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THIS publication is issued under the authority of a vote passed by the NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, November 6, 1901, as follows:

Voted: That the sum of \$20,000, from the bequest of the late Robert Henry Eddy, be set aside as a special fund to be called the Eddy Town-Record Fund, for the sole purpose of publishing the Vital Records of the towns of Massachusetts, and that the Council be authorized and instructed to make such arrangements as may be necessary for such publication. And the treasurer is hereby instructed to honor such drafts as shall be authorized by the Council for this purpose.

FLORENCE CONANT HOWES,
in charge of Vital Records

Haverhill, Mass.
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THE TOWN OF CONWAY, Franklin County, was established a district June 17, 1767, from a part of Deerfield.

August 23, 1775, the district was made a town.

February 19, 1781, a part of Shelburne was annexed.

February 9, 1785, a part of Conway was annexed to Goshen (Hampshire County).

June 17, 1791, a part of Deerfield was annexed.

June 21, 1811, a part of Deerfield was annexed, and bounds between Conway and Deerfield and Conway and Whately were established.

April 14, 1838, a part of Conway was annexed to Buckland.

Population by Census:	1776 (Prov.),	897;
1790 (U.S.),	2092;	1800 (U.S.), 2013;
1810 (U.S.),	1784;	1820 (U.S.), 1705;
1830 (U.S.),	1563;	1840 (U.S.), 1409;
1850 (U.S.),	1831;	1855 (State), 1784;
1860 (U.S.),	1689;	1865 (State), 1538;
1870 (U.S.),	1460;	1875 (State), 1452;
1880 (U.S.),	1760;	1885 (State), 1573;
1890 (U.S.),	1451;	1895 (State), 1304;
1900 (U.S.),	1458;	1905 (State), 1340;
1910 (U.S.),	1230;	1915 (State), 1220;
1920 (U.S.),	961;	1925 (State), 931;
1930 (U.S.),	900;	1935 (State), 952;
1940 (U.S.),	944.	

EXPLANATIONS

1. The fact that a birth, marriage, or death is recorded in Conway does not prove that it occurred there, unless it is so stated in the record. When places other than Conway and Massachusetts are named in the original records they are given as they appear there; but when Conway is named, the initial letter only is used, except in unusual phrases.

2. In all items from town records the original spelling is followed, and no attempt is made to correct errors appearing in the records.

3. A baptism is not printed, if it occurs within one year after the recorded date of birth of a child of the same name and parents or if it is clear that the child baptized is identical with the child of the birth record; but variations found in the baptismal record are added to the birth record.

4. The birth of a married woman is recorded under her maiden name, if it is known. But if the maiden name cannot be determined, the entry appears under the husband's name, with a dash enclosed in brackets, i.e., [———], to signify that the maiden name is unknown. If it is not known whether the surname is that of a married or unmarried woman, "? m." is placed in brackets after the Christian name.

5. Marriages and intentions of marriage are printed in full under the names of the men. The names of the women are used *in general* only as cross references. When both the marriage and intention of marriage are recorded, only the marriage record is printed with exceptions explained below; and where a marriage appears without the intention being recorded, it is designated with an asterisk.

Marriages marked with a † are recorded in the "Town Copy," pages 391-392, under the caption, "A Record of Marriages Supposed to have been performed by Rev. John Emerson at the dates indicated in the margin." The marginal dates are the same as the first dates of corresponding intentions which appear as follows: "June 29th 1792 Marriage is intended . . . 20th July 1792 the above has been Published".

6. 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 to show variations in the spelling of a name in the same entry, to indicate the maiden name of a wife, to enclose an imperfect portion of the original text, and to separate clauses in the original text.

ABBREVIATIONS

- a.* — age
abt. — about
b. — born
bp. — baptized
bur. — buried
ch. — child
chn. — children
c.r. — church record, Congregational Church
C. — Conway
Co. — County
d. — daughter; day; died
Dea. — deacon
dec'd — deceased
dup. — duplicate
Eld. — Elder
Ens. — Ensign
ent. — entered
G.R.1. — gravestone record, Howland Cemetery
G.R.2. — gravestone record, Boyden and Lee Cemetery
G.R.3. — gravestone record, Pine Grove Cemetery
G.R.4. — gravestone record, Cricket Hill Cemetery
G.R.5. — gravestone record, South Part Cemetery (Allis District)
G.R.6. — gravestone record, Southwest Cemetery (Poland District)
G.R.7. — gravestone record, private Burying Ground, near the Burnett place
G.R.8. — gravestone record, private Burying Ground of Charles Boyden
G.R.9. — gravestone record, Maynard Cemetery
G.R.10. — gravestone record, South Centre Cemetery (Pumpkin Hollow)

- G.R.II. — gravestone record, North Shirkshire Cemetery
- h.* — hour; husband
- inf.* — infant
- int.* — intention of marriage.
- Jr.* — junior
- Lt.* — Lieutenant
- m.* — marriage; married; month
- min.* — minutes
- P.R.1. — private record, from a copy of a record of marriages by Rev. Abel Wilder, printed in THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, volume 52
- P.R.2. — private record, from the Batchelder family Bible, in the possession (1933) of Mrs. Perkins Batchelder of Conway
- P.R.3. — private record, from the Henry Arms family Bible, in the possession (1933) of Sherman Arms of Conway
- P.R.4. — private record, headed "Plymouth, Mass", from the Dexter Arms family Bible, in the possession (1933) of Mrs. Sarah J. Arms of Conway
- P.R.5. — private record, from the Russell-Wells family Bible, in the possession (1933) of Mrs. Frank Wells of Conway
- pub.* — published
- q.v.* — which see; whom see
- rec.* — recorded
- s.* — son
- Sr.* — Senior
- T.C. — Town copy
- w.* — week; wife
- wid.* — widow
- widr.* — widower
- y.* — year