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In colonial and provincial times in Massachusetts groups of individuals within clearly defined areas, not strong enough to become a town, were often established by law as townships and districts, without certain town privileges, as the power of choosing Representatives, etc.

Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1775 (section 3), passed Aug. 23, 1775, declared "that every corporate body in this colony which in the act for the incorporation thereof is said and declared to be made a district, and has, by such act, granted to it, or is declared to be vested with, the rights, powers, priviledges or immunities of a town, with the exception above mentioned of chusing and sending a representative to the great and general court or assembly, shall henceforth be, and shall be holden, taken and intended to be, a town to all intents and purposes whatsoever." (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 420.)

Since that time there have been no districts or townships in the State. New towns set off from one or more towns are duly incorporated by law and their bounds fixed. Towns and cities may, of course, establish certain lines within their own areas as town and city limits (using the words in contradistinction to "country" or "outskirts") for the regulation of water, light or police service. These lines, however, would not properly be considered the corporate bounds of the town.

"Towns . . . became in effect municipal or quasi corporations, without any formal act of incorporation." (122 Mass. p. 349.)

March 23, 1786. "The inhabitants of every town within this government are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate." (Acts 1785, chap. 75.)

Nov. 4, 1835. "All places now incorporated as districts, except the district of Marshpee, in the county of Barnstable, shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties to which towns are entitled by the provisions of this chapter." (R. S. chap. 15, sect. 9.)

The asterisk (\*) following a date signifies that it is Old Style.



Many of the doings of the court are given in different volumes of the early records under different dates, usually, however, in the same year. The earliest date is given in these tables. The dates that appear in the column headed "First mentioned in the records of the State," etc., are those under which the several names as there given first appear in the records of the Colonies, Province, or State, although settlements under the same or different names might have been earlier made.

Names of cities are printed in small capitals; of extinct cities, towns and districts, in italics.

Under the provisions of chapter 101, Resolves of the May session, 1794, it was provided that as an accurate map of the Commonwealth would tend to facilitate and promote such information and improvements as would be favorable to its growth and prosperity, the several towns and districts were required to cause to be taken accurate plans of their respective towns or districts, upon a scale of 200 rods to an inch, to be lodged in the Secretary's office.

These plans were duly filed, with the exception of Chelsea, and are to be found in the Secretary's office, Division of Archives, Town Plans 1794, volumes 1 to 16.

By chapter 24, Resolves of 1797, May session, these plans were used as a basis for maps of Massachusetts proper and the District of Maine, which were published and distributed in 1801.

By chapter 50, Resolves of 1829, March 1, 1830, it was required that the city of Boston and the several towns and districts in the Commonwealth cause to be made accurate plans of their respective towns or districts, upon a scale of 100 rods to an inch, upon a minute and accurate survey, to be lodged in the Secretary's office.

These in turn were filed, with the exception of Carver, Chelsea, Littleton, Nantucket, New Bedford and Plympton, and are to be found in the Secretary's office, Division of Archives, Town Plans 1830, volumes 1 to 15.

The tables that follow were prepared in their present form by the late Robert T. Swan, Esq., Commissioner of Public Records, and were continued by his successor, the late Henry E. Woods, Esq.



## COUNTIES, CITIES, AND TOWNS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## BARNSTABLE COUNTY. INCORPORATED JUNE 2, 1685.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Barnstable, . . . . .	Mar. 5,* 1638	Common land. June 17,* 1641 bounds between Barnstable and Yarmouth established. Mar. 2,* 1652 bounds between Barnstable and Sandwich to be established. Mar. 11,* 1658 Barnstable and Yarmouth agreed upon bounds. June 3,* 1662 additional lands granted to Barnstable. June 10,* 1662 bounds between Barnstable and Sandwich to be established. Oct. 29,* 1672 bounds between Barnstable and Sandwich established. Jan. 22, 1795 bounds between Barnstable and the District of Mashpee established. Mar. 28, 1894 bounds between Barnstable and Mashpee established. April 24, 1916 bounds between Barnstable and Mashpee established and part of Sandwich annexed.
Bourne, . . . . .	April 2, 1884	Part of Sandwich. April 14, 1897 bounds between Bourne and Wareham established.
Brewster, . . . . .	Feb. 19, 1803	Part of Harwich. June 21, 1811 part of Harwich annexed. April 25, 1848 part annexed to Harwich. Feb. 20, 1861 bounds between Brewster and Orleans established.
Chatham, . . . . .	June 11,* 1712	District of Manamoit. April 14, 1862 bounds between Chatham and Orleans and Chatham and Harwich established.
Dennis, . . . . .	June 19, 1793	Part of Yarmouth.
Eastham, . . . . .	June 7,* 1651	Name changed from Nawsett. Mar. 5,* 1678 Eastham and purchasers on both sides to settle the bounds. June 16, 1763 part established as the district of Wellfleet. July 14, 1772 part of Harwich annexed. Mar. 3, 1797 part of Eastham established as Orleans. Mar. 9, 1839 part annexed to Orleans. April 26, 1847 part annexed to Wellfleet. Mar. 23, 1867 bounds between Eastham and Orleans established and part of each town annexed to the other town. May 6, 1887 bounds between tidewaters of Eastham and Wellfleet established.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY — *Continued.*

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Falmouth, . . . . .	Sept. 14,* 1694	Name changed from Suckanesset though not recorded. Nov. 28, 1735 bounds between Falmouth and lands of the proprietors of Mashpee confirmed. Mar. 17, 1841 a tract of land formerly in the plantation of Marshpee annexed. Mar. 19, 1880 bounds between Falmouth and Sandwich established. June 18, 1885 bounds between Falmouth and Mashpee established.
Harwich, . . . . .	Sept. 14,* 1694	Tract of land known as Satucket. July 14, 1772 part annexed to Eastham. Feb. 19, 1803 part established as Brewster. June 21, 1811 part annexed to Brewster. April 25, 1848 part of Brewster annexed. April 4, 1862 bounds between Harwich and Orleans established. April 14, 1862 bounds between Harwich and Chatham established.
<i>Marshpee, District of,</i> . .	Mar. 31, 1834	Plantation of Marshpee. Mar. 17, 1841 a tract of land formerly in the plantation of Marshpee annexed to Falmouth. April 1, 1859 part annexed to Sandwich. Mar. 13, 1860 part annexed to Sandwich. May 28, 1870 district of Marshpee abolished and the town of Mashpee established.
<i>Mashpee, District of,</i> . .	June 14, 1763	Common land called Mashpee. Act of June 14, 1763 revived, to be in force until July 1, 1770. Nov. 15, 1770 the act again revived, to be in force until the end of the session of the General Court next after Nov. 1, 1775. Feb. 9, 1776 the act to continue in force until the end of the session next after Nov. 1, 1779. Nov. 25, 1779 the act again continued until Nov. 1, 1785. June 13, 1788 the above act repealed and three "Guardians to the Proprietors" appointed, the act now passed to be in force for ten years. Jan. 22, 1795 bounds between the district of Mashpee and Barnstable established. Mar. 7, 1797 the act of June 13, 1788 made perpetual until repealed by the legislature. Feb. 26, 1811 part of the "plantation of Marshpee" [sic] annexed to Sandwich.
Mashpee, . . . . .	May 28, 1870	District of Marshpee. Mar. 19, 1872 part of Sandwich re-annexed. June 18, 1885 bounds between Mashpee and Falmouth established. May 27, 1887 bounds between Mashpee and Sandwich established and part of Sandwich annexed. Mar. 28, 1894 bounds between Mashpee and Barnstable established. April 20, 1905 bounds between Mashpee and Sandwich established and part of Sandwich annexed. April 24, 1916 bounds between Mashpee and Barnstable established.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY — *Continued.*

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
<i>Nawsett</i> , . . . . .	— —, 1643	Common land. Mar. 3,* 1645 certain common lands "Lying between sea and sea" granted to those who go to dwell at "Nossett." June 2,* 1646 established as a township. June 7,* 1651 name changed to Eastham.
<i>Orleans</i> , . . . . .	Mar. 3, 1797	Part of Eastham. Mar. 9, 1839 part of Eastham annexed. Feb. 20, 1861 bounds between Orleans and Brewster established. April 4, 1862 bounds between Orleans and Harwich established. April 14, 1862 bounds between Orleans and Chatham established. Mar. 23, 1867 bounds between Orleans and Eastham established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
<i>Provincetown</i> , . . . .	June 14,* 1727	Precinct of Cape Cod. June 12, 1813 part of Truro annexed and bounds between the towns established. Mar. 2, 1829 part of Truro annexed and bounds again established. Mar. 30, 1836 part of Truro annexed.
<i>Sandwich</i> , . . . . .	Mar. 6,* 1638	Common land called "Sanditch." Mar. 2,* 1652 bounds between Sandwich and Barnstable to be established. June 10,* 1662 bounds between Sandwich and Barnstable to be established. June 7,* 1670 the bounds established Jan. 19,* 1663 ordered to be entered on the records of the court. Oct. 29,* 1672 bounds between Sandwich and Barnstable established. July 7,* 1681 bounds between Sandwich and Suckanesset established. Oct. 28,* 1684 bounds established. Nov. 28, 1735 bounds between Sandwich and lands of the proprietors of Mashpee confirmed. Feb. 26, 1811 part of the "plantation of Marshpee" [sic] annexed. April 1, 1859 part of the district of Marshpee annexed. Mar. 13, 1860 part of the district of Marshpee annexed. Mar. 19, 1872 part re-annexed to Mashpee. Mar. 19, 1880 bounds between Sandwich and Falmouth established. April 2, 1884 part established as Bourne. May 27, 1887 bounds between Sandwich and Mashpee established and part annexed to Mashpee. April 20, 1905 bounds between Sandwich and Mashpee established and part annexed to Mashpee. April 24, 1916 part annexed to Barnstable.
<i>Suckanesset</i> , . . . . .	June 7,* 1670	Bounds mentioned. July 7,* 1681 bounds between Suckanesset and Sandwich established. June 4,* 1686 made a township with privileges of a town. Name changed to Falmouth though not recorded.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY — *Concluded.*

