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
Step One: Triage

- What’s There? New Stuff vs. Old Stuff
- Organize
- Shelving
- Archival Boxes
- Labels
- Climate Control
- What Needs Conservation?
- Advice on Storage, Organizing, Public Access
What’s in the Archives?
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- 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)
Conserving the Archives
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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

Site Visits to Other Archives:

- Dublin
- Greenfield
- Peterborough
Should We Stay or Should We Go?

- Town Offices: Old Wooden Building, 2nd Floor, Sprinklers
  - Access Issues – public, handicapped
  - Climate Control
  - Renovation Costs
- Hancock Depot: Vault in the Basement
  - Expert Recommendations: Stay Put in Town Offices
  - Good Public Access
  - Sprinklers: Good
  - Historic Building/Town Connection
Other Archives in Hancock

- Church Records
- Hancock Historical Society
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
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Chea John Macdonald, surveyor....
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Chea Capt. Joseph Symonds, Lawrence Brooks, John Alley,
Chea John Macdonald, Jacob C. Larkin, David Farrom purchased.
Chea David L. Farrom, David Farrom purchased.
Chea William Whittmore, Anna Whittmore, John Whittmore.
Chea James H. Whittmore, Anna Whittmore, John Whittmore.
Chea James H. Whittmore, Anna Whittmore, John Whittmore.
The following are the inhabitants of the town of Glanmire

Against a revision of the Constitution of 1843.

The area of the town and other necessary improvements, as follows:

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to pay town charges.
Voted that half the valuation when taken be assessed for a highway
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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
Digitized by footnote.com

• Copy on DVD
• Now available on www.footnote.com
• Searchable by Name
• Free access to all 24/7!
• Cutting edge of technology/ access
• Implications for research/understanding
• Possibility of Microfilming/Digitizing
  Additional Records
• Tax Records
• Vital Records
• Town Reports and Other Records
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Title is **100% complete.**
1791

(10)

Beneath the seal and making return of this warrant
with your doing been at or before said terms,
sworn to my hand and seal at Hancock.

Fourth day of April, 1791

By order of the selectmen.

James Hoarsey, Town Clerk.

Hancock, April 9, 1791.

Deputy to the warrant

James Hoarsey, Town Clerk.

The warrant was signed by the selectmen.

James Hoarsey, Town Clerk.
(110)

Thereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings hereon at or before the 1st day of June next, given under my hand and seal.

This fourth day of April 1791.

By order of the select men.

James Hosley, T. Clerk.

In Hancock April 19th 1791. Dated the within Warrant according to order given.

James Hosley, T. Clerk.
Hereof fail not and make return of this with your doing hereon at or before said time.

Given under my hand and seal at Hancock this fourth day of April A.D. 1791.

By order of the select men. James Hosley

Sopp attorney James Hosley

Return Hancock April 19: 1791. Defend thee with respect to order.
Hereof fail not and make return of this as with your doing hereon at or before said time given under my hand and seal at Hancock this fourth day of April A.D. 1791.

By order of the select men, James Hosley,

April 19, 1791
Thereof fail not and make return of this Warrant
with your doing, hereon at or before said terms
Given under my hand and seal at Hancock
this fourth day of April Ao. 1791
By order of the select men, James Thosley Tumblin

James S. D. Whipple
1791

Received fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doing hereon at or before said terms.

Given under my hand.


[Signature]

Hancock April 19: 1791. Dated the within Warrant.
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• Finding Aid (Index to Materials)
• Mark Folders
• Digitize Additional Microfilm
• Assess/Improve Climate & Conditions
• More Sorting!
• Disaster Plan
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