Office guide to case numbers, showing name of district (Allendale, Lymanville, Marieville, Centerdale, Mineral Spring, Woodville and Fruit Hill), case number (includes case number, initial of district, and number in family), name and address of recipient. Grouped by districts, arr. numerically thereunder by case number. No index. Hdw. and typed. 75 pp. 11½ x 9½ x 1.

XX. DIRECTOR OF MOTHERS' WELFARE

In April 1925, it was voted " . . . That the Board of Governors of the District Nursing Association and Overseer of Poor be appointed a Committee on Mothers' Aid". In January of the following year Sarah Sharp was appointed by the town council as "Chairman of Mothers' Aid" for one year.¹

The original title of "Chairman of Mothers' Aid" was changed in 1939 to the present one of Director of Mothers' Welfare.² A director has been regularly appointed by the town council since the creation of the office.

No records have been found.

XXI. HEALTH OFFICER

A health officer was chosen at town meeting in 1832 and one Samuel W. Miller named to perform the duties of the office for a tenure of one year.¹

From 1842 to 1849 no recording of the appointment of an officer is to be found in the town meeting or town council records. An officer was elected annually, however, in town meeting from 1832 to 1842 and in the single year 1862.² Appointments were made by the town council from 1850 to 1861, and

1. T. C. R. (1925-26).

2. T. C. R. (1939).

1. T. M. R. (1832).

2. Ibid. (1832-42, 62).

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exclusively by the council from 1863 to date.³ The term of office has always been for one year.⁴

No records have been found.

XXII. (OFFICER TO PROVIDE FOR BURIAL OF HONORABLY
DISCHARGED SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES).

On June 21, 1886, the town council appointed William W. Wright as the "Officer to bury Honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors, who died without means." ¹

Henceforth, the council has more or less made regular appointments to this office under various titles, occasionally selecting committees for this purpose.²

Tenure has always been for one year.³

No records have been found.

XXIII. ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

The town council of North Providence at a meeting held in October 1929, named Benjamin Paley, John Capuano, Clarence H. Broley, Arthur Ward, and Joseph J. Cunningham to act as a Zoning Board of Review to pass on appeals from zoning decisions, etc.¹ One member was appointed for one year, one for two, one for three, one for four, and one for five years.² The town council continues to make the appointments to the Board for a tenure of five years.³

Records are located in the office of zoning board, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

3. T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).

4. T. M. R. (1832-43, 62); T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).

1. T. C. R. (1886).

2. Ibid. (1887--).

3. Ibid.

1. T. C. R. (1929).

2. Ibid.

3. Ibid. (1929--).

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218. TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE MAP SHOWING PRESENT USE OF PROPERTY, 1928.
1 mounted map.

Map used to denote use of property, classified by various colors, showing locations of various types of home dwellings, hotels, public garages, repair shops, filling stations, theatres, parks, schoolhouses, hospitals, industries, etc.; names and locations of streets, rivers, ponds, reservoir, railroad town boundary lines, names and relative locations of adjoining towns and cities, name of cartographer, date drawn, title, key to property uses; azimuth. Arthur Comey, Planner. Colored. 1 inch = 300 feet. 70 x 45.

219. ZONING MAP TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, 1929. 1 mounted map.

Plan of the zoned sections of the town, showing dwelling districts D-1 (green), dwelling districts D-2 (white), apartment-house dwellings A-3 (yellow), business districts B-2 (blue), business districts B-3 (purple), industrial districts I-3 (pink), names and location of streets, sewers, railroads, town boundary lines, names and relative locations of adjoining towns and cities, scale, name of cartographer, date, title, key to zone districts; azimuth. Arthur Comey, Planner. Colored. 1 inch = 300 feet. 70 x 45.

