

Note: The following is a transcription of the 1793 minute books for the Town of Palmyra, originally called Swift's Landing and then Tolland. A true transcription has been attempted. However, where a word could not be read or only part of a word could be read, a question mark is shown. Pages, when known, are in parenthesis.

(1) 1793

Records of the Survey of Highways

In No. 12-2 ? Ranges taken from Canandaigua Town Book

The records laid out in No. 12-2 ?3 Ranges. Beginning at Deacon Fosters House thence southwesterly to Joel Fosters house thence William Williams thence westerly to the northside of Weaver Osmans house thence to Gideon Durfees house thence to the forks of Mud Creek to the Bridge thence across said creek. Thence along the bank of said creek to Swifts Landing thence south to an East line running from Swifts Ashworks thence to said ashworks thence W & N 72 rods to the line between Sifts and Rusels thence West 278 rods to the west line of No. 12-2 Range. Thence north 42 rods to Mud Creek thence N. 40 W. 40° rods thence W. 40 rods thence W 5° ? rods & W 10° & 28 rods thence W 7° & 26 rods thence W 12° N 18 rods thence W 30° N 20 rods thence N.W. 28 rods thence N 33° W 40 rods thence 40° W 40 rods thence W 40° N 20 rods. Thence W 28° N 26 rods thence W 3? N 36 rods thence N.W. 40 rods to a Black Oak tree at Webb Harwoods, said road to East? And Northerly 4 rods.

The road to Canandaigua by David Whites—beginning at the line at the above road between Whites & Darius Comstocks thence west on said line ?2 rods thence S 33? ° W 32 rods too Whites house W 6° N 13 rods to Noah Porters East line.

June 23rd 1793 the above roads laid out by the Commissioner of Canandaigua District.

John Swift
Ethnul? Gaylor
Com.

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Minutes of the survey of a road leading from Nathan Comstocks in No. 11 3 Range to Webb Harwoods in No. 13-3 Ranges beginning on the eastside of the road leading from Canandaigua to the Grist mill in Town Ship No. 1?. 73 rods & northerly of said Comstocks from thence on the lot lines according to the original survey N. 2° 40° & 126 rods thence No. 30° W? rods thence N. 50° & 62 rods thence N. 4° & 72 rods thence N. 4° & 60 rods thence N 2° & 76 rods thence N 35° & 36 rods thence N. 46° & 14 rods thence N 35° 14 rods thence N 2° & 76 rods thence N 10° & 44 rods thence N 12° & 88 rods thence N 21° ? 26 rods thence N 28° & 38 rods thence N 28 & 20 rods thence N 36° & 108 rods thence N 36° & 48 rods thence N 75 & 19 rods thence N 36° & 20 rods thence N 10° & 30 rods N 31° & 16 rods thence N 25° & 64 rods thence N 27° & 29 rods thence 1° & ? rods thence N 8° & 52 rods across the swamp thence N 22° & 42 rods thence ? 26° 68 rods thence N 30° & 90 rods thence N 49° ? 60 rods thence N 39° 45 & 20 rods thence ? & 25 rods thence N 35° & 16 rods thence N & 20 rods thence N 18° 27 rods thence N 49° 26 rods thence N 47° & 30 rods thence N 18° 22 rods thence N 5° & 38 rods thence N 7° 24 rods thence 68 rods thence N 19° & 22 rods thence ? 46° & ? rods thence N 1° & 68 ? thence N 20° & 46 rods thence N 3° ? 32 rods thence N 6° & 18 rods thence N 6° & 18 rods thence N 9° & 68 rods then N 30° & 30 rods thence N 27° & 40 rods to Can? ? thence north 60° & ? rods thence N 72° & 44 rods thence N 1°

& 26 rods thence N 72° & 46 rods thence N 82° & 22 rods thence N 86° & 64 rods thence S 64° & 16 rods thence S 50° ? &
(3) 60 rods to Harwoods. Surveyed February 1794 by Jarus Rose—the forgoing survey approved by –

Othnul Taylor
Ephraim Wilder?
Abner Barlow
Com.

A record of a survey road in No. 10 and 11 in the 2nd Range and Nos 11 & 12 in the 3rd Range beginning in the line between Widow Martha Whites and Darias Comstocks farms where the dug way easterly from ? Martha Whites house. ? said line thence N. 85° W 50 rods thence S 40° W 23 rods thence S 70° W 30 rods to a hard maple tree marked H – standing in the line between the Martha Whites & Noah Porters farms thence S 2° W 192 rods to a beach tree marked H then S 19° & ?38 rods thence E 25° & 40 rods thence S 52° & 94 rods thence S 13° & 67 rods thence S 4° W 46 rods thence S ? W 24 rods thence S 50° & 52 rods thence S 7° W 22 rods thence S 22° 30 ??W 70 rods thence S 7° W 28 rods thence S 16° & 36 rods thence S 32° & 31? Rods thence S 2° 30? 144 rods.

