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## EXPLANATIONS

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The following records of births, marriages and deaths include all entries to be found in the books of record kept by the town clerks; in the church records; in the returns made to the Middlesex Co. Quarterly Court; in the cemetery inscriptions; and in private records found in family Bibles, etc. These records are printed in a condensed form in which every essential particular has been preserved. All duplication of the town clerks' record has been eliminated, but differences in entry and other explanatory matter appear in brackets. Parentheses are used when they occur in the original record; also to indicate the maiden name of a wife.

When places other than Dunstable and Massachusetts are named in the original records, they are given in the printed copy. Marriages and intentions of marriage are printed under the names of both parties. Double-dating is used in the months of January, February and March, prior to 1752, whenever it appears in the original, and also, whenever from the sequence of entry in the original the date may be easily determined. In all records the original spelling of names is followed and in the alphabetical arrangement the various forms should be examined, as items about the same family may be found under different spellings.

The early records of the Congregational Church, organized in 1685, now the First Congregational Church of Nashua, N. H., cannot be found.

## DUNSTABLE

On October 16, 1673, the town of Dunstable was incorporated upon petition of twenty-six proprietors of lands along the Merrimack, Nashua and Souhegan rivers. It derived its name from Dunstable, in Bedfordshire, England, the former home of some of the earliest settlers of this locality.

Jan. 4, 1733, part established as Nottingham (N. H.).

July 4, 1735, part included in the new town of Litchfield (N. H.).

By the divisional line established in 1741, between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, a large part of the original township, together with what is now Nashua, N. H., was included in the latter state.

June 8, 1747, parts of Groton and Nottingham annexed.

Jan. 6, 1752, part annexed to Groton.

June 7, 1753, part of Groton annexed.

June 14, 1754, part of Nottingham annexed.

Apr. 24, 1755, part of Chelmsford annexed.

June 22, 1789, part established as the District of Tyngsborough, and Mar. 3, 1792, part annexed to the District.

In 1793, 1796 and 1803, parts of Groton annexed.

Jan. 29, 1798, and June 10, 1814, bounds between Dunstable and Tyngsborough were established.

Feb. 15, 1820, bounds between Dunstable and Groton were established.

The population of Dunstable at different periods was as follows:—

1765, 559.	1820, 584.
1776, 679.	1830, 593.
1790, 380.	1840, 603.
1800, 485.	1850, 590.
1810, 475.	1900, 427.
1910, 408.	



## ABBREVIATIONS

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- a.*—age.  
*abt.*—about.  
*b.*—born.  
*bef.*—before.  
*bet.*—between.  
*bp.*—baptized.  
*bur.*—buried.  
*c. n.*—Congregational Church records.  
*ch.*—child.  
*chn.*—children.  
*Co.*—county.  
*cr. n.*—court record, Middlesex Co. Quarterly Court.  
*d.*—daughter; day; died.  
*Dea.*—deacon.  
*dup.*—duplicate entry.  
*a. n. 1.*—gravestone record, Meeting House Hill Cemetery.  
*a. n. 2.*—gravestone record, Central Cemetery.  
*a. n. 3.*—gravestone record, Swallow private burying ground.  
*a. n. 4.*—gravestone record, Blood private burying ground.  
*a. n. 5.*—gravestone record, Little Cemetery, South Nashua, N. H.  
*a. n. 6.*—gravestone record, Drake (Tyng) Cemetery, Tyngsborough.  
*a. n. 7.*—gravestone record, Thompson Cemetery, Tyngsborough.  
*a. n. 8.*—gravestone record, Sherburne Cemetery, East Tyngsborough.  
*a. n. 9.*—gravestone record, Fletcher private burying ground, Tyngsborough.  
*a. n. 10.*—gravestone record, Gould private burying ground, Tyngsborough.  
*h.*—husband; hour.  
*inf.*—infant.  
*int.*—intention of marriage.  
*jr.*—junior.  
*m.*—male; married; month.

*N. E.*—1st Book of Dunstable Town Records at City Hall, Nashua, N. H.

*P. R. 1.*—Bible record now in possession of William French.

*P. R. 2.*—Bible record now in possession of William P. Proctor.

*P. R. 3.*—Bible record now in possession of Jonas Kendall.

*P. R. 4.*—Bible record now in possession of Jonas Kendall.

