

Hancock's Town Archives: Opening the Books on Our Rich History

Hancock Town Library, Nov. 8, 2007



Hancock's Town Archives

- 2006 Town Meeting – Town approves \$8,000 “for the purpose of preservation and storage of the town’s archival records.”
- Committee appointed to organize and preserve and organize the town’s archives:

Howard Mansfield, Chair; John Hayes; Barbara Caverly;
Beth Grosjean; Bobbie Nylander; Eric Aldrich

Journeys of Hancock's Town Archives

- Meetinghouse/Church
- Old Hancock High School
- Hancock Depot
- Former Hancock Elementary School

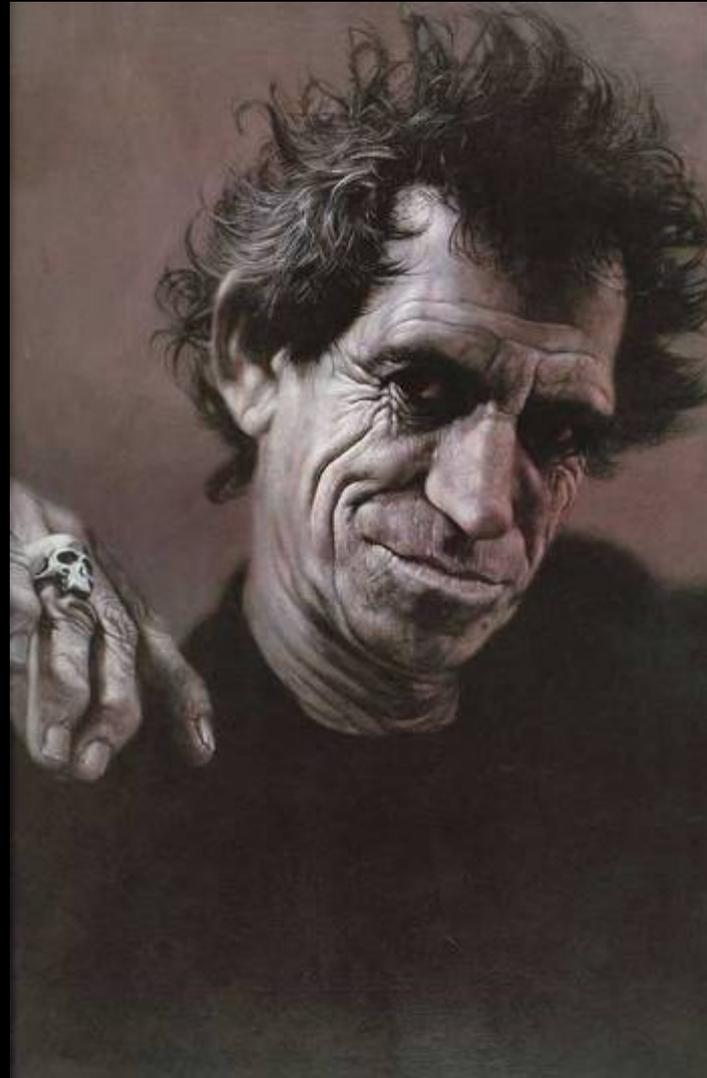


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- What's There? New Stuff vs. Old Stuff
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- Archival Boxes
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- Climate Control
- What Needs Conservation?
- Advice on Storage, Organizing, Public Access