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Truro, . . . . .	July 16,* 1709	Common land called Pawmett. Oct. 21,* 1714 bounds between Truro and the Province Lands established. June 12, 1813 part annexed to Provincetown and bounds between the towns established. Mar. 2, 1829 part annexed to Provincetown and bounds again established. Mar. 30, 1836 part annexed to Provincetown. Feb. 22, 1837 bounds between Truro and Wellfleet established.
Wellfleet, . . . . .	June 16, 1763	Part of Eastham established as the district of Wellfleet. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 22, 1837 bounds between Wellfleet and Truro established. April 26, 1847 part of Eastham annexed. May 6, 1887 bounds between the tidewaters of Wellfleet and Eastham established.
Yarmouth, . . . . .	Jan. 7,* 1639	Common land called Mattacheeset. June 17,* 1641 bounds between Yarmouth and Barnstable established. Mar. 11,* 1658 Yarmouth and Barnstable agreed upon bounds. June 19, 1793 part of Yarmouth established as Dennis.

## BERKSHIRE COUNTY. INCORPORATED APRIL 21, 1761.

Adams, . . . . .	Oct. 15, 1778	The plantation called East Hoosuck. April 10, 1780 the plantation called New Providence annexed. Mar. 14, 1793 part included in the new town of Cheshire. April 16, 1878 part established as North Adams.
Alford, . . . . .	Feb. 16, 1773	Part of Great Barrington and certain common lands established as the district of Alford. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 11, 1779 part of Great Barrington annexed. Feb. 6, 1790 bounds between Alford and Egremont established. Feb. 18, 1819 part of Great Barrington annexed. Mar. 17, 1847 part of West Stockbridge annexed.
Becket, . . . . .	June 21, 1765	The new plantation called Number Four. Mar. 12, 1783 part included in the new town of Middlefield. Feb. 3, 1798 certain common lands lying between Becket, Blandford, Chester, and Loudon annexed. Mar. 1, 1810 part of Loudon annexed.
<i>Bethlehem, District of,</i> . . . . .	June 24, 1789	The North Eleven Thousand Acres. June 19, 1809 district of Bethlehem and the town of Loudon united as the town of Loudon. Mar. 1, 1810 act of June 19, 1809 took effect.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY — *Continued.*

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
<i>Boston Corner, District of,</i>	April 14, 1838	Common land. Mar. 12, 1847 bounds between the district of Boston Corner and Mount Washington established. May 14, 1853 ceded to the State of New York.
Cheshire, . . . . .	Mar. 14, 1793	Parts of Adams, Lanesborough, Windsor, and the district of New Ashford. Feb. 26, 1794 part re-annexed to Windsor. Feb. 6, 1798 part of the district of New Ashford annexed. May 28, 1912 bounds between Cheshire and New Ashford established.
Clarksburg, . . . . .	Mar. 2, 1798	Common land. May 2, 1848 part annexed to Florida. May 20, 1852 part of Florida annexed. April 10, 1913 bounds between Clarksburg and Florida established.
Dalton, . . . . .	Mar. 20, 1784	The new plantation of Ashuelot Equivalent. Feb. 28, 1795 part of Windsor annexed. Feb. 23, 1796 part of Windsor annexed. June 21, 1804 part included in the new town of Hinsdale.
Egremont, . . . . .	Feb. 13, 1760	Common land established as the district of Egremont. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 6, 1790 bounds between Egremont and Alford established. Feb. 22, 1790 part of Sheffield annexed. June 17, 1817 bounds between Egremont and Mount Washington established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Feb. 16, 1824 part of Sheffield annexed. June 4, 1869 bounds between Egremont and Sheffield established.
Florida, . . . . .	June 15, 1805	Barnardstone's Grant and part of Bullock's Grant. May 2, 1848 part of Clarksburg annexed. May 20, 1852 part annexed to Clarksburg. April 10, 1913 bounds between Florida and Clarksburg established.
<i>Gageborough, . . . . .</i>	July 4, 1771	The new plantation called Number Four. Oct. 16, 1778 part of the plantation called Number Five annexed, and the town of Gageborough, together with this annexed tract of land, to be a town by the name of Windsor.
Great Barrington, . . . . .	June 30, 1761	Part of Sheffield. Feb. 16, 1773 part included in the new district of Alford. Feb. 16, 1773 lands adjoining annexed. Oct. 21, 1777 part included in the new town of Lee. Feb. 11, 1779 part annexed to Alford. Feb. 18, 1819 part annexed to Alford.
Hancock, . . . . .	July 2, 1776	The plantation called Jerico. June 26, 1798 part annexed to the district of New Ashford. May 20, 1851 bounds between Hancock and New Ashford established.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY — *Continued.*

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Hinsdale, . . . . .	June 21, 1804	Parts of Partridgefield and Dalton. Feb. 28, 1912 bounds between Hinsdale and Peru established.
Lanesborough, . . . . .	June 21, 1765	The plantation of New Framingham. Mar. 14, 1793 part included in the new town of Cheshire.
Lee, . . . . .	Oct. 21, 1777	Parts of Great Barrington and Washington, the Glass Works Grant, and part of Williams's Grant. Mar. 7, 1806 bounds between Lee and Lenox established. Mar. 7, 1806 part of Washington annexed, and line between Lee and Washington established. Feb. 7, 1820 bounds between Lee and Lenox established.
Lenox, . . . . .	Feb. 26, 1767	Part of Richmond. Nov. 20, 1770 land adjoining annexed. Apr. 25, 1772 certain estates set off from Lenox to Richmond. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Jan. 31, 1795 part of Washington annexed. Feb. 18, 1802 part of Washington annexed. Mar. 7, 1806 bounds between Lenox and Lee established. Feb. 7, 1820 bounds between Lenox and Lee established.
Loudon, . . . . .	Feb. 27, 1773	Common land called Tyringham Equivalent. June 19, 1809 Loudon and the district of Bethlehem united as the town of Loudon. Mar. 1, 1810 the act of June 19, 1809 took effect and part was annexed to Becket. June 13, 1810 name changed to Otis.
Monterey, . . . . .	April 12, 1847	Part of Tyringham. May 24, 1851 part of New Marlborough annexed. April 24, 1875 part of Sandisfield annexed. May 19, 1875 the act of April 24, 1875 accepted by the town. June 1, 1875 the act of April 24, 1875 took effect.
Mount Washington, . . . . .	June 21, 1779	The plantation called Tauconnuck Mountain. June 17, 1817 bounds between Mount Washington and Egremont established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 12, 1847 bounds between Mount Washington and the district of Boston Corner established.
New Ashford, . . . . .	Feb. 26, 1781	Land called New Ashford, lying between Adams, Hancock, Lanesborough, and Williamstown, established as the district of New Ashford. Mar. 14, 1793 part of the district of New Ashford included in the new town of Cheshire. Feb. 6, 1798 part of the district of New Ashford annexed to Cheshire. June 26, 1798 part of Hancock annexed to the district of New Ash-



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New Ashford — <i>Con.</i>	Feb. 26, 1781	ford. Nov. 4, 1835 the district made a town by chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes. May 20, 1851 bounds between New Ashford and Hancock established. May 28, 1912 bounds between New Ashford and Cheshire established.
New Marlborough, . . .	June 15, 1759	The plantation called New Marlborough established as the district of New Marlborough. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. June 19, 1795 part of Sheffield annexed. Feb. 7, 1798 part of Sheffield annexed. Feb. 27, 1811 part of Tyringham annexed. Feb. 11, 1812 part annexed to Tyringham. May 24, 1851 part annexed to Monterey. April 19, 1871 part of Sheffield annexed and bounds established.
NORTH ADAMS, . . .	April 16, 1878	Part of Adams. Mar. 22, 1895 North Adams incorporated as a city. April 8, 1895 act of incorporation accepted by the town. April 25, 1900 bounds between North Adams and Williamstown established and part of Williamstown annexed.
Otis, . . . . .	June 13, 1810	Name changed from Loudon. April 9, 1838 part of the common lands called East Eleven Thousand Acres annexed.
<i>Partridgefield</i> , . . .	July 4, 1771	The new plantation called Number Two. Mar. 12, 1783 part included in the new town of Middlefield. June 21, 1804 part included in the new town of Hinsdale. June 19, 1806 name changed to Peru.
Peru, . . . . .	June 19, 1806	Name changed from Partridgefield. Feb. 28, 1912 bounds between Peru and Hinsdale established.
PITTSFIELD, . . . .	April 21, 1761	The plantation called Pontoosuck. June 5, 1889 Pittsfield incorporated as a city. Feb. 11, 1890 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Richmond, . . . .	Mar. 3, 1785	Name changed from Richmond. Mar. 27, 1834 bounds between Richmond and West Stockbridge established.
<i>Richmont</i> , . . . .	June 21, 1765	The new plantation called Yokum Town and Mount Ephraim. Feb. 26, 1767 part established as the district of Lenox. April 24, 1772 certain estates set off from Lenox to Richmond. Mar. 3, 1785 name changed to Richmond.
Sandisfield, . . . .	Mar. 6, 1762	The new plantation called Number Three. Feb. 10, 1819 the district of Southfield and the town of Sandisfield united as the town of Sandisfield. April 9, 1838 part of



