

THETFORD TOWN DOCUMENTS
1775-1941

30 Manuscript Boxes

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Town Hall Documents came to us as a partially sorted collection of miscellaneous paper records, stored in a large wooden cabinet. They date from 1774 to 1941, but most are of the first half of the 19th century through the Civil War.

Boxes 1-3 contain documents relating to land, especially deeds. Boxes 4-6 contain papers on road business, particularly highway taxes. Box 7 holds documents on military matters, the earlier ones having to do with the militia, the later with the Civil War. Box 8 contains personal property lists, mainly from 1841. Boxes 9-10 contain papers to do with the care of the poor, some of them individual accounts, others purely financial. Boxes 11-17 contain the Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, the slips of paper which authorize expenditures by the Town. Box 18 holds documents to do with taxes, and some grand lists. Boxes 19 and 20 contain documents to do with Town Meetings and elections: warnings, lists of voters and votes taken, and related matters. Box 21 holds papers to do with vital statistics (births, marriages, deaths), as well as bonds of office and non-conforming statements. Boxes 22-26 contain legal papers, mainly writs of attachment, and some other miscellaneous legal and financial papers in Box 26. Boxes 27-30 hold the school papers: lists of scholars (pupils) in attendance, by school district, and school finances. Box 30 contains miscellaneous school papers, including Principal Bowditch's report for 1901, as well as hunting license applications for 1909.

BOX AND FOLDER INVENTORY

Box 1, Deeds and Mortgages

- Folder 1: Deeds and papers, Lord family, 1774-1822
- Folder 2: Deeds, 1777, 1779
- Folder 3: Deeds, 1780-1785
- Folder 4: Deeds, 1786-1787
- Folder 5: Deeds, 1788-1789
- Folder 6: Deeds, 1790-1791
- Folder 7: Deeds, 1792-1793
- Folder 8: Deeds, 1794-1795
- Folder 9: Deeds to Town Common: 1795 original, 1818 copy, 1907 xerox and copy
- Folder 10: Deeds, 1796-1799, with inventory of the estate, 1796, of G. Bartlett and town custody of it
- Folder 11: Deeds, 1800
- Folder 12: Deed, 1800, Hopkins to Buckingham
- Folder 13: Deeds, 1801-1806
- Folder 14: Deeds, 1807-1808; 1807 re committee on E. Strong's estate
- Folder 15: Deeds, 1809-1811
- Folder 16: Documents relating to Proprietors, 1785-1804, including land record of 1785, an index to Folio 4
- Folder 17: Mineral Rights deeds, 1811, Orange Mineral Co.

Box 2, Deeds, quit claims, and surveys Folder 1, Deeds, 1812-1818

- Folder 1A: Deed signed by Pres. Monroe, 1817, to land grant in Illinois
- Folder 2: Deeds, 1819-1824
- Folder 3: Deeds, 1825-1827
- Folder 4: Deeds, 1830-1836
- Folder 5: Methodist Church deed, 1836, and deed for "burrying ground"
- Folder 6: Deeds, 1837-1839
- Folder 7: Deeds, 1840-1842
- Folder 8: Deeds, 1843-1849
- Folder 8A: Deeds re Ranstead, Cummings, 1845, 1854, 1873
- Folder 9: Deeds, 1850-1859
- Folder 10: Deeds, 1860-1865
- Folder 11: Deeds, 1866-1869
- Folder 12: Deeds, 1872-1879
- Folder 13: Deeds, 1880's
- Folder 14: Deeds, 1890's, 1908, one ND
- Folder 15: Land Surveys, 1833, 1838, 1841, 1870, 1874
- Folder 16: Deed, 1913, Huntington to Farnsworth

Box 3, Records of Surveys, Petitions, Receipts re: land

- Folder 1: Surveys, 1788-1811, including plan of the River Road (later Rte. 5) and survey of same
- Folder 2: Surveys, 1812-1829
- Folder 3: Surveys, 1830-1908 including 1906 list of Guide posts and Boards
- Folder 4: Petitions, 1800-1813
- Folder 5: Petitions, 1817-1824
- Folder 6: Petitions, 1827-1836, some ND
- Folder 7: Petitions, 1837-1857
- Folder 8: Petitions, 1859-1873
- Folder 9: Receipts, 1808-1823
- Folder 10: Receipts. 1824-1832
- Folder 11: Receipts, 1837-1843
- Folder 12: 1833, State of Vermont document requiring repair or highway
- Folder 13: Bill for Highway work, 1798
- Folder 14: Selectmen's book, 1833-1834, for work on o rood

