

Town of Palmyra – Minutes for 1803

Record of the survey of the alteration of a highway that runs westerly by Lemuel Durfee's house and the base of the east side of the hill whereon said house now stands. Thence north 38 degrees, west 8 rods, thence west 25 degrees, north 9 rods, thence west 5 degrees, south 4 rods, thence south 43 degrees, west 8 rods to the center of the aforesaid road and so much the said former road as lies from the beginning to the end of the said new road is hereby discontinued. Explored and approved December 3rd, 1803.

By: Pardon Durfee, Commissioner
James Reeves, Commissioner

Alteration of a public highway beginning on the south bank of Mud Creek and north line of a public highway that leads westerly from the bridge on said creek at the confluence of Red Creek and about 40 rods westerly from said bridge at a maple and basswood tree. Thence north 18 degrees, west to the north bank of aforesaid creek, thence north 41 degrees, west 3 rods to a maple tree on the south line of a road formerly laid by John Hurlbut and Festus Goldsmith running westerly by John Crandal's house and all of said road east of said maple tree passing across the confluence of Red Creek is hereby discontinued. Explored and approved December 3rd, 1802. By: Pardon Durfee and James Reeves, Commissioners.

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

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

Record of the survey of a highway beginning on the west line of Jonah Howell's home farm and in the center of a public highway leading by said Howell's mill. Thence west 1 ½ degrees, north 52 rods, thence west 30 degrees, north 50 rods, thence west 24 ½ degrees, north 54 rods, thence west 46 degrees, north 26 rods to the center of the east end of Palmyra Street. The above laid as a public road 4 rods in width. Explored and approved January 3rd, 1803. By: Pardon Durfee and James Reeves, Commissioners.

A true copy.

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

Record of the survey of a highway beginning in a public highway leading from Job Durfee's to Sodus 5 rods south of the north line of Palmyra from thence as the needle now hangs, east 25 degrees, south 140, thence 20 degrees, east 13 rods, thence south 13 degrees, east 11 rods, thence south 20 rods, thence south 18 degrees, east 17 rods, thence south 171 rods, thence south 10 ½ degrees, east 19 rods, thence south 30 rods, thence south 22 degrees, west 20 rods, thence south 3 degrees, east 46 rods,

thence south 3 degrees, west 20 rods, thence east 10 degrees, south 55 rods, thence south 73 rods, thence south 38 degrees, east 51 rods, thence south 22 degrees, east 33 rods, thence south 26 degrees, east 20 rods, thence east 1 1/2 degrees, south 73 rods to a highway leading from Deacon Reeves to Sodus. The above line runs from the center of the road, which is laid 4 rods wide. Explored and approved January 11th, 1803.

By: James Reeves and Pardon Durfee, Commissioners

A true copy. Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

Marks applied for in 1802

Silas Stoddard's mark: A half crop the upper side of the left ear and a half penny the underside of the right ear.

Peter Harris' mark: A swallow's tail in the left ear and a half penny under the right ear.

Rufus Reeves' mark: A half crop the upper side of each ear. (Transferred to Z. Reeves April 2nd, 1824, page 248.)

Enoch Saunders' mark: A crop of the right ear and a slit in the end of the left ear and a half penny the underside of the same.

David Foster's mark: A slit in the end and half penny the underside of the left ear.

Sylvenus Conant's mark: Two holes through the left ear and one through the right ear. (Transferred to page 156.)

Howell Toft's mark: A hollow crop off the right ear and a crop off the left ear and a slit in the end of the same.

Jedathan(?) Tucker's mark: A half penny the upper side of the right ear

February 15th, 1803

A new division of the road districts in the Town of Palmyra as follows: 1st Road District beginning on the north bank of Mud Creek and east line of a road on the west line of No. 12, 2nd Range, thence south on said line to the south line of said town and from the beginning east on the bank of said creek to the west line of John Crandal's land, thence east on the south bank of said creek to the mouth of Red Creek, thence south to the town line.

2nd District beginning on the south bank of Mud Creek and west bank of Mr. Howell's farm, thence east on said bank to the west line of a road leading from Gideon Durfee's to (?) Goldsmith's, thence east on the north bank of said creek across said road, thence east on the south bank of said creek to David Willcox's east line, thence east on the north bank of said creek, until it will compare with the east line of the land improved by Jonathan Horton, thence south to the town line.

