

## Minutes – Town of Palmyra – 1796 A doc

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Records of the District of Tollond, 1796, Liber A

At an annual Town Meeting holden at the home of Gideon Durfee within and for the District of Tollond on the first Tuesday of April, 1796. John Swift, Esq., Inspector of the 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  
Foster Goldsmith  
Humphrey Sherman

Voted to choose one Collector: William Porter  
Noah Porter – Overseer of the Poor  
Thomas Goldsmith – Overseer of the Poor

Jared Comstock – Commissioner of the Highways  
Reuben Town – Commissioner of the Highways  
William Rodgers – Commission of the Highways

Voted to choose two Constables: Joseph Branddish  
James Reeves

James Reeves, John Hurlbut, Joel Foster, Festus Goldsmith, Edwin Durfee, Luther Sanford, David Warner, Benjamin Wood, Abner Mill, Cyrus Parker, Henry Willburt, Thomas Harmston, Henry Lovewell, Norman Merry, Nathan Harris, Jacob Gannett – Postmasters.

David Warner – Fence Viewer  
John Hurlbut - Fence Viewer  
Elias Reeves – Fence Viewer  
Isaac Killey – Pound Master

Voted that the inhabitants of this district shall confine their swine this year from the first day of May to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October.

Voted that a fence shall not be deemed legal unless it is five feet high, for the first three feet the nails or toggles to be no more than four inches from each other and the nails or toggles 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 the Daniel Sawyer's old house and to present his amount to be inspected by the Supervisor, and 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.

I, John Swift to solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will in all things to the best of my knowledge and ability impartially execute and perform the trust reposed in me as Supervisor of the Town of Tollond in the County of Ontario and that I will not pay any amount or any article thereof wherewith 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.

A True Copy T. J. Edwards, Town Clerk

I, Jonathan Edwards, Clerk of the Town of Tollond, in the county of Ontario, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will faithfully and honestly keep all the books of records, writings, and papers by virtue of my Office of Town Clerk, committed and 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 favor or partiality.

T. J. Edwards

Tollond, April the 5<sup>th</sup> 1796 The above qualifications was taken before me. A True Copy John Swift

We, Jonathan Warner, Festus Goldsmith, and Humphrey Sherman do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that we will honestly and impartially assess the several persons and estates within the town of Tollond in the County of Ontario and that making such assessments, we will to the best of our knowledge and judgment observe the directions of the several laws of this state directing and requiring such assessments to be made.

Humphrey Sherman

Jonathan Warner

Festus Goldsmith

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1796. The above qualifications were taken before me.

John Swift, Justice of the Peace

A true copy of the original. Attest J. T. Edwards, Town Clerk

We, Noah Porter and Thomas Goldsmith do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that we will in all things to the best of our knowledge, understanding, and ability will and faithfully execute and perform the trust reposed in us as Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Tolland in the County of Ontario.

Thomas Goldsmith

Noah Porter

Tolland, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1796. The above qualifications were taken before me.

John Swift, Justice of the Peace

A true copy of the original. Attest: T. J. Edwards, Town Clerk

We, Jared Comstock, Reuben Town, and William Rogers, do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that we will in all things to the best of our knowledge and understanding will and faithfully execute the trust reposed in us as Commissioners of Highways for the Town of Tolland and county of Ontario without favor or partiality.

Jared Comstock

Reuben Town

William Rogers

Tolland, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1796. The above qualifications were taken before me.

John Swift, J. P.

A true copy of the original. Attest: T. J. Edwards, Town Clerk

We, Joseph Braddish and James Reeves, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that we will in all things to the best of knowledge and understanding and ability will and faithfully execute and perform the trust reposed in us as Constables of the town of Tolland in the County of Ontario.

Joseph Braddish  
James Reeves

Tolland, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1796. The above qualifications were taken before me.

John Swift, Justice of the Peace

A true copy of the original.

Attest: J. T. Edwards, Town Clerk

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## June 6, 1796

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A division of the Highways in the district of Tolland in the County of Ontario are as follows into separate Road District (Viz.). The Road District to begin at the middle of North Creek upon the highway from John Russel's to Nathan Harris' to extend north and east over Mud Creek by Thadeus Taft's and thence eastward by Jonathan Millet's to the line between the two west twelves, first and second ranges.