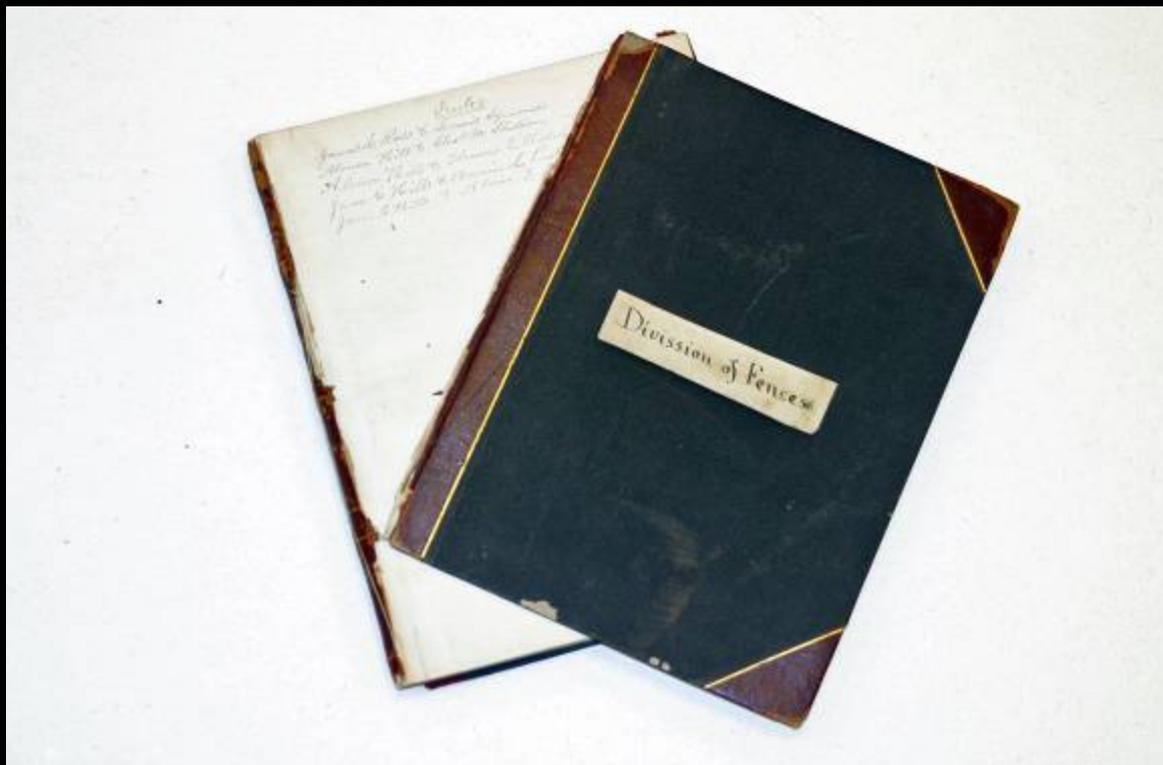


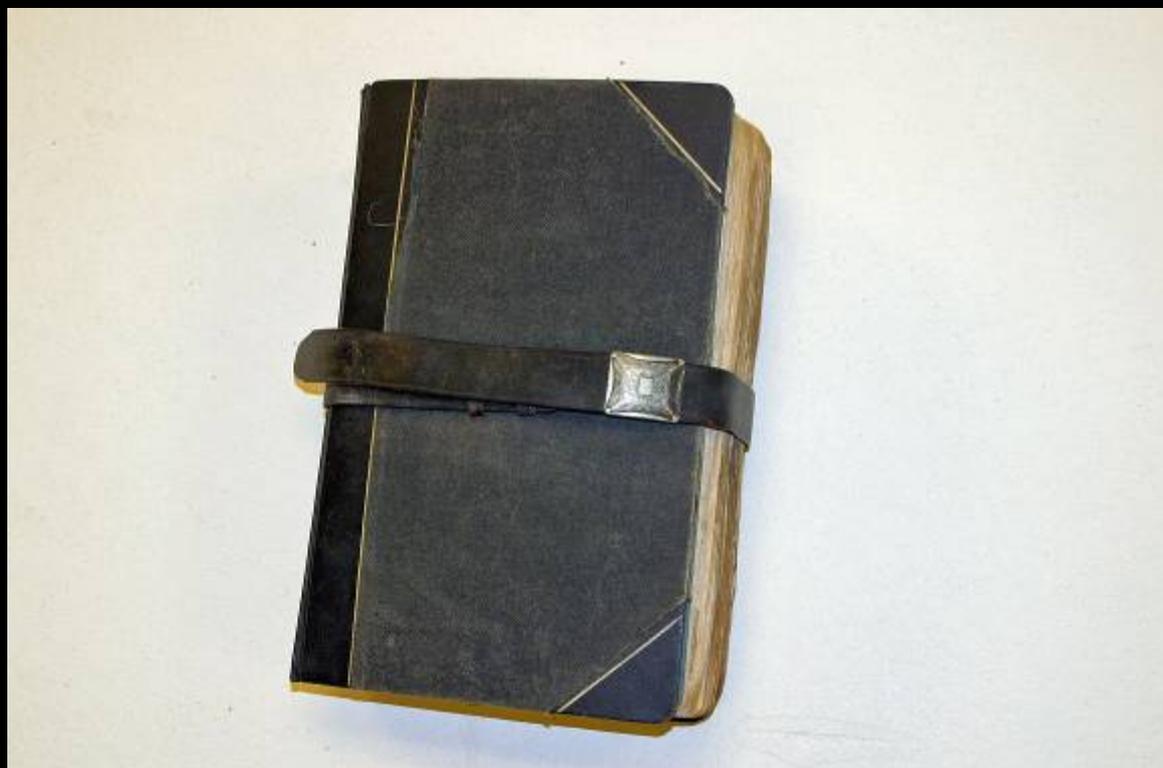
What's in the Archives?



What's in the Archives?

- Tax Records dating back to 1790s
- Births, Deaths, Marriages (Vital Records)
- Mortgages
- Town Records from 1779
- A Few Maps
- Inventories
- Cemetery Records
- Annual Reports
- Microfilm of old records (Mormons, 1970s)





1771
1772
1773
1774
1775
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1777
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1780

Records of the Inventory returned to
General Court 1771-1780

1771	164	Value of Deb from 10 to 20 years ago, including Deb from 10 to 21 years ago in the Childs Paper Book
928	76	Value of Indian Land
158	158	Value of Indian Land
609	709	Value of Indian Land
1191	1291	Value of Indian Land
0	1	Value of Indian Land
120	130	Other Horses and Hens that have been bred 15 years
26	36	Other Horses and Hens that have been bred 10 years
46	75	Other Horses and Hens that have been bred 5 years
29	77	Other Horses and Hens that have been bred 3 years
167	160	Value of Indian Land
64	64	Value of Indian Land
446	430	Value of Indian Land
108	163	All new stock that has been bred
232	269	All new stock that has been bred
866	54	Value of Indian Land
3707	1328	Value of Indian Land
350	350	Value of Indian Land
1600	1600	Value of Indian Land
12638	779	Value of Indian Land
230	275	Value of Indian Land

As a proof that I have been bred three years in the last
the above made by us
Nov 25 1780
G. G. & A. M. S.

