

SOCIAL AND OFFICIAL HISTORY.

Military Companies. — Various Associations. — Concord Bank. — Agricultural Society. — Insurance Company. — Official History. — Town-Officers. — Representatives. — Senators. — County Officers. — Attorneys and Counsellors at Law. — Physicians.

Great respect appears to have been paid to military titles in the early history of the town. *Captain* was a greater mark of distinction than deacon, doctor, and many other offices. A vote of the town in 1700 is thus recorded: "Propounded whether Lieutenant Prescott, Sergeant French, Corporal Fox, Corporal Wood, and Samuel Jones be a committee to examine" &c. Such a record of titles is not uncommon. Officers also held their commissions much longer than in these days of degenerate military honors. Colonel James Minott and some others did duty under a commission more than *thirty* years. All between the ages of 16 and 60 were required by law to do military duty, and were afterwards requested to enroll themselves in *alarm lists*. Instances are not uncommon, where men of 80 and even 90 years of age have borne arms. There are now [1835] three military companies in the town, the Infantry, Artillery, and Standing Company; in all of which, in 1827 there were 238 enrolled.

The *Concord Light Infantry* is believed to be the oldest company in the Commonwealth, excepting the Ancient and Honorable Artillery. It was incorporated October 13, 1669, as "the Second Troop of Horse in Middlesex." Twenty-two of the original petitioners belonged to Concord and 14 others to Billerica, Chelmsford, Groton, Lancaster, and Sudbury. April 30, 1777, the character was altered, and it was incorporated as the Concord Light Infantry, and consisted of 39 members with liberty to increase the number to 45. In 1822 liberty was granted to enlist 64. The Captains, since 1777, have successively been, Joseph Hosmer, Samuel Jones, Roger Brown, James Colburn, Isaac Hoar, John Buttrick, Jonas Buttrick, Nathan Wood, John Hayward, Jonathan Buttrick, William Brown, Nehemiah Flint, John Brown, Artemas Wheeler, Cyrus Hubbard, Edward Flint, Nehemiah Hunt, Francis Jarvis, Jr., Nathan Barrett, and Asa Brooks. Of these, James Colburn was promoted to the office of General in the Brigade, Roger Brown, John Buttrick, and Jonas Buttrick to Colonel, and John Hayward to Major.

The *Concord Artillery* was incorporated, on the petition of Charles Hammond and others, February 28, 1804; and held its first public parade on the 4th of July following. The charter says, "Whereas Major John Buttrick and Captain Isaac Davis, with a party of the armed yeomanry, did, on the birth-day of our revolution, attack and defeat a superior number of the invaders of our country, who were most advantageously posted at the north bridge of Concord," it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that two brass field-pieces, with proper apparatus, be provided for said company, with suitable engravings, "to commemorate and render honor to the action which led to the victory of the day, and to perpetuate the names of the gallant Buttrick and Davis, and also to animate in future the ardour and bravery of the defenders of our country." The inscription is as follows: "The Legislature of Massachusetts consecrate the names of Major John Buttrick and Captain Isaac Davis, whose valour and example excited their fellow-citizens to a successful resistance of a superior number of British troops at Concord Bridge, the 19th of April, 1775, which was the beginning of a contest in arms that ended in American Independence." The Captains have successively been, Thomas Heald, Jesse Churchill, Henry Saunderson, Reuben Brown, Jr., Francis Wheeler, Cyrus Wheeler, Elisha Wheeler, Eli Brown, William Whiting, John Stacy, Joshua Buttrick, and Abel B. Heywood. Cyrus Wheeler and William Whiting were promoted to the office of Colonel.

The *Social Circle*, probably originating in the Committee of Safety, was formed about 1778, for free discussion and familiar conversation on such subjects as are connected with the interest and improvements of the town. Twenty-five members only can to the society at once; and the meetings are held every Tuesday evening, from October to March, at the members' houses in rotation; and these meetings, as the constitution expresses, tend "to strengthen the social affections, and disseminate useful communications among its members." Many improvements in the town originated in this useful society.



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The *Corinthian Lodge* of Free Masons was organized July 5, 1797, and publicly installed June 25, 1798. The Discourse, delivered on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Morse, was printed.

The *Concord Chapter* of Royal Arch Masons was formed in the spring of 1826, and its officers were publicly installed on the 6th of September following.

