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Publisher's Note.

The list of Leicester Births, Marriages and Deaths comprised in this volume includes all which were entered in the Town Books during the period from the earliest date there found to the end of the year 1849. Additions and corrections have been made from the Denny Record or Town Copy, which has supplied many missing names and dates in those parts of the original manuscript which have been mutilated, these being indicated in each instance by proper reference.

All of the records are condensed in print as much as is consistent with intelligibility, accuracy, and completeness of information. Differences in duplicates, and explanatory or other matter which seemed necessary or desirable, appear in brackets.

Marriages and intentions of marriage are printed under the names of both parties, but the full information concerning each person is given only under his or her name. An asterisk after a marriage indicates that the intention was not found recorded, and in most cases this is accounted for by the fact that neither party belonged in Leicester, and consequently publication was made elsewhere.

The double date is used in the months of January, February and March prior to 1752 only when it so appears in the original, and instances of the modern form after 1725 are not uncommon.

When places other than Leicester and Massachusetts are named in the original records they are given in the printed copy.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

- a.* — age
abt. — about
b. — born
ch. — child
chn. — children
co. — county
C.R. — church record
d. — daughter; day; died
Dea. — deacon
D.R. — Denny Record or Town Copy
dup. — duplicate entry
f. — female
G.R. — Gravestone record
h. — husband
inf. — infant
int. — publication of intention of marriage
Jr. — junior
m. — male; married; month
P.R. — Private record
rec. — recorded
s. — son
Sr. — senior
w. — wife
wid. — widow
widr. — widower
y. — year
2d. — second

The age given in the Deaths is in years unless otherwise indicated.

Leicester.

ON the 15th of February, 1713, the petition of those who had purchased lands at a place called Tow-
taid, near Worcester, was confirmed, "the town to be
named Leicester."

April 12, 1753, "part of Leicester was made the
District of Spencer."

February 12, 1765, "parts of Leicester and Rutland
were established as the District of Paxton."

April 10, 1778, "the Parish lately set off from
Leicester, Oxford, Sutton and Worcester was established
as Ward."

The population of Leicester at different periods was
as follows: 1765, 770; 1790, 1,076; 1800, 1,103;
1810, 1,181; 1820, 1,252; 1830, 1,782; 1840, 1,707;
1850, 2,117.

Population in 1900, 3,416.

Number of Births printed	3,832
Marriages	1,796 = 3,592 names
Deaths	1,420
	<u>8,844 total.</u>

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