John Brown
Saml. Gales
Saml. Gales

Conserving Archives

Vital Records Improvement Fund Grant

- Just under \$10,000
- Consultation with Archivist
Millie O'Connell
- Climate Data Logger
- Archival Boxes & Supplies
- Preservation of Vital Records

Conserving Archives

Moose Plate Grant



- \$9,700
- 11 Books
- Re-bind degraded books
- Treat paper
- Mylar layers
- Browns River Bindery, Vt.



Advice, Advice

- Millie O'Connell, professional archivist
- Chris Pratt, archivist from Sullivan
- Alan Rumrill, Historical Soc. Cheshire County
- Sheldon Pennoyer, architect
- Russell Bastedo, state curator
- Conference on archives
- Michelle Stahl, Peterborough Hist. Society

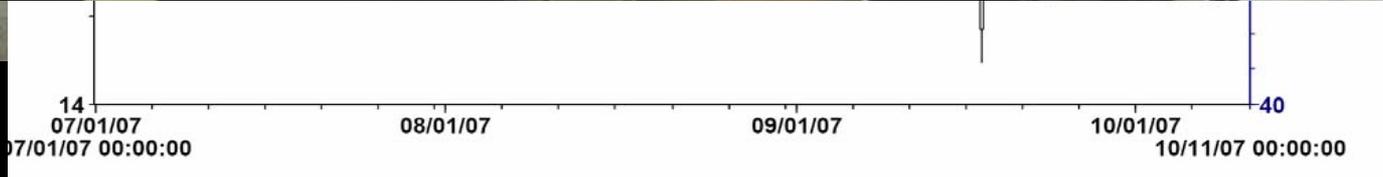
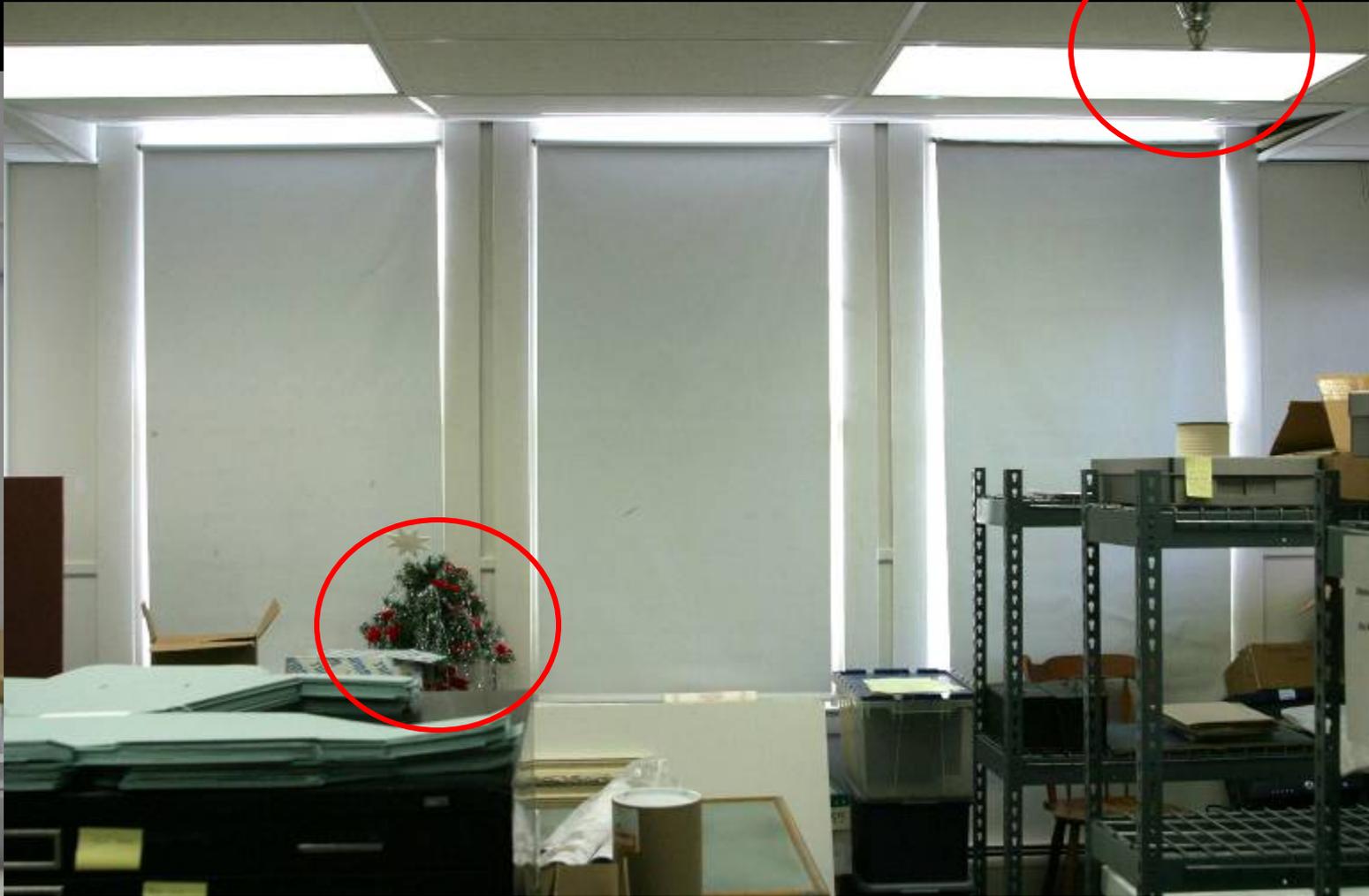
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- Dublin
- Greenfield
- Peterborough

Should We Stay or Should We Go?