XXIV. FENCE VIEWERS

At the first town meeting in 1765 the freemen of the town elected William Whipple, Edward Tripp, and Daniel Whipple to act as fence viewers for a period of one year.¹ The number of viewers has varied from one to nine since the establishment of the office. At present there are two members regularly appointed to the office.²

The fence viewers were elected at town meeting from 1765 to 1849 and again in town meeting in 1862.³ The power of appointment was delegated to the town council from 1850 to 1861 and from 1863 to date.⁴

No records have been found.

1. T. M. R. (1765-1808).
2. T. M. R. (1765-1862); T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).
3. T. M. R. (1765-1849, 1862).
4. T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).

Sealer of Weights and Measures;
Auctioneer

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XXV. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

One of the officers to be elected at the first town meeting in 1765 was a sealer of weights and measures. Ephraim Wheaton was chosen the first office holder for one year.¹ The number of members making up this office varied from one to three until 1827 but since the latter date the office has consisted of one member.² No recording of the election of an incumbent to the office appears from 1773 until the year 1803.

The sealer was chosen in town meeting until 1850 when the town council for the first time appointed the officer. The town council continued to appoint an officer until 1861 but in 1862 the town meeting again made the appointment. From 1863 to date, however, the town council has been the selecting agency.³

No records have been found.

XXVI. AUCTIONEER

A "vendue master" was elected at the first town meeting pursuant to the law and charter of the town and Daniel Cahoon was named to the office for one year.¹ The present title of "auctioneer" has identified the office from 1822 to date. Tenure has remained the same since the establishment of the office. The number of members appointed to the office has varied, nevertheless from one to as many as fourteen. From 1887 to date there have been four auctioneers assigned to the office.²

The town meeting was the selecting agency, for the office from the creation of the office until 1849 when the office became appointive by the town council and continued to be appointive with the exception of the year 1862 when the auctioneer was chosen in town meeting.³

No records have been found.

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1. T. M. R. (1765-1808).
 2. T. M. R. (1765-1862); T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).
 3. T. M. R. (1765-1849, 62); T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).
 1. T. M. R. (1765-1808).
 2. T. M. R. (1765-1849, 62); T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).
 3. T. M. R. (1765-1849, 62); T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).

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Inspector of Buildings -
Applications; Permits

XXVII. INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

In January 1897 the town council appointed one Herbert Fenner as inspector of buildings to serve for one year.¹ No mention of an appointment of an inspector appears again in the records until 1929 when Robert W. Hay was appointed by the council for one year.² The present title of inspector of buildings has identified the office since 1939.³ No changes have been recorded in tenure nor membership since 1929. Prior to 1929 building permits were issued by the town clerk.⁴

Unless otherwise specified all records are located in the office of the building inspector, 2d floor, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Applications

220. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT TO BUILD, 1926--. 1 box, 2 bdl. (dated).

Applications for permit to build, showing date of application, name of district, location of street, plat and lot numbers, name and address of owner, name of architect, name of builder, number of buildings to be built, construction materials to be used, height of building from sidewalk or ground, thickness of foundation wall, kind of material used in underpinning, proposed use of building, number of stories, number of tenements, use of first floor in dwelling (when other than for residence), size of floor girders, distance between girder supports, distance between bearings of floor joists, style of roof, type of outside roof material, type of chimney and height above roof, distance from adjoining lot line and building, type of projection to be built over sidewalk, method of heating (steam, water, hot air, etc.), location of fireplaces, fire stops, arrangement of exits from upper floors, estimated cost of construction, amount of fee for permit; declaration of builder with date, signature and address, date application approved, signature of town clerk, 1926-29; of inspector of buildings, 1929--. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. Box, 12 x 13 x 9½, town clerk's basement vault; bdl., 9½ x 5 x 5, town clerk's office, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Permits

221. (BUILDING PERMITS), 1926--. 15 vols.

Copies of building permits, showing name of town, permit number, date of permit, name of contractor, estimated cost of construction, amount of fee,

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1. T. C. R. (1897).
 2. Ibid. (1929).
 3. Ibid. (1939--).
 4. Ibid. (1898-1929).