2. Road district to begin at the west line of West 12, second Range, between Reuben Town's and William Jakeway's to extend east to the line of the lots between John Swift, Esq. and William Jonah Nowell and also south upon the Canandaigua Road to the south line of south district and north by John Russel's to the middle of Mud Creek.
3. Road district to begin at the west line of William Jonah Nowell's lot or teniment where he now resides and to extend thence east upon the south side of Mud Creek to the center line of the southwest 12 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Range including a new highway east of the center line by Thomas Rogers' and southeast by William Rogers' on the highway laid towards Flint Creek to the south line of the town or district.
4. The road district to begin at the new street a small distance east of the sawmill belonging to John Swift, Esq. And thence north and east to Mud Creek and over thence east to the center line of the township and also north to the north line of the southwest 12, the 2<sup>nd</sup> range.
5. The road district to begin at the before mentioned center line between William Willcox and Lieutenant Joel Foster's to extend east to the line of the lots between David W. Foster and Elias Reeves on the north side of Mud Creek, and also to the south side of Mud Creek from a certain new highway a little east of the center line by James Galloway's, east to a highway from or between the aforementioned David H. Foster's to Humphrey Sherman's and also north and south within the before described lines to the north and south lines of the above said West 12 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> range.
6. The road district to begin at the before described lines between David H. Foster's and Elias Reeves to extend north and south and also east to the lines of the line of the aforementioned west 12 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> range.
7. The road district to begin at the east line of west 12 the 3<sup>rd</sup> range on the Creek Road and the foot of the hill near William Jakeway's, thence northward and west the road to Webb Harwood's west line and also from that to the south line of west 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> range.
8. The road district to begin at the west line of Webb Harwood's land, thence west by Jacob Gannet's to the east end of a certain causeway near the west line of Ebenezer Reed's land, also south by Gannet's house over Mud Creek by Abraham Lapham's to the south line of the district, also east on the south side of Mud Creek to Noah Porter's.
9. The road district to begin at the east end of the aforementioned causeway near Ebenezer Reed's west line, thence west on the west line of the west 12 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> range and also the highway by Jeremiah Smith's to the south line of the said district.

10. The road district to begin at the Creek Highway a little west of a certain causeway before described near Reed's land and to extend west by John Gibson's to the west line of said district.
11. The road district to begin at the Creek Road between Reuben town's and William Lemuel Spear's and to extend northward by Benjamin Woods' to the north part of the settlement in West 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> range.
12. The road district to begin at the creek and near Webb Harwood's to extend northward by John Kingman's to the north line of west 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> range.

William Jonathan Edwards, Sr. We the subscribers wish you to record the above division of highways in the town book, according as the law directs. Done in Tolland, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1796. As witness our hands.

William Rodgers – Commissioner of Highways  
Reuben Town – Commissioner of Highways

A true copy of the original. Attest: J. Edwards, Town Clerk

**May 14, 1796**

At a spetial(sic) town meeting held at the schoolhouse near William John Russel's, by notification of the Town Clerk at 2 o'clock p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1796. John Swift, Esq., Inspector of the Meeting.

The meeting being duly opened adjourned to the house of Doctor(?) S. Aldridge to meet immediately. The meeting being opened accordingly proceeded to business. Voted that this town will choose commissioners to take care of their school money.

**Voted** – That this town will choose five Commissioners.

Chosen: John Hurlbut – School Commissioner  
For 1796 Thomas Goldsmith – School Commissioner  
Noah Porter – School Commissioner  
Jared Comstock – School Commissioner  
Humphrey Sherman – School Commissioner

**Voted** – That this town will vender the marks of cattle to the highest bidder.

**Voted** - That the owner of any swine that such damage shall be liable to make the damage good without any regard to fence.

The meeting adjourned without Day.

A true record of the proceeding of the meeting.

Attest: J. Edwards, Town Clerk

Marks applied for in the District of Tolland in the year 1796.

Joel Foster's mark: A crop of the left ear and a slope under the same.

Jonah Nowell's mark: A crop of the right ear.

Joel W. Foster's mark: A crop of the left ear.

David W. Foster's mark: A slope the foreside of the right ear. (Transferred to Job B. Norris on page 180; 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1814.)

John Swift, Esq.: A half penny under the right ear. (Referred to page 150(?) to Dack Ensworth.)

Nathan Reeves: A half penny under the left ear. The above mark transferred to James Davidson, page 146.

Gideon Durfee: A crop of the left ear and a slit under the same.

Humphrey Sherman: A half crop under the left ear.