Climate Control







Other Archives in Hancock

- Church Records
- Hancock Historical Society



1800-1850

1850-1900

Records

Hancock's Archives for You

- They're public documents
- One of many resources for research
(others: census, genealogies, town histories, oral records, letters)
- Genealogical research
- History of your house/land
- Projects:
Civil War, Hancock people, farming, communities, land use

Example: Sampson Tuttle

1850		REAL ESTATE.										
DISTRICT NO. 2		DESCRIPTION.	Improved and Unimproved Land.		Buildings not specially designated.	Mills and Carding Machines.	Factories and their Machinery.	Toll Bridges.	Locks and Canals.	Stock in Public Funds.	Shares in Banks and other Corporations.	Amount of Money on Hand, or in Deposits.
No.	Polls.		Acres.	Value.								
			100	1000								1000
			271	2560								
			100	1100								
			63	810								950
			125	1670								1700
			320	3100								3400
			18	135								150
			10	300								
			222	1550								
			150	2000								1100
			196	2550								
			205	1300								1000
			115	810								
			126	1500								
			73	630								
												100
												100
			150	725								
			15	150								120

PERSONAL ESTATE.														REMARKS.	
Stock in Trade.		Horses, Asses and Mules, over 18 months old.		Cows, Oxen, & other Neat Stock, over 18 months old.		Sheep over 6 months old.		Total Valuation.	Reduced Valuation.	Amount of Tax.	School-House Tax.		Highway Tax.		
No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.				Dollars.	Cents.		Dollars.	Cents.
2	155	6	187	16	55			3497	25	14	76		11	22	
3	180	11	152	1	2			3034	16	12	36		5	08	
								1150	5	72	1	95		2	55
								712	1	71	4	15		1	34
								1034	5	17	1	45		2	22
3	150	11	238	8	17			2740	15	30	10	10		3	00
								100	1	70	1	16			57
2	150	15	320	9	5			2715	19	29	12	72		2	40
								329	2	55	2	55		1	07
1	50	11	324	8	16			1380	8	45	6	39		1	07
								1550	7	75	6	67		3	55
1	500	16	500	5	3			2900	15	23	13	57		2	57
1	120	11	280	21	34			3065	16	53	16	22		8	27
1	90	11	165	4	16			2574	14	07	17	11		2	04
1	65	3	100	23	55			1031	6	32	5	16		3	15
1	80	7	150	4	10			1121	9	81	8	53		1	01
								740	5	19	1	46		2	60
								100	1	70	1	16			50
								100	1	70	1	16			50
								725	3	63	3	12		1	52
								150		75		65			35
								110	1	80	1	53			90

Hancock Tax Records
1832

Residence and Invoice for 1832	Acres	Plowed	40 Acres	30 Acres	20 Acres	10 Acres	5 Acres	2 Acres	1 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/4 Acre	1/8 Acre	1/16 Acre	1/32 Acre	1/64 Acre	1/128 Acre	1/256 Acre	1/512 Acre	1/1024 Acre	1/2048 Acre	1/4096 Acre	1/8192 Acre	1/16384 Acre	1/32768 Acre	1/65536 Acre	1/131072 Acre	1/262144 Acre	1/524288 Acre	1/1048576 Acre	
Sampson Tuttle Jr	1	1	2	1	1	2	6	4	2	114	5	7	33	100																
Sampson Tuttle Jr heirs																														
John Tenney	1	1				2	5	2	4	10	8	1	8	1																
Stephen Tenney	1	1				2	5	1	3	2		1	6	12	2															
Samuel Turner	1	1		1			2					2	1	6	5	10														
Hilman Tenney	1					2																								
John Yease	1																													
Wm Taylor	1																													
Mason & Tuttle							1							1	2	38														
Levi Taylor	1	1		1		2	2	2	14	1	5	3	74																	
Edward Taylor	1	1			1	2	2	7	14	1	2	4	8	88																
Daniel Wood	1	1		2	2		4	3	4	11	1	8	12	140																
Stephen Wood	1	1		1	2		4	2	7	13	14	15	2	33	350															
Eliza Washburn																														
Eliza Washburn Jr	1	1		1	2		6	4	5	65	2	5	16	150																
Levi Washburn	1				1		2	1	9	1	2	3	36																	
Reed Washburn	1	1			1		2	1	5	1	2	3	36																	
Eda Washburn	1	1		1		2	5	3	7	10	1	5	17	60																
Asa Whittemore	1	1			1	2	2	1	236	1	7	24	90																	
Asa Whittemore Jr	1	1			1	2	3	1	52	1	2	8	91																	
Benjamin Winslow	1	1					2		3				16																	
Wm Wroe	1	1			2		3	2	1	15	1	4	13	101																
Ebenezer Wroe	1	1			2		3	1	1	19	1	4	5	100																
Ebenezer Wroe Jr	1						1	2	1				10	25																
Edw W Wilds	1	1			1		3	1	5																					
Leonard Winch	1																													
Eliza Wynnan	1	1					1	2																						
Chas Whitcomb	1						1	1					1	50																
John Whitcomb	1						1						1	50	150	150	15													

