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THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, Berkshire County, was founded April 12, 1777, from the plantation called Hartwood and several contiguous grants.

October 21, 1777, a part of Washington was included in the new town of Lee.

March 12, 1783, a part of Washington was included in the new town of Middlefield.

January 31, 1795, a part of Washington was annexed to Lenox.

February 18, 1802, a part of Washington was annexed to Lenox.

Population by Census: 1776 (Prov.), 750;
1790 (U.S.), 588; 1800 (U.S.), 914;
1810 (U.S.), 942; 1820 (U.S.), 750;
1830 (U.S.), 701; 1840 (U.S.), 991;
1850 (U.S.), 953; 1855 (State), 1068;
1860 (U.S.), 948; 1865 (State), 859;
1870 (U.S.), 694; 1875 (State), 603;
1880 (U.S.), 493; 1885 (State), 470;
1890 (U.S.), 434; 1895 (State), 423;
1900 (U.S.), 377.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. WHEN places other than Washington and Massachusetts are named in the original records, they are given in the printed copy.

2. In all records the original spelling is followed.

3. The various spellings of a name should be examined, as items about the same family or individual might be found under different spellings.

4. Marriages and intentions of marriages are printed under the names of both parties, but the full information concerning each party is given only in the entry under his or her name. When both the marriage and intention of marriage are recorded only the marriage record is printed; and where a marriage appears without the intention recorded, it is designated with an asterisk.

5. Additional information which does not appear in the original text of an item, i.e., any explanation, query, inference, or difference shown in other entries of the record, is bracketed. Parentheses are used only when they occur in the original text, or to separate clauses found there — such as the birth-place of parents, in late marriage records.

ABBREVIATIONS.

- a.* — age
- abt.* — about
- b.* — born
- ch.* — child
- chn.* — children
- Co.* — county
- d.* — daughter ; died ; day
- Dea.* — deacon
- dup.* — duplicate entry
- h.* — husband
- inf.* — infant
- int.* — publishment of intention of marriage
- Jr.* — junior
- m.* — married ; month
- prob.* — probably
- rec.* — recorded
- s.* — son
- Sr.* — senior
- w.* — wife ; week
- wid.* — widow
- widr.* — widower
- y.* — year
- 1st.* — first
- 2d.* — second
- 3d.* — third

WASHINGTON BIRTHS.

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TO THE YEAR 1850.

- ALLEN**, George Amherst, s. John J. and Maria, Nov. 1, 1843.
Lucius Philo, s. John J. and Maria, Aug. 31, 1846.
- ANDERSON**, Martha A., d. Francis and Lydia, Aug. 27 [1844].
- ARNOLD**, Josiah, s. Sylvester and Rumina, Nov. 1, 1821.
Semantha, d. Sylvester and Rumina, Feb. 10, 1818.
- ASHLEY**, Henriette Maria, d. Azariah and Olivia, Aug. 31,
1790.
- AUSTIN**, ———, s. Ross and Caroline, May 22, 1843.
- BALLANTINE**, Anne, d. Rev. W. G. and Anne, Mar. 25, 1776.
William Gay, s. Rev. W. G., June 13, 1785.
- BARRY**, Daniel, s. John and Ellen, June 16, 1849.
Michael, s. John and Ellen, Mar. 4, 1847.
- BARTLETT**, Catharine Olivia, d. Jonathan W. and Arvilla A.,
Feb. 3, 1846.
- BEACH**, Charlotte Lucretia, d. Ransford and Mercy, May 7,
1844.
Clayton Leander, s. Ransford and Mercy, June 7, 1849.
Henry Anderson, s. Ransford and Mercy, July 31, 1846.
Lewis Nelson, s. William and Lucy, Feb. 28, 1849.
Lucy Jane, d. William and Lucy, June 21, 1847.
Royal J., s. William and Lucy, May 25, 1845.
- BILL**, Anne, d. William and Sarah, Aug. 24, 1779.
Bela, s. William and Sarah, Mar. 30, 1777.
Charles Thompson, s. William and Sarah, Apr. 11, 1782.
Jere, s. William and Sarah, Feb. 2, 1785.
Lovice, d. William and Sarah, May 7, 1774.
Sally, d. William and Sarah, July 4, 1771.
- BIXBY** (see Byxbe).