BERKSHIRE COUNTY — *Continued.*

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Sandisfield — <i>Con.</i> . . .	Mar. 6, 1762	the common lands called East Eleven Thousand Acres annexed. May 4, 1853 bounds between Sandisfield and Tolland established. May 15, 1855 bounds between Sandisfield and Tolland established. April 24, 1875 part annexed to Monterey. May 19, 1875 act of April 24, 1875 accepted by Monterey. June 1, 1875 act of April 24, 1875 took effect.
Savoy, . . . . .	Feb. 20, 1797	Common land.
Sheffield, . . . . .	June 22,* 1733	Part of the lower plantation called Housatannick. June 19, 1753 common land lying west annexed. Jan. 21, 1760 certain estates annexed to the upper parish. June 30, 1761 part established as Great Barrington. Feb. 22, 1790 part annexed to Egremont. June 19, 1795 part annexed to New Marlborough. Feb. 7, 1798 part annexed to New Marlborough. Feb. 16, 1824 part annexed to Egremont. June 4, 1869 bounds between Sheffield and Egremont established. April 19, 1871 part annexed to New Marlborough and bounds established.
<i>Southfield, District of,</i> . . .	June 19, 1797	The South Eleven Thousand Acres. Feb. 8, 1819 district of Southfield and town of Sandisfield united as the town of Sandisfield.
Stockbridge, . . . . .	June 22,* 1739	The plantation called the Indian Town. Mar. 9, 1774 part established as the district of West Stockbridge. June 17, 1774 bounds between Stockbridge and West Stockbridge established. Mar. 2, 1829 part annexed to West Stockbridge. Feb. 6, 1830 the act of Mar. 2, 1829 perfected.
Tyringham, . . . . .	Mar. 6, 1762	The new plantation called Number One. Feb. 27, 1811 part annexed to New Marlborough. Feb. 11, 1812 part of New Marlborough annexed. April 12, 1847 part established as Monterey.
Washington, . . . . .	April 12, 1777.	The plantation called Hartwood and several contiguous grants. Oct. 21, 1777 part included in the new town of Lee. Mar. 12, 1783 part included in the new town of Middlefield. Jan. 31, 1795 part annexed to Lenox. Feb. 18, 1802 part annexed to Lenox. Mar. 7, 1806 part annexed to Lee, and line between Washington and Lee established.
West Stockbridge, . . .	Mar. 9, 1774	Part of Stockbridge established as the district of West Stockbridge. June 17, 1774 bounds between West Stockbridge and Stockbridge established. Aug. 23, 1775

BERKSHIRE COUNTY — *Concluded.*

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West Stockbridge — <i>Con.</i>	Mar. 9, 1774	the district made a town by general act. Mar. 2, 1793 a gore of common land annexed. Mar. 2, 1829 part of Stockbridge annexed. Feb. 6, 1830 the act of Mar. 2, 1829 perfected. Mar. 27, 1834 bounds between West Stockbridge and Richmond established. Mar. 17, 1847 part annexed to Alford.
Williamstown, . . . .	June 21, 1765	The plantation called West Hoosuck. April 9, 1838 certain unincorporated lands annexed. April 25, 1900 bounds between Williamstown and North Adams established and part annexed to North Adams.
Windsor, . . . . .	Oct. 16, 1778	The town of Gageborough and certain annexed lands. Mar. 14, 1793 part included in the new town of Cheshire. Feb. 26, 1794 part of Cheshire re-annexed. Feb. 28, 1795 part annexed to Dalton. Feb. 23, 1796 part annexed to Dalton.

## BRISTOL COUNTY. INCORPORATED JUNE 2, 1685.

Acushnet, . . . . .	Feb. 13, 1860	Part of Fairhaven. April 9, 1875 part annexed to New Bedford.
ATTLEBORO, . . . . .	Oct. 19,* 1694	Part of Rehoboth called The North Purchase, to be called Attleborough. Sept. 10,* 1697 bounds between Attleborough and Rehoboth established. June 26,* 1710 "the mile and a half restored" to Attleborough. Feb. 18, 1830 bounds between Attleborough and Wrentham established and part annexed to Wrentham. June 14, 1887 part established as North Attleborough. July 30, 1887 act of June 14, 1887 accepted by the town. Mar. 6, 1888 the acceptance of the act by the town confirmed. June 17, 1914 Attleborough incorporated as the city of Attleboro. Nov. 3, 1914 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Berkley, . . . . .	April 18,* 1735	Parts of Dighton and Taunton. Feb. 26, 1799 part of Dighton annexed. Feb. 6, 1810 certain lands in Berkley belonging to Taunton annexed. Mar. 3, 1842 certain lands in Berkley belonging to Taunton annexed. April 1, 1879 part of Taunton annexed. April 12, 1879 act of April 1, 1879 accepted by the town.
Dartmouth, . . . . .	Oct. 5,* 1652	Common land. June 8,* 1664 the tract of land called Acushena, Ponagansett, and Coaksett established as Dartmouth. June 3,* 1668 bounds established. Feb. 23,

BRISTOL COUNTY — *Continued.*

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Dartmouth— <i>Con.</i> . . .	Oct. 5,* 1652	1787 part established as New Bedford. July 2, 1787 part established as Westport. Feb. 25, 1793 part annexed to Westport. Feb. 28, 1795 part annexed to Westport. Mar. 4, 1805 part annexed to Westport. Feb. 20, 1828 bounds between Dartmouth and Westport established. Feb. 19, 1831 bounds between Dartmouth and New Bedford established. Mar. 20, 1845 part annexed to New Bedford. May 3, 1888 part annexed to New Bedford.
Dighton, . . . . .	May 30,* 1712	Part of Taunton. April 18,* 1735 part included in the new town of Berkley. Mar. 2,* 1743 bounds reported by a committee. Jan. 8,* 1745 bounds established. Feb. 26, 1799 part annexed to Berkley. June 9, 1814 part established as Wellington. Feb. 12, 1824 bounds between Dighton and Wellington established and part annexed to Wellington. Feb. 22, 1826 Dighton and Wellington united as the town of Dighton if the act is accepted previous to Mar. 1, 1826. Feb. 25, 1826 act accepted by Dighton. April 4, 1854 part annexed to Somerset.
Easton, . . . . .	Dec. 21,* 1725	Part of the land in Norton called the Taunton North Purchase.
Fairhaven, . . . . .	Feb. 22, 1812	Part of New Bedford. June 15, 1815 part of Freetown annexed. April 9, 1836 part of Rochester annexed and bounds established. Feb. 13, 1860 part established as Acushnet.
FALL RIVER, . . . . .	Feb. 26, 1803	Part of Freetown. June 18, 1804 name changed to Troy. Feb. 12, 1834 name changed from Troy. April 12, 1854 Fall River incorporated as a city. April 22, 1854 act of incorporation accepted by the town. April 10, 1861 certain lands on the east side of Mount Hope Bay annexed by the change of the bounds of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. June 14, 1894 bounds between Fall River and Westport located and defined.
Freetown, . . . . .	July —, 1683	Common land called Freeman's land. June 17,* 1700 bounds between Freetown and Tiverton established. Feb. 26, 1803 part established as Fall River. June 15, 1815 part annexed to Fairhaven.
Mansfield, . . . . .	April 26, 1770	Part of Norton made the district of Mansfield. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act.
NEW BEDFORD, . . . . .	Feb. 23, 1787	Part of Dartmouth. Feb. 22, 1812 part established as Fairhaven. Feb. 19, 1831 bounds between Dartmouth and New

