

1818 Minutes. Town of Palmyra, New York

In pursuance to public notice, a special town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmyra was held in the meeting house in the Village of Palmyra on January 20th, 1818, for the purpose of electing a collector and constable to supply the place of Lemuel Spear, who by reason of sickness became disqualified for the further duties of the aforesaid officer. Present: Frederick Smith, William Rogers, and Abraham Spear - Justices of the Peace, Inspectors of said meeting.

Voted: Asa R. Swift serve as Collector to supply the place of Lemuel Spear, disqualified.

Voted: Denison Rogers serve as Constable to supply the place of Lemuel Spear, disqualified.

Voted: This meeting stand adjourned, sine die.

James White, Town Clerk.

Record of the alteration of a public highway beginning at the center of the highway at the northeast corner of Thomas Rogers' garden, thence east 8 degrees, south 64 rods, thence east 17 degrees, south 66 rods, thence east 28 degrees, south 10 rods, thence south 11 degrees, east 20 rods, thence south 7 degrees, east 16 rods, thence south 18 degrees, east 19 rods, thence south 13 degrees, east 32 rods, thence south 11 degrees, east 18 rods, thence south 23 degrees, east 16 rods, thence south 32 degrees, east 25 rods to the center of the highway when it is now traveled.

Explored and actually surveyed January 19th, 1818. Gideon Shearman and Asa Aldrich, Jr., Commissioners of Highways.

I certify the above to be a true copy. James White, Town Clerk

Record of the alteration of a public highway beginning in the center of the highway that leads east from Z. Aldrich's and on the west line of Lot No. 40, thence north 34 degrees, east 19 rods, thence north 27 degrees, west 21 rods to the center of the highway that leads north on the above mentioned line.

Isaac Durfee and Asa Aldrich, Jr., Commissioners of Highways

I certify the above to be a true copy by me. James White, Town Clerk (Filed January 19th, 1818.)

19th School District. Record from the minutes of the 19th School district beginning on the north bank of Mud Creek on the center line of Lot No. 29, thence north on the center line of said lot to the north line thereof, thence east on said north line to the northeast corner of the same, thence north to the south bank of Red Creek, thence down said Red Creek to the east line of Township No. 12, 3rd Range, thence south to the north bank of Mud Creek, thence up Mud Creek to Asa R. Swift's west line, thence across Mud Creek on Gain Robinson's west line to the south line of the creek lots, thence west on the south line of the creek lots to Lemuel Spear's west line, thence north to Mud Creek, thence up Mud Creek to the place of beginning. The above was done by the request of the inhabitants composing this district and with the consent of the trustees of the several districts from which this district was taken.

Dated at Palmyra this 10th day of January, 1818.

Ira Selby, Darius Comstock, and Seymour Scovell –
Commissioners of Common Schools.

Town of Palmyra: I certify the above to be a true copy. James White, Town Clerk.

Record of the survey of a public highway beginning in the center of the highway 16 rods north of the north line of Joshua Cole's home farm, thence west 23 degrees, south 36 rods to said Cole's line, thence westerly along said line 76 rods, thence west 45 degrees, south 4 rods, thence west 45 degrees, north 4 rods to the aforesaid line, thence west on said line 38 rods, thence north 39 degrees, west 7 rods to Lemuel Durfee's north line, thence along said line 98 rods, thence west 6 degrees, north 34 rods, thence south 28 degrees, west 26 rods, thence west on said Durfee's line 26 rods, thence west 4 degrees, north 59 rods to the center of the highway leading from Stephen Durfee's to the Town of Williamson.

Isaac Durfee and Asa Aldrich, Jr., Commissioners of Highways

Town of Palmyra: I certify the above to be a true copy by me.

James White, Town Clerk

Record of the alteration of Road Districts; viz., all that part of Road District No. 25 lying south of a line drawn as follows: beginning on the east line of Lot No. 59, 123rd Range at the northeast corner of Lavil Aldrich's farm, thence west on his north line to the southeast corner of Josiah Shumway's farm, thence north to the northeast corner of said Shumway's land, thence west on said Shumway's north line until it intersects the line of Lot No. 60, thence south on

said lot line to the northeast corner of John Longley's land, thence west on the north line of said Longley's land and James Lake's north line to the west line of Palmyra is set off and known by the name of Road District No. 34. We further declare that all the territory embraced within the limits of Road District No. 16 and 21 shall be known by the name of Road District 16, and further we do annex that part of Road District No. 10 being a road leading from Noah Palmer's to John Warren's to Road District No. 9, and likewise we do set off William Cherry from Road District No. 20 and annex him to Road District No. 9.