Sampson Tuttle
Sheep: 114

Valuation Highway Tax	Valuation School Tax	Valuation State Tax	County Tax
10 00	6 74	4 63	2 21
6 16	4 12	2 84	1 26
6 20	4 16	2 86	1 27
4 50	3 02	2 03	99
1 50	1 01	69	33
1 18	50	55	26
1 10	74	51	24
64	44	30	14
4 76	3 21	2 20	1 05
5 03	3 38	2 31	1 11
6 66	4 48	3 07	1 47
9 74	6 54	4 49	2 14
3 35	2 25	1 55	74
7 57	5 08	3 48	1 67
2 78	1 88	1 29	61
3 24	2 18	1 50	71
6 24	4 19	2 88	1 37
8 46	5 68	3 90	1 86
4 81	3 24	2 22	1 06
2 21	1 49	1 02	49
5 02	3 37	2 31	1 10
4 82	3 25	2 23	1 06
2 09	1 41	96	46
2 48	1 67	1 15	56
1 10	74	51	24
1 91	1 30	89	42
1 83	1 25	85	40
5 96	4 02	2 76	1 31

1838

Invoice for School
District No. 5.

	Dolls	Buildings	Land	Mills	Horses	Cattle	Oxen	Cows
Timothy Bledgett	1	150	116	440	1	45		1 21
Wm Clyde	1	50	20	100				
David Davis	1	315	60	540	1	30	1	40 2 60
Solomon Dene	1							
Charles P. Hayward	1	440	94	1200	1	80	1	45 3 85
Timothy Kott	1							
Charles Hayward	1	225	180	1440	1	50	2	85 4 95
Benjamin Knight		425	220	1540			1	40 2 45
Simpson Tuttle Jr	1	315	240	1780	3	150	2	70 5 100
Remington Tuttle	1	225	122	1120		1	20 2 30	5 100

Chas Amos Whittemore and Geo Davis Jr. surveyors of land.

Chas John Washburn Land Keeper.

Chas John Whitcomb - sale of wrights and vicarages.

Chas Capt Joseph Symonds, Lawrence Brooks, Jno. Bell,

Lewis Alcock, Richarda Raye & George Hudson Highway.

Chas Amos Whittemore, Jacob & Lakin & David Bates Jr. vicarages.

Chas. D.

Chas Sampson Tuttle Jr. and Geo Whittemore Highway men.

The following list of the inhabitants of the town of Newcomb present and qualified to vote for Senators, were given

For a revision of the Constitution 14 votes

Against a revision of the Constitution 158 votes

The name of the qualified voters on the following question, viz. "Is it expedient for the Legislature to enact a law authorizing town clerks to record deeds" being taken - 112 votes were in favour of the legislature enacting a law, and 90 votes against the legislature enacting a law. Voted to hear the report of the agent of the Pauper farms, after hearing the same - Voted to accept it and that it be kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Chas Joseph Tuttle Jr. as agent to see to the pauper and pauper farms the year ensuing.

§ 15th. Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to defray town charges, Voted that half the valuation when taken be assessed for a highway tax and laid out as it was last year.

Voted that the selectmen furnish powder to the highway surveyors as last year.

Voted that the selectmen make such alterations in the highway surveyor districts as they may deem best for the public good.

§ 17th. Voted to appropriate one hundred dollars of the literary fund for schooling the ensuing year.

§ 18th. Voted to raise six hundred dollars for schooling the year ensuing. Chas Theodor Broadford, Amos Whittemore and Jacob & Lakin a committee to settle with the selectmen & treasurer. Voted that Samuel Ordway have leave to withdraw his list, as voter.

Now, About that Microfilm ...

- 6 Reels
- Microfilmed in 1976 by the Mormons
- Records at Hillsborough County Superior Court in Manchester
- Includes Early Church Records
- Duplicated Early Town Records?
- Vital Records