Box 4, Highway Tax and Other Bills, Districts 1-4, 6

- Folder 1: District *1, 1831, 1835, 1865
- Folder 2: District *2. 1810-1885
- Folder 3: District *3, 1809-1881
- Folder 4: District *4, 1810-1885
- Folder 5: District *6, 1805-1884

Box 5, Highway Tax and Other Bills, Districts 7-12

- Folder 1: District *7, 1819-1885
- Folder 2: District'8, 1816-1850
- Folder 3: District *8,1852-1885
- Folder 4: District *9,1811-1885
- Folder 5: District *11, 1826-1885, and 4 booklets for District *10, 1879-1885
- Folder 6: District* 12, 1812-1885

Box 6, Highway Bills, Districts 13-16, other road documents

- Folder 1: District * 13, 1811-1885
- Folder 2: District * 14. 1836-1885
- Folder 3: District * 15, 1823-1885
- Folder 4: District *16, 1836-1885
- Folder 5: all districts for 1863
- Folder 6: Lyme Bridge Documents 1894, 1896, 1898
- Folder 7: Contracts, 1816-1843
- Folder 8: Amounts paid, 1791 -1810, 1901
- Folder 9: Complaints on roads, 1822-1876

Box 7, Military Papers, 1803-1876. Contains Militia lists (several different companies each year, through the 1850's). Occasional lists of required equipment. Printed forms usual after 1839, earlier lists handwritten.

- Folder 1: Militia lists, 1808-1821; 1803 petition to Selectmen to raise money for militia guns.
- Folder 2: Militia lists. 1822-1826
- Folder 3: Militia lists, 1831-1833, 1835
- Folder 4: Militia Lists, 1837-1854, not every year. 1839 printed form for official equipment including uniforms.
- Folder 5: Civil War papers, 1861-1862. Orders on draft, quotas, enlistees, expenses, certificates for enlistment of minors
- Folder 6: Civil War papers, 1862-1863. Enlistment lists, receipts for bounty monies received, letters relating to enlistments and bounties.
- Folder 7: Civil War papers, 1864-1865. Certificates of Muster, re-enlistment forms, receipts for bounties, related matters.
- Folder 8: Civil War papers, miscellaneous, 1862-1864, 1876. Lists of enlistees, papers and letters relating to bounties including petition for town meeting on the subject. 1876 instructions for reorganizing the militia.

Box 8, Personal Property Lists, 1822-1927. These were wrapped in alphabetical bundles.

- Folder 1: Personal Property Lists, 1832, under N, R, T
- Folder 2: Personal Property Lists, 1841, under A-F
- Folder 3: Personal Property Lists, 1841, under G, H, K
- Folder 4: Personal Property Lists, 1841, under L-R
- Folder 5: Personal Property Lists, 1841, under S, T, W
- Folder 6: Personal Property Lists, probably 1841, general lists
- Folder 7: General tax lists 1841, 1842
- Folder 8: General Personal Property List for 1822 (not from Town Hall), in a bound paper folder
- Folder 9: Post 1927 form for dairy farm lists

Box 9, Care of Poor, 1784-1869

- Folder 1: Warnings out of Town, 1784-1817, 1838, 1842, 1854
- Folder 2: Documents 1792-1899, re petitions, non compos, smallpox
- Folder 3: Indentures, 1792-1899
- Folder 4: Care of John Baker, 1792-1815
- Folder 5: Care of Hannah and Jos. Keyes, 1788-1794
- Folder 6: Care of Dorcas, Samuel, Richard Baxter, 1792-1801
- Folder 7: Bonds for Care of Poor, 1787-1838; small book 1836-1837
- Folder 8: Inventories of paupers' possessions 1828 1832 1839 1871
- Folder 9: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1790-1815, 3 ND
- Folder 10: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1816-1819

Box 9, Care of Poor, 1784-1869, cont.

- Folder 11: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1820-1823
- Folder 12: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1824-1829
- Folder 13: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1830-1839
- Folder 14: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1840-1849
- Folder 15: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1850-1859
- Folder 16: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1860-1869

Box 10, Care of Poor, 1870-1897

- Folder 1: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1870-1879
- Folder 2: Care of Poor, Bills and Receipts, 1880-1887
- Folder 3: Care of Poor, Bills, Receipts, Order book, stubs for 1889-1897.