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NEW BEDFORD — <i>Con.</i> .	Feb. 23, 1787	Bedford established. Mar. 20, 1845 part of Dartmouth annexed. Mar. 9, 1847 New Bedford incorporated as a city. Mar. 18, 1847 act of incorporation accepted by the town. April 9, 1875 part of Acushnet annexed. May 3, 1888 part of Dartmouth annexed.
North Attleborough, .	June 14, 1887	Part of Attleborough. July 30, 1887 act of June 14, 1887 accepted by the town of Attleborough. Mar. 6, 1888 the acceptance of the act by the town confirmed.
Norton, . . . . .	Mar. 17,* 1710	Part of Taunton called the North Purchase. June 12,* 1711 bill to perfect the grant passed. Dec. 21,* 1725 part established as Easton. Dec. 25, 1753 part of Stoughton annexed. April 26, 1770 part established as the district of Mansfield.
Raynham, . . . . .	April 2,* 1731	Part of Taunton. Feb. 27, 1866 bounds between Raynham and Taunton established.
Rehoboth, . . . . .	June 4,* 1645	Common land called Seacunck. June 6,* 1649 bounds to be established. Mar. 5,* 1668 part included in the new town of Swansea. June 3,* 1668 certain common lands annexed. Aug. 11,* 1670 bounds between Rehoboth and Swansea established. July 5,* 1671 the land called the North Purchase granted to Rehoboth. July 7,* 1682 bounds established. Oct. 19,* 1694 part called the North Purchase established as Attleborough. Sept. 10,* 1697 bounds between Rehoboth and Attleborough established. June 26,* 1710 "the mile and a half" set off to Attleborough. Dec. 23,* 1735 a gore of land annexed. Feb. 26, 1812 part established as Seekonk.
Seekonk, . . . . .	Feb. 26, 1812	Part of Rehoboth. April 10, 1861 part of Pawtucket, R. I. and certain lands over which Seekonk may have claimed jurisdiction lying east of a conventional line to be determined by the U. S. Supreme Court, after the entry of the decree of said court, to be part of Seekonk. Jan. 29, 1862 a municipal district by the name of East Seekonk, to consist of the territory named in the act of April 10, 1861 established. Said district to cease "so soon as the proper officers of the future town of Seekonk shall have been elected and qualified."
Somerset, . . . . .	Feb. 20, 1790	Part of Swansea called Shewamet Purchase. April 4, 1854 part of Dighton annexed.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Swansea, . . . . .	Mar. 5,* 1668	The township of Wannamoisett (a part of Rehoboth) and places adjacent. July 5,* 1669 a neck of land called Papasquash Neck, excepting one hundred acres, annexed. Aug. 11,* 1670 bounds between Swansea and Rehoboth established. July 5,* 1679 bounds established. Nov. 1,* 1679 bounds between Swansea and Mount Hope to be established. Feb. 20, 1790 part established as Somerset. Mar. 1, 1900 name established as Swansea.
TAUNTON, . . . . .	Mar. 3,* 1639	Common land called Cohannett. Mar. 3,* 1640 land at Assonet granted to Taunton. June 19,* 1640 bounds established. Oct. 29,* 1672 certain lands granted to Taunton. July -, 1682 land called Assonet Neck annexed. Mar. 17,* 1710 the North Precinct of Taunton granted to be a town by the name of Norton. June 12,* 1711 bill to perfect the grant passed. May 30,* 1712 part established as Dighton. April 2,* 1731 part established as Raynham. April 18,* 1735 part included in the new town of Berkley. Feb. 6, 1810 certain lands in Berkley belonging to Taunton annexed to Berkley. Mar. 3, 1842 certain lands in Berkley belonging to Taunton annexed to Berkley. May 11, 1864 Taunton incorporated as a city. June 6, 1864 act of incorporation accepted by the town. Feb. 27, 1866 bounds between Taunton and Raynham established. June 1, 1867 bounds between Taunton and Lakeville established. April 1, 1879 part annexed to Berkley. April 12, 1879 act of April 1, 1879 accepted by Berkley.
Troy, . . . . .	June 18, 1804	Name changed from Fall River. Feb. 12, 1834 name changed to Fall River.
Wellington, . . . . .	June 9, 1814	Part of Dighton. Feb. 12, 1824 bounds between Dighton and Wellington established and part of Dighton annexed. Feb. 22, 1826 Wellington and Dighton united as the town of Dighton. June 16, 1827 Wellington revived to exist one year.
Westport, . . . . .	July 2, 1787	Part of Dartmouth. Feb. 25, 1793 part of Dartmouth annexed. Feb. 28, 1795 part of Dartmouth annexed. Mar. 4, 1805 part of Dartmouth annexed. Feb. 20, 1828 bounds between Westport and Dartmouth established. April 10, 1861 certain lands lying east and south of a line described, after the entry of a decree of the U. S. Supreme Court concerning the Rhode Island boundary, to be a part of Westport. June 14, 1894 bounds between Westport and Fall River located and defined.

## COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY, INCORPORATED JUNE 22, 1695.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Chilmark, . . . . .	Sept. 14,* 1694	Common land. Oct. 30,* 1714 "the Manour of Tisbury, commonly called Chilmark," to have all the powers of a town. Nov. 30,* 1716 "all the lands upon Marthas Vineyard lying to the Westward of the said town" of Chilmark annexed to it, "together with an Island called No Mans land," . . . "provided that it extend not to or take in any part of the Gay Head Rock." May 28, 1856 bounds between Chilmark and the lands of the Indians of Gay Head, as established May 9, 1855 confirmed. Mar. 17, 1864 part of Chilmark known as the Elizabeth Islands established as Gosnold. Feb. 27, 1882 bounds between Chilmark and Tisbury established. Mar. 25, 1896 bounds between Chilmark and Gay Head to be determined. April 29, 1897 bounds between Chilmark and Gay Head established.
<i>Cottage City</i> , . . . . .	Feb 17, 1880	Part of Edgartown. Jan 25, 1907 name changed to Oak Bluffs.
Edgartown, . . . . .	July 8,* 1671 <sup>1</sup>	Name changed from Great Harbour. Feb. 5, 1830 bounds between Edgartown and Tisbury established. April 23, 1862 bounds between Edgartown and Tisbury established. Feb. 17, 1880 part established as Cottage City.
Gay Head, . . . . .	May 28, 1856	Indian lands. April 30, 1870 the district of Gay Head made the town of Gay Head. Mar. 25, 1896 bounds between Gay Head and Chilmark to be determined. April 29, 1897 bounds between Gay Head and Chilmark established.
Gosnold, . . . . .	Mar. 17, 1864	Part of Chilmark known as the Elizabeth Islands.
<i>Great Harbour</i> , . . . . .	July 8,* 1671 <sup>1</sup>	Common land. Name changed to Edgartown.
<i>Middletowne</i> , . . . . .	July 8,* 1671 <sup>2</sup>	Common land. Name changed to Tisbury.
Oak Bluffs, . . . . .	Jan. 25, 1907	Name changed from Cottage City.
Tisbury, . . . . .	July 8,* 1671 <sup>2</sup>	Name changed from Middletown. Nov. 8,* 1709 bounds established. Feb. 5, 1830 bounds between Tisbury and Edgartown established. April 23, 1862 bounds between Tisbury and Edgartown established. Feb. 27, 1882 bounds between Tisbury and Chilmark established. April 28, 1892 part established as West Tisbury.
West Tisbury, . . . . .	April 28, 1892	Part of Tisbury.

<sup>1</sup> "The said Towne being formerly known by the name of the Great Harbour." — New York Book of Patents, Vol. 4, p. 75.

<sup>2</sup> "A township formerly known as Middletowne." — New York Book of Patents, Vol. 4, p. 77.



## ESSEX COUNTY. INCORPORATED MAY 10, 1643.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Amesbury, . . . . .	May 27,* 1668	Name changed from Salisbury-new-town. May 12,* 1675 just and full bounds allowed to Amesbury. Mar. 15, 1844 part of Salisbury called "Little Salisbury" annexed. April 11, 1876 part established as Merrimac. June 16, 1886 part of Salisbury annexed. July 1, 1886 act of June 16, 1886 took effect.
Andover, . . . . .	May 6,* 1646	Common land called Cochicawick. May 26,* 1658 bounds between Andover and Billerica established. May 9,* 1678 bounds between Andover and "Wills Hill" established. June 20,* 1728 part included in the new town of Middleton. April 17, 1847 part included in the new town of Lawrence. April 7, 1855 part established as North Andover. Feb. 4, 1879 part annexed to Lawrence. May 21, 1903 bounds between Andover and Tewksbury established. April 22, 1904 bounds between Andover and North Reading established.
BEVERLY, . . . . .	Nov. 7,* 1668	Part of Salem called Bass River. May 28,* 1679 bounds between Beverly and Wrentham established. Sept. 11, 1753 part of Salem annexed. April 27, 1857 part annexed to Danvers. Mar. 23, 1894 Beverly incorporated as a city. May 1, 1894 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Boxford, . . . . .	Sept. 14,* 1694	Part of Rowley. Feb. 25,* 1701 bounds between Boxford and Topsfield established. Nov. 19,* 1707 bounds between Boxford and Topsfield established. June 20,* 1728 part included in the new town of Middleton. June 10, 1808 part of Rowley annexed. June 18, 1825 bounds between Boxford and Rowley established. Mar. 7, 1846 part of Ipswich annexed. Mar. 21, 1856 part annexed to Groveland. April 15, 1897 part of Boxford annexed to Georgetown. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Boxford and North Andover established. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Boxford and Rowley established. April 22, 1904 bounds between Boxford and Middleton established. April 22, 1904 bounds between Boxford and Georgetown established.
Bradford, . . . . .	Oct. 13,* 1675	A part of Rowley called Merrimak or Rowley Village. Feb. 24,* 1701 agreed bounds between Bradford and Rowley confirmed. Mar. 8, 1850 part established as Groveland. May 4, 1896 annexed to Haverhill if the act is accepted by both places. Nov. 3, 1896 the act accepted by both. Jan. 4, 1897 the act took effect.



