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Voted: That the sum of \$20,000, from the bequest of the late Robert Henry Eddy, be set aside as a special fund to be called the Eddy Town-Record Fund, for the sole purpose of publishing the Vital Records of the towns of Massachusetts, and that the Council be authorized and instructed to make such arrangements as may be necessary for such publication. And the treasurer is hereby instructed to honor such drafts as shall be authorized by the Council for this purpose.

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THE TOWN OF DOVER, Norfolk County,
was established as a district July 7, 1784, from
part of Dedham.

March 7, 1791, bounds between the district of
Dover and Dedham were established.

March 31, 1836, the district was made a town.

Population by Census : 1790 (U.S.), 485 ;
1800 (U.S.), 511 ; 1810 (U.S.), 548 ;
1820 (U.S.), 548 ; 1830 (U.S.), 497 ;
1840 (U.S.), 520 ; 1850 (U.S.), 631 ;
1855 (State), 745 ; 1860 (U.S.), 679 ;
1865 (State), 616 ; 1870 (U.S.), 645 ;
1875 (State), 650 ; 1880 (U.S.), 653 ;
1885 (State), 664 ; 1890 (U.S.), 727 ;
1895 (State), 668 ; 1900 (U.S.), 656 ;
1905 (State), 636.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. **WHEN** places other than Dover 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 may be found under different spellings.
4. **Marriages and intentions of marriages** are printed under the names of both parties. 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 birthplace of parents in late marriage records.

ABBREVIATIONS.

- a.* — age
abt. — about
b. — born
ch. — child
chs. — children
Co. — county
c.r. 1. — church record, First Parish
c.r. 2. — church record, Baptist Church of Needham
and Dover
d. — daughter; died; day
Dea. — deacon
dup. — duplicate entry
G.R. — gravestone record, Highland Cemetery
h. — husband
hrs. — hours
inf. — infant
int. — publication of intention of marriage
Jr. — junior
m. — married; month
min. — minutes
M.R. — Middlesex County record, East Cambridge
P.R. 1. — private record, from the Wilson Diary, now
in the possession of Mrs. Lillian (Wilson) Bond
P.R. 2. — private record, from family Bible, now in
the possession of Mrs. Leonard Draper, of Dover
P.R. 3. — private record, from family Bible, now in the
possession of George L. Howe, of Dover
P.R. 4. — private record, from family record, in the
possession of George L. Howe, of Dover

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- P.R.5. — private record, from Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Lillian (Wilson) Bond, of Dover
- P.R.6. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Edeler (Chickering) Smith
- P.R.7. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Edeler (Chickering) Smith
- P.R.8. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Edeler (Chickering) Smith
- P.R.9. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Edeler (Chickering) Smith
- P.R.10. — private record, from family record in the possession of Elbridge Mann
- P.R.11. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Elbridrige Mann
- P.R.12. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Emma Battelle Colburn
- P.R.13. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Miss Caroline Newell
- P.R.14. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mr. George Battelle
- P.R.15. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Jonathan Whiting
- P.R.16. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mr. George Ellis Chickering
- P.R.17. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of George Ellis Chickering
- P.R.18. — private record, from family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. George Draper Everett
- P.R.19. — private record, from family record in the possession of Mrs. Lillian (Wilson) Bond, of Dover

ABBREVIATIONS.

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prob. — probably

rec. — recorded

s. — son

Sr. — senior

w. — wife; week

wid. — widow

widr. — widower

y. — year

1st. — first

2d. — second

3d. — third