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type of building, approval by the zoning board of review (in some instances), location of proposed building, plat and lot numbers, signature of prospective owner, signature of building inspector (1933--). Arr. chron. by date of issue; numerically thereunder by number of permit. No index. Hdw. Approx. 100 pp. aver. 3 x 6 x 1. 5 vols., 1926-29, town clerk's vault, 1st floor; 10 vols., 1930--, office of building inspector, 2d floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Reports

222. (BUILDING INSPECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS), 1933--. 1 f.d.

Copies of monthly reports of building inspector, showing date of report, period covered, number of building permits issued, amount of fees collected, signature of building inspector. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 9.

XXVIII. PLUMBING INSPECTOR

A plumbing inspector was first appointed by the town council in 1929 and Robert W. Hay chosen the first inspector.¹

The town council has always made the appointment of an inspector for a one-year term.² The building inspector submits reports monthly to the town council.

Records are located in the office of inspector of buildings, 2d floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Applications

223. (PLUMBING PLANS AND QUESTIONNAIRES), 1929--. 1 f.d., 4 bdl.
Title varies: Plumbers' Applications, 1929-35, 1 f.d.

Plumbing plans submitted by licensed plumbers to inspector of plumbing for approval, showing name of town, location of proposed installation, name and address of owner, class of building (old or new), use of building, estimated cost of plumbing, plumber's declaration (date, signature and address of plumber), date approved, signature of inspector of plumbing.

Plan questionnaire, showing nature of installation and fixtures, method of ventilation, etc.

1. T. C. R. (1929).
2. T. C. R. (1929--).

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Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. F.d., 32 x 15 x 12; bds., 5 x 8 x 4. F.d., 1929-35, town clerk's vault, 1st floor; bds., office of inspector of buildings 2d floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

224. PLUMBER'S LICENSE (Applications for Plumber's License), 1935--.1 f.d.

Applications for plumbing licenses submitted by inspector of plumbing to town council for approval, showing name of town, date of application, place of business, business name, plumbing inspector's recommendation to council, name of applicant, signature of inspector of plumbing, amount of fee, date approved by town council. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 9.

Permits

225. (PERMITS TO INSTALL PLUMBING), 1935--. 9 vols.

Duplicates (carbons) of plumbing permits (original issued to licensed plumber), showing permit number, name of town, date of permit, name of licensed plumber, type of work, location of building, name of owner, estimated cost of work, signature of inspector of plumbing. Arr. chron. by date of issue, numerically thereunder by permit number. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 8 x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$.

Reports

226. INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING (Monthly Reports to Town Council), 1935--. 1 f.d.

Copies of monthly reports of inspector of plumbing, showing date, period covered, number of plumbing licenses issued with amount of fees, number of plumbing permits issued with amount of fees, total amount of fees, estimated cost of all plumbing work, signature of inspector of plumbing. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed. 17 x 6 x 8.

XXIX. SEWER COMMISSION

On July 6, 1937 a sewer commission of five members was appointed by the town council for the duration of the sewer project in North Providence. On July 19th of the same year two additional members were added to the commission.¹ Membership has varied from five to fifteen members but at the present time nine members make up the agency.²

1. T. C. R. (1937--).

2. Ibid.

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Reports

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All records are located in the office of the sewer commission, 2d floor, Town Hall, 2008 Smith St., Centerdale.

Proceedings

227. (MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE SEWER COMMISSION), 1938--. 1 vol.

Minutes of the proceedings of the sewer commission, showing number of meetings held with dates and number of members present at each; date and nature of appointments such as chairman, legal advisor, engineers, stenographer, etc.; record of resignations of members, nature of business (requests for and acceptance of P. W. A. grants, bids, contracts, official opening date of project, fixing salaries, actions on sewerage disposal, actions on easements, committees appointed, etc.); adjournments. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Typed. 150 pp. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 1.