3rd District beginning on the north bank of Mud Creek and opposite the above mentioned Horton east line, thence east on the bank of said creek opposite of James Galloway's east line, thence south on the west line of a road nearly on said line to a road leading by said Galloway's house, thence southerly on the southeasterly side of a road leading by Thomas Cornwell's to the south line of the town and bounded west by the 2nd Road District.

4th District beginning on James Galloway's east line and south bank of Mud Creek, thence east on said bank to Humphrey Shearman's east line, thence east on the north bank of said creek to the east line of said town, thence south to the south line of said town and bounded west by the 3rd Road District.

5th District bounded east by the east town line south by the last mentioned district, north by the town line and west by a line beginning on the north bank of Mud Creek and west line of Howell Toff's land, thence north to the town line.

6th District bounded east by the 5th road District north by the north line of the town, south by the 2nd Road District and west by the east bank of Red Creek to where it intersects the west line of No. 12 (?) Range, thence north to the town line.

7th District bounded south on the 1st Road District as far west as the west line of No. 12 in the 2nd Range, thence west on the north bank of Mud Creek to the west line of Lemuel Spear's farm and extending north to Red Creek, excepting a road leading from the north line of Nathan Comstock's farm to Benjamin Woods' and easterly on the 6th Road District.

8th District bounded west by the 6th Road District, north by the north town line, south by the 7th Road district and extending west to the east line of Lot No. 27.

9th District being the same as formerly.

10th District beginning in the center of Mud Creek, thence up said creek to a bridge near Jeremiah Smith's, thence northerly on the

east side of the road to Cyrus Packard's land, thence northerly on the west side of a road leading from said Packard's to a road running east and west by Bartimus Packard's, thence north to the 9th Road District.

11th District bounded south and west by the town line, north by the 9th Road District and easterly by the 10th Road District and by the east lines of Lots No. 8 and 17.

12th District bounded south on the town line, west by the 11th District, north on the 10th Road District and east by the lines of Lots No. 20 and 5.

13th District bounded west by the 12th road District, south by the town line, east by the 1st Road District and north by the north line of a road lying on the north side of Mud Creek, including Nathan Comstock and Webb Harwood.

At an annual town meeting held on the fifth Tuesday in March 1803 at the town house in Palmyra. The meeting being opened, adjourned to the house of Joseph Comstock. John Swift, Esq. chosen Moderator.

Voted to choose a Town Clerk by hand vote.

Nathan Comstock - Supervisor
Lemuel Durfee – Assessor
Charles Bradish – Assessor
James Reeves – Assessor
Lemuel Durfee – Commissioner of Highways
Charles Bradish – Assessor
James Reeves - Assessor
Noah Porter - Overseer of the Poor
Thomas Goldsmith – Overseer of the Poor
Constant Southworth – Collector

Voted to choose two constables.

Constant Southworth – Constable
John Crandal – Constable
Cyrus Foster – Overseer of Highways, 1st District
David Willcox – 2nd District
James Galloway – 3rd District
Humphrey Shearman – 4th District
Oliver Clark – 5th District
Edward Durfee – 6th District
Daniel Millet – 7th District
Lewis Turner - 8th District
Barnabas Brown – 9th District
Ira Lapham – 10th District
Moses Baker – 11th District

Darius Comstock – 12th District

Webb Harwood – 13th District

Voted the Overseers of Highways serve as Fence Viewers.

Isaac Kelly chosen Pound Master.

Voted that rams shall be confined from the 1st of September to the 1st of November, and for a penalty the owner of any ram running at large within that term of time shall pay a fine of \$.50 to any person, who shall take up and confine said ram together with cost.

Voted that any person finding boars running at large shall have liberty to castrate the same with impunity.

Voted that the owner or owners of all swine running at large shall pay all damage done by said swine.

Voted that town will pay the sum of \$5.00 for each and every wolf killed by the inhabitants thereof, either in this or the adjacent towns, who shall produce their head entire and make oath they killed the same before the Supervisor or a Justice of the Peace.

Voted all said horses over one year old shall be confined, and for a penalty the owner shall pay \$1.00 to any person who shall confine said horse and all damage done by the same.

Voted this meeting stand adjourned to the first Tuesday in March next to the Town House.

A true copy of the original.

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk

Record of the survey of a public highway. From Reuben Town's to Jeremiah Selby's, beginning in the center of a highway 2 rods north of the northeast corner of said Town's barn at a right angle from the north side of said barn, thence east 11 degrees, north 18 rods, thence east 17 degrees, north 37 ½ rods, where it intersects the east line of Township No. 12, 2nd Range. No allowance made for variation of the needle.