Box 11, Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, 1779, 1786-1822

- Folder 1: 1779, 1786-1799
- Folder 2: no date, probably early
- Folder 3: 1800-1805
- Folder 4: 1806-1807
- Folder 5: 1808-1809
- Folder 6: 1810-1812
- Folder 7: 1813
- Folder 8: 1814
- Folder 9: 1815
- Folder 10: 1816-1817
- Folder 11: 1818-1819
- Folder 12: 1820-1821
- Folder 13: 1822
- Folder 14: Asa Burton salary receipts, pew rents, 1808-1816

Box 12, Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, 1823-1833

- Folder 1: 1823
- Folder 2: 1824
- Folder 3: 1825
- Folder 4: 1826
- Folder 5: 1827
- Folder 6: 1828
- Folder 7: 1829
- Folder 8: 1830
- Folder 9: 1831
- Folder 10: 1832
- Folder 11: 1833

Box 13, Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, 1834-1847

- Folder 1: 1834
- Folder 2: 1835
- Folder 3: 1836-1837
- Folder 4: 1838-1839
- Folder 5: 1840
- Folder 6: 1841
- Folder 7: 1842
- Folder 8: 1843
- Folder 9: 1844 first folder
- Folder 10: 1844 second folder
- Folder 11: 1845 first folder
- Folder 12: 1845 second folder
- Folder 13: 1846
- Folder 14: 1847

Box 14, Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, 1848-1855

- Folder 1: 1848
- Folder 2: 1849 first folder
- Folder 3: 1849 second folder
- Folder 4: 1850
- Folder 5: 1851
- Folder 6: 1852
- Folder 7: 1853
- Folder 8: 1854
- Folder 9: 1855

Box 15, Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, 1856-1863

- Folder 1: 1856
- Folder 2: 1857
- Folder 3: 1858
- Folder 4: 1859
- Folder 5: 1860
- Folder 6: 1861
- Folder 7: 1862
- Folder 8: 1863

Box 16, Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, 1864-1871

- Folder 1: 1864
- Folder 2: 1865
- Folder 3: 1866

Box 16, Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, 1864-1871, cont.

- Folder 4: 1867
- Folder 5: 1868
- Folder 6: 1569 first folder
- Folder 7: 1869 second folder
- Folder 8: 1869 third folder
- Folder 9: 1870
- Folder 10: 1871

Box 17, Selectmen's Orders and Receipts, 1872-1901

- Folder 1. 1872
- Folder 2: 1873
- Folder 3. 1874
- Folder 4: 1875
- Folder 5: 1876
- Folder 6: 1877
- Folder 7: 1878
- Folder 8: 1879
- Folder 9: 1880
- Folder 10: 1881
- Folder 11: 1882
- Folder 12: 1883
- Folder 13: 1884
- Folder 14: 1885, 5 ND
- Folder 15: 1886-1888
- Folder 16: Selectmen's report, for year ending Feb. 1901, including Overseer of Poor, Vital Statistics, Warning

Box 18, Tax Matters, 1797-1941

- Folder 1: 1797-1809
- Folder 2: 1810-1819, 1 ND
- Folder 3: 1820's. 3 ND
- Folder 4: 1830's
- Folder 5: 1840's
- Folder 6: Abatement of Church Taxes: 1830's - 1840
- Folder 7: 1850's
- Folder 8: 1860's
- Folder 9: 1870's
- Folder 10: General grand lists 1913-1921; tax matters 1904: 1908; personal property list post 1918 (on poster): tax lists 1930-1941 (delinquent?)

Box 19, Town Meetings and Elections, 1785-1930's

- Folder 1: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1785-1799
- Folder 2: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1800-1806, including petition for meeting re smallpox, 1803
- Folder 3: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1807-1811, 2 ND
- Folder 4: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1812-1815, 1817, 1820, 1828
- Folder 5: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1829-1839, 1 ND
- Folder 6: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1840-1847, some ND
- Folder 7: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1848-1849
- Folder 8: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1850-1853
- Folder 9: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1854-1857
- Folder 10: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1860-1863
- Folder 11: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1864-1867
- Folder 12: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1868-1873
- Folder 13: Election certificates 1801-1897, oaths of office, certification of voters ND
- Folder 14: Warnings, minutes, votes, 1886-1916 (see also Box 17, Folder 16)
- Folder 15: Town meetings, votes, no date
- Folder 16: Voters' correspondence, 1930's
- Folder 17: Fence viewers' reports 1858, 1908

Box 20, Town Meeting business, voter lists and records of voting, not all dated. 1800-1924