A *Library Company* was formed February 23, 1786. Whether there had previously been a library in town, and if any, how long it continued, and its number of volumes, is not known. A "Charitable Library Society" was formed May 25, 1795, depending chiefly on the voluntary donations of its members for support. Jonathan Fay, Esq., Jonas Minott, Esq., and the Rev. Ezra Ripley were successively presidents of this society. Its members united with others and composed the "Proprietors of the Concord Social Library," and were incorporated in 1824. The presiding officers since have been the Rev. Ezra Ripley, the Hon. Samuel Hoar, the Hon. John Keyes, and the Hon. Abiel Heywood. The library, divided into 50 shares, contains about 900 volumes [1835] and constantly increases by the addition of new publications.

The Middlesex Bar commenced the formation of a law library in 1815, which now [1835] contains a very valuable collection of professional works. It is kept by the County Treasurer.

The *Concord Lyceum* was formed December 31, 1828, and the Debating Society, which had existed from 1822, was united with it. The officers of this useful association, for several years, have been the Rev. Ezra Ripley, D.D., President, the [Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd](#) and the Rev. Hersey B. Goodwin, Vice-Presidents, Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary, Mr. Phineas Allen, Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Phineas How, Treasurer, and Dr. Josiah Bartlett, Mr. Nehemiah Ball, and Colonel William Whiting, Curators.

Juvenile Libraries were established, in 1827, in each of the religious societies, in connexion with the Sabbath schools.

Provision Against Fire. — The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt

Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

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A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.¹

The *Concord Harmonic Society* was formed about 1800, for the purpose of improvement in sacred music. For several years past it has not been under regular organization. May 17, 1832, the *Concord Mozart Society* was formed, and takes place of the other. Ephraim Willey was chosen President, Elijah Wood and Francis Hunt, Vice-Presidents, and Phineas Allen, Secretary.

The *Concord Female Charitable Society* was formed in 1814 for "relieving distress, encouraging industry, and promoting virtue and happiness among the female part of the community." Two meetings are held annually for transacting the public business, and others monthly to prepare clothing, and to devise other means to relieve distress.

A society for the suppression of intemperance was organized January 6, 1814. Nathan Brooks, Esq., delivered the first address before it the following December.

Auxiliary Missionary, Tract, and Temperance Societies exist in the town, besides many other less public associations.

The *Concord Bank* was incorporated March 3, 1832, with a capital of \$100,000. Daniel Shattuck, Esq., President, John M. Cheney, Esq., Cashier, and the President, Abiel Heywood,

1. The losses by fire in Concord have not been very great. Some memorandums of a few of them have been preserved. April 17, 1784, Samuel Heald's house was burnt, in which himself, son, and grandson perished. November 3, 1797, Mr. Hartshorn's house and Richard Barber's shop were burnt. June, 1808, Widow Colburn's house was consumed by fire. October 24, 1810, Gaius Proctor's house was burnt; loss, \$800. October 28, 1817, the alms-house was burnt; estimated at \$3,500. May 28, 1818, Deacon White's house took fire, but was extinguished. December 11, 1818, Mrs. Woodward's store took fire, and was extinguished with great difficulty. December 12, 1819, the jail took fire, but was extinguished. December 31, 1819, the centre school-house was burnt. March 10, 1823, William Whiting's shop and part of his dwelling-house were burnt; loss estimated at \$3,000. March, 1829, Samuel Burr's new house was burnt; loss \$1,500.



John Keyes, Nathan Brooks, Abel Moore, and Phineas How, of Concord, Rufus Hosmer of Stow, George F. Farley of Groton, John Merriam of Bedford, Benjamin Muzzy of Lexington, and Timothy Prescott of Littleton, Directors. A neat and appropriate building was erected for its own accommodation and that of the Middlesex Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in 1832.

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Agricultural Society. — This, though properly a county society, is so connected with Concord, as to deserve to be noticed in its history. The members of the Massachusetts Agricultural Society, living in the western parts of the county, met at Chelmsford, January 6, 1794, and formed a society for the “promotion of useful improvements in agriculture,” and were incorporated, February 28, 1803, as “The Western Society of Middlesex Husbandmen.” It did not include Concord, nor other towns in the easterly part of the county. Meetings were held semi-annually, alternately at Westford and Littleton, but no public exhibitions took place. The following gentlemen were successively elected Presidents; the Rev. Jonathan Newell of Stow, the Rev. Phineas Whitney of Shirley, the Rev. Edmund Foster of Littleton, Ebenezer Bridge of Chelmsford, Dr. Oliver Prescott of Groton, Colonel Benjamin Osgood of Westford, Wallis Tuttle, Esq., of Littleton, and the Hon. Samuel Dana of Groton.