We further direct that all that part of Road District No. 13 lying west of a line beginning at the northwest corner of Lot No. 41, 123rd Range, thence south on the west line of said lot to the southwest corner thereof is set off and known by the name of Road District No. 21. Dated at Palmyra this 24th day of March, 1818.

Isaac Durfee, Asa Aldrich, Jr., and Gideon Shearman –
Commissioners of Highways

Town of Palmyra I certify the above to be a true copy of the original. James White, Town Clerk. Dated at Palmyra March 24th, 1818.

Frederick Sheffield's mark: 2 round holes in the right ear and a slit in the upper side of the same. (Formerly the mark of Benjamin Woods.)

At the annual town meeting held in the meeting house in the village of Palmyra on the first Tuesday in April, 1818. Present: Frederick Smith, Abraham Spear, and William Rogers, Esq. – Justices of the Peace, Inspectors of said meeting.

Voted: David White serve as Supervisor the year ensuing.

Voted: James White serve as Town Clerk the year ensuing.

Voted: David Willcox, Joel Foster, and Charles Bradish serve as Assessors the year ensuing.

Voted: Luman Harrison, Bernard Beal, and Ephraim Green serve as Commissioners of Highways the year ensuing.

Voted: Henry Jessup and James Reeves serve as Overseers of the Poor the year ensuing.

Voted: Calvin Bradish serve as Collector the year ensuing.

Voted: Levi Jackson, Daniel Hendee, James Rogers, Ashley Vanduzer, Jacob Vanduzer, Harry L. Moore, Reuben Stark, Joel McCollum, Stephen Putnam, and Abner Cole serve as Constables the year ensuing.

Voted: Frederick Smith, Seymour Scovell, and Pardon Durfee serve as Commissioners of Schools the year ensuing.

Voted: Jesse Townsend, Lemuel Parkhurst, Baruch Beekwith, James Rogers, John Lapham, and Timothy C. Strong serve as Inspectors of Common Schools the year ensuing.

Voted: The vote electing Abner Cole as Constable should be reconsidered.

Voted: Denison Rogers serve as Constable the year ensuing.

Voted: The following persons serve as Overseers of the Highways in the several Districts the year ensuing:

District No. 1	Cyrus Foster	18	William Reed
2	Jared D. Rogers	19	Hudson Merit
3	James Galloway	20	David Warner
4	Israel Perry	21	Zachary Aldrich
5	Oliver Clarke	22	Zopher Smith
6	Joel Foster	23	John Vanduzer
7	Pardon Durfee	24	Nathan Stuart
8	Lemuel Durfee	25	Thomas Baker
9	John Warren	26	Enoch Lilly
10	Stephen Durfee	27	Joshua Terry
11	Isaac Durfee	28	James Robinson
12	Abner Hill	29	Oliver Durfee
13	Artemus Ward	30	Benjamin Hopkins
14	Bernard Beal	31	Ellory Potter
15	John F. Packard	32	Asa Shelly
16	Asa Smith	33	William Corwin
17	Bryce Aldrich	34	Caleb Lemon

Voted: The several Overseers of Highways serve as Fence Viewers the year ensuing.

Voted: Richard White serve as Pound Keeper the year ensuing.

Voted: Nathaniel H. Beckwith serve as Sealer of Weights and Measures the year ensuing.

Voted the swine and geese shall not be free commoners the year ensuing.

Voted that any person who shall permit his or her swine or geese to run at large shall pay a fine of one shilling for each and every swine and three pence for each and every goose so found running at large. Said fines to be applied for the benefit of the poor of said town.

Voted: The law respecting horses stand as recorded last year.

Voted: The law respecting neat cattle stand as passed last year, and the fine be applied for the use of the poor.

Voted: The law respecting ram sheep stand as it was passed last year; only the fine shall be applied to the benefit of the poor.

Voted: Sheep shall be free commoners the year ensuing.

Voted: The law respecting wolves remain as passed last year.

