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VOTE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE  
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At a town meeting, held at School House Hall, in Williams-ville, on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1876, it was voted to have seven hundred copies of the "History of the Town and Church" published, together with the proceedings at the Centennial Celebration; and that one copy be furnished, free, to each family in town, the excess to be sold and the proceeds paid into the town treasury.

VOTED, To have a committee of three appointed to prepare and publish the aforesaid history at the expense of the town. Chose as said committee: J. J. Green, Rev. Charles Burnham and J. H. Merrifield.

D. A. DICKINSON,  
Town Clerk.

## PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS.

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In the preparation of this volume, old records have been consulted not only, but thoroughly searched. Some things before in doubt have been settled. Where authorities apparently equally trustworthy have disagreed, we have adopted that view which seemed to have the best evidence in its favor, after diligently comparing and sifting the statements made. Notwithstanding all this, it will doubtless come to pass that some, as they read these pages, will say of certain things here recorded, "I do not believe that, I know that is not so." If the question should be asked, why you so believe, and how you know? perhaps you would say, "We have often heard the old people state these circumstances very differently." True, we have heard all these stories, and, after careful consideration, have reached the results set forth in this volume.

To illustrate, one writer says there were but six families in town when the church was organized; while the biographer of the Morse family sets the number at twenty. A careful examination of all the conflicting traditions, indicates beyond a reasonable doubt that there were at least fourteen families here in June, 1774, and perhaps twenty.

We cannot close these remarks without returning our sincere thanks to the descendants of the early pioneers and all those who, by their hearty co-operation in this enterprise, have rendered invaluable aid in the researches that have been necessary to complete this volume.

JOSEPH J. GREEN,  
CHARLES BURNHAM, } Committee.  
JOHN H. MERRIFIELD, }



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## **PART I.**