Maps and Plats

228. SANITARY SEWERS, NORTH PROVIDENCE, R. I., 1938--. 150 blueprints.

Blueprints, showing date, scale, names of persons checking and approving prints, name of town, name of profile, contract number, sheet number, number of sheets in contract, P. W. A. docket number, name and address of consulting engineer, elevations, grades, name of street or highway, intersecting streets, abutting properties, lateral connections, location of manholes, dimensions, and declination point. (To be transferred to permanent plat cards). Charles A. Maguire, consulting engineer. Blueprints. Scales vary. 18 x 42.

229. TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE SEWER COMMISSION SANITARY SEWERS, GENERAL PLAN, undated. 1 wall map.

Physical map of the location of sewers in the town, showing names of streets and highways, number of plats, town and city boundaries, location of rivers, ponds, railroad tracks, reservoir, and declination point. Charles A. Maguire, consulting engineer. Black and white and colored, each profile shaded a different color to denote contract awards. 1 inch = 400 feet. 54 x 39.

Reports

230. (INSPECTOR'S REPORT BOOKS), 1938--. 72 vols.

Inspector's daily reports showing locations of sewers, grades, sketches of sections, dimensions, relocation of sewers, lateral connections, and profile details. (Information to be transferred to permanent plat cards). Arr. by name of inspector, or by number of contract. No index. Hdw. 7 x 5 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Sewer Commission - Miscellaneous;
Commissioner of Highways

Miscellaneous

231. (RESIDENT ENGINEER'S MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1938--. 1 f.d.

Individual folders containing requests for location of drains; record of inspection of sewers; sewer inspector's reports on flow-in sewers consisting of grade sheets, computations, infiltrations, final measurements between man-holes; and correspondence. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12.

232. (FILES OF THE SEWER COMMISSION), 1938--. 2 f.d.

Contains:

Applications for positions as sewer inspectors, bills paid and unpaid, certificates of insurance, certificates of purposes and statement of project costs with form of owner's (town) monthly statement of project funds and costs, certificates of project costs, contracts, contract changes and change orders approved by P. W. A., construction contracts, correspondence, payrolls, P. W. A. regulations, preliminary legal data, specifications, tabulation of bids, copies of inspectors' daily reports, easements, inspectors' daily reports, claims against town and contractors, applications for drain connections.

Arr. alpha. by subject matter, chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and typed. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 27.

XXX. COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS

In June 1856 three "commissioners of highways", namely Obediah Brown, Reynalds S. Wilcox, and William Earl, were elected in town meeting for one-year terms.¹ From 1871 to 1894 the office was identified by the title of "highway committee," but from 1890 to date the title of commissioner of highways was assigned to the office with one member responsible for the duties of the office.² Membership varied from three to two from the establishment of the office to 1895.³

Commissioners were elected in town meetings in 1856, 58, and 62; ⁴ appointed by town council in 1857, 59-61, and 63; ⁵ elected at town elections from 1864 to date.⁶

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1. T. M. R. (1856).
 2. Ballots (1871-74); T. M. R. (1874-1920); Record of Ballots (1920--).
 3. T. M. R. (1856, 58, 62); T. C. R. (1857, 59-61, 63);
Ballots (1864-74); T. M. R. (1874-95).
 4. T. M. R. (1856, 58, 62).
 5. T. C. R. (1857, 59-61, 63).
 6. Ballots (1864-74); T. M. R. (1874-1920); Record of Ballots (1920--).

Commissioner of Highways;
Park Commissioner; Supervisors
of Elections; Dog Officer

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Tenure of the office remained at one year until 1912 when a special act of legislature fixed the term at two years. From 1912 to date the commissioner has been elected biennially.⁷

No records have been found.

XXXI. PARK COMMISSIONER

The town council appointed George W. Whitaker as park commissioner in 1904 for a period of one year.¹ Appointments have been made annually to date by the town council.²

No records have been found.