Wm Goadin
Jared Boughton
Com.

Record of the survey of a road beginning on the road leading from Jacob Gannets? Toward Jonathan Warners No. 12-3rd Range on the line between Lot No. 18 and 31 thence W. on said line ? Gillson 27? Thence N 38° ? thence N 32° W & 2? Thence S 89° W 19 thence 71° ? thence S 38° W 13-80 to the line of a lot.

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Note: in the upper left corner of this page there is a notation stating “Runs east & West past? Ira Beals year 1873 Macedon ? ?”

Thence W. on said line according to the

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Note: Page numbers begin again with the following:

Records of the District of Tolland, 1796, Liber A.

At an annual town meeting holden at the house of Gideon Durfee within and for a Destrict of Tolland on the first Tuesday of April 1796 John Swift Esq. T? of meeting chosen, John Swift Esquire Supervisor.

Jonathan Edwards Town Clerk. Voted to choose the remaining town officers by nomination:

Voted to choose three assessors

Jonathan Warner – Assessor

Festus Goldsmith - Assessor

Humphrey Sherman - Assessor

Voted to choose one Collector.

William Porter – Collector

Noah Porter – Overseer of the Poor

Thomas Goldsmith – Overseer of the Poor

Jared Comstock – Commissioner of the Highway

Ruben Town – Commissioner of the Highway

William Rodgers – Commissioner of the Highway

Voted to choose two Constables

Joseph Braddish -- Constable

James Reeves -- Constable

James Reeves, John Hurlbut, Joel Foster, Festus Goldsmith, Edman? Durfee, Luther Sanford, David Warner, Benjamin Wood, Abner Hill, Cyrus Parker, Henry Willbur?, Thomas Hamilton, Henry Lovwell?, Norman Merry, Nathan Harris, Jacob Gannett, Path masters.

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David Warner – Fence Viewer

John Hurlburt – Fence Viewer

Elias Reeves – Fence Viewer

Isaac Killey? – Pound Master

Voted that the Inhabitation of this District shall confine their swine this year from the first day of May to the 20th day of Oct. –

Voted that a fence shall not be deemed legal unless it five feet high, for the first three feet the rails or logs to be no more than four inches from each other & the rails or logs for the remaining two feet may be nine inches from each other. –

Voted that Rams shall not run at large after the first day of September until after the twentieth day of November. –

Voted that the Pound keeper be and he hereby is Directed to erect a Pound on the Public Lands near W. Daniel Sawyers old house & to present his amount to be inspected by the Supervisor, & then paid out of the town money.

Voted to raise the sum of forty pounds. –

Voted that this District will give the sum of five dollars for every wolf that shall be taken and killed within the limits of this District within one year from this date. –

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned until the first Tuesday in April next then to meet at the house of John Swift Esquire. –

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I John Swift do solemnly & amicably? Promise and swear? That I will in all things to the best of my knowledge & ability impartially ? & perform the ? reposed? in me as Supervisor of the Town of Tolland in the County of Ontario & that I will not pass? Any amount or any article? Thereof who? With I shall think the ? County is not Chargeable nor will I disallow any amount or article? Thereof wherewith I shall think it is justly chargeable.

John Swift

The above deposition was taken before me on the fifth day of April 1796. –

J. Edwards Town Clerk

A True Copy

I Jonathan Edwards Clerk of the Town of Tolland in the County of Ontario do solemnly and sincerely promise & swear? that I will faithfully & honestly keep all the books of town meetings & papers by Virtue of my Office of Town Clerk Committed & which shall from time to time be committed unto me and in all things to the best of my knowledge and understanding will & faithfully perform the Duties of my Office of Town Clerk without favour or partiality.

J. Edwards

Tolland April the 5th 1796 the above qualification was taken before me.

John Swift ?

A True Copy

(page 19) A new division of road districts for the Town of Tolland are as follows: First Road District to begin at the top of the hill a little west of William Jackways on the west line of No. 12, 2nd Range, thence to include all the roads on the south side of the south bank of Mud Creek and east to the center line of said town and the road by William Rogers to the town line and all the roads south to the south line of said town; also the road from the street to Nathan Harris and Thadeus Taft to Red Creek.

Second Road District to begin on the town line west of William Jackways, thence north on said line across Mud Creek to a road laid on the north side of said creek, including the road that leads through Jonathan Millet's and thence west along said road to the west line of Webb Harwood's land, likewise including all roads lying south of said creek as far west as said Harwood's west line.

Third Road District beginning at the south bank of Mud Creek on the road from John Swift, Esq. to Job Durfee's, thence all the roads from the south bank of said creek east to the east line of David H. Foster's lot and all the roads north from said south bank to the north line of the town to compare with said west and east line, and also all the roads south of Mud Creek east of the center line to the road that leads from David H. Foster to Humphrey Shearman.