Voted: The town raise the sum of \$40 for the purpose of erecting guide posts and boards.

Voted the town raise \$200 for the benefit of the poor in said town the year ensuing.

Voted: The town raise \$5 for the purpose of procuring a standard scrap yard for the benefit of said town.

Voted: This meeting stand adjourned until the first Tuesday in April next; then to be opened at this place at 10:00 a.m.

I certify the above to be a true copy of the minutes.

James White, Town Clerk

Record from the minutes of the survey and alteration of a public highway leading from Job Sherman's to Joshua Terry's beginning on the west side of the center ridge on said road in the center of the old road at a stake, thence west 20 degrees, south 74 rods to a stake, thence west 22 degrees, north to a hard maple tree 24 rods, thence west 34 degrees, north 36 rods to a beech tree, thence west 22 degrees, north 48 rods until it intersects the road leading from Job Shearman's to James Parshall's.

Done April 29th, 1818.

Luman Harrison and Ephraim Green,
Commissioners of Highways

Record from the minutes of the alteration of a road running east from Reuben Hewit's, beginning 35 rods east from said Hewitt's, thence east until it intersects the old road near Joshua Parker's dwelling house.

Done April 25th, 1818. Luman Harrison and Ephraim Green,
Commissioner of Highways

Record from the re-survey and establishment of the highway running south from Main Street opposite the Printing Office beginning 2 rods west from northwest corner of McPhearson(?) and O'White Brick Store as the center of said road, thence south 2 degrees, west 148 rods to the old road as heretofore surveyed.

Approved and established as above on August 28th, 1818.

J. H. Gillespie

Ephraim Green and Luman Harrison
Commissioners of Highways (Canandaigua Street in margin)

Record from the minutes of the survey of a public highway laid by the commissioners of Highways of the Towns of Palmyra and Farmington on the line between the said towns, beginning at the southeast corner of Lot No. 1 in Township No. 12 in the 3rd Range of Townships in the Town of Palmyra, thence west 2 degrees north on the line between the towns of Palmyra and Farmington 124 rods to the center of the highway leading from David White's in Palmyra to the village of Manchester.

Dated December 4th, 1818. Luman Harrison, Ephraim green,
Nathan Barlow, and Nicholas Howland – Commissioners of
Highways for said towns.

We, the undersigned commissioners de agree and set off to the town of Palmyra the west part of the above highway as far east as the east side of the brook which said highways crosses and the remainder to the Town of Farmington.

Dated December 4th, 1818. Luman Harrison, Ephraim Green,
Nathan Barlow, and Nicholas Howland – Commissioners of
Highways for said town.

Jared D. Rogers' mark is a slit in the upper side of the right ear and a round hole in the center of the same. Recorded October 16th,
1819. James White, Town Clerk

Record from the minutes of the laying out of a public highway on actual survey between the Towns of Palmyra and Ontario on the line between the two towns, beginning at the center of a public highway running north and south by Caleb Sprague's in the Town of Ontario, thence east 2 degrees, south 112 rods to where it turns off into Ontario and runs 76 rods and again comes to the line at an alder bush, thence on said line 80 rods to a public highway running north and south from the Friends' Meeting House in Palmyra to Ontario.

Dated December 5th, 1818. Luman Harrison, Ephraim Green,
George Boynton, and Daniel
Inman, Commissioners of
Highways for said towns

We do agree upon the division of the above described road as follows: That the town of Ontario shall work and support the 112 rods west of where it turns off into Ontario and that Palmyra shall work and support the 80 rods east of where it again comes on to the said line.

Dated December 5th, 1818. Luman Harrison, Ephraim Green,
George Boynton, and Daniel
Inman – Commissioners of
Highways for said towns

Record from the minutes of the laying out of a public highway on actual survey, beginning on the north side of a public highway and on the west line of Mead Atwater's land. Said line to be the center of the highway, thence north 2 degrees, east 226 rods on said line, thence north 5 degrees, west 70 rods, thence north 26 degrees, west 80 rods, thence north 8 degrees, east 171 rods to the north line of the town to where it meets a public highway laid out in Town of Ontario. The above points of compass are given as the needle of the old town compass hangs at this time.

Dated December 12th, 1818. Luman Harrison and Ephraim
Green, Commissioners of
Highways