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CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Danvers, . . . . .	Jan. 28,* 1752	The village and Middle Parishes in Salem established as the district of Danvers. June 16, 1757 the district made a town. (Act disallowed by the Privy Council, Aug. 10, 1759.) Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Mar. 17, 1840 bounds between Danvers and Salem established. May 18, 1855 part established as South Danvers. May 31, 1856 bounds between Danvers and South Danvers established. April 27, 1857 part of Beverly annexed.
Essex, . . . . .	Feb. 15, 1819	Part of Ipswich. April 19, 1892 boundary lines in tide-water between Essex and Gloucester, and Essex and Ipswich established. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Essex and Hamilton established.
Georgetown, . . . . .	April 21, 1838	Part of Rowley. April 15, 1897 part of Boxford annexed. April 22, 1904 bounds between Georgetown and Boxford established.
GLOUCESTER, . . . . .	May 18,* 1642	Common land called "Cape Anne." May 15,* 1672 bounds between Gloucester and Manchester established. Feb. 27, 1840 part established as Rockport. April 28, 1873 Gloucester incorporated as a city. May 15, 1873 act of incorporation accepted by the town. April 19, 1892 boundary lines in tide-water between Gloucester and Essex and Ipswich established. May 6, 1902 bounds between Gloucester and Manchester to be established. Aug. 25, 1903 bounds as established confirmed by the Supreme Judicial Court.
Groveland, . . . . .	Mar. 8, 1850	Part of Bradford. Mar. 21, 1856 part of Boxford annexed. April 22, 1904 bounds between Groveland and West Newbury established.
Hamilton, . . . . .	June 21, 1793	Part of Ipswich called the Parish of Ipswich-Hamlet. June 5, 1896 bounds between Hamilton and Ipswich established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Hamilton and Ipswich established. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Hamilton and Essex established. May 1, 1905 bounds between Hamilton and Wenham established.
HAVERHILL, . . . . .	June 2,* 1641	Common land called Pantucket. Bounds between "Pantucket, ali: Haverell" and Salisbury established. May 10,* 1643 Haverhill is named as in one of the four shires established. May 23,* 1650 an island in the Merrimack River granted to Haverhill unless some person prove a

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HAVERHILL — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	June 2,* 1641	clear title to it within three years. Oct. 14,* 1651 bounds established. Oct. 19,* 1654 bounds between Haverhill and Salisbury established. May 18,* 1664 bounds between Haverhill and "lands of Maj. Gen'l Dennison established." May 15,* 1667 bounds between Haverhill and Salisbury-new-town established. May 12,* 1675 bounds established. Dec. 8,* 1725 part included in the new town of Methuen. Mar. 10, 1869 Haverhill incorporated as a city. May 15, 1869 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 4, 1896 Bradford annexed if the act is accepted by both places. Nov. 3, 1896 the act accepted by both. Jan. 4, 1897 the act took effect.
Ipswich, . . . . .	Aug. 5,* 1634	Common land called "Aggawam." May 20,* 1642 bounds between Ipswich, Cape Ann, and Jeffrey's Creek established. Oct. 18,* 1648 part called the Village at the New Meadows named "Toppsfield." May 4,* 1649 two-fifths of Plum Island granted to Ipswich. Feb. 28,* 1694 bounds between Ipswich and Topsfield established. Feb. 16, 1774 part annexed to Topsfield. Nov. 29, 1785 part annexed to Rowley. June 21, 1793 part established as Hamilton. Feb. 15, 1819 part established as Essex. Mar. 7, 1846 part annexed to Boxford. April 19, 1892 boundary lines in tide-water between Ipswich and Essex, and Ipswich and Gloucester established. June 5, 1896 bounds between Ipswich and Hamilton established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Ipswich and Hamilton established. Mar. 19, 1904 bounds between Ipswich and Rowley established.
LAWRENCE, . . . . .	April 17, 1847	Parts of Andover and Methuen. Mar. 21, 1853 Lawrence incorporated as a city. Mar. 29, 1853 act of incorporation accepted by the town. April 4, 1854 part of Methuen annexed. Feb. 4, 1879 parts of Andover and North Andover annexed.
LYNN, . . . . .	Nov. 20,* 1637	The first Saugus. Mar. 13,* 1639 land granted to Lynn. Mar. 13,* 1639 bounds between Lynn and Salem established. May 29,* 1644 part established as Reading. July 3, 1782 part established as the district of Lynnfield. Feb. 17, 1815 part established as Saugus. April 10, 1850 Lynn incorporated as a city. April 19, 1850 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 21, 1852 part established as Swampscott. Mar. 29, 1853 part established as Nahant.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Lynnfield, . . . . .	July 3, 1782	Part of Lynn established as the district of Lynnfield. Feb. 28, 1814 the district made a town. April 10, 1854 bounds between Lynnfield and Reading established. May 27, 1857 bounds between Lynnfield and North Reading established and part of each town annexed to the other town, provided the act is accepted by both towns. Nov. 3, 1857 act accepted by Lynnfield. (Accepted by North Reading Jan. 7, 1858.) April 2, 1870 bounds between Lynnfield and Wakefield established. May 17, 1901 bounds between Lynnfield and Saugus established. May 2, 1905 bounds between Lynnfield and Reading established.
Manchester, . . . . .	May 14,* 1645	Part of Salem called "Jeffryes Creeke." May 15,* 1672 bounds between Manchester and Gloucester established. May 6, 1902 bounds between Manchester and Gloucester to be established. Aug. 25, 1903 bounds as established confirmed by the Supreme Judicial Court.
Marblehead, . . . . .	July 2,* 1633	Part of Salem called Marble Harbor. May 6,* 1635 a plantation established at Marblehead. May 2,* 1649 Marblehead established as a town.
Merrimac, . . . . .	April 11, 1876	Part of Amesbury.
METHUEN, . . . . .	Dec. 8,* 1725	Part of Haverhill and certain common lands. April 17, 1847 part included in the new town of Lawrence. April 4, 1854 part annexed to Lawrence. April 17, 1917 Methuen incorporated as a city. Nov. 6, 1917 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Middleton, . . . . .	June 20,* 1728	Parts of Andover, Boxford, Salem, and Topsfield. April 22, 1904 bounds between Middleton and North Andover established. April 22, 1904 bounds between Middleton and Boxford established.
Nahant, . . . . .	Mar. 29, 1853	Part of Lynn.
Newbury, . . . . .	May 6,* 1635	The plantation called Wessaeucon. May 4,* 1649 two-fifths of Plum Island granted to Newbury. May 14,* 1656 bounds between Newbury and Rowley established. Jan. 28, 1764 part established as Newburyport. Feb. 18, 1819 part established as Parsons. April 17, 1851 part annexed to Newburyport. Mar. 27, 1905 bounds between Newbury and Rowley established.
NEWBURYPORT, . . . . .	Jan. 28, 1764	Part of Newbury. April 17, 1851 part of Newbury annexed. May 24, 1851 Newburyport incorporated as a city. June 3, 1851 act of incorporation accepted by the town.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
North Andover, . . . .	April 7, 1855	Part of Andover. Feb. 4, 1879 part annexed to Lawrence. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between North Andover and Boxford established. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between North Andover and North Reading established. April 22, 1904 bounds between North Andover and Middleton established.
<i>Parsons</i> , . . . . .	Feb. 18, 1819	Part of Newbury. June 14, 1820 name changed to West Newbury.
PEABODY, . . . . .	April 13, 1868	Name changed from South Danvers. April 30, 1868 act of April 13, 1868 accepted by the town. Mar. 27, 1882 part annexed to Salem. May 8, 1916 Peabody incorporated as a city. Nov. 7, 1916 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Rockport, . . . . .	Feb. 27, 1840	Part of Gloucester.
Rowley, . . . . .	Sept. 4,* 1639	"Mr. Ezechi Rogers plantation." May 4,* 1649 one-fifth of Plum Island granted to Rowley. May 14,* 1656 bounds between Rowley and Newbury established. Oct. 13,* 1675 part established as Bradford. Aug. 12,* 1685 bounds between Rowley and the village (afterward Topsfield) established. —, 1694 part established as Boxford. Feb. 24,* 1701 agreed bounds between Rowley and Bradford confirmed. Nov. 29, 1785 part of Ipswich annexed. June 10, 1808 part annexed to Boxford. June 18, 1825 bounds between Rowley and Boxford established. April 21, 1838 part established as Georgetown. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Rowley and Boxford established. Mar. 19, 1904 bounds between Rowley and Ipswich established. Mar. 27, 1905 bounds between Rowley and Newbury established.
SALEM, . . . . .	Aug. 23,* 1630	Common land. Mar. 4,* 1635 bounds between Salem and Saugus (now Lynn), and Salem and Marble Harbor to be established. Mar. 13,* 1639 bounds between Salem and Lynn established. Sept. 7,* 1643 part called Enon established as Wenham. May 14,* 1645 part called "Jeffryes Creeke" established as Manchester. May 2,* 1649 part established as Marblehead. Oct. 19,* 1658 bounds between Salem and Topsfield established. Oct. 16,* 1660 "Certain Islands known by the name of the Miserys and Bakers granted to Salem." May 29,* 1664 bounds between Salem and Topsfield established. Oct. 14,* 1668 part called Bass River established as Beverly. June 20,* 1728 part included in the new town of Middleton. Jan. 28,* 1752 part estab-

