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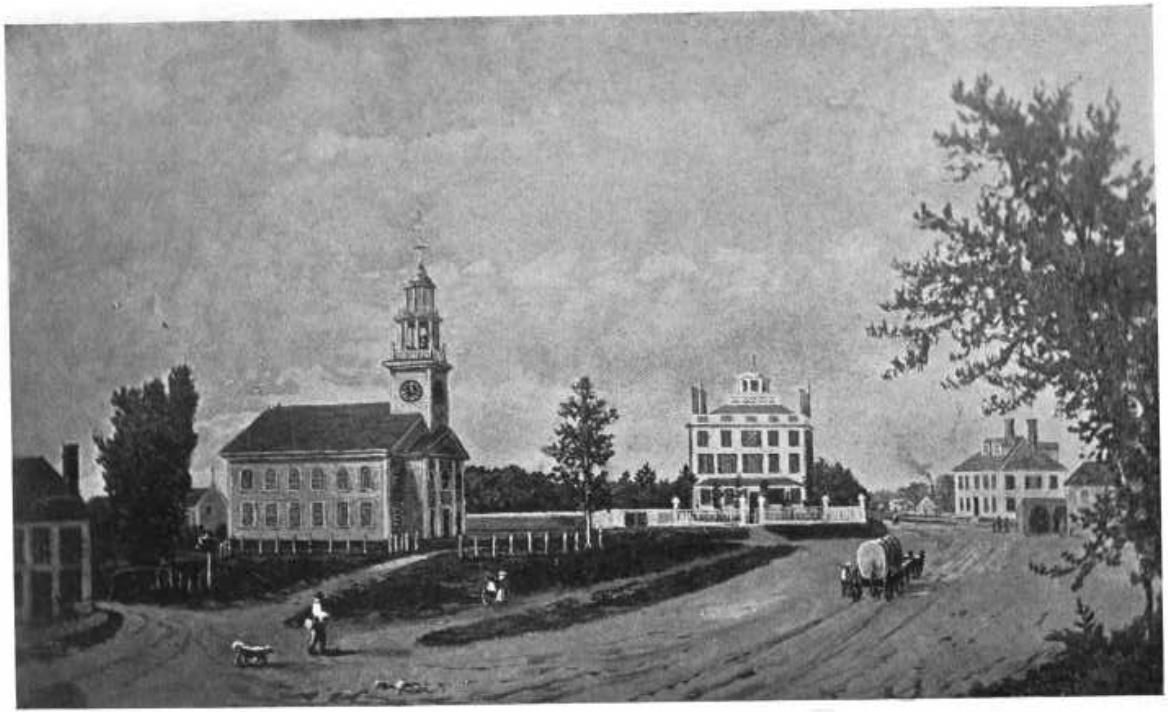

Arlington Center in 1817

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Town of Arlington

MASSACHUSETTS

SATURDAY, JUNE FIRST
1907

Financial Report of Committee.

Total amount appropriated by the Town		$3,100.00
Expended:		
A. D. Hoitt, Stamps	$31.20	
Town Clerk's Incidentals, Postage, Stationery, Etc.	34.50	
C. A. Parsons, Distributing	4.00	
C. S. Parker, "Arlington Past and Present"	800.60	
George Brooks, Markers	66.67	
F. F. Russell, Bell-ringing	3.00	
R. H. White, Bell-ringing	3.00	
William Finley, Services High School	7.00	
N. E. Whittier, Services Russell School	7.00	
R. W. Shattuck & Co., Rope	18.00	
Joseph P. Holson, Labor	6.00	
Charles Gott, Sign-painting	12.00	
O. B. Marston Co., Platform and Sign-boards	40.70	
American Decorating Company	220.00	
10th Regiment Band	104.00	
Woburn Brass Band	100.00	
Cambridge Cadet Band	104.00	
Brookline Band	169.00	
Arlington Fife and Drum Corps	64.00	
Bedford Drum Corps	36.00	
Whitehead & Hoag Co., Badges	17.50	
Rockwell, Churchill Press, Tickets and Menus	15.50	
Wood Bros., Express and Team	12.10	
Peirce & Winn Co., Teams	5.00	
W. W. Rawson, Teams, Palms, Etc.	25.00	
Hoyt, Martin Co., Tent Rental	125.70	
John P. Fiske, Chairs Rental	70.00	
N. J. Hardy, Dinners	92.00	
Peter Gill, Signs	4.00	
C. S. Parker & Son, Printing and Advertising	24.00	
Boston Bamboo Co., Poles	5.07	
L. A. DeRibas, Globe	15.00	
Boston Regalia Co., Flags	4.25	
S. Y. Tank Co., Lanterns	5.25	
W. M. Hatch & Co., Lanterns, etc.	4.28	
Dennison Mfg. Co., Paper Decorations	100.27	
Jenkins & Syda, Constructing Floats	184.78	
H. W. Berthrong, Painting	35.00	
W. R. Stiles, Express	1.50	
Susan F. Wiley, Sundry Expenses	.55	
Mary F. Scanlan, Sundry Expenses	3.95	
Elizabeth L. Geer, Sundry Expenses	11.20	
Martha Wentworth, Sundry Expenses	2.50	
George A. Sandford, Ribbons and Lettering	7.50	
George A. Law, Carriages	64.00	
John Lyons, Carriages	46.00	
Francis Gould Post, 36, G. A. R., Dinners	50.00	
Police Department, Expense Boston Police	98.13	
		$2,850.10
Unexpended Balance		$249.90