Job Durfee: A half crop under the right ear.

Moses Culver: A half penny the fore side of the right ear.  
Elias Reeves: A half penny the fore side of the left ear.  
Thomas Rogers: A crop of the right ear and a half penny under the same.  
Edward Durfee: A crop of the right ear and a slit under the same.  
John Swift, Esq.: A crop of the right ear and a slit the upper side of the same.  
(Transferred to Zina J. Buck, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1827.)  
Davis Comstock: A hollow crop of the left ear. (Transferred to Joab H. Drake, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1828.)  
Nathan Harris: A round hole in each ear.  
David Warner: A crop of the left ear and a slit in the middle of the same.  
Isaac Norvel: A crop of the right ear and a slit in the same.  
John Russel: A slit in the end of the right ear. (Transferred to D. William White, page 240.)  
David Willcox: A round hole in the right ear. (Transferred to Joseph Willcox, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1830, page 30.)  
Gideon Durfee, Jr.: A slit under the left ear.  
Reuben Town: A slit in the under side of the right ear (Transferred to Paul Goldsmith on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1812, page 162.)  
Davis Comstock: A slit in the end of the left ear. (Transferred to Bryan W. Brown(?) on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1802.)  
John Gibson: A crop of the left ear and a slit in the end of the right. (Recorded for Joseph Graff on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1806.)  
James Parshall: A crop of the right ear and a slit in the end of the left. (Recorded for Jeremiah Travis on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1805  
Noah Porter: A round hole in the left ear.  
Oliver Clark: A half crop in the upper side of the left ear.  
Thomas Goldsmith: A slope of the upper side of the left ear and a half penny under the same.  
Joseph Braddish: Two half pennies in the upper side of the right ear. (Entered for Calvin Braddish on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1804.)  
John Hurlbut: A crop and half crop the under side of the left ear.  
Benjamin Clark: A half crop the upper side of the left ear..  
Darius Comstock: A round hole in the left ear and a slit in the end. (Transferred to David Lapham on September 22, 1804.)  
Benjamin Woods: Two round holes in the right ear and a slit in the same. (Transferred to George Howell, page 242.)  
Jonathan Warner: A half penny the under side of each ear. (Transferred to Samuel Clarke I on page 194.)  
James Beever: A slope the under side of the left ear.  
Lemuel Speer: A slope the under side of the right ear.  
William Porter: Two holes in the right ear and one in the left.  
Israel Dileno: A half penny the fore side of the right ear and the same the fore side of the left.  
Timothy Conant: Two round holes in the left ear. (Transferred to Larry Parshal on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1816, page 191.)

Festus Goldsmith: A half penny the upper side of the left and the same the under side of the right ear.

William Rodgers, Esq.: A slit the upper side of thee right ear.

Jonah Howells: Brand I H

William Jackway: A crop of the right ear and a half penny the under side of the left.

John Crandal: A swallow's tail in the left ear and a half crop in the right. Transferred to Gabriel Woodman, page 191.)

Pardon Willcox: A crop of the right ear and a swallow's tail in the left.

Henry Lowell: A crop of the right ear and the tail, but close to the buttocks.

Reuben Town: A crop of each ear and a slit the under side of the left. (Transferred to Nathaniel Boyle, page 109.)

Benjamin Luse: A half penny the under side of the left ear and a hole in the right. (Transferred to Thomas Paterson on page 191.)

Luther Sanford: A slope the upper side of each ear.

Alexander Rowley: A slope the under side of each ear.

Alexander Rowley: Brand A R

Elisha Sanford: A slope the upper side of each ear.

Elisha Sanford: Brand E S

Robert Winds: A crop of the left ear and a half penny the upper side of the right. (Transferred to George Durfee on page 187.)

July 2, 1809 - Joshua Terry's mark: A narrow piece taken out toward the upper side of the left ear from the top to the head.

July 13, 1809 - George Grave's mark: A narrow piece taken off the upper side the right ear from the top to the head.

I, Stephen Aldrich, Clerk of the District of Tolland, in the County of Ontario, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will faithfully and honestly keep all the books of records—writing and papers by virtue of my Office of Town Clerk Committee and which shall from time to time be committed unto me and in all things to the best of my knowledge and understanding will well and faithfully perform the duties of my Office of Town Clerk without favor or partiality.