XXXII. SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

In March 1889 the general assembly passed an act providing for the appointment of two supervisors of elections for each town.¹ In March of the following year the town council appointed Frank C. Angell and Charles H. Cozzens as supervisors of elections under provisions of the act.² Two supervisors were regularly chosen until 1896, when following an amendment to the original act four were chosen.³ The number of appointments has varied from 1920 to date, following further amendments, from twelve to eighteen. At the present time there are eighteen supervisors of elections who serve for the election for which they are appointed.⁴

No records have been found.

XXXIII. DOG OFFICER

In 1864 it was voted in town council that ". . . Marvin S. Cook be appointed to Register the Dogs in this Town as required by an act passed at the January Session of the General Assembly."¹ The title to the office has

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7. T. M. R. (1856, 58, 62); T. C. R. (1857, 59-61, 63); Ballots (1864-74); T. M. R. (1874-1920); Record of Ballots (1920--).
 1. T. C. R. (1904).
 2. T. C. R. (1904--).
 1. P. L., Jan. 1889, ch. 731, sec. 14.
 2. T. C. R. (1890).
 3. T. C. R. (1890-96).
 4. T. C. R. (1920--).
 1. T. C. R. (1864).

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Dog Officer; Pound Keeper;
Appraiser of Damage
Done by Dogs

varied slightly. The number assigned to perform the duties, however, has varied from three to one but from 1939 to date one member has been appointed to the office.²

Tenure has always remained at one year.³

No records have been found.

XXXIV. POUND KEEPER

At the first town meeting of the freemen of North Providence in 1765, Abner Thayer was chosen as pound keeper.¹ The town continued to choose a single keeper annually until 1792 when three men were elected to perform the duties.² The number of persons made responsible for the duties of the office has varied from one to four but from 1879 one man has been assigned to the office.³

The keeper was chosen in town meeting until 1850 when the town council for the first time made the appointment. In 1862 the town meeting again made the selection. From 1863 to date the town council has made the appointment to the agency annually.⁴

No records have been found.

XXXV. APPRAISER OF DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS

In 1869 the town council appointed William Earle "Appraiser of Damages under the New Dog Law."¹ The number of appraisers chosen to perform the duties has varied from one to as many as five. From 1939 to date one man has been assigned as appraiser.²

Appointments have been made annually by the town council from the establishment of the office to date.³

No records have been found.

2. T. C. R. (1864--).

3. Ibid.

1. T. M. R. (1765).

2. T. M. R. (1765-92).

3. T. M. R. (1765-1849, 62); T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).

4. T. M. R. (1765-1849, 62); T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--).

1. T. C. R. (1869).

2. T. C. R. (1869--).

3. Ibid.

Forest Warden; Tree Warden;
Town Engineer; Inspector of Beef

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XXXVI. FOREST WARDEN

Pursuant to an act passed by the general assembly in May 1909 providing that "The town council of every town shall annually in March or April appoint a town forest warden who shall act for a term of one year under the instructions of the commissioner of Forestry."¹ In March 1910 William A. Sweet was appointed for one year by the council to perform the duties of the forest warden.² The town council has continued to choose a warden annually.³

No records have been found.

XXXVII. TREE WARDEN

Pursuant to law, the town council appoints a tree warden annually who is responsible for the duties of the office.¹ Clarence Broley was the first appointee assigned in 1931 to serve for one year.²

No records have been found.

XXXVIII. TOWN ENGINEER

A town engineer was appointed for one year by the town council in April 1941. Frank Drew was assigned to perform the duties of the office.¹

No records have been found.

XXXIX. INSPECTOR OF BEEF

In 1840 Ebenezer Tiffany, Joseph Miller, and Stephen Whipple were chosen in town meeting as inspectors of beef and pork for one year. Inspectors were chosen in town meeting until 1849.¹ In 1850 the town council chose one man as "inspector of beef." Appointments to the office were made annually by the town council from 1850 to date with the exception of the year 1862 when the inspector was again elected in town meeting.²

No records have been found.