An act was passed, February 20, 1819, authorizing any agricultural society, possessing \$1,000 in funds, to draw \$200 from the state treasury, and in the same proportion for a larger sum. This society accordingly voted, in the following September, to extend its operation throughout the county, and to raise funds that it might avail itself of the grant of the state. An act passed, January 24, 1824, incorporating it as “The Society of Middlesex Husbandmen and Manufacturers”; and it was agreed to have annual shows at Concord. The first was held here October 11, 1820; and they have since been annually repeated. The subjoined table exhibits the names of the presidents, orators, and amounts of premiums awarded. The names of those orators, whose addresses have been published, are printed in *italics*.

Date.	Presidents.	Orators.	Premiums.
1820	Cyrus Baldwin, Esq.	No Address.	\$244
1821	Cyrus Baldwin, Esq.	Rufus Hosmer, Esq.	277
1822	David Lawrence, Esq.	<i>Thomas G. Fessenden, Esq.</i>	245
1823	Col. Joseph Valentine.	<i>Josiah Adams, Esq.</i>	259
1824	Col. Joseph Valentine.	Hon. Luke Fiske.	359
1825	Rufus Hosmer, Esq.	<i>Rev. Charles Briggs.</i>	540
1826	Benjamin Dix, Esq.	Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom.	491
1827	Josiah Adams, Esq.	Hon. Edward Everett.	492
1828	Hon. Luke Fiske.	Rev. Bernard Whitman.	496
1829	Hon. Luke Fiske.	John P. Robinson, Esq.	521
1830	Joseph Barrett, Esq.	<i>Elias Phinney, Esq.</i>	541
1831	Elias Phinney, Esq.	<i>John M. Cheney.</i>	510

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The *Middlesex Mutual Fire Insurance Company* was incorporated March 3, and organized March 29, 1826. The Hon. Abiel Heywood was chosen President, and the Hon. Nathan Brooks, Secretary and Treasurer, who, with John Keyes, Daniel Shattuck, Elias Phinney of Lexington,



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and Daniel Richardson of Tyngsborough, have since been Directors. The other directors have been Samuel Burr, 1826 to 1830; Josiah Davis, from 1830; Micah M. Rutter of East Sudbury, 1826 to 1828; Joshua Page of Bedford, 1826 to 1829; Rufus Hosmer of Stow, from 1829; and Charles Merriam of Weston, from 1830. The first policy was issued May 17, 1826; and the following table will show the amount of business in this excellent institution since that time.

Year End.	Policies.	Am't. Insured.	Premium Notes.	Losses.
1827	440	\$801,247	\$41,276.41	\$650.00
1828	226	387,871	22,177.47	100.00
1829	406	645,673	37,774.13	857.74
1830	590	857,700	53,173.80	2,924.50
1831	499	646,279	39,954.01	1,452.53
1832	508	708,064	45,184.85	3,150.75

