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THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER,
Plymouth County, was established February 16,
1822, from a part of Bridgewater.

January 26, 1825, bounds between West Bridgewater
and North Bridgewater were established.

Population by Census :	1820 (U.S.),	1055 ;
1830 (U.S.),	1042 ;	1840 (U.S.), 1201 ;
1850 (U.S.),	1447 ;	1855 (State), 1734 ;
1860 (U.S.),	1846 ;	1865 (State), 1825 ;
1870 (U.S.),	1803 ;	1875 (State), 1758 ;
1880 (U.S.),	1665 ;	1885 (State), 1707 ;
1890 (U.S.),	1917 ;	1895 (State), 1747 ;
1900 (U.S.),	1711 ;	1905 (State), 2006 ;
1910 (U.S.),	2231.	

EXPLANATIONS

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

2. In all items from town records the original spelling is followed, and no attempt is made to correct errors appearing in the records or to harmonize conflicting names or dates.

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. 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 to show the difference in the spelling of a name in the same entry, to indicate the maiden name of a wife, to enclose an imperfect portion of the original text, and to separate clauses in the original text -- such as the birthplace of a parent in late records.

ABBREVIATIONS

- a.* — age
abt. — about
b. — born
bp. — baptized
bur. — buried
ch. — child
chn. — children
C.R.1. — church record, First Church in Bridgewater, now the
First Church in West Bridgewater
C.R.2. — church record, Baptist Church
Co. — county
d. — daughter; died; day
Dea. — deacon
dup. — duplicate entry
G.R.1. — gravestone record, Old Grave Yard, South Street
G.R.2. — gravestone record, Powder House Cemetery, on the
Plymouth road
G.R.3. — gravestone record, Jerusalem Cemetery, on the road
to Jerusalem
G.R.4. — gravestone record, Alger Cemetery, Wolf Trap Hill
G.R.5. — gravestone record, Ames Family Burying Ground,
Cross Street
G.R.6. — gravestone record, Pine Hill Cemetery
G.R.7. — gravestone record, Old Cemetery near Methodist
Church, Cochesett
G.R.8. — gravestone record, Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Co-
chesett
h. — husband
hrs. — hours
inf. — infant
int. — publication of intention of marriage
Jr. — junior
m. — married; month
min. — minutes

- P.R.1. — private record, from the Bible of Willis Alger, now in the possession of Mrs. Clinton P. Howard of West Bridgewater
- P.R.2. — private record, from the Bible of Andrew Drake of Boston, now in the possession of Mrs. Clinton P. Howard of West Bridgewater
- P.R.3. — private record, from the Bible of Eliakim Howard, now in the possession of Joseph C. Howard of West Bridgewater
- P.R.4. — private record, from the Bible of James Howard, now in the possession of Joseph C. Howard of West Bridgewater
- P.R.5. — private record, from the Bible of Francis E. Howard, now in the possession of Miss Edith Howard of West Bridgewater
- P.R.6. — private record, from the Bible of George Wilbar, now in the possession of Mrs. J. W. Foye of West Bridgewater
- P.R.7. — private record, from the Bible of Daniel Hayward of Bridgewater, now in the possession of Grace M. Hayward of West Bridgewater
- P.R.8. — private record, from the Bible of Howard Manley of North Bridgewater, now in the possession of Mrs. Eliza F. Hayward of West Bridgewater
- P.R.9. — private record, from the Bible of Charles N. Martin, now in the possession of Mrs. Benjamin B. Curtis of Campello
- P.R.10. — private record, from the Joseph Kingman family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Martha Crosby of West Bridgewater
- P.R.11. — private record, from the Bible of Job Bartlett, now in the possession of Miss Helen F. Bartlett of West Bridgewater
- P.R.12. — private record, from the Bible of Edwin Howard, now in the possession of Miss Helen F. Bartlett of West Bridgewater

- P.R.13. — private record, from the Bible of Henry Peckham of Fall River, now in the possession of Arthur C. Peckham of West Bridgewater
- P.R.14. — private record, from the Bible of Bradford Packard, now in the possession of Lizzie B. Packard of West Bridgewater
- P.R.15. — private record, from the family records of Josiah Williams and Dr. Richard Perkins, now in the possession of Miss Mary P. Whitman of West Bridgewater
- P.R.16. — private record, from family records now in the possession of Miss Mary P. Whitman of West Bridgewater
- P.R.17. — private record, from an old "Almanack" supposed to have been written by Rev. Daniel Perkins, now in the possession of Miss Mary P. Whitman of West Bridgewater
- P.R.18. — private record, from a tablet erected near the site of John Cary's home, in West Bridgewater
- R.R. — Rebellion Record
- rec.* — recorded
- s.* — son
- Sr.* — senior
- w.* — wife ; week
- wid.* — widow
- widr.* — widower
- y.* — year