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
SALEM — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	Aug. 23,* 1630	lished as the district of Danvers. Sept. 11, 1753 part annexed to Beverly. Mar. 23, 1836 Salem incorporated as a city. April 4, 1836 act of incorporation accepted by the town. Mar. 17, 1849 bounds between Salem and Danvers established. April 30, 1856 bounds between Salem and South Danvers established and part of each place annexed to the other place. April 3, 1867 part annexed to Swampscott. Mar. 27, 1882 part of Peabody annexed.
Salisbury, . . . .	Oct. 7,* 1640	Common land called Colechester. June 2,* 1641 bounds between Salisbury and "Pantucket, ali: Haverell" established. Oct. 19,* 1654 bounds between Salisbury and Haverhill established. May 27,* 1668 part established as Amesbury. Mar. 15, 1844 part annexed to Amesbury. June 16, 1886 part annexed to Amesbury. July 1, 1886 act of June 16, 1886 took effect.
<i>Salisbury-new-town,</i> . . .	May 23,* 1666	Granted the privileges of a town. May 15,* 1667 bounds between Salisbury-new-town and Haverhill established. May 28,* 1668 "Salisbury newtown . . . may be named Emesbury."
<i>Saugus,</i> . . . . .	July 5,* 1631	The plantation of Saugus. Mar. 4,* 1635 bounds between Saugus and Salem, and between Saugus and Marble Harbor to be established. Nov. 20,* 1637 name changed to Lynn.
<i>Saugus,</i> . . . . .	Feb. 17, 1815	Part of Lynn. Feb. 22, 1841 part of Chelsea annexed. May 17, 1901 bounds between Saugus and Lynnfield established.
<i>South Danvers,</i> . . . .	May 18, 1855	Part of Danvers. April 30, 1856 bounds between South Danvers and Salem established and part of each place annexed to the other place. May 31, 1856 bounds between South Danvers and Danvers established. April 13, 1868 name changed to Peabody. April 30, 1868 name of Peabody accepted by the town.
<i>Swampscott,</i> . . . . .	May 21, 1852	Part of Lynn. April 3, 1867 part of Salem annexed.
<i>Topsfield,</i> . . . . .	Oct. 18,* 1648	Part of Ipswich called the Village at the New Meadows. Oct. 18,* 1650 Topsfield established as a town. Oct. 19,* 1658 bounds between Topsfield and Salem established. May 29,* 1664 bounds between Topsfield and Salem established. Feb. 28,* 1694 bounds between Topsfield and Ipswich established. Feb. 25,* 1701 bounds between Topsfield and Boxford established. Nov. 19,* 1707 bounds be-



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Topsfield— <i>Con.</i> . . . .	Oct. 18,* 1648	tween Topsfield and Boxford established. June 20,* 1728 part included in the new town of Middleton. Feb. 16, 1774 part of Ipswich annexed.
Wenham, . . . . .	Sept. 7,* 1643	Part of Salem called Enon. May 28,* 1679 bounds between Wenham and Beverly and "the Village" established. May 1, 1905 bounds between Wenham and Hamilton established.
West Newbury, . . . .	June 14, 1820	Name changed from Parsons. April 22, 1904 bounds between West Newbury and Groveland established.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY. INCORPORATED JUNE 24, 1811.

Ashfield, . . . . .	June 21, 1765	Name changed from Huntstown.
Bernardston, . . . . .	Mar. 6, 1762	The new plantation called Falltown. Dec. 2, 1779 part annexed to Colrain. Mar. 12, 1784 part established as the district of Leyden. April 14, 1838 part of Greenfield annexed. May 7, 1886 part of Leyden annexed, if this act is accepted by Bernardston. June 7, 1886 act of May 7, 1886 accepted.
Buckland, . . . . .	April 14, 1779	The plantation called No-town, and part of Charlemont. April 14, 1838 of Conway annexed.
Charlemont, . . . . .	June 21, 1765	The new plantation called Charlemont. Feb. 4, 1774 three thousand acres of land annexed to Charlemont. April 14, 1779 part included in the new town of Buckland. Feb. 14, 1785 part included in the new town of Heath. Mar. 19, 1793 certain common lands between Charlemont and North River annexed. April 2, 1838 part of the common lands called Zoar annexed.
Colrain, . . . . .	June 30, 1761	The new plantation called Colrain. April 22, 1772 grant to Colrain. Dec. 2, 1779 part of Bernardston annexed. April 24, 1911 bounds between Colrain and Leyden established.
Conway, . . . . .	June 17, 1767	Part of Deerfield established as the district of Conway. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 19, 1781 part of Shelburne annexed. Feb. 9, 1785 part annexed to Goshen. June 17, 1791 part of Deerfield annexed. June 21, 1811 part of Deerfield annexed and bounds between Conway and Whately established. April 14, 1838 part annexed to Buckland.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	First mentioned in Records of the State, or therein recorded as Established or Incorporated.	From what Established or Incorporated, Change of Boundary, Incorporation as a City, Extinction, etc., according to Records of the State.
Deerfield, . . . . .	Oct. 22,* 1677	Common land. Oct. —, 1678 the encouraging of the rebuilding of the plantation of Deerfield provided for. May 31,* 1712 additional grant to Deerfield. June 7,* 1712 bounds to extend "Nine miles from the River into the Western Woods." Nov. 19,* 1717 plat of seven miles square granted Deerfield confirmed. Aug. 3,* 1741 plat of Deerfield, including additional grant, confirmed. June 9, 1753 part established as the district of Greenfield. June 15, 1764 report on westerly bounds of Deerfield, including bounds of Deerfield and Huntstown, confirmed. June 17, 1767 part established as the district of Conway. June 21, 1768 part established as the district of Shelburne. June 17, 1791 part annexed to Conway. Mar. 5, 1810 part annexed to Whately. June 21, 1811 part annexed to Conway and bounds established. May 2, 1896 part annexed to Greenfield.
Erving, . . . . .	April 17,* 1838	The common land called Erving's Grant. Feb. 27, 1841 bounds between Erving and Orange established. Feb. 10, 1860 part of Northfield called Hack's Grant annexed.
Gill, . . . . .	Sept. 28, 1793	Part of Greenfield. Feb. 28, 1795 part of Northfield annexed. Mar. 14, 1805 the island called Great Island annexed after April 1, 1805.
Greenfield, . . . . .	June 9, 1753	Part of Deerfield established as the district of Greenfield. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Sept. 28, 1793 part established as Gill. April 14, 1838 part annexed to Bernardston. May 2, 1896 part of Deerfield annexed.
Hawley, . . . . .	Feb. 6, 1792	The plantation called Number Seven. Mar. 9, 1793 part of plantation Number Seven, accidentally omitted in the bounds, annexed. June 21, 1803 part annexed to the district of Plainfield.
Heath, . . . . .	Feb. 14, 1785	Part of Charlemont and common lands called Green and Walker's land.
Huntstown, . . . . .	Jan. 19,* 1736	Plat of township granted company under command of Ephraim Hunt confirmed. June 15, 1764 report on westerly bounds of Deerfield, including bounds of Deerfield and Hunts Town, confirmed. June 18, 1765 plan of Huntstown confirmed. June 21, 1765 name changed to Ashfield.
Leverett, . . . . .	Mar. 5, 1774	Part of Sunderland.



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Leyden, . . . . .	Mar. 12, 1784	Part of Bernardston established as the district of Leyden. Feb. 22, 1809 the district made a town. May 7, 1886 part annexed to Bernardston, if the act is accepted by Bernardston. June 7, 1886 the act accepted by Bernardston. April 24, 1911 bounds between Leyden and Colrain established.
Monroe, . . . . .	Feb. 21, 1822	Part of Rowe and a gore of common land.
Montague, . . . . .	Jan. 25, 1754	Part of Sunderland established as the district of Montague. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 28, 1803 part annexed to Wendell.
New Salem, . . . . .	June 15, 1753	The township of New Salem with the additional grant made to said township established as the district of New Salem. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Jan. 28, 1822 part included in the new town of Prescott. Feb. 20, 1824 part of Shutesbury annexed. Feb. 5, 1830 part annexed to Athol, Mar. 16, 1837 part annexed to Orange and part to Athol. April 27, 1911 bounds between New Salem and Prescott established.
Northfield, . . . . .	Feb. 22,* 1714	Upon the petition of inhabitants of the "plantation at Squakeag formerly called Northfield" the grant for a plantation was "revived," the "town to be called Northfield." June 10,* 1715 the order of Feb. 22,* 1714 continued for three years. Dec. 6,* 1720 the committee for the <i>plantation</i> continued for two years. June 15,* 1723 Northfield to enjoy all the privileges of a town. June 29, 1773 two tracts of land lying south of Northfield annexed. Feb. 28, 1795 part annexed to Gill. Feb. 10, 1860 part called Hack's Grant annexed to Erving.
Orange, . . . . .	Oct. 15, 1783	Parts of Athol, Royalston, Warwick, and certain common lands called Ervingshire made the district of Orange. Feb. 24, 1810 the district made a town. Feb. 7, 1816 part annexed to Athol. Mar. 16, 1837 part of the common lands called Erving's Grant annexed. Mar. 16, 1837 part of New Salem annexed. Feb. 27, 1841 bounds between Orange and Erving established.
Rowe, . . . . .	Feb. 9, 1785	The common lands called Myrfield and lands adjoining. Feb. 21, 1822 part of Rowe and certain common lands established as Monroe. April 2, 1838 part of common lands called Zoar annexed.