1. P. L., Jan. 1909, ch. 451, sec. 1.

2. T. C. R. (1910).

3. T. C. R. (1910--).

1. T. C. R. (1931--).

2. T. C. R. (1931).

1. T. C. R. (1941).

1. T. M. R. (1840-49).

2. T. C. R. (1850-61, 1863--); T. M. R. (1862).

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Records and Reports;
Centerdale Fire Company

XL. MARIEVILLE FIRE COMPANY

The Marievillle Fire Company, incorporated in 1896, was one of the first companies to be organized in North Providence. There are no permanent full-time officers nor men in the company.

Records are located in the Marievillle Fire Station, 28 Vincent Ave., North Providence.

Proceedings

233. RECORD OF MEETINGS, 1900--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of proceedings of the company, showing date, time and place of meeting, names of officers elected, drivers, hosemen, etc., appointed, appropriations, rules and regulations governing the fire company and operation and maintenance of station-house, rules and regulations repealed and amended, committees appointed, reports received, bills allowed and ordered paid, bills disallowed. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 9 x 13 x 2.

Records and Reports

234. FIRE RECORDS, 1938--. 1 f.b.

Record of fires, showing date, name of company, location of fire, estimate of damage, cause, name of officer in charge, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used, time company left station and returned. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. 4 x 6 x 4.

235. FIRE REPORTS, 1938--. 1 vol.

Reports of fires attended by the company, showing date, time and location of fire, estimated damage, cause, name of officer in charge, name of driver, equipment, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. Aver. 125 pp. 8½ x 11 x 1.

XLI. CENTERDALE FIRE COMPANY

The Centerdale Fire Company was incorporated in the year 1900. There are no permanent full-time officers nor men in the company.

Records are located in the Centerdale Fire Station, Smith St., North Providence.

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Fruit Hill Fire Company

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Proceedings

236. RECORD OF MEETINGS, 1900--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of proceedings of meetings, showing date, time and place of meeting, names of officers elected, drivers, hosemen, etc., appointed, appropriations, rules and regulations governing the fire company and operation and maintenance of station-house, rules and regulations repealed and amended, committees appointed, reports received, bills allowed and ordered paid, bills disallowed. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 9 x 13 x 2.

Records and Reports

237. FIRE RECORDS, 1936--. 1 f.b.

Record of fires, showing date, name of company, location of fire, estimate of damage, cause, name of officer in charge, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used, time company left station and returned. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. 4 x 6 x 4.

238. FIRE REPORTS, 1936--. 1 folder.

Reports of fires attended, submitted by chief driver or member of the crew, showing time of leaving, date, location and description of fire, names of crew attending, time of return, signature of driver. Also contains fire prevention inspection report, showing name and number of fire company, location and name of building, name of owner, agent, or contractor, location of obstructions and dangerous conditions, location and nature of dangerous items, location of and defects in fire appliances, general condition of building and surrounding premises, date, signature of inspector, remarks, recommendations, date of reinspection, and defects corrected. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 9 x 12 x 3/4.

XLII. FRUIT HILL FIRE COMPANY

The Fruit Hill Fire Company was established in the town in 1910. The officers, drivers, hosemen, etc., are not appointed on a permanent full-time basis.

Records of the company are located in the Fruit Hill Fire Station, Smith St., North Providence.

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Records and Reports;
Geneva Fire Company

Proceedings

239. RECORD OF MEETINGS, 1910--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of proceedings of the company, showing date, time and place of meeting, names of officers elected, drivers, hosemen, etc., appointed, appropriations, rules and regulations governing the fire company and operation and maintenance of station-house, rules and regulations repealed and amended, committees appointed, reports received, bills allowed and ordered paid, bills disallowed. Arr chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 9 x 13 x 2.

Records and Reports

240. FIRE RECORDS, 1938--. 1 f.b.

Record of fires, showing date, name of company, location of fire, estimate of damage, cause, name of officer in charge, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used, time company left station and returned. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. 4 x 6 x 4.