Stephen Aldrich

Tolland, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1797

The above qualification was taken before me. William Rogers

Justice of the Peace

A record of a highway beginning near William Jackway's house on the town line at a beach tree marked off from thence west is (?) degrees south, 20 rods thence west 18 degrees south, 16 rods thence west, 24 degrees south, 16 rods thence west, 20 degrees south, 20 rods thence west, 26 south, 10 rods thence west, 31 degrees south, 11 rods thence west, 21 degrees south, 16 rods thence right, 16 degrees south, 18 rods thence west, 2 degrees south, 36 rods thence west, 15 degrees south, 14 rods thence west, 22 degrees south, 20 rods thence west, 16 degrees south, 44 rods thence west, 3 degrees south, 16 rods thence west is(?) degrees south, 26 rods thence west, 3 degrees north, 28 rods thence due west, 44 rods thence west, 3 degrees north, 20 rods thence west, 10 degrees north, 10 rods thence west, 2 degrees north, 19 rods thence west, 17 degrees south, 15 rods thence west, 20 degrees south, 80 rods to the highway that leads from David Warner's by Bennet Bates' to Canandaigua, twelve rods north of

the line that divides Noah Porter and Bennet Bates' land. Beginning again at the Canandaigua road(?) or highway near Bennet Bates' house, thence west 6 ½ degrees south, 60 rods thence west 9 degrees south, 64 rods thence west 50 rods thence west 15 degrees north, 70 rods thence west 15 degrees south, 22 rods thence west, 45 degrees south, 22 rods thence south, 24 degrees west, 36 rods thence south 35 degrees west, 200 rods thence west 225 degrees south, 1006 rods to the highway that leads from Jacob Gannet's by Abraham Lapham's to Canandaigua.

Jared Comstock – Commissioner of Highways

Reuben Town – Commissioner of Highways

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

A record of a highway beginning at a beach tree marked with the letter H, eleven rods northerly of Ezekiel Southard's house from thence south 5 degrees west, 96 rods, thence south 17 degrees west, 54 rods thence south 225 degrees west, 36 rods thence south 30 degrees west, 33 rods thence south 4 degrees west, 120 rods thence south, 90 degrees east, 64 rods thence south 2 degrees east, 26 rods thence south 7 degrees east, 70 rods thence south, 20 degrees east, 91 rods thence south, 40 degrees east, 32 rods thence south, 55 degrees east, 60 rods to the highway that leads by Web Howard's to Jacob Gannet's.

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

A record of a highway beginning at a beach tree marked with the letter H on the line between Barnard Brown and Joseph Hamilton's land. From thence east 2 ½ degrees south, 127 rods to the highway that leads from Web Howard's to Ezekiel Southard's.

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

A record of a highway from a stake a little east of the place where the school house formerly stood upon the north side of the street directly opposite the Canandaigua Road in the district of Tolland. Began a stake opposite the Canandaigua Road from thence running north 2 degrees east, 32 rods, then north 40 degrees west, 7 rods, a0 links thence north, 12 rods thence run up(?) Mud Creek north 5 degrees west, 79 ½ rods thence north 11 degrees west, 18 rods thence north 18 degrees west, 124 rods to a walnut stake on Nathan Harris' land. (Church Street)?

A true copy of the original. Continued on page 95 to Stephen Durfee and page 109 to Town Line north. See page 128-129-187-198.

Attest: Stephen Aldrich, Town Clerk

A record of a highway from the east side of Mud Creek near Thadeus Taft's to the before-mentioned walnut stake on Nathan Harris' land.

Begin at the east side of Mud Creek at a Butternut tree marked H on Thadeus Taft's and, thence west 19 degrees south, 36 rods thence west 12 degrees south 44 rods, thence west 20 degrees south, 5 rods to the before described walnut stake on Nathan Harris' land.

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

A highway beginning at a white oak tree to the southeast of John Marpel's old house on the new road that leads from Marpel's to Nathan Harris' and from thence west 5 degrees north, 52 rods thence west 16 degrees south, 30 rods thence west 33 degrees south, 30 rods thence west 38 degrees south, 40 rods to



the line between the two No. twelves at a certain black oak stake thence south 2 degrees west upon said town line to a boxwood stump marked 69 rods.  
To the Town clerk of Tolland, please to record the same.

William Moyers - Commissioner of Highways  
Reuben Town – Commissioner of Highways

Attest: Stephen Aldrich, Town Clerk (Alteration on page 74)

Mr. 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 Commissioner of Excise five dollars.

