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Houghton Memorial Building, given to the Town of Littleton, Dec. 4, 1895, by Elizabeth G. and Clement S. Houghton as a memorial to William Stevens Houghton. It contains the Reuben Hoar Library and the room of the Littleton Historical Society.

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RECORDS  
OF THE  
LITTLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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In response to a call, signed by Herbert J. Harwood, George A. Sanderson and Frank B. Priest, inviting "All adult persons interested in the formation of a Littleton Historical Society," to meet "in the Lower Town Hall on Monday, June 11, 1894, at 7.30 P. M.," the following persons came together:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Harwood,  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Conant,  
Rev. George B. Frost,  
Rev. William J. Cloues,  
Hon. George W. Sanderson,  
Mr. Daniel C. Fletcher,  
Mr. Albert Smith,  
Mr. Waldo E. Conant,  
Mr. William L. Kimball,  
Mr. Frank B. Priest,  
Mr. Edward B. Bigelow,  
Mr. George Yapp,  
Mr. George A. Sanderson.

The meeting organized by choosing Herbert J. Harwood, temporary chairman, and George A. Sanderson, temporary secretary.

Remarks favoring the formation of an Historical Society were made by Herbert J. Harwood, Daniel C. Fletcher, Hon. George W. Sanderson, Rev. George B. Frost, Rev. William J. Cloues and George A. Sanderson.

Voted, That the three persons who signed the call be a committee to draft By-laws for the Littleton Historical Society and report at a future meeting.

Voted to adjourn subject to the call of the committee on By-laws.

GEORGE A. SANDERSON, *Temporary Secretary.*

# BY-LAWS.

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## ARTICLE I.

The Society shall be called the LITTLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

## ARTICLE II.

The object of the Society shall be to collect and preserve manuscripts, printed books, pamphlets, historical facts, biographical anecdotes and historical relics, and to stimulate research into local history.

## ARTICLE III.

Any person who has, at any time, been a resident of Littleton or Boxborough\* may become a member by paying a membership fee of one dollar, and signing the By-Laws. There shall also be an annual fee of one dollar from each member.

Any person, whether a resident of either of said towns or not, may be chosen an honorary member, and shall be exempt from the payment of fees.

## ARTICLE IV.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary who shall also be Treasurer, each to be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting and to hold office until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are chosen. These officers shall constitute the executive committee of the Society.

## ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting shall be held on the second day of November in each year. The other regular meetings shall be on the following days: February the twenty-second, June the seventeenth, and the first Monday of September. If the day of the November, February or June meeting falls on Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the Monday next following.

Special meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the executive committee.

## ARTICLE VI.

Five members shall constitute a quorum.

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\* Boxborough was made in part from Littleton.