241. FIRE REPORTS, 1938--. 1 vol., 1 folder.

Reports of fires attended by the company, showing date, time and location of fire, estimated damage, cause, name of officer in charge, name of driver, equipment, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used; from April 1941--, reports (1 folder), show location of fire (address, town, district), time, date, number on crew, name of owner of property or building, class of building (wood, stone, or brick), value of building, damage to building, nature and value of contents, damage to contents, cause and remarks, type of fire (brush, forest, house, etc.), names of officers and crew attending fire. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. Vol., 125 pp. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x 1; folder, 9 x 12.

XLIII. GENEVA FIRE COMPANY

The Geneva Fire Company was organized in 1910. There are no permanent full-time officers nor men in the company.

Records are located in the Geneva Fire Station, 275 Douglas Ave., North Providence.

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Proceedings

242. RECORD OF MEETINGS, 1910--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of proceedings of meetings of the company, showing date, time and place of meeting, names of officers elected, drivers, hosemen, etc., appointed, appropriations, rules and regulations governing the fire company and operation and maintenance of station-house, rules and regulations repealed and amended, committees appointed, reports received, bills allowed and ordered paid, bills disallowed. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 9 x 13 x 2.

Records and Reports

243. FIRE RECORDS, 1938--. 1 f.b.

Record of fires, showing date, name of company, location of fire, estimate of damage, cause, name of officer in charge, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used, time company left station and returned. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. 4 x 6 x 4.

244. FIRE REPORTS, 1938--. 1 vol., 1 folder.

Reports of fires attended by the company, showing date, time and location of fire, estimated damage, cause, name of officer in charge, name of driver, equipment, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used; from April 1941--, reports (1 folder), show location of fire (address, town, district), time, date, number on crew, name of owner of property or building, class of building (wood, stone, or brick), value of building, damage to building, nature and value of contents, damage to contents, cause and remarks, type of fire (brush, forest, house, etc.), names of officers and crew attending fire. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. Vol., 125 pp. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x 1; folder, 9 x 12.

XLIV. LYMANVILLE FIRE COMPANY

The Lymanville Fire Company was organized in 1911. The officers and men composing the company are not elected nor appointed on a permanent full-time basis.

Records of the company are housed in the Lymanville Fire Station, 275 Woonasquatucket Ave., North Providence.

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and Reports

Proceedings

245. RECORD OF MEETINGS, 1911--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of proceedings of meetings of the company, showing date, time and place of meeting, names of officers elected, drivers, hosemen, etc., appointed, appropriations, rules and regulations governing the fire company and operation and maintenance of station-house, rules and regulations repealed and amended, committees appointed, reports received, bills allowed and ordered paid, bills disallowed. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 9 x 13 x 2.

Records and Reports

246. FIRE RECORDS, 1938--. 1 f.b.

Record of fires, showing date, name of company, location of fire, estimate of damage, cause, name of officer in charge, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used, time company left station and returned. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. 4 x 6 x 4.

247. FIRE REPORTS, 1938--. 1 vol.

Reports of fires attended by the company, showing date, time and location of fire, estimated damage, cause, name of officer in charge, name of driver, equipment, number of men on crew, type of apparatus used. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. Aver. 125 pp. 8½ x 11 x 1.

In addition to the above fire companies the following were at one time or another active in the town:

Graystone Fire Engine Company, 1828.
Graniteville Improvement Protective Association, 1911.
Graniteville Volunteer Fire Association, 1911.

