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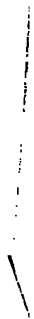
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The annual town and city documents, reports of societies and of other local organizations, with the historical notes which have been published in the newspapers from time to time, give much valuable information, but any enumeration of them would far exceed the limits of this list.

The compiler has most of the books and pamphlets mentioned, in his own collection, but has received additions of scarce titles from the American Antiquarian Society and the Free Public Library.

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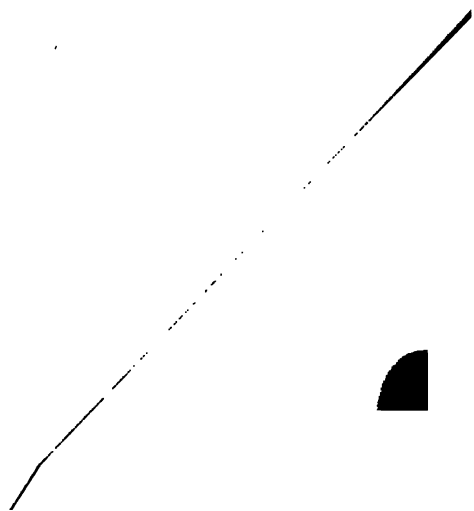
1657. The first grant of land within the present boundaries of Worcester.
1667. A Committee appointed to view "a place about ten miles westward of Marlborow, called Quandsicamond ponds," to report "whether it be capable to make a villiage," etc. This was the site of Worcester.
1668. Land granted to Daniel Gookin and others, and a Committee appointed to lay out a town. The Committee reported to General Court, October 24.
- 1673-4. First settlement made.
1674. First Indian deed of the Worcester plantation signed. First tavern, kept by Thomas Brown.
1675. Settlement abandoned on account of troubles with the Indians, who destroyed the houses of the settlers.
1684. Second settlement, and the name of Worcester fixed by the General Court, October 15. Second innholder, Nathaniel Henchman.
1702. Town again abandoned by reason of the depredation of the Indians. Digory Serjent killed.
1713. Final settlement of the town.
1714. First male child born.
1715. First death in the town after final settlement.
1717. First meeting-house built.
1719. First minister ordained.
1722. First town meeting held by special order of the General Court.
1726. First schoolmaster hired, Jonas Rice.
1731. Worcester County established. First Superior and Probate Courts held.
- 1733-4. First tavern after final settlement, Moses Rice, innholder.
1740. First school-house erected.
1763. Old South meeting-house built.
1775. Captain Timothy Bigelow and Captain Benjamin Flagg with their companies started for Cambridge, April 19th, on the receipt of news of the fight at Lexington. First issue of the *Massachusetts Spy* in Worcester, May 3. First Post-Office established.
1776. First public reading of the Declaration of Independence in New England, Sunday, July 14, from the porch of the Old South meeting-house, by Isaiah Thomas.
1785. Second Congregational Society (Unitarian) formed.
1788. Last meeting of the "Proprietors" of Worcester.
1798. Mechanic Street burial ground laid out.
1801. Brick court-house built.

- 1811. Worcester Light Infantry organized. First bank chartered (Worcester Bank).
- 1819. First cattle show.
- 1828. Blackstone canal opened. First directory of Worcester issued.
- 1829. First engraved map of village of Worcester published.
- 1835. Fire Department established. Boston and Worcester Railroad opened.
- 1838. Rural Cemetery dedicated.
- 1840. Worcester Guards organized.
- 1848. Worcester incorporated as a city.
- 1852. Hope Cemetery dedicated.
- 1861. Departure of first troops in the Civil War; Light Infantry, City Guards and Emmet Guards.
- 1863. First street railroad in Worcester, August 31.
- 1868. Memorial day first observed.
- 1871. First City Hospital opened.
- 1876. Centennial celebration of Fourth of July. First parade of the Worcester Continentals.
- 1883. Electric Light first used for lighting the streets.





















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