OFFICIAL HISTORY. — *Municipal Officers.* — The Town Clerk, in addition to his ordinary duties, in early times, was generally authorized to issue summonses and writs of attachment, triable before a justice of the peace. There were also three officers, sometimes chosen by the town, and sometimes appointed by the County Court, called "*Commissioners* for the ending of small matters," whose powers were similar to those of justices of the peace. This Court somewhat resembled a city Police Court. At first 7 men were chosen "to manage the prudential affairs of the town," subsequently called *Selectmen*. About 1680 the number was reduced to 5, and in 1770 to 3. They have acted as *Overseers of the Poor* and as *Assessors*, excepting from 1714 to 1725, when 5 overseers of the poor were chosen. Assessors were chosen separately in 1822, and 1825 to 1831. The office of *Constable* was considered very important in early times. Distinguished men in the town were chosen, and then obliged to serve or pay penalties; and they received a regular salary from the town. Prior to 1720, two were annually chosen, and three since then, with the exception of a few years. It was the custom till 1789, for them to perform the duty of *collectors*, which, at that time was made a separate office, and which, since 1792, has been filled by one person only, and that one generally, who agrees to collect the assessments at the lowest rate. The *Treasurer's* was a distinct office till 1824, when it was united with the collector's. *Fence-Viewers*, or *Surveyors of Fences* have been chosen from before the commencement of the last century; the number varying from 3 to 7. In 1697, seven *Surveyors of Highways and Bridges* were chosen; in 1733, nine; in 1750, twelve; in 1755, five; recently eleven till 1831, when one only was chosen. The number of *Tythingmen*, considered, particularly in early times an important office, has varied from 9 to 3; of *Field-Drivers*, or *Haywards*, from 2 to 6. One *Sealer of Weights and Measures* has always been chosen; and from 1 to 3 *Sealers of Leather* till 1793, when the office ceased. From 2 to 3 *Horse-Officers* or "persons to look after horses going at large on the common during Concord Court," were chosen from 1710 to 1802. From 1715 every man married in town during the year was chosen "to observe the law relating to swine," or to be *Hog-reeves*, as they were first called in 1721. Two to five *Clerks of the Market* were chosen from 1732 to 1800; two *Surveyors of Flax* from 1735 to 1737; two *Deer-reeves*, or deer-officers, from 1740 to 1797. *Cullers of Staves and Shingles*, or *Surveyors of Lumber*, were first chosen in 1752. *Wardens*, officers similar to *Tythingmen*, were chosen from 1761 to 1791. One *Surveyor of Wheat and Flour* from 1763 to 1767; four *Fish-Officers* since 1784; three or four *Measurers of Wood* since 1793; from 3 to 8 *Firewards* since 1797; one *Pound-Keeper* since 1800; a *Cow-Pock Committee* since 1812; and



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a *School-Committee* since 1800.

Town Clerks from the First Settlement of the Town.

Simon Willard	1635 — 1653	Thomas Brown	1704 — 1709
Robert Merriam	1654 — 1667	William Wilson	1710 — 1718
John Scotchford	1668 — 1679	John Flint	1719 — 1730
John Flint	1680 — 1688	Samuel Heywood	1731 — 1748
Thomas Brown	1689 — 1700	Ephraim Jones	1749 — 1754
Abraham Wood	1701 — 1703	Jonas Heywood	1755 — 1759
Benjamin Brown	1760, 1761	Ephraim Wood	1771 — 1795
Jonas Heywood	1762 — 1770	Abiel Heywood	1796 —

Town Treasurers since 1700

Jonathan Hubbard	1700 — 1708	John Beaton	1754 — 1770
John Heywood	1709 — 1714	Abijah Bond	1771 — 1781
Samuel Jones	1715 — 1722	Timothy Minott	1782 — 1785
Samuel Chandler	1723 — 1727	Elnathan Jones	1786 — 1791
Samuel Merriam	1728 — 1733	Humphrey Barrett	1792 — 1795
Joseph Barrett	1734 — 1739	Samuel Jones	1796 — 1810
Ebenezer Hubbard	1740 — 1753	John Buttrick	1811 — 1824

Selectmen Chosen since 1700

Thomas Brown	1696 — 1709	Samuel Merriam	1727, 29, 35, 36, 59
Abraham Wood	1700 — 1704	John Jones	1730 — 33, 35, 36, 39 —
Joseph French	1700 — 1703		[55, 60, 61, 65, 66
Stephen Hosmer	1700, 3, 29	Hugh Brooks	1730 — 1733
William Wilson	1700 — 17, 22	Ephraim Brown	1730 — 1733
John Jones	1702, 4 — 6	Ephraim Jones	1734, 43 — 54
Samuel Buttrick	1702	Nathaniel Ball	1734, 37, 38
Noah Brooks	1702, 4, 9	Joshua Brooks	1734, 49, 50
John Wheeler	1703, 1704	Joseph Wright	1736 — 1746
Jonathan Hubbard	1703	David Melvin	1736 — 38, 40, 43