Tolland, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1796     John Swift – Commissioner of Excise  
   William Moyers – Commissioner of Excise  
   Stephen Aldrich – Town Clerk

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 right of William Jackway's on the west line of No. 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> range thence to include all the roads. One 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 Moyers' 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 Toft's to Mud Creek.

2<sup>nd</sup> road district to begin on the town line west of William Jackway's thence north on said line across Mud Creek to a road laid on the north side of said creek, including the road that heads through Jonathan Millet's land, thence west along said road to the west line of Webb Horword's land, likewise including all roads lying south of said creek as far west as said Harwood's west line.

3<sup>rd</sup> road district beginning at the south bank of Mud Creek on the road from John Swift's land 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's to Humphrey Sherman's(?)

4<sup>th</sup> road district beginning at the west line of Webb Horword'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.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

6<sup>th</sup> 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 lot and west lines of No. 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> range, but what has been heretofore described.

Said division was made in Tolland the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1797 by us the subscribers:

William Rogers – Commissioner of Highways  
Reuben Town – Commissioner of Highways  
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 Commissioner of Excise five dollars.

Nathaniel Williams & Company are licensed to sell strong and spirituous liquor the ensuing year in said Town of Tollond for which the said Williams has paid to the Commissioner of Excise five dollars.

Tollond, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1797

William Moyers - Commissioner of Excise    Stephen Aldrich – Town Clerk

Stephen Phelps is permitted to keep a public inn or tavern the ensuing year in the Town of Tollond for which the said Phelps has paid to the Commissioner of Excise five dollars.

William Moyers – Commissioner of Excise

Stephen Aldrich – Town Clerk

### **Record 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 Sherman, and Darius Comstock - Assessors. Edward Durfee – Collector. Noah Porter and William Rogers, Esq. – Overseers of the Poor. Humphrey Sherman, Jonathan Warner, and Isaac Willey – Commissioners of Highway. Thaddeus Taft and Sylvenus Conant – Constables. John Swift, Esq. pathmaster of 1<sup>st</sup> Road District. Reuben Town, pathmaster of 2<sup>nd</sup> Road District. Job Durfee, pathmaster of 3<sup>rd</sup> Road District. Jonathan Warner, pathmaster of 4<sup>th</sup> Road District. Gideon Durfee, pathmaster of 5<sup>th</sup> Road District. Barnabus Brown, pathmaster of 6<sup>th</sup> Road District.

John Hurlbut – School Commissioner

Thomas Goldsmith – School Commissioner

Darius Comstock – School Commissioner

David Warner – Fence Viewer

John Russell – Fence Viewer

Oliver Clark – Fence Viewer

Isaac Willey – Pound Master

**Voted** – That swine shall be close confined from the first day of May to the first day of October next.

**Voted** – That the owner of swin running at large, for a penalty shall pay all damages done by said swin.

**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 one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the town.

**Voted** – That there shall be a bounty of five dollars 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, Sylvanus Conant and Thadeus Taft, do solemnly promise and sincerely swear that we will in all things to the best of our knowledge and understanding 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

Sylvenus Conant

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

Noah Porter

Darius Comstock

Humphrey Sherman

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

Noah Porter

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

Jonathan Warner

Isaac Willey

I, Jonah Howell, do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that I will in all things to the best of my knowledge and ability faithfully and impartially execute and perform the Trust reposed in me as supervisor of the district of Palmyra and the county of Ontario, and that I will not pay any account or any article thereof wherewith I shall thing the said county is justly chargeable.

Jonah Howell

April 4, 1797

The above oaths taken and subscribed before me.

John Swift, Esq.

A true copy of the original.

Attest: Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

We, Reuben Town, John Swift, Esq., and Job Durfee. appointed Overseers of Highways in the Town of Palmyra in the County of Ontario, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that we will honestly, faithfully, and impartially to the best of our understanding and ability execute the duties enjoined on us as Overseers of Highways.

John Swift

Reuben Town  
Job Durfee

Palmyra, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1797

Personally appeared before me: John Swift, Esq., Reuben Town, and Job Durfee,  
Overseers of Highways and subscribed the above engagement and are duly qualified  
by me.

William Rogers, Justice of the Peace

A true copy of the original.

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

I, Gideon Durfee, Jr., do affirm that I will perform all the duties required of me as  
Overseer of the Highways according to the best of my abilities.

Gideon Durfee, Jr.

The above affirmation taken and subscribed before me the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1797.

