

Town of
Montague

**Town Records from
1796-1835**

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of Montague Nov 1796”*

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Book 2 of Notes
of Montague Nov 1796

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Town of Montague

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In order to pay for Peter
Hudson of King's Mountain
Gallon on General's order
Aug 1785

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(1)
 At a meeting of the Trustees
 and other inhabitants of Montague
 assembled at the meeting house
 said Montague 1807 y. 4th of June
 being legally qualified in Town Meetings

John
 for an Elder \$
 Samuel Marshaw Twenty three

John
 for Representative in Congress
 William Shephard Twenty three

At a meeting of the Trustees and other inhabitants of
 Montague legally qualified and assembled at the meeting house in Montague

- Dec 5th 1807
1. To pay for a year's interest on a loan in Montague
 2. That we give on this meeting to the school \$100
 3. That we also pay Mr. Hill his bill for his hire of
 of Mount's services @ 0-23 Cents
 4. That we also pay them Rent for plank for
 building a school for Lewis Crafts @ 1-50
 5. Also paying them for plank @ 0-23 C
 6. To pay them wages for a road laid through the
 town @ 3-33 C
 7. To pay them for a road @ 12-0 C
 8. To pay them for a road @ 7-50 C

In the presence of

- 8 That the above steps be taken for
 collecting for the Relief of the Poor
- 9 To be done from the 1st of the month
 of the meeting till the 23rd
- 10 To Joseph Taylor for his collecting
 for the Relief of the Poor
- 11 That we raise money for Mr. Mather's gallery
- 12 That the Officers make a Rate
 sufficient to pay the same
- 13 That we raise £250 to be laid
 out in building
- 14 To purchase the Wood they laid out
 a great while ago
- 15 That the Town make their Rate to the
 Relief of the Poor from the 1st of the
 month
- 16 That the Select men provide a sufficient
 quantity of the same in the meeting place
- 17 To be done from the 1st of the month
 for a year
- 18 To be done from the 1st of the month
- 19 That the Select men build a pound with a spring
- 20 That the Select men build a pound with a spring
 of water

at a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants
in habitable of the town of Montague
legally qualified etc in town meetings
assembled at under the school house in said
Montague Jan 16 1791

- 1 That this meeting being in these votes for
justice of the peace
- 2 That Edward Thayer's justice of the peace

at a legal town meeting held on at the same
time and place

for a representative in Congress
William Shephard Esq. Ch

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The members of the Association & other inhabitants
of the town of Montague Legally qualified
to vote in the meeting assembled at the
School House in Montague March 1897

1. E. H. Jones, Grand Juror, Moderator of the said meeting

2. Joseph West, Town Clerk. — Chief Justice

3. Joseph West, Town Clerk

4. Oliver Jones, Solomon Clapp, Moses Montague
Chief Justice — — —

5. Oliver Jones, Capt. Solomon Clapp, Moses Montague
Chief Justice — — —

6. Egan, Treasurer, Joseph Jones
Candidate, Chief Justice — — —

7. Arthur Jones, Holders of the same
Henry West, Town Clerk
Joseph West, Joseph Taylor, Solomon Jones
Griffith West, Assessors of Highways
Collectors of the same, Chief Justice — — —

8. Moses West, Assessor, David Taylor
Chief Justice — — —

9. Joshua West, E. H. Jones, Holders of the same
Chief Justice — — —

10. David Taylor, Eliza Wright, Town Clerk
Chief Justice — — —

John 11 That the select men put in Pound Rates

12 James Weston Speaker of that town

13 Capt. John North Weston

14 Richard Bennett Nathaniel Little John
Higginson Weston

15 Richard Bennett & others of that town & Weston

16 That the Town's Debtors the sum of 1000. Dollars
standing to the said Prof. & Company is paid
from Ebenezer Whitney to the said Prof. having by
James White, Henry Stone, the Prof. taking
the same beginning at his west line nearly three
miles to work his way to the receipt of the same
within 12 months of our order 1777

17 That we raise £200 to repair the Highways

18 That the Apportion make a rate to pay the same

19 School Committee Levi Denny James
Brown Peter John Whitney John Woodwell
Henry Wood's Grandson John Whitney
Edward Duggals

20 That we also raise Prof. all his last years
highway debts his work and be making
himself a way through the said Land

See attached

Vices

21 That the Surveyors for the Highway
works, until the last day of Sept, there
have a Bill in the House to the use of the year

22 Tyrone Jett, Miss Matignon Capt Kinsey
has been with the ^{County} ~~County~~

23 Of some time this way beginning at the County
road west of Wickel Brook to Benjamin
South's house in the year's hearing
west of Wickel Brook running by
to Benjamin's house