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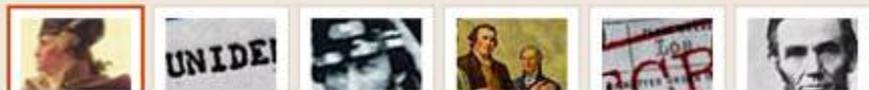
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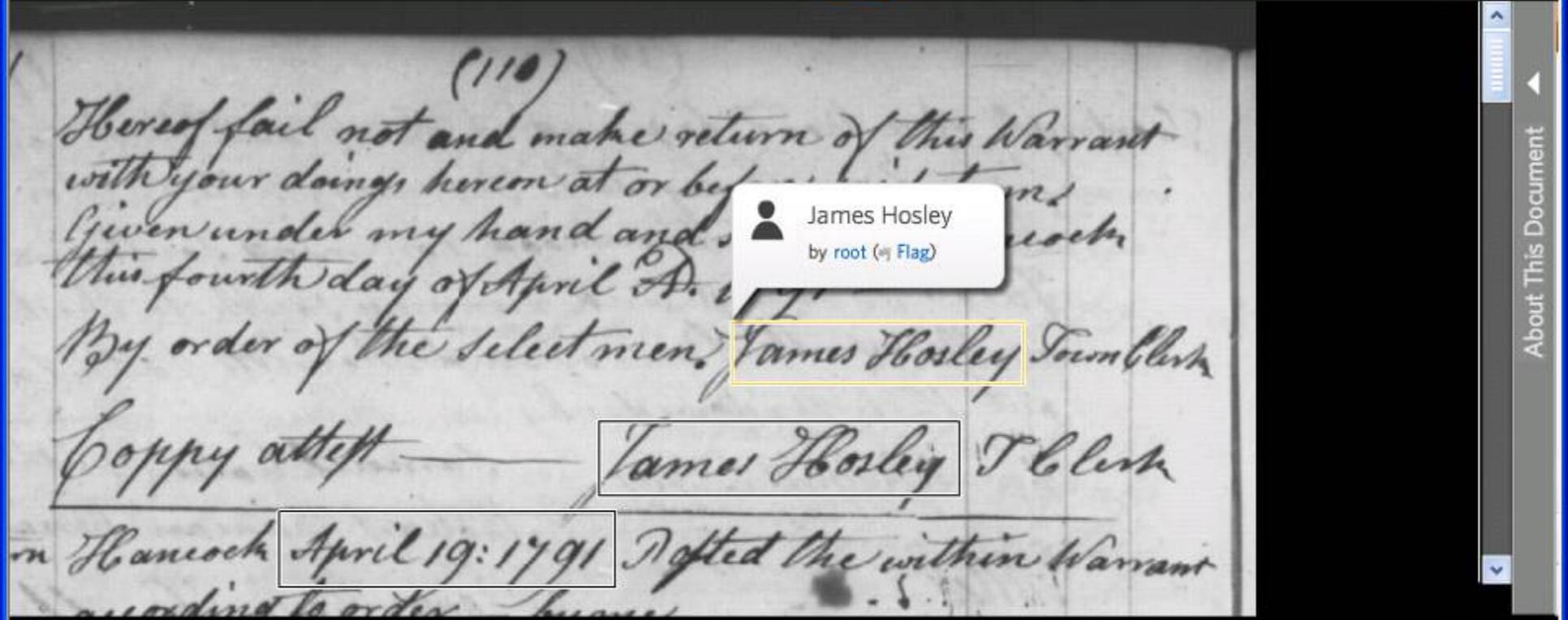
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 thereof fail not and make return of this Warrant
 with your doing herein at or before said term
 Given under my hand and seal at Hancock
 this fourth day of April A^d 1791
 By order of the select men, James Bosley Town Clerk
 Copy attest James Bosley T. Clerk
 Return Hancock April 19: 1791 I left the within Warrant
 according to order - by me Salmon Wood Constable
 Copy attest James Bosley Town Clerk
 April 19 1791 The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant
 Voted and chose James Bosley Moderator
 Voted that the words (and Labour fees in that Office)
 in the Call presented to Mr. Fred Parson to settle
 with us in the Gospel Ministry, be blotted out
 Voted James Bosley, Mr. James Duncan and Seth Bradley
 be a committee to see if some
 Voted that the Town Bay, is to be purchased at the
 direction of the select men
 Voted to have Thomas M. Maffers lead the congregation
 in singing
 Attest James Bosley Town Clerk