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John Heywood	1705 — 1708	Daniel Adams	1736 — 1738
Samuel Fletcher	1705 — 7, 9 — 13	Chambers Russell	1739
Benj. Whittemore	1707 — 24, 27 — 29	Nathaniel Whittemore	1743 — 46, 49, 50, 54
Thomas Wheeler	1708	Joshua Hubbard	1741
Jonathan Prescott	1709	Samuel Minott	1747 — 1749
Wm. Wheeler	1710 — 13, 15, 18,	Ephraim Wood	1749, 1750
	[19, 25, 26	Simon Hunt	1749, 50, 54, 55,
Joseph Dakin	1710, 15 — 17		[63 — 66
John Heald	1711 — 1715	Abishai Brown	1752, 1753
Richard Parks	1714	Ephraim Hartwell	1752, 1753
Simon Dakin	1714	Thomas Brooks	1752, 1753
John Fassett	1714, 20 — 24	Stephen Hosmer, Jr.	1752 — 1759
John Flint	1716 — 29, 41, 42, 59	Samuel Farrar	1754
Daniel Brooks	1716 — 19, 25 — 29	James Barrett	1754, 55, 60, 61, 66
Samuel Chandler	1718 — 24,	Thomas Jones	1756 — 1758
	[30 — 36, 39	Charles Prescott	1756 — 58, 62, 65, 66
Samuel Heywood	1720 — 23, 27, 28, 30 — 48	Thomas Barrett	1756 — 58, 62
George Farrar	1723 — 1726	Jonas Heywood	1755 — 59, 62, 70
John Barker	1725, 1726	Samuel Minott	1756 — 58, 62
James Minott, Jr.	1727, 28, 35, 36,	James Chandler	1759 — 1761, 67 — 70
	[40, 47 — 49	Benjamin Brown	1760, 1761
Andrew Conant	1760, 1761	Jacob Brown	1788 — 1795
Thomas Davis	1762	Abiel Heywood	1796 —
John Cuming	1763 — 1766	Roger Brown	1796 — 1800
Jonas Minott	1767 — 1770	Reuben Hunt	1797 — 1801
David Brown	1767 — 1770	Thomas Hubbard	1801 — 1803
Humphrey Barrett	1767 — 1770	Stephen Barrett	1802 — 1807



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Ephraim Wood	1771 — 1795	Nathan Wood	1804 — 1810
John Flint	1771 — 1774	James Barrett	1808 — 1810
Timothy Wheeler	1771 — 1773	Nathan Barrett	1811 — 1821
Nathan Merriam	1774 — 1778	Thomas Wheeler	1811 — 1815
Nehemiah Hunt	1775 — 1778	Isaac Lee	1816 — 1821
John Buttrick	1779 — 1784	Jonathan Hildreth	1822 — 1829
George Minott	1779 — 1784	Cyrus Hubbard	1822 —
Asa Brooks	1785 — 1795	Cyrus Stow	1830,
James Barrett	1785, 1786	Daniel Clark	1830 —
Joseph Chandler	1787, 1796	Elisha Wheeler	1830,



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Deputies and Representatives from the first Settlement of the Town.

<i>7th December.</i>		1700, 1701	James Minott.
1636	Simon Willard.	1702	William Wilson.
<i>April, 17th May, 26th Sept., 2d Nov.</i>		1703, 1704	John Wheeler.
1637	Simon Willard.	1705	Simon Davis.
<i>2d May, 6th Sept., 22d May.</i>		1706—1708	William Wilson.
1638, 1639	Thomas Flint, Simon Willard.	1709—1711	Benjamin Whittemore.
<i>4th Sept., 13th May.</i>		1721	William Wilson.
1639, 1640	Thomas Flint, Richard Griffin.	1722—1724	Benjamin Whittemore.
<i>7th Oct., 2d June, 7th Oct.</i>		1725	William Wilson.
1640, 1641	Thomas Flint, Simon Willard.	1726—1728	John Flint.
<i>8th Sept., 10th May.</i>		1729—1736	Samuel Chandler.
1642, 1643	Thomas Brooks	1738, 1738	James Minott.
<i>7th March.</i>		1739	Samuel Chandler.
1644	Simon Willard.	1740	Chambers Russell.
<i>29th May.</i>		1741—1744	James Minott.
1644	Thomas Brooks.	1745—1749	Ephraim Jones.
1645, 1646	Simon Willard.	1750	Ephraim Jones, Chambers Russell.
1647, 1648	Richard Griffin.	1751, 1752	Chambers Russell.
1649, 1650	Simon Willard.	1753	Ephraim Jones.
1651	Richard Griffin, Simon Willard.	1754, 1755	Simon Hunt.
1652, 1653	Simon Willard.	1756, 1757	James Barrett.
1654	Simon Willard, Thomas Brooks.	1758—1763	Charles Prescott.
1655—1658	Robert Merriam.	1764	James Barrett.
1659—1662	Thomas Brooks.	1765—1767	Charles Prescott.
1663—1666	Timothy Wheeler.	1768—1775	James Barrett.