Explored and approved by: Lemuel Durfee and Charles Bradish - Commissioners of Highways. March 15th, 1803.

Record of the survey of the alteration of a public highway leading from John Russell's old house on the north side of creek by Daniel Millet's. Beginning in the center of a road leading by said Russell's old house to Nathan Harris' 2 rods and 17 links north of the stump of a particular white oak tree mention in the record of the old

survey, thence west 4 degrees, south 38 rods, thence west 25 degrees, north 10 rods, thence west 2 1/2 degrees, north 14 rods, thence west 2 degrees, south 34 rods, thence west 17 degrees, south 18 rods, thence west 20 degrees, south 34 rods, thence west 17 degrees, south 18 rods, thence west 20 degrees, south 26 rods, thence west 24 degrees, south 72 rods and 21 links to the east line of Township No. 12, 3rd Range, thence southerly on said line until it intersects a highway leading by Dorb Gain Robinson's and Isaac Kelly's and on the south side of Mud Creek. No allowance made for variation of the compass. Explored and approved by: Lemuel Durfee and Charles Bradish Commissioners of Highways. March 15, 1803. A true copy. Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk (Original survey on page 18.)

Record of the survey of a public highway leading northerly by Nathan Harris' to Stephen Durfee's, beginning in the center of said highway 68 rods southerly of a certain spot, 5 rods east of the southeast corner of said Harris' house measuring by these minutes, thence north 10 degrees, west 40 rods, thence north 12 degrees, west 41 rods, thence north 30 degrees, west 26 rods, thence north 5 degrees, east 64 rods, thence north 18 degrees, east 20 rods, thence north 9 degrees, east 17 rods, thence north 30 degrees, east 36 rods, thence north 14 degrees, east 8 rods, thence north 5 1/2 degrees, east 19 rods, thence north 6 degrees, east 78 rods to where it intersects a road leading easterly by Stephen and Lemuel Durfee's. No allowance made for variation of the needle.

Explored and approved the 21st day of March, 1803, by: Charles Bradish and James Reeves, Commissioners of Highways. (Beginning Main Street, page 17. Continued to town line 109. See pages 95, 128, 129, 187, 198.)

Record of the survey of a public highway on the alteration of a highway leading by Stephen durfee's to Moody Stone's, beginning in the center of said highway where the road leading by Nathan Harris' to Stephen durfee's intersects it from thence west 17 degrees, south 38 rods, thence west 45 degrees, south 40 rods, where it intersects the north line of said Harris' lot, thence west 2 degrees, north on said line of said lot 82 rods to the east line of Township No. 12, 3rd Range, thence west 4 degrees, south 30 rods, thence west 9 degrees, north 30 rods where it intersects the first mentioned highway. No allowance made for variation of compass as much of the old survey lays between the two extreme points of this survey is hereby designated. Explored and approved this 25th of March, 1803, by Charles Bradish and James Reeves, Commissioners of Highways. A true copy. Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk.

Record of the survey of public highway beginning on the south line of Township No. 12, 2nd Range one rod west of the southeast corner of the farm now owned by William Rogers, Esq. From thence north 25 degrees, east 46 rods where it intersects a road leading from Palmyra to the Town of Phelps. Explored and approved this 14th day of June, 1803 by Lemuel Durfee and James Reeves, Commissions of Highways.

Record of the survey of the alteration of a public highway beginning in the center of a public highway northwesterly of James Reeves at a certain clump of basswood trees standing on the division line between Captain Joel Foster's land and said Reeves land, thence south 34 degrees, east 58 rods, where it intersects the first mentioned highway. Explored and approved the 5th day of September, 1803 by: Charles Bradish and James Reeves, Commissioners of Highways.

Record of the survey of a public highway beginning in the center of a public highway on the east line of Township No. 12, 3rd Range 2 miles north of the south line of Palmyra from thence north 35 degrees, east 20 rods, thence north 43 degrees, east 31 rods, thence north 37 degrees, east 54 rods, thence north 29 degrees, east 121 rods, thence east 30 degrees, north 11 rods, thence east 24 degrees, north 19 rods to where it intersects a public highway leading northerly by Nathan Harris'.

Explored and approved this 9th day of December, 1803, by: Lemuel Durfee and Charles Bradish, Commissioners of Highways.

A true copy.

Stephen Phelps, Town Clerk