*P. R. 5.*—Record now in possession of Jonas Kendall.

*P. R. 6.*—Bible record now in possession of Miss Alice L. Butterfield.

*P. R. 7.*—Bible record now in possession of Mrs. Frank Chapman.

*P. R. 8.*—Framed record now in possession of Elfred Swallow.

*P. R. 9.*—Record now in possession of Andrew J. Gilson.

*P. R. 10.*—Bible record now in possession of Mrs. Nancy Ingalls.

*P. R. 11.*—Bible record now in possession of Almond Kendall.

*P. R. 12.*—Bible record now in possession of Mrs. Libni Herman Parker.

*P. R. 13.*—Bible record now in possession of Libni Herman Parker.

*P. R. 14.*—Record now in possession of Mrs. Angie S. Parkhurst.

*P. R. 15.*—Bible record now in possession of Miss Marietta Parker.

*P. R. 16.*—Bible record now in possession of Mrs. Mary Blodgett.

*P. R. 17.*—Note book record now in possession of Miss L. Ardena Butterfield.

*P. R. 18.*—Bible record now in possession of Mrs. Addie Cummings.

*P. R. 19.*—Bible record now in possession of Jonathan F. Bancroft of Tyngsborough.

*rec.*—recorded.

*ret.*—return.

*s.*—son.

*sr.*—senior.

*T. c.*—town copy.

*unm.*—unmarried.

*w.*—wife; week.

*wid.*—widow.

*widr.*—widower.

*y.*—year.

## DUNSTABLE BIRTHS

TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1849

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- ADAMS** (see also Addams), Abel, s. Thomas and Ruth, Feb. 25, 1755. N. R.  
Ama Sophia, d. twin, Henry and Sally, June 24, 1818. N. R.  
Amy, d. Henry and Edey, Apr. 10, 1775. N. R.  
Bette, d. Ephraim and Thankfull, Aug. 24, 1755. N. R.  
Betty, d. Henry and Edey, July 29, 1772. N. R.  
Civil, d. Stephen and Rebekah, t. c.], Nov. 23, 1740.  
David, s. David and Elizabeth, Nov. 6, 1755. N. R.  
Ebenezer, s. Silas and Susanna, Mar. 16, 1790. N. R.  
Edey, d. David and Elizabeth, Nov. 16, 1752. N. R.  
Edey, d. Henry and Edey, Aug. 10, 1769. N. R.  
Edy, d. Henry and Sally, Nov. 19, 1815. N. R.  
Eliza Jane, d. Joel and Jane, May 23, 1810. N. R.  
Esther, d. twin, Ephraim and Thankfull, June 3, 1760. N. R.  
Hannah, d. Stephen and Rebecca, Nov. 8, 1754.  
Henry, s. Eph[raim] and Thankfull, Mar. 7, 1742. N. R.  
Henry, s. Henry and Edey, June 7, 1778. N. R.  
Henry Prescott, s. Henry and Sarah, Sept. 30, 1808. N. R.  
Ira, s. Zadoc and Mary, Feb. 3, 1810. N. R.  
Isaac, s. Zadoc and Mary, Sept. 12, 1814. N. R.  
Isaac, s. Jonas, Sept. 5, 1828. N. R.  
Jacob, s. Eph[raim] and Thankfull, Dec. 3, 1739. N. R.  
James Horatio, s. William and Rebekah, Dec. 6, 1822.  
Jane, d. Stephen and Rebecca, Nov. 28, 1756.  
Jesse, s. Zachariah and Anna, Jan. 29, 1744-5.  
Jesse, s. Polly, Dec. 19, 1801. N. R.  
Joel, s. Henry and Edey, Mar. 2, 1753. N. R.  
Joel, s. Zadoc and Mary, Mar. 14, 1808. N. R.  
Joel Newel, s. Joel and Jane, May 15, 1807. N. R.  
John, s. Zadoc and Mary, June 19, 1812. N. R.  
John, s. Jonas, Aug. 26, 1833. N. R.  
Jonas, s. Jonas, Oct. 16, 1815. N. R.  
Judith, d. Ephraim and Thankfull, Aug. 13, 1751. N. R.  
Julia Ann, d. Jonas, June 30, 1831. N. R.  
Levi, s. Stephen and Rebecca, Apr. 2, 1747.