A^c Defair's this meeting of the year of the meeting

24 meeting of the Surveyors and other inhabitants
of the County of York, to give for
surveyors of the County of the Meeting House
in the County of York, 1777

25 Capt. John Kinsey Representative

At a Meeting of the Townshippers and others
inhabitant of the Town of Montague
legally qualified by law to vote the same
Town Meeting assembled at the school
House in East Montague Dec. 21st 1791

Resolved That we do hereby certify that
the Town of Montague is indebted to the
Town of West Montague for the sum of
\$100.00

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do this and

- 12 That the select Men be a Committee
to exchange a piece of Land with the
Court here if they think fit
- 13 That the plank that is to be provided for
bridges be two inches thick
- 14 That the Towne above School house
be Mill for plank ———— 13 Cents
- 15 That we should Mr. Taylor for take in care
of the Milling for a year past 13 1/2 Cents
- 16 That we should Elijah Gurnee for plank
- 17 That we should Gurnee for
take in care of the Milling for
a year past ———— 13 1/2 Cents
- 18 That we should the same Gurnee if we should high
we should be president of the same 13 1/2 Cents
Chitto for plank ———— 13 1/2
- 19 Voted to be performed Meeting
of the Town of Medford

All Meetings of Making of the Town of
Montague Legally qualified by Law
to be in Town Meetings & assembled
at the School House in Montague
Monkth 1792

- 1. Deacon James Chapman
- 2. Joseph West Clerk Chapman Deacon
- 3. Joseph West Deacon Chapman Deacon
- 4. Deacon James Chapman Deacon Chapman Deacon
- 5. Deacon James Chapman Deacon Chapman Deacon
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- water
- 1st That all Surveyors of Highways make settlement respecting their High way tax before without delay
 - 2^d That no Highway to be laid out in being a singing matter
 - 3^d That Samuel Woodwell for northern part Levi Maynard be a Commissioner to lay out their survey
 - 4th That this meeting be adjourned to the 1st of Oct^r next for a special adjournment

- At
- Resolving of the Town of Montague qualification in behalf of the Town of Montague qualification by vote in town meetings being duly called at the School House in Montague
- Oct 20th 1790
- 1st Benjamin Jones Moderator to conduct meeting
 - 2^d That we do hereby give you 1700 feet of land at 67 cents per acre and 11. 24 cents
 - 3^d That we give Joseph Taylor 1000 a for taking care of the meeting the year past
 - 4th That the school room being built make you a Northampton and provide for him in Town

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- 5 That we also make good his Will £2-38 00
- 6 That we also buy North's Mill - £0-0-41
- 7 To Mearns for the same - 0-11
- 8 To Mearns for the same - 0-1-41
- 9 That we also make good for plank 5-00
- To stand Mearns for the same - 5-00
- To Mearns for the same - 6-00
- To Mearns for the same - 5-25
- 10 That we also make good for the same £0-0-58
- 11 That we raise money to pay all
these bills
- 12 That we raise for the present year
to be laid out in debentures £250-0
- 13 That the Officers make what
upon the inhabitants of the County
sufficient to pay all these bills
- 14 That we lay out the money that is laid upon
Charges in Labour at the Highways
- 15 That the Officers make the same rate
upon the last Labour last May
- 16 We compare the Road laid out by the subscribers
turning in to go of good Land to be taken from his
Neighbour having a Craft James Mearns Land 17
Road to T. Benjamin's Land and then a Craft P. B.
Benjamin's Land & Road to the same County Road

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July

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7 That we should thank Benjamin
for making fence for the Town 18-84

10 That we allow for expense for ditto - 1-67

17 That we allow James Stewart for ditto 5-16

20 That we allow Elmer Scott his
will for stock - 1- - - - - 0-0-72

21 That the Town buy from the the Road
Lending from that Whiting a Cart & Pack
Whiting send to Silas Parry
As Discontinue the Road Lending from Nathan
Marchant to Silas Parry

22 That we set aside the money due from Town
Note out of the Town Note -

At a Special Meeting of the order of the Mediators

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598 fifth long copy of the printed State for the first time in the world.

And you are desired to send the amount by post office or otherwise before at the end of the way to Lord and Messrs Woodruffe in such convenient day at least before the time for holding said meeting being paid out and make one item of this account with your own attention to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as proposed. You are desired to send and send this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Edw. Phillips Secretary
Thomas Green Secretary

Not True Copy
attest

Jonathan Glastonbury Clerk

Franklin's purchase November 10th 1834
I received of the within named persons the
the over and out of said persons the
particular which is referred to and of the
same place and for the purpose herein
expressed by putting copies of the within
document at the houses of Thomas
to Lord and Messrs Woodruffe of such
day previous to the same date.

