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A REPORT
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RECORD COMMISSIONERS.

In presenting their Eleventh Report, the Record Commissioners would refer to the statement prefixed to their seventh volume, which explained that from A.D. 1701, the Town Records were kept distinct from the Selectmen's Records. The Eighth Report comprises the former records from 1701 to 1728; this volume contains the first two books of the Records of the Selectmen, covering the period from 1701 to 1715.

It would be unnecessary to dwell upon the value of the records here printed. Although many of the entries are of trifling importance under most circumstances, they are all valuable as adding genealogical items concerning our former citizens. Boston was always the main seaport of New England, and the most trivial record here may be of great service to those who are completing the records of other towns. Besides such items as we have mentioned, the reader will find herein many valuable facts not elsewhere recorded, relating to land-titles, highways, wharves, and other matters of public concern.

The following list of the manuscript volumes of the Selectmen's Records will show their extent:—

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The publication of a second volume of these Records has been authorized by the City Council, and the printing has commenced. At the same time, rapid progress will be made in printing two or three volumes of the Town Records.

As already announced, the Tenth Report will consist of Miscellaneous Papers. A large portion of that volume is already in type, and it is hoped that the book will be finished during the present year.

WILLIAM H. WHITMORE,
WILLIAM S. APPLETON,
Record Commissioners.

CITY HALL, BOSTON, August 1, 1884.

SELECTMEN'S RECORDS.

ADMISSION OF INHABITANTS BY Y^r SELECT MEN.

1701	Septem ^r	29	Edward Crostet — Richard Christophers being his Security
	Oct.	1	Adam Bosquain — Peter Dallis being his Security
	"	17	Noah Guile, William Rouse being his Security
	"	31	Daniell Bernardo, James Mounteer being his Security.
1702	May	25	John Biles, Josiah Biles being his Security.
	July	27	John Nicholls, Thomas Gold being his Security
		27	Anthony Blount — Florence Maccarty being his Security.
		28	Thomas Harvey — William Hough being his Security
	August	21	Gospit Teams — Henry Franckling being his Security.
		21	Evan Floyd — Henry Franckling being his Security.
		29	John Duford — Henry Emmaes being his Security.
	January	13	Hougham Toker — Henry Frankling being his Security.
		25	Joseph Rickston — William Gibbins being his Security

1702	Jan ^r	10	David Hitchcock — Cap ^t Benjamin Alford being his Security
1702	Aug	10 th	Jonathan Fairbanks is bound to save the Town harmless from Mary Hilliken for 3 years next.
1703	June	28	Daniell Moonden — Lewis Boucher & Peter Shardon being Security.
	July	26	Mary Boucher — David Robbinson & Joseph Hillier, Security.
	Novemb ^r	24	John Mallet, Peter Shardon & Peter Signae being Security
	Febry	29	Mehitabell Medcalfe, John Savel her Security
1704	April	3	John Croad -- Tho ^s Platts being Security.
"	Novemb ^r	27	Peter Patey, And ^r Gaines & Edw ^d Webb, Security.
1705			Betty, Negro made free, Rich ^d Keats her Surty.
	July	16	Elizabeth Brigdon, Francis Holmes Security.
	Aug.	13	John Brown. Nicholas Cock, John Mounfort, Security.
	Sep ^s	11	Hannah Eales, John Fosdick Security.
	Novemb ^r	9	George Ingerson. Tim ^o Thornton Surty. George Webber John Goff, jun ^r Surety
	Jan ^r	22	George Shore, Thom ^s Plats his Surety.
	Feb ^r	26	Thomas Trot, Thomas Morey Eben ^r Newell, Surty.
1706	Novemb ^r	18	John Obison, William Obison being his Security.
	Decembr.	9	John Ballard, Sen ^r , John Ballard jun ^r & William Wornwall Surty ^s .
1707	Decemb ^{br}	9	James Batteson, John Smith & Thomas Thornton being Security
1708	May	30	James Whippe, James Green & Jn ^o Greenough being Security.
	July	19	Isaac Taylor — Sam ^l Kenney, being Security.
	July	24	Thomas Studson, Thom ^s Powell being Security.
	Nov ^r	22	Thankfull Trobridg, Francis Thresher Security.
1709	July	25	John Rayner, Elizur Phillips Security.
	Octor.	28	Lawrence Hood, Dan ^l Johnson Security.
	Jan ^r	9	Mary Harrison, Eliz ^s Holmes Security.
		17	Jane Buck — Ambrose Vincent Security
	Feb ^r	20	Thomas Selbey admitt ^d , M ^r Jon ^s Belcher, Security.
1710	July	31	Oliver Atwood, David Robbinson Security.
	Octo ^r	16	Edward Tillet, Ellise Callend ^r Security.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE SELECTMEN.

[1.] Boston Anno 1701 — March 31.