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Shelburne, . . . .	June 21, 1768	Part of Deerfield established as the district of Shelburne. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 19, 1781 part annexed to Conway. Mar. 19, 1793 certain common lands between Shelburne and North River annexed.
Shutesbury, . . . .	June 30, 1761	The plantation called Roadtown. May 8, 1781 part included in the new town of Wendell. Feb. 20, 1824 part annexed to New Salem.
Sunderland, . . . .	Nov. 12,* 1718	Common land. Aug. 28,* 1729 land granted to Sunderland. Jan. 2,* 1740 bounds between Sunderland and Hadley established. Jan. 25, 1754 part established as the district of Montague. Mar. 5, 1774 part established as Leverett.
Warwick, . . . .	Feb. 17, 1763	The plantation called Roxbury Canada with sundry farms lying therein, and certain common lands. Oct. 15, 1783 part included in the new town of Orange.
Wendell, . . . .	May 8, 1781	Part of Shutesbury and part of the common land called Ervingshire. Feb. 28, 1803 part of Montague and a gore of common land annexed.
Whately, . . . .	April 24, 1771	Part of Hatfield. Mar. 5, 1810 part of Deerfield annexed. June 21, 1811 bounds between Whately and Conway established. Feb. 2, 1849 bounds between Whately and Williamsburg established.

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Agawam, . . . .	May 17, 1855	Part of West Springfield.
Blandford, . . . .	April 10,* 1741	Suffield equivalent lands, commonly called Glasgow. Feb. 22, 1809 bounds between Blandford and Russell, and Blandford and Chester established. June 13, 1810 bounds between Blandford and Chester established. May 25, 1853 part annexed to Norwich.
Brimfield, . . . .	June 10,* 1714	Common land. Dec. 24,* 1731 the town established. Jan. 16,* 1742 part included in the new town of Western. April 23, 1760 part annexed to Palmer. April 28, 1760 part established as the district of Monson. Sept. 18, 1762 part established as the district of South Brimfield. Feb. 7, 1763 bounds definitely established.

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Chester, . . . . .	Feb. 21, 1783	Name changed from Murrayfield. Mar. 12, 1783 part included in the new town of Middlefield. June 21, 1799 part annexed to Worthington. Feb. 22, 1809 bounds between Chester and Blandford established. June 13, 1810 bounds between Chester and Blandford established. May 25, 1853 part annexed to Norwich.
CHICOPEE, . . . . .	April 29, 1848	Part of Springfield. April 18, 1890 Chicopee incorporated as a city. May 6, 1890 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
East Longmeadow, . . . . .	May 19, 1894	Part of Longmeadow. July 1, 1894 act took effect.
Granville, . . . . .	Jan. 25, 1754	The plantation of Bedford established as the district of Granville. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. June 14, 1810 part established as Tolland.
Hampden, . . . . .	Mar. 28, 1878	Part of Wilbraham.
Holland, . . . . .	July 5, 1783	Part of South Brimfield established as the district of Holland. Feb. 8, 1796 bounds between the district of Holland and South Brimfield established. Nov. 4, 1835 the district made a town by the provisions of chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes.
HOLYOKE, . . . . .	Mar. 14, 1850	Part of West Springfield. April 7, 1873 Holyoke incorporated as a city. May 29, 1873 act of incorporation accepted by the town. June 9, 1909 part of Northampton annexed.
Longmeadow, . . . . .	Oct. 13, 1783	Part of Springfield called Longmeadow. Nov. 16, 1787 certain common lands called the Gore annexed. June 2, 1890 part annexed to Springfield. July 1, 1894 part of Longmeadow established as East Longmeadow.
Ludlow, . . . . .	Feb. 28, 1774	Part of Springfield called Stony Hill established as the district of Ludlow. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. June 5, 1830 bounds between Ludlow and Springfield established.
Monson, . . . . .	April 28, 1760	Part of Brimfield established as the district of Monson. Feb. 7, 1763 bounds definitely established. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 8, 1828 bounds between Monson and Palmer established.
Montgomery, . . . . .	Nov. 28, 1780	Parts of Westfield, Norwich, and Southampton. Feb. 25, 1792 part included in the new town of Russell. Mar. 6, 1792 parts of Norwich and Southampton annexed. June 3, 1914 bounds between Montgomery and Russell established.

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<i>Murrayfield</i> , . . . . .	Oct. 31, 1765	The new plantation called Murrayfield. June 29, 1773 part established as the district of Norwich. May 8, 1781 part annexed to Norwich. Feb. 21, 1783 name changed to Chester.
Palmer, . . . . .	Jan. 30,* 1752	The plantation called The Elbows <sup>1</sup> established as the district of Palmer. April 23, 1760 part of Brimfield annexed. Feb. 7, 1763 bounds definitely established. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 8, 1828 bounds between Palmer and Monson established. Feb. 7, 1831 part of Western annexed. April 29, 1910 bounds between Palmer and Ware established.
Russell, . . . . .	Feb. 25, 1792	Parts of Westfield and Montgomery. Feb. 22, 1809 bounds between Blandford and Russell established. June 3, 1914 bounds between Russell and Montgomery established.
<i>South Brimfield</i> , . . . . .	Sept. 18, 1762	Part of Brimfield established as the district of South Brimfield. Feb. 21, 1766 the district divided into two parishes, the east and west. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. July 5, 1783 the east parish of South Brimfield established as the district of Holland. Feb. 8, 1796 bounds between South Brimfield and the district of Holland established. Feb. 20, 1828 name changed to Wales.
Southwick, . . . . .	Nov. 7, 1770	Part of Westfield established as the district of Southwick. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Oct. 6, 1779 part of Westfield annexed. Mar. 20, 1837 bounds between Southwick and Westfield established.
SPRINGFIELD, . . . . .	June 2,* 1641	Common land called Agawam. Nov. 11,* 1647 "Woronoko" to be a part of Springfield. Mar. -, 1648 certain common lands annexed. May 19,* 1669 part called Woronoake established as Westfield. May 31,* 1670 bounds between Springfield and Westfield established. May 17,* 1684 bounds established. June 4,* 1685 bounds between Springfield and Northampton established. Jan. 9,* 1740 bounds between Springfield and Suffield established. June 3,* 1743 bounds between Springfield and Suffield established. June 15, 1763 part established as Wilbraham. Feb. 23, 1774 part established as West Springfield. Feb. 28, 1774 part called Stony Hill established as Ludlow. Oct. 13, 1783 part established as Long-

<sup>1</sup> Sometimes called New Marlborough and sometimes Kingsfield.

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SPRINGFIELD — <i>Con.</i>	June 2,* 1641	meadow. June 11, 1799 part annexed to Wilbraham. June 5, 1830 bounds between Springfield and Ludlow established. April 29, 1848 part established as Chicopee. April 12, 1852 Springfield incorporated as a city. April 21, 1852 act of incorporation accepted by the town. June 2, 1890 part of Longmeadow annexed.
Tolland, . . . . .	June 14, 1810	Part of Granville. May 4, 1853 bounds between Tolland and Sandisfield established. May 15, 1855 bounds between Tolland and Sandisfield established.
Wales, . . . . .	Feb. 20, 1828	Name changed from South Brimfield.
Westfield, . . . . .	May 19,* 1669	Part of Springfield called Woronoake. May 31,* 1670 bounds between Westfield and Springfield established. June 4,* 1701 a strip of common land divided between Westfield and Northampton. Feb. 23,* 1713 land granted to Westfield. Nov. 7, 1770 part established as the district of Southwick. Oct. 6, 1779 part annexed to Southwick. Nov. 28, 1780 part included in the new town of Montgomery. Feb. 25, 1792 part included in the new town of Russell. Mar. 3, 1802 part annexed to West Springfield. Mar. 20, 1837 bounds between Westfield and Southwick established. June 3, 1914 Westfield incorporated as a city. Nov. 3, 1914 act of incorporation rejected by the town.
West Springfield, . . . . .	Feb. 23, 1774	Part of Springfield. Mar. 3, 1802 part of Westfield annexed. Mar. 14, 1850 part established as Holyoke. May 17, 1855 part established as Agawam.
Wilbraham, . . . . .	June 15, 1763	Part of Springfield. June 11, 1799 part of Springfield called The Elbows annexed. Mar. 28, 1878 part of Wilbraham established as Hampden.