Edw. Phillips Secretary
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Jonathan Glastonbury Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Justices of the Peace of the Town of Montserrat, assembled as the Constitution directs to vote for the same about the year 1763. Several of the representatives in the General Court held in and since Montserrat in conformity to the direction of the foregoing Warrant on the twentieth of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty four it being the second Monday of said Month began in this vote for the Officers to be chosen and also a Representative in Congress. The votes being then collected and counted were as follows:

For General }
 } John Davis had ninety seven votes
 } John Bailey had thirty eight

For St. James }
 } Samuel Richardson had ninety eight
 } George Osborne had thirty seven

For Justice }
 } Ephraim Hastings Esq. had ninety eight votes
 } William Bellings Esq. had thirty seven

an Education in Congress }
 } George Grenville Esq. had ninety eight votes
 } John Bull Esq. had thirty seven votes

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By order of the
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The Secretary
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Very truly
yours
John C. Calhoun

Monday April 1851

1. Motion seconded regarding the appointment of a committee of three to inquire into the affairs of the Society -

Mr. [Name] moved

Resolved that the committee consist of Mr. [Name] Mr. [Name] and Mr. [Name]

2. Motion to accept the report of the committee and to direct the officers of the Society to be elected -

3. Motion to send a letter to the members of the Society -

4. Motion to choose a committee of three to prepare the budget of the year -

Mr. [Name] moved

Resolved that the committee consist of Mr. [Name] Mr. [Name] and Mr. [Name]

5. Motion that the Society should be authorized to purchase a lot of land for the purpose of building a hall for the use of the Society -

6. Motion that the Committee be authorized to purchase a lot of land for the purpose of building a hall for the use of the Society -

7. Motion that the Committee be authorized to purchase a lot of land for the purpose of building a hall for the use of the Society -

8. Motion to amend the proposal of Mr. [Name]

9. Motion that the Society should be authorized to purchase a lot of land for the purpose of building a hall for the use of the Society -

The Benjamin Suckly and Benjamin Suckly to
 and John March to all of Montague county to
 divide the premises on lands adjoining lying
 on the east side of the County Road or road then
 leading from Montague to Town Grant. The
 beginning at the County road south of the said Suckly's
 said surveying straight on easterly direction to a stake in
 stone the said Suckly mountain and supports eastern
 half and the said March the eastern half. Then surveying
 straight on a westerly direction to a stake in
 the said March mountain and supports the western half
 and the said Suckly the western half
 Then surveying westerly and southerly straight from
 corner to corner on several different lines to the
 said County road the said Suckly's mountain and
 supports the eastern half and the said March the
 western half each person supports by post or good
 being from and after the date

Montague April 20 1864

Benjamin Suckly
 Benjamin Suckly to
 John March to

A true copy attested

Wm. Cherry Deputy Clerk

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Adm all over to their friends that the
 Abel Gray of Montague and Ebenezer
 of Gray as agent for the owners of the
 Montague County Convention, both in the county of
 Franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 have entered into a mode of dividing in a line
 for a fence between said Ebenezer & Ebenezer
 on the top of the hill west of said Gray
 house commencing on the public road to
 Springfield and running northwesterly to a heap
 of stones situated on the corner of the high land
 south of Miller's place as follows to wit

We have set the stake's place exactly from the
 center of said line between the fence on the
 highland side heap of stones on the corner of
 the hill & then we lay for a chain & then
 said Ebenezer & Ebenezer a good chain they find out
 the road which is to be 3 paces longer than
 the other. Said Gray to the above division
 in the undivided road and bounds set on
 hand the 27th of April 1857 in presence of

John W. Gray
 Ebenezer Chapman

Abel Gray
 Ebenezer & Ebenezer
 for Ebenezer & Ebenezer

Witness my hand & seal this 26th day of April 1857
 Ebenezer Chapman Clerk

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Peace Line Perambulated

1811
The Peace Line between Sandwich & Montagu
is perambulated by a committee of men from both
towns with one select man from each town
present - agreeable to law

1812
The Peace Line between Montagu and Sandwich was perambulated
by a committee of men from both towns with one
select man from each town present

1814
The Peace Line between Sandwich & Montagu
and between Montagu and Sandwich was perambulated
by a committee of men from both towns with one
select man from each town present

1815
The Peace Line between Montagu and Sandwich
was perambulated by a committee of men from both
towns with one select man from each town present

Witnessed by
[Signature]

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