



Record Group [RG] 1
Town Clerk: Town Record Books

1738 - 1904, 1946 - 2006

Finding Aid

January 2011

**RG 1 Town Clerk
Town Record Books**

Date range: 1738-1904, 1946-2006

Volume: 10 volumes, 3 li.ft

Location: Town Clerk's Office

Provenance. The early records were found in the safe that sat in the main room of the Old Town Hall until the Spring of 2010. The later volumes were in the Clerk's Office.

History. Beginning in 1719 families in the North Division of Hampton petitioned for a separate parish. The selectmen in Hampton opposed the separation, and it was not until 1738 that the General Court at Portsmouth, the Governor, and his Council approved a petition establishing the "North Hill Parish in Hampton" on November 17, 1738.

Relations between the two parishes became increasingly strained and the North Hill Parish petitioned the General Court for incorporation as a town. Six families in the east part (Little River and Little Boar's Head) presented a counter-petition asking not to be included in the incorporation but the General Court approved the majority petition. North Hill Parish of Hampton became the Town of North Hampton on November 30, 1742.

Scope & Content. These volumes were prepared and maintained by the Town Clerk. They include notifications, warrants, election results of town meetings, and summary minutes of meetings. Early ones also include the recording of town lines, licenses, births and marriages, and other aspects of town government. Later ones have oaths of office. No town record books for the period from 1905 to 1945 have been located as of April 2010. It is possible that the Record Book for the period 1905 through 1916 may have been destroyed in a fire on Christmas Day, 1916 when Town Clerk Roy Rollins' store burned to the ground.

The first four volumes, up to 1853, were conserved and microfilmed by Brown's River Bindery in 1993. The Town Record Book for the period from 1946 through 1979 also was conserved by Brown's River and is now in three post-hole volumes. All the conserved volumes were microfilmed by Brown's River. One copy of the microfilm is in

the Clerk's Office; the second is at the North Hampton Public Library.

A brief description of each volume follows. A strip of paperboard denoting the date range of the contents has been inserted in each volume.

Town Records 1738-1799

No index

Contains:

North Parish. Meetings re ministry and schools, elections.

North Hampton. Notifications and votes of meetings (1738-1786), births, marriages

Town Records 1786-1809

Note: Has been filmed Film box M3

Indexed

Contains:

Notifications and votes of meetings

Marriages

Births

Town Lines

Marks of Sheep

Licenses

Strays

Divisions of fences

Roads laid out by the Selectmen

No spine title 1809 - 1832

Indexed

Contains:

Town Meetings

Strays

Roads laid out by selectmen

Marks of sheep

Marriages (1808 -

Births (as early as 1790s)

Lines between towns

Licenses

Bills of sale

Non-residents tax
Mr French's wood
Library

Record (inside in pencil Volume 2 1832-1860)

Note: Has been filmed Film Box M3

Indexed
Contains:
Town Meetings - notifications and votes
Marriages
Births (as early as 1790s)
Deaths
Strays
Roads laid out by selectmen
Licenses
Division of fences
Superintending School Committee
Agreement G.W. Flagg and Town
Minutes of line between Rye and North Hampton
Agreement between North Hampton and Rye
Perambulation of lines
Report of committee to estimate the value of the parsonage
Sale of town land
Sheep marks
Receipt of Rev Jonathan French ending Town - Minister relationship 1836 Sep 6

Records (#7 label) 1854 -1904

Note: Not conserved or filmed

No index
Contains:
Notification,
Warrants
Votes of meetings
Minutes
Also some loose inserts, now in folders, including: election results, 1905
resolution opposing Little Boar's Head formation of a new township, 1905

Town Records 1946-1979

Note: Has been filmed Film Box M4.

Conserved and now in three volumes: 1946-1960 (pages 1-254), 1961-1972 (pages 255-430), and 1973-1979 (pages 431-500)

No index but tabs denoting each year

All the volumes contain:

Town warrants

Reports of Town Meeting

Election returns including federal and state primary, election

Town Records 1980-1994

No index

Contains:

Town warrants, including Special town meetings

Reports of Town Meeting

Primary, election results

Oaths of office

Town Records 1995 - 2006

Note: has been filmed Film Box M5

No index but tabs for each year

Contains:

Town warrants

Reports of Town Meeting

Primary, election results

Oaths of office

NOTE: Current Town Record Book is located in other storage cabinet.

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