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1667	John Smeadly.	1776	Joseph Hosmer, John Cuming.
1668, 1669	Timothy Wheeler.	1777—1780	Joseph Hosmer.
1670	John Smeadly.	1781	David Brown.
1671, 1672	Timothy Wheeler.	1782	James Barrett.
1673—1676	Peter Bulkeley.	1783—1785	Joseph Barrett.
1677	Thomas Brattle.	1786	James Barrett.
1678—1680	John Flint, Thomas Brattle.	1787	Isaac Hubbard.
1681	Thomas Brattle.	1788—1791	Duncan Ingraham.
1682	John Flint.	1792—1796	Jonathan Fay.
1683, 1684	Edward Oakes.	1797—1798	Ephraim Wood.
1685	Henry Woodhouse.	1799—1805	Joseph Chandler.
1686	Edward Oakes.	1806	Jonas Lee, Joseph Chandler.
1687, 1688	(Andross' usurpation.)	1807	Joseph Chandler.
<i>9th May, 5th June, 5th Nov., 3d Dec., 12th Feb.</i>		1808	Joseph Chandler, Jonas Lee.
1689	Simon Davis, Ebenezer Prout.	1808, 1810	Tilly Merrick.
<i>28th May.</i>		1811	Joseph Chandler, Stephen Barrett.
1690	Simon Davis.	1812	John White, Benjamin Prescott.
<i>8th Oct., 10th Dec., 3d Feb., 14th April.</i>		1813	Tilly Merrick.
1690, 1691	Henry Woodhouse.	1814	Jonas Lee.
<i>20th May.</i>		1815	Tilly Merrick.



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1691	James Blood.	1816	Not represented.
<i>14th Oct., 8th Dec.</i>		1817	Francis Jarvis.
1691	Humphrey Barrett.	1818—1820	Thomas Wheeler.
<i>4th May.</i>		1821, 1822	John Keyes.
1692	Simon Davis.	1823—1825	Nathan Brooks.
<i>8th June, under the new charter.</i>		1826	Not represented.
1692	Jonathan Prescott, Henry Woodhouse.	1827—1829	Reuben Brown, Jr., Samuel Burr.
1693—1695	Jonathan Prescott.	1830	Reuben Brown, Jr., Daniel Shattuck.
1696	Ephraim Flint.	1831	Joseph Barrett.
1697—1699	Jonathan Prescott.	1832	Joseph Barrett, John Keyes.

Assistants and Counsellors.

1642—1655	Thomas Flint.	1677—1685	Peter Bulkeley.
1654—1676	Simon Willard.	1746—1759	James Minott.

Senators.

1785—1793	Joseph Hosmer.	1823—1828	John Keyes.
1808—1812	John L. Tuttle.	1825—1832	Samuel Hoar, Jr.

Nathan Brooks was of the Council in 1829 and 1830 and of the Senate in 1831.
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County Officers.

The Hon. Joseph Hosmer was Sheriff from March, 1794, to 1808.

Gen. William Hildreth was Sheriff from May 10, 1808, to 1813. He died September 5, 1813.

Samuel Bartlett, Esq. was chosen Register of Deeds in 1794, and removed to Cambridge.

The Hon. John L. Tuttle was chosen County Treasurer from 1808 to 1813 inclusive; and the Hon. John Keyes since that time.

The Hon. Chambers Russell was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and of the Court of Vice-Admiralty, from 1747 to 1752.

Ephraim Wood, Esq., was appointed Special Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, March 12, 1785, and Judge of the same Court in 1797; and held the office till the new organization of that court in 1811.

The Hon. Abiel Heywood sustained the office of Justice of the Court of Sessions, under its different modifications, from 1801 till the law organizing the Court of County Commissioners



was passed.

The Hon. Nathan Brooks was appointed Master in Chancery for Middlesex June 29, 1827.

Attorneys and Counsellors at Law.

John Hoar, from 1660 to 1670. See notices of early families.

Peter Bulkeley. See Biographical Notices of Native Graduates.

Daniel Bliss, son of the Rev. Daniel Bliss, noticed among the college graduates.

Jonathan Fay, son of Captain Jonathan Fay of Westborough, who was graduated at Harvard College in 1778, settled in Concord soon after, married Lucy Prescott, and died June 1, 1811, aged 59.

William Jones, from 1798 to 1801. See Native Graduates.

John Merrick, from 1789 to 1794. See Native Graduates.