- Folder 1: 1800-1808
- Folder 2: 1812-1822
- Folder 3: 1832-1834
- Folder 4: 1835-1836, and ND
- Folder 5: 1845-1849, and ND
- Folder 6: 1854-1859
- Folder 7: Voter lists 1868, 1873-1874; appointments and nominations, 1868-1900; election list forms 1900-1924
- Folder 8: Instructions for elections, 1812, printed booklet
- Folder 9: Election Warrant 1801, signed by Gov. Tichenor

Box 21, Vital Statistics, Bonds, Non-conforming statements; 1793-1929

- Folder 1: Marriages, 1802-1833
- Folder 2: Marriages, 1834-1836
- Folder 3: Marriages, 1840-1850
- Folder 4: Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1856-1858, combined forms arranged by school district
- Folder 5: Earlier births recorded in 1840's and 1850's
- Folder 6: Marriage Certificates, 1851-1856

Box 21, Vital Statistics, Bonds, Non-conforming statements; 1793-1929, cont.

- Folder 7: Marriage Certificates, 1857, 1858
- Folder 8: Marriage Certificates, 1559-1566, one death
- Folder 9: Marriage Certificates, 1867-1885; one birth 1887; 1 consent for marriage 1929
- Folder 10: Death Certificates, 1857-1865; 1902 one
- Folder 11: Will, dated 1817
- Folder 12: Divorce petitions, 1871, 1873
- Folder 13: Bonds, for highway construction, 1799-1828
- Folder 14: Bonds of office, 1799-1824
- Folder 15: Bonds of office, 1825-1845
- Folder 16: Bonds of office, 1846-1864; 1873; 1883. 1884, 1686
- Folder 17: Bonds of office, 1913-1927
- Folder 18: Non-conforming statements, 1793-1802

Boxes 22-26, Writs of Attachment:

"To the Sheriff of — Greeting. By the authority of the State of Vermont, you are hereby commanded to attach the Goods, Chattels, or Estate of — to the value of — dollars, lawful money, and — notify thereof according to law, and for want thereof, take — body if to be found within your precinct, and — safely keep, and have to appear before me, on ———". Other legal matters. 1782-1935.

Box 22, Writs of Attachment, 1782-1826

- Folder 1: 1782-1787
- Folder 2: 1790-1794
- Folder 3: 1796-1799
- Folder 4: 1800
- Folder 5: 1801-1803
- Folder 6: 1809, Daniel Webster, Plaintiff
- Folder 7: 1804-1807
- Folder 8: 1808-1812, 1814
- Folder 9: 1815-1819
- Folder 10: 1820-1822
- Folder 11: 1823-1826

Box 23, Writs of Attachment, 1827-1848

- Folder 1: 1827-1828
- Folder 2: 1829-1830
- Folder 3: 1831-1834
- Folder 4: 1835-1837
- Folder 5: 1839-1839

Box 23, Writs of Attachment, 1827-1848, cont.

Folder 6: 1840-1841
Folder 7: 1842
Folder 8: 1843-1844
Folder 9: 1845-1846
Folder 10: 1847-1848

Box 24, Writs of Attachment, 1849-1865

Folder 1: 1849-1850
Folder 2: 1851
Folder 3: 1852-1853
Folder 4: 1854
Folder 5: 1855
Folder 6: 1856
Folder 7: 1857-1858
Folder 8: 1859
Folder 9: 1860-1861
Folder 10: 1862-1864
Folder 11: 1865

Box 25, Writs of Attachment, 1866-1914

Folder 1: 1866
Folder 2: 1867-1868
Folder 3: 1869
Folder 4: 1870-1871
Folder 5: 1872
Folder 6: 1873
Folder 7: 1874-1875
Folder 8: 1876-1877
Folder 9: 1878
Folder 10: 1879-1881
Folder 11: 1884-1887
Folder 12: 1891-1883
Folder 13: 1898-1899
Folder 14: 1904, 1906, 1908, 1911-1912
Folder 15: 1913, 1914

Box 26, Writs of Attachment, 1915-1935, other documents

Folder 1: 1915-1917
Folder 2: 1918-1919
Folder 3: 1920-1921

Box 26, Writs of Attachment, 1915-1935, other documents, cont.

