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THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, Norfolk County (formerly in Suffolk County, until 1793), was established November 27, 1719, from parts of Dedham, Mendon, and Wrentham.

February 23, 1832, bounds between Bellingham and Franklin were established.

Population by Census :	1765 (Prov.),	468 ;
	1776 (Prov.),	627 ;
	1790 (U.S.),	735 ;
	1800 (U.S.),	704 ;
	1810 (U.S.),	766 ;
	1820 (U.S.),	1034 ;
	1830 (U.S.),	1102 ;
	1840 (U.S.),	1055 ;
	1850 (U.S.),	1281 ;
	1855 (State),	1413 ;
	1860 (U.S.),	1313 ;
	1865 (State),	1240 ;
	1870 (U.S.),	1282 ;
	1875 (State),	1247 ;
	1880 (U.S.),	1223 ;
	1885 (State),	1198 ;
	1890 (U.S.),	1334 ;
	1895 (State),	1481 ;
	1900 (U.S.),	1682.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. WHEN places other than Bellingham and Massachusetts are named in the original records, they are given in the printed copy.

2. In all records the original spelling is followed.

3. The various spellings of a name should be examined, as items about the same family or individual might be found under different spellings.

4. Marriages and intentions of marriages are printed under the names of both parties, but the full information concerning each party is given only in the entry under his or her name. When both the marriage and intention of marriage are recorded, only the marriage record is printed; and where a marriage appears without the intention recorded, it is designated with an asterisk.

5. Additional information which does not appear in the original text of an item, i.e., any explanation, query, inference, or difference shown in other entries of the record, is bracketed. Parentheses are used only when they occur in the original text, or to separate clauses found there—such as the birth-place of parents, in late marriage records.

ABBREVIATIONS.

- a.* — age
abt. — about
b. — born
ch. — child
chn. — children
Co. — county
C.R. — church record, Baptist
d. — daughter; died; day
Dea. — deacon
dup. — duplicate entry
G.R.1. — gravestone record, North Bellingham Cemetery
G.R.2. — gravestone record, Bellingham Center Cemetery
G.R.3. — gravestone record, South Bellingham Cemetery
G.R.4. — gravestone record, Rakeville Cemetery
G.R.5. — gravestone record, Scanwell Cemetery
h. — husband
hrs. — hours
inf. — infant
int. — publication of intention of marriage
Jr. — junior
m. — married; month
P.R.1. — private record, from Wight Diary, 1755-1849, kept by Samuel Wight and his daughters, now in the possession of the Town Clerk
P.R.2. — private record, from Crooks family Bible
prob. — probably
rec. — recorded

ABBREVIATIONS.

s. — son
Sr. — senior
w. — wife ; week
wid. — widow
widr. — widower
y. — year
1st. — first
2d. — second
3d. — third

BELLINGHAM BIRTHS.