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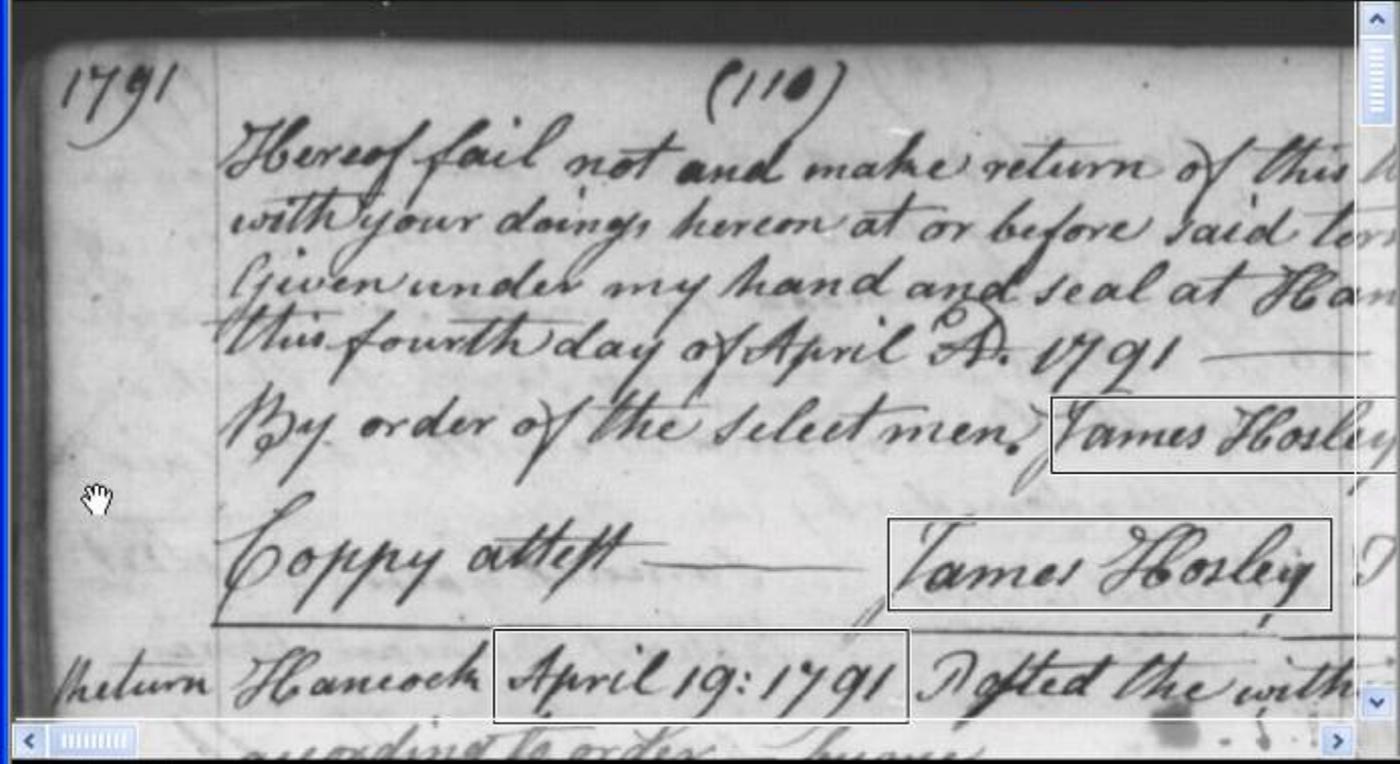
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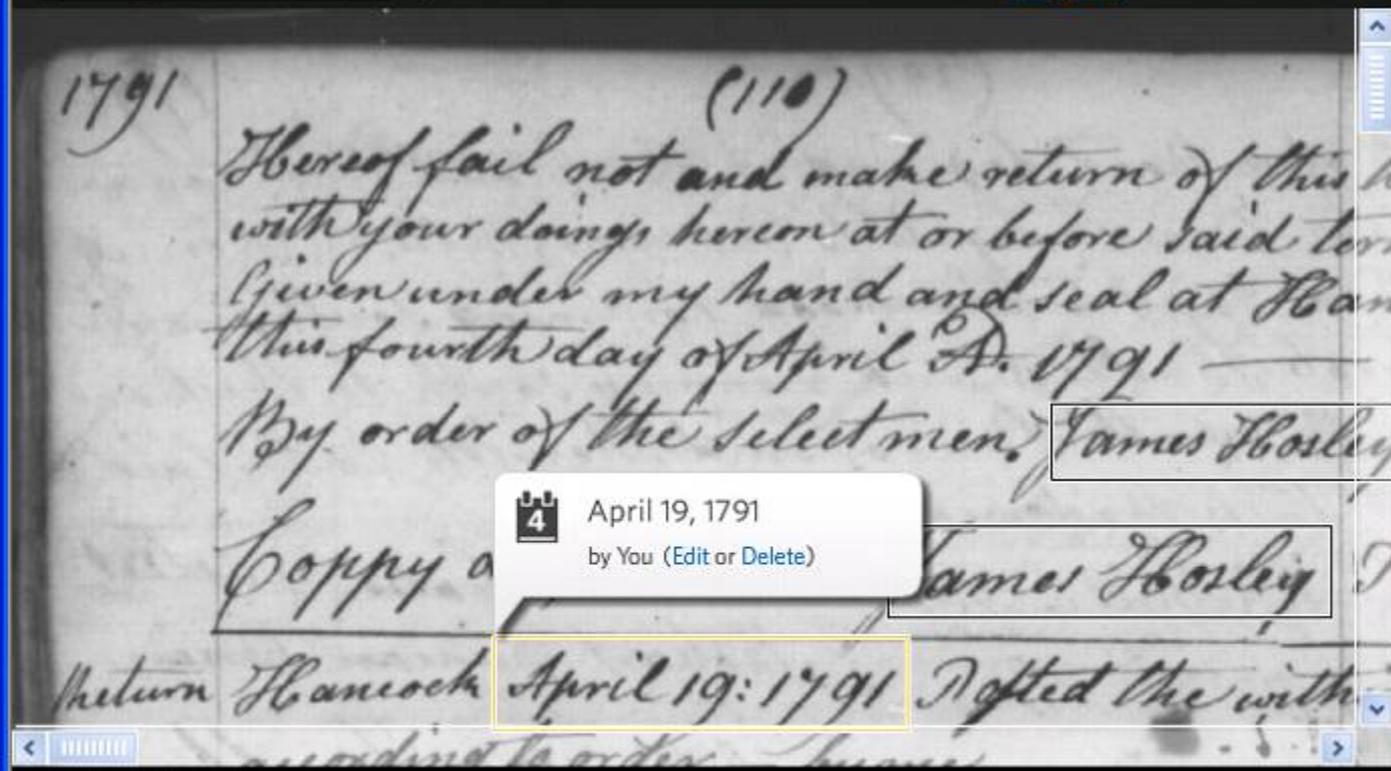
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