- Folder 4: 1922-1923
- Folder 5: 1924
- Folder 6: 1925
- Folder 7: 1926
- Folder 8: 1927-1928
- Folder 9: 1929-1931
- Folder 10: 1932-1933
- Folder 11: 1934-1935
- Folder 12: miscellaneous writs, legal documents. 1795 re giving of notes; ND on possession of land in Post Mills; 1832 State vs. Thetford for road danger; 1834 Abijah Howard, money owed; 1855 Sawyer and Slade vs. Salisbury and Co.; 1860 summons to give evidence; 1865 repayment of bonuses; ND jury statement on payment
- Folder 13: Notices of stray animals, 1798-1805, 1847, 1848, 1873
- Folder 14: List of stock holders 1845, Orange County Bank. Various lists of stockholders, 1872, 1873, 1882.
- Folder 15: financial matters: 1787 Sale of household property by Elisha Woodworth to father Amasa. 1857-1858, 3 papers re construction of Porter house. 1858, letter to Maria Brown re employment. 1866, Document re sale of a woodworking machine. 1898, sale of covered carriage. 1872, sale of horse belonging to Truman Burr. 1910, Lake Shore Telephone Co. going out of business, official note. 1915, Sale of mortgaged property. 1872, 1874, 1934, 3 documents re health and sale of horses. Miscellaneous small documents, promises to pay, mortgage discharge, bills of sale.

Box 27, School Business: Lists of Scholars by District, 1801-1875, and other papers, 1792-1913

- Folder 1: District 1
- Folder 2: District 2
- Folder 3: District 3
- Folder 4: District 4
- Folder 5: District 5

Box 28, School Business: Lists of Scholars by District , 1801-1875, and other papers, 1792-1913

- Folder 1: District 6
- Folder 2: District 7
- Folder 3: District 8
- Folder 4: District 9
- Folder 5: District 10

Box 28, School Business: Lists of Scholars by District, cont.

- Folder 6: District 11
- Folder 7: District 12
- Folder 8: District 13
- Folder 9: District 14
- Folder 10: District 15
- Folder 11: District 16
- Folder 12: Norwich district No. 9.

Box 29, School Business, lists of financial payments by district, and other school financial papers, 1797-1913

- Folder 1: District 1, Post Mills
- Folder 2: District 2, North Thetford
- Folder 3: District 3, Sawney Bean
- Folder 4: District 4, Rice's Mills
- Folder 5: District 5, Stevens
- Folder 6: District 6
- Folder 7: District 7
- Folder 8: District 8, Thetford Center
- Folder 9: District 9, East Thetford
- Folder 10: District 10, Thetford Hill
- Folder 11: District 11, Judd
- Folder 12: District 12
- Folder 13: District 13
- Folder 14: District 14
- Folder 15: District 15, Union Village
- Folder 16: District 16
- Folder 17: School Finances 1797-1820
- Folder 18: School Finances 1821-1830
- Folder 19: School Finances 1831 -1849
- Folder 20: School Finances, 1850-1886
- Folder 21: School tax, 1868, 1875, 1876, 1880's
- Folder 22: School reports, 1901 -1913

Box 30, School Business, and miscellaneous (fire insurance, hunting licenses). 1792-1912.

- Folder 1: 10th District, legal business (petitions, meetings) 1792-1804
- Folder 2: 10th District, same, 1805-1816
- Folder 3: Letter from Asa Burton, ND, re transferring from his school district 9 to district 10 on Thetford Hill.
- Folder 4: Leases of School Land, 1796-1818
- Folder 5: School Committee Report 1030
- Folder 6: School Meetings and petitions, general, 1796-1876

Box 30, School Business, and miscellaneous (fire insurance, hunting licenses). 1792-1912, cont.

- Folder 7: School licenses to teach, appointments, 1846-1903
- Folder 8: District 6 papers re Schoolhouse, 1865-1893
- Folder 9: TA Principal and Superintendent Bowditch's Report 1901 (written), 1903 (printed)
- Folder 10: Fire Insurance policy for S. Aldrich, 187?
- Folder 11: Hunting License applications 1909
- Folder 12: same, and receipts 1910, 1912

Notes to Document Collection M31 (Town Hall Documents) (related material to be found in Collection M33)

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Box 1, Military		Box 1, Folder 17
Box 8, Personal Property		Box 1, Folders 1 and 2
Boxes 9, 10, Poor		Box 1, Folder 18
Boxes 11-17, Selectmen's Orders		Box 1, Folder 4
Box 18, Taxes		Box 1, Folder 3
Boxes 19, 20, Town Meetings		Box 1, Folder 19
Box 21, Vital Statistics		Box 1, Folder 20
Boxes 22-26, Writs		Box 2, Folder 2
Boxes 27-28, School lists		Box 1, Folder 10
Boxes 29-30, School business		Box 1, Folders 8, 9A, 9B, 11