John Swift, Justice of the Peace

A true copy of the original.

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

I, John Crandal, appointed an Overseer of Highways in the Town of Palmyra in the  
county of Ontario, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will honestly, faithfully, and  
impartially to the best of my understanding and ability execute the duties enjoined on me  
as Overseer of Highways on the pain and penalty of perjury.

John Crandal

Palmyra, November 8, 1797

Personally appeared before me, Mr. John Crandal and was duly qualified as the law  
directs for Overseer of Highways.

William Rogers, Justice of the Peace

A true copy of the original.

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

Marks applied for in the year 1797:

Israel Parshall: A half crop the underside of the right ear and a slit in the end of the left  
ear.

James Galoway: A slot in the end of each ear.

Stephen Phelps: a slit in the end of the right ear and the underside of the same.

(Transferred to John Lapham, page 243.)

Reuben Starks: A crop of the right ear and a slit in the end of the same & halfpenny  
the underside of the left ear. (Transferred to Josiah Hathaway, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1827.)

Israel Parshall : Brand IP

William Wilcox: A slit in the end of the left ear and a round hole in the right ear.

Joseph Shoemaker: A crop the underside of the left ear and a slit in the end of the right  
ear. (Transferred to Robert Curtis on page 191, June 11, 1816.)

Due the present year, 1797, to the Town of Palmyra \$111.24 for the support of schools  
in said town by order of the Board of Supervisors.

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

A record of the highway beginning at the walnut stake on Nathan Harris land from  
thence west 20 degrees, 36 rods, thence south 20 degrees, west 26 rods, thence south  
22 degrees west, 78 rods thence south 40 degrees, west 40 rods, thence south 30  
degrees (?) 133 rods thence south on the town line 48 rods to the road on Mud Creek.

A true copy of the original.

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

A record of a highway at a stake and stones on the road from Thomas Harris to  
Jonathan Millets from thence 34 degrees, west 54 rods thence north 15 degrees west,

18 rods thence north 5 degrees, west 98 rods thence north 30 degrees, west 26 rods, thence north 45 degrees, west 18 rods thence west 10 degrees, north 10 rods, thence west 5 degrees, 24 rods thence west 32 degrees, north 20 rods, thence west 22 degrees, north 10 rods, thence west 5 degrees, north 24 rods to a birch tree marked H on Woody Stone's land.

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

A record of a highway beginning on the town line at a stake and stone a little south of Red Creek running west 21 degrees, south 12 rods, thence west 10 degrees south 12 rods to a basswood tree marked H on Ebenezer Read's land.

Isaac Willey, Commissioner

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

A record of a highway beginning at a bridge near Mr. Williams' store from thence west 16 degrees, north 22 rods, thence north 30 degrees west 22 rods thence north 13 degrees west 18 rods, thence north 6 degrees west 20 rods, thence north 29 degrees, west 50 rods thence west 38 degrees north 24 rods, thence north 43 degrees west 14 rods, thence north 30 rods, thence north 30 degrees west 70 rods, thence north 13 degrees, west 86 rods, thence north 148 rods, thence west 124 rods to a stake by a brook on Stephen Durfee's land between said Durfee's and Nathan Harris' land.

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

A record of a highway beginning at Job Durfee's east line and Edward Durfee's west line. Upon the road on Mud Creek from thence north on said line 290 thence North 10 degrees west 50 rods thence north 66 rods, thence north 30 degrees and 100 rods thence north 37 degrees and 54 rods to the road that leads to Sodus.

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

Record of a highway beginning at Gideon durfee's west line and Humphrey Sherman's east line, from thence 2 degrees and 98 rods thence 30 degrees and 92 rods, thence south 40 degrees, east 54 rods, thence south 30 degrees, east 76 rods to the town line between north 12 in the first range and north 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> range to the corner of Joshua Terry's lot.

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

Record of a highway beginning at the old road on Gideon Durfee's west line and thence east 6 degrees, south 84 rods, thence east 15 degrees, south 24 rods, thence east 30 degrees, south 24 rods, thence east 5 degrees, north 16 rods, thence east 7 degrees, south 36 rods.

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

Record of a highway relaid on the north side of the creek beginning at the line near Red Creek, thence west 32 rods, thence south 42 degrees, west 46 rods, thence south 28 rods, thence south 37 degrees, west 14 rods to the road laid before.