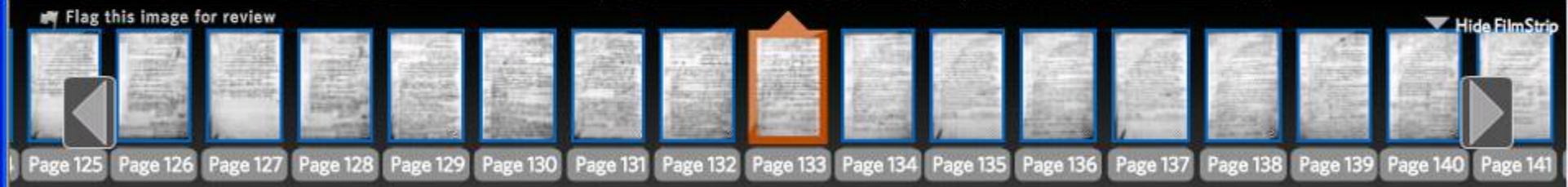
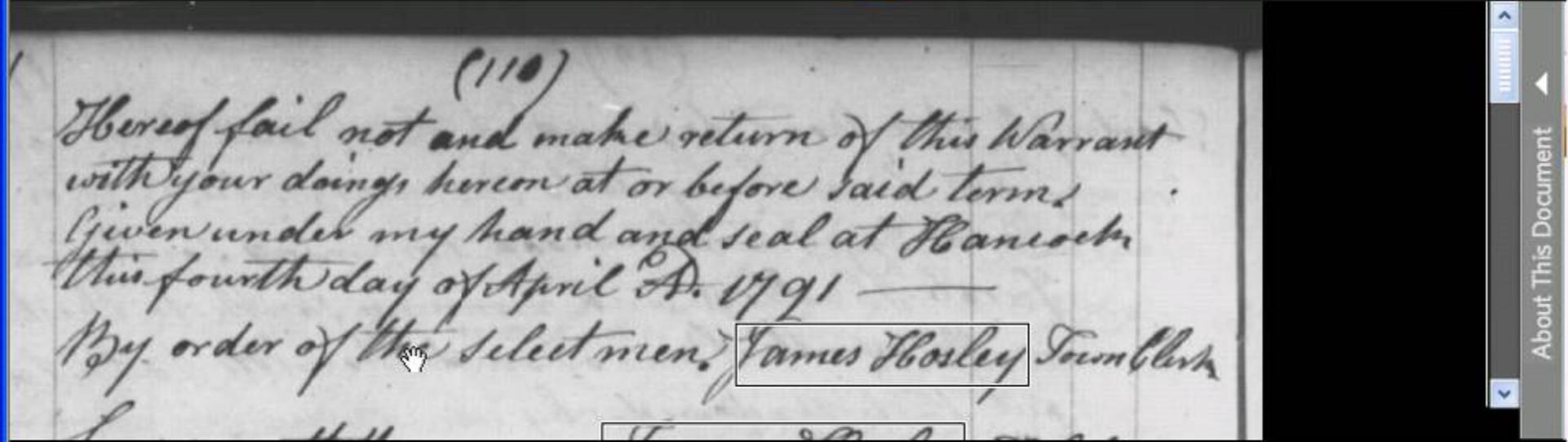
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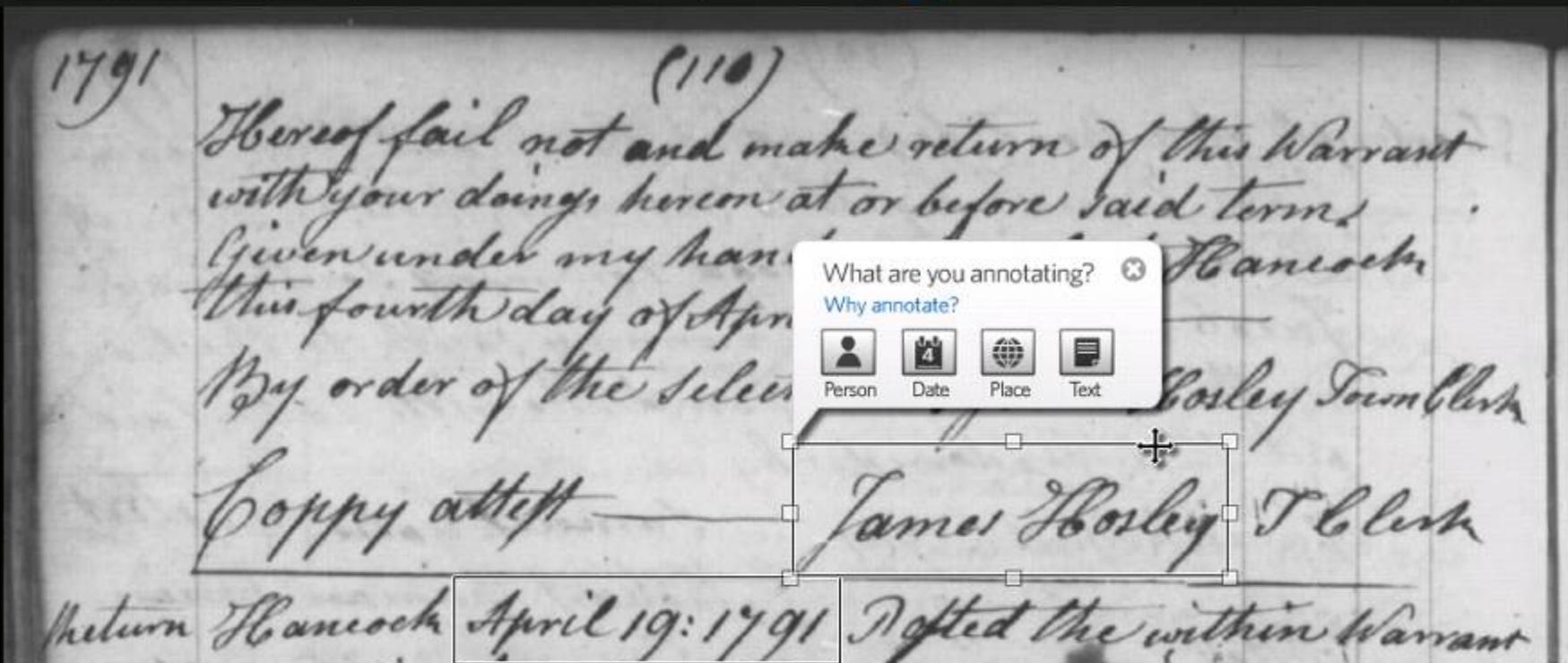


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