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Pawtucket Fire District -
Records; Fifth School
District

Records

250. PAWTUCKET ENGINE CORPORATION AND DISTRICT OF PAWTUCKET - FIRE
(Treasurer's Cash Book), 1829-73. 1 vol. (dated).

Records of the treasurer of Pawtucket fire district, showing receipts, with name of treasurer and corporation, date, source, amount, and totals brought forward; disbursements, with date, purpose, amount, and totals brought forward; record of cash deposits and withdrawals by corporation in account with Manufacturers' Bank; deposits, with date, name of depositor, amount, total for year; withdrawals, with date, name of payee, purpose, amount, total for year. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 125 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

XLVI. FIFTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

School districts were established in North Providence, in 1828,¹ pursuant to the terms of any act of the general assembly passed the same year, establishing free schools in the several towns.²

Among the nine districts agreed upon by the school committee at this time, and revised by this body in August 1831, was the fifth or "Center Mill" District, bounded as follows: "Beginning at the Smithfield Line on the Woonasquatucket River, thence with said Smithfield Line until it comes to the line of District No. 4, thence down the Road with the line of District No. 4, until it comes to the Cross Road leading to Fruit Hill, thence across the lots by the dwelling house of Captain Emer Whipple to Zachariah Allen's Woolen Factory, on the Woonasquatucket River, thence up said River to the first mentioned Bound, meaning to include all the inhabitants within said described Bounds."³

The district system remained in effect in North Providence until June 1885, when the town voted its abolition, and adopted the "town" system of school administration.⁴

Unfortunately, the only district records preserved are those of the fifth district set forth below, and found in the custody of the town clerk.

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1. T. M. R. (1828).
 2. A., R. & R., Jan. 1828, "An Act to establish Public Schools."
 3. T. M. R. (1828, 31).
 4. Ibid. (1885).

Proceedings;
Defunct Offices

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Proceedings

251. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF FIFTH SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1846-85.
1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of fifth school district (Center Mill), showing name of town, date, time and place of meeting, names of district officers elected, committee appointments, resolutions adopted, instructions to officers, bills allowed and ordered paid, orders for assessment and collection of taxes, rate and amount of tax fixed, appropriations, votes of adjournment, signature of district clerk.

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In addition to the above defunct agencies of local government for which records have been found, the following offices are to be noted in the town records as having existed in one form or another since the establishment of the town:

Last Title	Date Established	Year Defunct
Appraiser of Estates	1765	1846
Culler of Hoops and Staves	1765	1830
Field Driver	1765	1920
Gauger of Casks	1765	1811
Measurer of Wood	1765	1939
Packer of Beef, Pork and Fish	1765	1792
Scavenger	1765	1860
Sealer of Leather	1765	1874
Surveyor of Boards, Planks, Timber, etc.	1765	1874
Town Auditor	1765	1911
Inspector of Lime	1792	1873
Inspector of Nuisances	1803	1885
Tithe Men	1810	1812
Stove Pipe Committee	1832	1874
Commissioners of Town Farm	1835	1875
Weigher and Measurer	1837	1854
Packer of Fish	1850	1851
Town Crier	1850	1851
Undertaker	1852	1915
Weigher of Cattle	1852	1856

Defunct Offices

Last Title	Date Established	Year Defunct
Sexton	1855	1855
Weigh Masters	1856	1874
Measurer of Plaster, Painting and Tin Work	1859	1873
Commissioners of Sinking Fund	1863	1874
Trial Justice	1868	1885
Prosecuting Officer under the Act of State Charities and Corrections	1869	1904
Civil Engineer	1870	1874
Sup't. of Board of Health	1873	1874
Auditor of Claims Against Original Town	1874	1884
Militia Enrollment Officer	1874	1885
Weigher of Hay, Stone, etc.	1875	1907
Town Surveyor	1875	1898
Prosecuting Officer Under Liquor Laws	1875	1890
Town Physician	1876	1903
Complainant under the Game Law	1876	1899
Inspector of Petroleum and Kerosene	1877	1878
Fire Marshal	1882	1939
Prosecuting Officer Under the Tramp Act	1882	1904
Prosecuting Officer Under Cruelty to Children Act	1885	1904
Inspector of Bridges	1886	1903
Inspector of Oils	1886	1891
Milk Inspector	1886	1887
Weigher of Cotton	1891	1892
Asst. Director of Public Aid	1932	1933
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