Thomas Heald was born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, March 31, 1768, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1797. He read law with Jonathan Fay, Esq., was admitted to practice in Concord in 1800, and removed from Concord in 1813. He died at Blakely, Alabama, in the summer of 1821, while holding the office of judge of one of the courts there.

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John Leighton Tuttle was born in Littleton, graduated at Harvard College in 1796, and commenced practice in Concord after the usual term of professional reading. While resident here he was Post-Master, County Treasurer, and Senator. He was appointed in 1812, Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the 9th Regiment of Continental Infantry, and died at Watertown, near Sacket's Harbour, New York, July 23, 1813.

Samuel Hoar, Jr., had practised with distinguished success in the town since 1807. See College Graduates of Lincoln.

John Keyes was born in Westford, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1809, and admitted to the bar, in this county, in September, 1812. He has been Post-Master and County Treasurer since 1813, was a delegate to the convention for amending the Constitution in 1820, and since a representative and senator in the General Court.

Nathan Brooks, since 1813. See College Graduates of Lincoln.

Elisha Fuller, son of the Rev. Timothy Fuller of Princeton, was graduated at Harvard College in 1815, admitted to the bar in 1823, and immediately after commenced practice in Concord. He removed to Lowell in June, 1831.

John M. Cheney opened an office in Concord in June, 1831. See Native Graduates.

Physicians.

Philip Reed died May 10, 1696. Little is known of him but his title.

Simon Davis, son of Lieutenant Simon Davis, born October 12, 1661, married Elizabeth Woodhouse, 1689, and lived where Mr. Hutchinson now [1835] lives in Carlisle. His practice was principally in surgery. His son John, who died November 16, 1762, aged 73, practised in the same profession.

James Minott came to Concord about 1680, and died September 20, 1735, aged 83. See Genealogy.

Jonathan Prescott born April 5, 1677, died October 28, 1729 aged 54. See Genealogy.

Joseph Lee, son of Joseph Lee, born in Concord October 16, 1680, died October 5, 1736, aged 56. He lived where Joseph Barrett, Esq. now [1835] lives. His son Joseph, who was born June 6, 1716, and died April 10, 1797, practised physic in the early part of his life, though his attention seems not to have been exclusively devoted to it.

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Alexander Cuming came to Concord about 1726.

Edward Carrington. The records say, he was "born at Barbadoes, came to Virginia, thence to Boston and Concord," where he died July 22, 1737, aged 24.

Ebenezer Hartshorn, probably son of Thomas Hartshorn, who was here before 1690, died January 29, 1781, aged 92.

John Prescott, went to Cuba. See Native Graduates and General History.

Abel Prescott, son of Dr. Jonathan Prescott, and brother of the preceding, was born April 7, 1718, and died October 24, 1805, aged 88. During a long period he enjoyed a most extensive professional patronage. His practice extended to nearly all the towns in the county. He lived in a house now [1835] owned by Captain Moore, just below the village. His son Benjamin studied physic, and commenced practice in Carlisle, but soon relinquished the profession.

John Cuming, died July 3, 1788, aged 60. See separate Biographical Notices.

Timothy Minott, died July 25, 1804, aged 78. See Native Graduates.

Joseph Hunt, died May 27, 1812, aged 63. See Native Graduates.

Isaac Hurd, son of Benjamin Hurd of Charlestown, born July 27, 1756, and graduated at Harvard College in 1776. He commenced practice in Billerica in 1778, and came from thence to this town in 1789. His Address before the Humane Society, June 11, 1799, was published.

Abishai Brown, having acquired some skill while in the revolutionary army, had considerable practice as a surgeon after his return.

Abiel Heywood commenced practice in Concord in 1790. See Native Graduates.

Benjamin D. Bartlett, son of Samuel Bartlett, Esq., born in Concord, graduated at Harvard College in 1810, came to Concord in 1813, and removed to Bath, Maine, in 1816.

Josiah Bartlett, son of Dr. Josiah Bartlett of Charlestown, born November 20, 1796, and grad. at Harvard College in 1816, and at the Medical School in 1819; came to Concord June 1, 1820.

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Dudley Smith, son of Dudley Smith, born at Gilsum, New Hampshire, September 15, 1799. He studied with Dr. Charles G. Adams of Keene, and Dr. Warren of Boston, was graduated at the Medical School, Dartmouth College, in 1825, and commenced practice in Concord the same year. He removed to Lowell in 1832.

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