Amount Collected from Citizens and Others by the Committee on Parade	$1,566.75
Amount Expended by this Committee	1,345.79
Unexpended Balance	220.96

The total balance of the appropriation, as made by the Town, was, by vote of the Committee, appropriated toward the expense of the publication of this report, and the deficit was made up from the balance left unexpended in the hands of the Committee on Parade. This provides for the publication of 2,000 copies, to be distributed to the citizens of the town — one copy to each family.

Those desiring extra copies may procure them at the Arlington News Store, to whom the Committee have given authority to sell copies of the report.

THOMAS J. ROBINSON,
Secretary of the Committee.

INTRODUCTION.

IN making a report of the proceedings of the Celebration of the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town, your Committee have deemed it expedient to omit the usual custom of prefacing such a report with a brief history of the Town, as in the early meetings of the Committee it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that a publication of the history of the Town would be an appropriate and lasting feature of the Celebration.

The expense of such a publication was carefully considered by the Committee, and after a thorough investigation it was decided that this work could be done to better advantage and with a greater degree of economy to the Town by engaging some person to perform the work, and to assume all responsibility. A contract was, therefore, entered into with Mr. Charles S. Parker for the sum of eight hundred dollars, Mr. Parker to have the proceeds from the sale of the book.

The book, "Arlington Past and Present," has been published by Mr. Parker, and will be found to be a very full and accurate history of the founding and growth of the Town.

This report will, therefore, have to do with the work of the Committee appointed by the Town to carry out its wishes as to the Celebration, and the necessary expenses relative thereto.

It seemed particularly desirable to your Committee that a report of the proceedings of the Celebration should be made in pamphlet form, and preserved, that future generations may know and perhaps in some measure be guided by it on future similar occasions.

Your Committee present their report with a feeling of satisfaction and pride in being the instrument through which has been worked out a Celebration complete in every detail, and reflecting credit and honor on our Town.

The Celebration was one long to be remembered, each of our citizens doing his utmost to make the day one of pleasure and happiness for all concerned. Rarely, if ever, in the history of our Town has there been displayed such a unanimity of purpose, such a heartfelt desire on the part of all to do all that was possible to aid and assist your Committee in carrying out the plans for the Celebration.

Nature herself seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion, and presented us with one of the most perfect days of the summer.

Aided by these very necessary essentials, the plans of your Committee were made easy of accomplishment. Such a success is only made possible by a careful consideration of every detail, and because the members of the various committees, with the cheerful coöperation of the townspeople generally, were willing to do a vast amount of work and receive no compensation other than the satisfaction brought them by the unqualified success of the Celebration.

The citizens and merchants of the Town vied with each other in decorating their homes and places of business, with the result that, combined with the decorations of all the public buildings, historic places, and Revolutionary tablets, the Town presented, on the morning of June 1, an appearance that caused a glow of pride to fill the heart of every citizen, and called forth hearty words of congratulation and praise from our guests and visitors.

The preparation and appearance of the schoolchildren, under the personal supervision of Superintendent John F. Scully and Professor Ira W. Holt, principal of the High School, ably assisted by the principals of the various schools, was a feature that called forth enthusiastic approval from all who witnessed it.

The firing of salutes in the morning, the ringing of bells at sunrise, noon, and sunset, the band concerts, and the magnificent display of fireworks in the evening were pleasing and appreciated features, and added greatly to the enjoyment and success of the Celebration.

The parade in the morning was under the direction of Warren W. Rawson, E. Nelson Blake, and Charles T. Scannell, and to them and the large auxiliary committee of citizens selected by them is due great credit for the wonderfully complete manner in which every little detail was arranged and carried out, making this one of the most perfectly carried out parades ever seen in this vicinity on a similar occasion.

The public meeting and dinner in the large tent on the new Town-House site was under the direction and personal supervision of James A. Bailey, Jr., James P. Parmenter, and Joseph C. Holmes, and through the earnest efforts of these gentlemen the arrangements for this difficult feature of the Celebration were carried out with a smoothness that left nothing to be desired. Here the people had an opportunity to see and hear the Governor of the Commonwealth, our Representative in Congress, representatives from neighboring cities and towns, and to

SELECTMEN OF ARLINGTON, 1907

S. Frederick Hicks, Chairman

Frederick S. Mead

J. Howell Crosby