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WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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SKETCH OF THE HISTORY AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

IN presenting to the public a volume from the Weymouth Historical Society, the questions will naturally be suggested, What is this Society? and what is its history? Perhaps no better answer can be given than a sketch of its origin and a brief record of its proceedings.

The first entry upon its records is the following document:

"The absence of any historical organization in the Town of Weymouth, for the collection and preservation of records, traditions and facts, historical, genealogical and geographical, led to the preparation of the following paper, which explains itself, and which was circulated in March, 1879:

"We, the subscribers, believing it to be of the highest importance that the ancient records should be collected and preserved, and that the time has fully come when some systematic effort should be made to do this, recommend the organization of an association having such an object in view; its meetings to be held in some convenient place, as often as may be necessary to carry out

the contemplated object ; and we agree to do what we can to further the interests of such an association, by aiding in its formation and support, by gathering records and traditions to be considered at its meetings and placed upon its records or files, or published, as deemed most expedient, and to encourage by whatever means we may the objects of its organization ; and we further suggest that an initiatory meeting be called as soon as ten names are obtained to this paper."

The paper was signed by the following gentlemen, viz.: Gilbert Nash, Frank W. Lewis, Samuel W. Reed, John J. Loud, Anson Titus, Jr., Charles G. Easterbrook, Everett C. Bumpus, Elias Richards, Augustus J. Richards, W. H. Clapp, Lucien H. Frary, J. W. Armington and F. P. Chapin.

A meeting was called for March 22, 1879 ; but owing to a severe storm and a misunderstanding in giving the notice, only four persons were present. The meeting was therefore adjourned to the evening of Saturday, March 29, when the following signers of the paper above mentioned, namely, Elias Richards, Everett C. Bumpus, Frank W. Lewis, John J. Loud, Samuel W. Reed, William H. Clapp, Lucien H. Frary, Anson Titus, Jr., and Gilbert Nash, met at the office of Elias Richards, Esq., at Weymouth Landing, for the purpose suggested.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Anson Titus, Jr., and organized by the choice of Elias Richards, Esq., for chairman, and Gilbert Nash for secretary. A plan for a permanent organization was presented by Rev. Mr. Titus, which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Titus, Lewis and Nash, with instructions to consider and report at the next meeting.

At a second meeting held at the same place, on Saturday evening, April 12, 1879, the "Weymouth

Historical Society" was formed, and the following officers elected :

<i>President,</i>	.	.	.	.	Elias Richards,
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	.	.	John J. Loud,
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	Gilbert Nash,
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	Anson Titus, Jr.,
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	William H. Clapp,
<i>Librarian,</i>	.	.	.	.	Samuel W. Reed,

an Executive Committee consisting of the above-named officers and Lucien H. Frary, and a Committee on Nominations consisting of Charles G. Easterbrook, Everett C. Bumpus and Augustus J. Richards.

A constitution was also adopted. The Society was thus fully organized and placed upon a working basis.

Meetings were held regularly on the first Saturday evening in each month (excepting July and August) during the year, and much interest was manifested in the operations of the Society, not only by its members, but by the towns-people, and also by historical students and others interested in historical matters in various parts of the country.

The following original papers were prepared, and read at the different meetings :

"Ancient names and Localities in Weymouth."

"Genealogies of the families of Thomas Dyer, and Thomas White, two of the earliest settlers of the town ;" found among the papers of the late Col. Asa White.

"Beals Genealogy."

"Inscriptions in the Pleasant St. Burying Ground."

"Inscriptions in The Rocks Burying Ground."

"Sketch of the Ministers of the old North Church, Weymouth ;" from the MSS. of Rev. Dr. Emerson Davis.