Fourth Road District beginning at the west line of Webb Harwood's land, thence west on the road that leads by John Gibson's to the west line of said town, including all the roads south within the limits of said town down to the first mentioned line.

Fifth Road District beginning at the east line of David H. Foster's lot, thence east to the east line of said town and all the roads north and south to the north and south lines of said town.

Sixth Road District to include all the roads north of the road on the north side of Mud Creek to the north line of said town and also to the east and west lines of No. 13, 3rd Range, but what has been heretofore described.

Said division was made in Tolland the 26th day of March, 1797, by us, the subscribers: William Rogers and Reuben Town, Commissioners of Hwys.

Stephen Aldrich, Town Clerk

Tavern Licenses: Pardon Durfee is licensed to keep a public inn or tavern in the Town of Tolland the ensuing year for which the said Durfee has paid to the Commissioners of Excise \$5.

Nathaniel Williams & Company are(sic.) licensed to sell strong and spirited liquors the ensuing year in said Town of Tolland for which the said Williams has paid to the Commissioners of Excise \$5. Tolland, March 1st, 1797.

William Rogers, Commissioner of Excise

Stephen Aldrich, Town Clerk

Stephen Phelps is permitted to keep a public inn or tavern in the Town of Tolland for which the said Phelps has paid to the Commissioner of Excise \$5.

William Rogers, Commissioner of Excise

Stephen Aldrich, Town Clerk

Records of the District of Palmyra, 1797

At an annual town meeting held at the house of John Swift, Esq. on the first Tuesday of April, 1797. The meeting being opened, adjourned to the house of Stephen Phelps.

John Swift, Esq., Inspector of said meeting

The meeting being opened, Stephen Phelps chosen Town Clerk

Jonah Howell – Supervisor

Noah Porter, Humphrey Shearman, & Darius Comstock – Assessors

Edward Durfee – Collector

Noah Porter and William Rogers, Esq. – Overseers of the Poor

Humphrey Sherman and Jonathan Warner & Isaac Kiley (?)

Commissioners of Highways

Thaddeus Taft & Sylvanus Conant – Constables

John Swift – Pathmaster, 1st Road District

Reuben Town – Pathmaster, 2nd Road District

Job Durfee – Pathmaster, 3rd Road District

Jonathan Warner – Pathmaster, 4th Road District

Gideon Durfee – Pathmaster, 5th Road District

Barnabus Brown – Pathmaster, 6th Road District

John Hurlbut, Thomas Goldsmith, and Darius Comstock

School Commissioners

David Warner, John Russell, & Oliver Clark – Fence Viewers

Isaac Killey – Pound Master

Voted that swine shall be closely confined from May 1st to October next.

Voted that the owner of swine running at large shall pay penalty of damages done by said swine.

Voted that Fence Viewers shall be allowed six shillings per day while employed.

Voted that fences shall be five feet high and will be erected with rails, logs, or poles to be adjudged by the Fence Viewers.

Voted to raise the sum of \$150 for the use of the town.

Voted that there shall be a bounty of \$5 paid for each wolf killed within the limits of said town.

Voted the meeting stand adjourned until the first Tuesday of April next, then to meet at the house of Stephen Phelps.

A true copy of the original. Attest: Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

I, Stephen Phelps, Clerk of Town of Palmyra in the County of Ontario, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear I will faithfully and honestly keep all the book of records, writings, and papers by virtue of my said office of Town Clerk and which shall be committed unto me and in all things to the best of my knowledge and understanding will faithfully perform the duties of my said office of Town Clerk without favor or partiality.

Stephen Phelps

We, Sylvenus Conant and Thadeus Taft, do solemnly promise and sincerely swear that we will in all things to the best of our knowledge and understanding and ability will and faithfully execute and perform the trust reposed in us as Constables of the District of Palmyra in the County of Ontario.

Thadeus Taft and Sylvenus Conant

We, Darius Comstock, Humphrey Shearman, and Noah Porter, do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that we will honestly and impartially assess the several persons and estates within the Town of Palmyra in the County of Ontario, and that in making such assessments, we will to the best of our knowledge and judgment observe the directions of the several laws of the state directing and requiring such assessments to be made.

Noah Porter, Darius Comstock, and Humphrey Shearman

We, William Rogers and Noah Porter, do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that we will in all things to the best of our knowledge, understanding, and ability will faithfully execute and perform the trust reposed in us as Overseers of the Poor of the District of Palmyra in the County of Ontario.

William Rogers and Noah Porter

We, Humphrey Shearman, Jonathan Warner, and Isaac Killey, do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that we will in all things to the best of our knowledge and understanding, will faithfully execute the trust reposed in us as commissioners of Highways for the District of Palmyra and County of Ontario without favor or partiality.
Humphrey Shearman, Jonathan Warner, & Isaac Killey