At a meeting of the Select men Ordered to be payd the charge of last months watch. W^m Griggs Petition to build wth Timber approved, grants for Timber buildings being recorded in a booke for that purpose. Joshua Hewes Jun^r his Petition for to erect a building wth wood, allowed. W^m. Burroughs his Petition for a wooden building, allowed.

April 10th.

Rich^d Henschmans Petition to build wth Timb^r allowed by the Select men.

14th Jonathⁿ Loreings Petition for a Timb^r building allowed. M^r Steven Minots Petition to build wth Timber at Roxbury gate allowed. The committee appoynted to Consider about a proper methode for the Keeping the Watch are desired to meet wth the Select men the 15th Instant at 5 of the Clock in the evening.

15th. Ordered that M^r. Maxwell do Signifie to the people Inhabiting the House on Fort hill, that they do continue their untill order from the Select men to the Contrary.

18th. Deacon Meerrion is desired to make Enquiry of what Charges John Mathews hath been to the Town, in order to Bethiah Follers Petition being answered.

[2.] April 28th. Ordered the charge of the watch for Last Mouth be p^d. Danill Farfeeld his acco^t of 20 Shillings for mending the Pound. Allowed. John Smith allowed His Sallery 40^l. if it so appear by the booke. Constable William Man is allowed five pounds Eighteen Shillings & 2^d as an abatement on his lists of Rates. Thomas Eaton, & George Ripley are appointed Cow-keepers for this Sumer. Robert Lash is granted his Petition for a Timber building. M^r John Cole is allowed one quarters Sallery if it appears to end April 8th, Ten pounds. M^r James Barns & M^r. Rob^t. Gibbs are appointed to provide a House for M^r Chever to dwell in untill a house be built for him.

Ordered that the price for digging of Graves at the North burriall place Shall be four Shill. for every grown persons grave throughout the year.

Ordered that the digging of Graves in the two South burying places Shall be Three Shillings for each grave for a grown persons Corps from the first day of April to the first day of October, and four Shillings, from the first day of October to the first day of April yearly, and James Williams in the behalfe of his mother undertakes to take care of digging the graves in the two South burriall places for this year at that rate.

Ordered that M^o Tamoziue Skinner be abated three Shillings of her rates

[3.] M^r William Griggs is allowed the Sum of forty Shillings for his drawing into Alphabetically order the Births which were Entered in Cap^t. Ephraim Savages Time and for his Transcribing Sundry Town orders.

Ordered that M^r. Richard Henchman be paid his half years salery w^{ch} begun the first day of Novemb^r last at Forty pounds p Annum, and four pounds p Annum for the rent of his School House.

Robert Lash his Petition to build with Timb^r allowed. Widd^e Mary Peirse her Petition for a building of Timber was allowed.

Ordered that Monday the Twelfth of May next be the time for the Town meeting for the choyce of Representatives, Three Select men, And One Constable & for granting money, & agreeing upon Town Orders.

The price of wheat Stated by the Select men for the Regulating the Assize of bread is five Shillings & Six pence.

Ordered that M^r Steven Minot be desired to Veiw the Gate between Roxbury and Boston, and order the Repaire thereof if need require, and to make report to the Select men of what methode is farther needfull to be taken to prevent damage on that part of the Comon.

Ordered that Constable Benj^s Fitch be allowed Tenn pounds w^{ch} was Over cast in his List of rates.

[4.] Ordered that Constable Joseph Gardener be allowed two Shillings as abatem^t of W^m. Grosviners rate.

Ordered that M^r James Barns & Cap^t Bozoon Allen be allowd & pd. Four pounds Sixteen Shillings a pecc. for thirty two dayes Service as Representatives according to Certificate, & that Cap. Clark & M^r Tay be allowed the Same when thier Certificates doth So appear.

May 8th. The Select men being Enformed by the grave digers that they often faile of receiving their pay of Severall of the poorer Sort of persons in the Town, and that much time is Spent in waiting on burrials besides the noysomness and other difficultyes attending their work at Some Seasons of the year more then other.

Ordered that the price for diging of graves in the two South burrying places Shall be four Shillings, for each grave for a man or woman through out the year, and that James Williams in behalfe of his mother dig at y^e South. And at the North burrial place Thomas Verney is appointed to be the diger of graves who is allowed to demand and receive five Shillings a grave for a man or woman from the first of October to the first of Aprill and four Shillings for each grave as afores^d. from the first of Aprill to the first of Octob^r.

May 9th. Benj^s. Emons his land is layd out to him according to his grant the 28th of Aug^t 1679 and the post near the corner of his house being removed, that boundary is stated to be two foot South-westerly from the Corner of his old house.

[5.] May 22th 1701. David Robinsons Petition for a timber building allowed. John Dassetts Petition for a Timb^r building, allowed

Thomas Hetchbon his Petition for a Timber building allowed. Deacon John Marryon is appointed to provide Bulls for the Town and to give out Tickets for Cows going On the Comon to Such