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

Records of the District of Palmyra, 1798. At an annual Town Meeting held at the house of Stephen Phelps in Palmyra on the first Tuesday of April, 1798. The meeting being opened, adjourned to the school house near John Parsell's. Town officers chosen as follows: Stephen Phelps – Town Clerk

Jonah Howell – Supervisor

Noah Porter – Assessor

Joel Foster – Assessor

John Hurlbut – Assessor

Darius Comstock – Overseer of the Poor

Thomas Goldsmith – Overseer of the Poor

Nathan Comstock – Commissioner of Highways

Job Durfee – Commissioner of Highways

James Reeves – Commissioner of Highways

**Voted** – to choose two constables: Jonah Howell, Jr. – Constable

Constant Southard – Constable

**Voted** – that the Constables serve as Collectors:

Thomas Goldsmith – Overseer of Highways, 1<sup>st</sup> Road District

Benet Bates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Road District. William Wilcox, 3<sup>rd</sup> Road District. Israel Dillon, 4<sup>th</sup> Road District. Elias Reeves, 5<sup>th</sup> Road District. John Kingman, 6<sup>th</sup> Road District.

Pardon Durfee – Commissioner of Schools

Nathan Comstock – Commissioner of Schools

Festus Goldsmith – Commissioner of Schools

**Voted** – That the Overseers of Highways shall serve as Fence Viewers.

**Voted** – That there shall be a pound erected and the supervisor to pay the person employed to built it at the expense of the town.

**Voted** – That the pound master shall erect the pound.

**Voted** – That the pound shall be erected the north side of the road joining William Galloway's lot in the corner of the road between the Main Street and the road running by the school house.

John Swift, Esq. chosen Pound Master.

**Voted** – That the owner of swin running at large shall pay all damages done by said swine.

**Voted** – that the Overseer of Poor shall deliver the money reposed in their hands to the supervisor for the use of town.

Darius Comstock and Humphrey Sherman chosen to settle with the Supervisor.

**Voted** – That John Hurlbut shall meet the several Assessors of the County in Canandaigua to confer with them respecting the assessment.

**Voted** – That this meeting stand adjourned until the first Tuesday of April next to this place of adjournment.

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

I, Stephen Phelps, Clerk of the Town of Palmyra in the county of Ontario, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that 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 knowledge and abilities as well faithfully perform the duties of my said office without favors or partiality.

Stephen Phelps

April 3, 1798 The above qualification taken before me.

A true copy. John Swift, Justice of the Peace

I, Jonah Howell, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will in all things to the best of my knowledge and ability, impartially execute and perform the trust reposed in me as Supervisor of the Town of Palmyra in the County of Ontario and that I will not

pay any account or any article thereof wherewith I shall think the said county is not chargeable nor will I disallow account or article thereof wherewith I shall think it justly chargeable.

Palmyra, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1798

Jonah Howell

The above qualification was duly taken before me. William Rogers, J. P.

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

I, Noah Porter, do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that I will honestly and impartially assess the several person and estates within the Town of Palmyra in the county of Ontario and that in making such assessment I will to the best of my knowledge and ability observe the directions of the several laws of this state directing and requiring such assessment to be made.

Noah Porter

Palmyra, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1798

The above qualification duly taken before me. William Rogers, J. P.

I, John Hurlbut, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will honestly and impartially assess the several person and estates within the Town of Palmyra in the County of Ontario and that in making such assessment, I will to the best of knowledge and judgment observe the several laws and directions of this state directing and requiring such assessment to be made.

John Hurlbut

Palmyra, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1798

The above qualification was duly taken before me. William Rogers, J. P.

I, Joel Foster, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I 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 assessment, I will to the best of my knowledge and judgment observe the directions of the several laws of this state directing and requiring such assessment to be made.

Joel Foster

Palmyra, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1798.

The above qualification was duly taken before me. John Swift, J. P.

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

I, Darius Comstock, do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that I will in all things to the best of my knowledge, understanding, and ability will execute and perform the trust reposed in me as Overseer of the Poor of the Town of Palmyra in the County of Ontario.

Darius Comstock

Palmyra, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1798.

The above qualification was duly taken before me. William Rogers, J. P.

I, Thomas Goldsmith, do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that I will in all things to the best of my knowledge, understanding, and ability will faithfully execute and perform the trust reposed in me as Overseer of the Poor of the Town of Palmyra in the County of Ontario. Thomas Goldsmith

Palmyra, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1798.

The above qualification was duly taken before me. William Rogers, J. P.

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