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Amherst, . . . . .	Feb. 13, 1759	Part of Hadley established as the district of Amherst. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Jan. 15, 1789 part of Hadley annexed. Feb. 28, 1811 part of Hadley annexed. Feb. 18, 1812, part of Hadley annexed. Feb. 17, 1814 part of Hadley annexed. Mar. 1, 1815 bounds between Amherst and Hadley established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
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Belchertown, . . . . .	June 30, 1761	The plantation called Cold Spring. Feb. 27, 1765 part annexed to Greenwich. June 22, 1771 part annexed to Greenwich. June 21, 1787 part annexed to Greenwich. June 16, 1788 part annexed to Pelham. Feb. 15, 1817 part included in the new town of Enfield.
Chesterfield, . . . . .	June 11, 1762	The new plantation called New Hingham. Jan. 31, 1763 certain common lands annexed. May 14, 1781 part of Chesterfield and the plantation called Chesterfield Gore established as Goshen. June 8, 1789 part of Goshen annexed. Feb. 22, 1794 part of Norwich annexed. June 24, 1795 bounds between Chesterfield and Williamsburg established. Feb. 7, 1797 bounds between Chesterfield and Williamsburg established. Feb. 16, 1810 bounds between Chesterfield, Goshen, and Williamsburg established.
Cummington, . . . . .	June 23, 1779	Part of the plantation called Number Five. Mar. 16, 1785 part established as the district of Plainfield. Mar. 21, 1788 certain common lands, called Murrayfield Grant and Minot's Grant, and a gore of 2,200 acres annexed. Feb. 4, 1794 part annexed to Plainfield.
Easthampton, . . . . .	June 17, 1785	Parts of Northampton and Southampton established as the district of Easthampton. June 16, 1809 the district made a town. Feb. 1, 1828 bounds between Easthampton and Southampton established. Mar. 13, 1841 part of Southampton annexed. April 4, 1850 part of Southampton annexed. Feb. 21, 1862 bounds between Easthampton and Southampton established. Mar. 12, 1872 bounds between Easthampton and Westhampton established. April 21, 1914 bounds between Easthampton and Northampton established.
Enfield, . . . . .	Feb. 15, 1816	Parts of Belchertown and Greenwich. June 12, 1818 bounds between Enfield and Greenwich established and part of each town annexed to the other town. May 26, 1910 bounds between Enfield and Greenwich established.
Goshen, . . . . .	May 14, 1781	Part of Chesterfield and the plantation called Chesterfield Gore. Feb. 9, 1785 part of Conway annexed. June 8, 1789 part annexed to Chesterfield. June 24, 1795 bounds between Goshen and Williamsburg established. Feb. 7, 1797 bounds between Goshen and Williamsburg established. Feb. 16, 1810 bounds between Goshen, Chesterfield, and Williamsburg established.



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Granby, . . . . .	June 11, 1768	Part of South Hadley. June 28, 1781 bounds between Granby and South Hadley established. Mar. 9, 1792 part of South Hadley annexed. June 12, 1824 bounds between Granby and South Hadley established. June 20, 1826 bounds between Granby and South Hadley established. June 16, 1827 bounds between Granby and South Hadley established.
Greenwich, . . . . .	April 20, 1754	The plantation called Quabin. June 9, 1756 bounds between Greenwich and Hardwick established. Feb. 1, 1765 part of Hardwick annexed. Feb. 27, 1765 part of Belchertown annexed. June 22, 1771 part of Belchertown annexed. June 21, 1787 part of Belchertown annexed. Feb. 18, 1801 part included in the new town of Dana. June 19, 1811 bounds between Greenwich and Dana established. Feb. 15, 1816 part included in the new town of Enfield. June 12, 1818 bounds between Greenwich and Enfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town. May 26, 1910 bounds between Greenwich and Enfield established. May 4, 1911 bounds between Greenwich and Dana established.
Hadley, . . . . .	May 22,* 1661	The new plantation near Northampton. Oct. 21,* 1663 bounds established. May 18,* 1664 certain common lands granted to Hadley. May 31,* 1670 part established as Hatfield. May 7,* 1673 certain common lands granted to Hadley. May 16,* 1683 certain common lands granted to Hadley. Nov. 25,* 1715 certain common lands granted to Hadley. Jan. 2,* 1740 bounds between Hadley and Sunderland established. April 12, 1753 part made the district of South Hadley. Feb. 13, 1759 part made the district of Amherst. Jan. 15, 1789 part annexed to Amherst. Feb. 28, 1811 part annexed to Amherst. Feb. 18, 1812 part annexed to Amherst. Feb. 17, 1814 part annexed to Amherst. Mar. 1, 1815 bounds between Hadley and Amherst established and part of each town annexed to the other town. April 15, 1850 part annexed to Northampton.
Hatfield, . . . . .	May 31,* 1670	Part of Hadley. Oct. 11,* 1672 bounds established. Nov. 26,* 1695 certain common lands annexed. Nov. 12,* 1720 bounds between Hatfield and Northampton established. April 24, 1771 part established as Whately. April 24, 1771 part included in the new district of Williamsburg. Mar. 14, 1845 bounds between Hatfield and Williamsburg established and



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Hatfield — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	May 31,* 1670	part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 19, 1846 bounds between Hatfield and Williamsburg established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
Huntington, . . . .	Mar. 9, 1855	Name changed from Norwich.
Middlefield, . . . .	Mar. 12, 1783	Parts of Becket, Chester, Partridgefield, Washington, and Worthington, and the common lands called Prescott's Grant.
NORTHAMPTON, . . . .	May 14,* 1656	Common land called Nonotuck. June 4,* 1685 bounds between Northampton and Springfield established. June 4,* 1701 a strip of common land divided between Northampton and Westfield. Nov. 12,* 1720 bounds between Northampton and Hatfield established. Jan. 5, 1753 part established as Southampton. Sept. 29, 1778 part established as Westhampton. Sept. 29, 1778 part annexed to Southampton. June 17, 1785 part included in the new district of Easthampton. April 15, 1850 part of Hadley annexed. Mar. 12, 1872 bounds between Northampton and Westhampton established. June 23, 1883 Northampton incorporated as a city. Sept. 5, 1883 act of incorporation accepted by the town. June 9, 1909 part annexed to Holyoke. April 21, 1914 bounds between Northampton and Easthampton established.
<i>Norwich</i> , . . . .	June 29, 1773	Part of Murrayfield established as the district of Norwich. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Nov. 28, 1780 part included in the new town of Montgomery. May 8, 1781 part of Murrayfield annexed. Mar. 6, 1792 part annexed to Montgomery. Feb. 22, 1794 part annexed to Chesterfield. May 25, 1853 parts of Blandford and Chester annexed. Mar. 9, 1855 name changed to Huntington.
Pelham, . . . .	Jan. 15,* 1743	Common land called New Lisburne. June 16, 1788 part of Belchertown annexed. Jan. 28, 1822 part included in the new town of Prescott.
Plainfield, . . . .	Mar. 16, 1785	Part of Cummington established as the district of Plainfield. Feb. 4, 1794 part of Cummington annexed to the district of Plainfield. June 21, 1803 part of Hawley annexed to the district of Plainfield. June 15, 1807 the district made a town.
Prescott, . . . .	Jan. 28, 1822	Parts of Pelham and New Salem. April 27, 1911 bounds between Prescott and New Salem established.

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Southampton, . . . .	Jan. 5, 1753	Part of Northampton established as the district of Southampton. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Sept. 29, 1778 part of Northampton annexed. Nov. 28, 1780 part included in the new town of Montgomery. June 17, 1785 part included in the new district of Easthampton. Mar. 6, 1792 part annexed to Montgomery. Feb. 1, 1828 bounds between Southampton and Easthampton established. Mar. 13, 1841 part annexed to Easthampton. April 4, 1850 part annexed to Easthampton. Feb. 21, 1862 bounds between Southampton and Easthampton established. Mar. 12, 1872 bounds between Southampton and Westhampton established.
South Hadley, . . . .	April 12, 1753	Part of Hadley established as the district of South Hadley. June 11, 1768 part of the district established as Granby. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. June 28, 1781 bounds between South Hadley and Granby established. Mar. 9, 1792 part annexed to Granby. June 12, 1824 bounds between South Hadley and Granby established. June 20, 1826 bounds between South Hadley and Granby established. June 16, 1827 bounds between South Hadley and Granby established.
Ware, . . . . .	Nov. 25, 1761	Parts of Brookfield, Palmer, and Western, and certain common lands, all forming Ware-River Parish, established as the district of Ware. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 8, 1823 parts of Brookfield and Western annexed. April 29, 1910 bounds between Ware and Palmer established.
Westhampton, . . . .	Sept. 29, 1778	Part of Northampton. Mar. 12, 1872 bounds between Westhampton, and Easthampton, Northampton, and Southampton established.
Williamsburg, . . . .	April 24, 1771	Part of Hatfield and certain common lands adjoining established as the district of Williamsburg. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. June 24, 1795 bounds between Williamsburg and Chesterfield and Goshen established. Feb. 7, 1797 bounds between Williamsburg and Chesterfield and Goshen established. Feb. 16, 1810 bounds between Williamsburg, Chesterfield and Goshen established. Mar. 14, 1845 bounds between Williamsburg and Hatfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 19, 1846 bounds

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Williamsburg — <i>Con.</i>	April 24, 1771	between Williamsburg and Hatfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Feb. 2, 1849 bounds between Williamsburg and Whately established.
Worthington,	June 30, 1768	The new plantation called Number Three. Mar. 12, 1783 part included in the new town of Middlefield. June 21, 1799 part of Chester annexed.

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Acton, . . . . .	July 3,* 1735	Part of Concord with Willard's Farms. Dec. 11,* 1747 bounds between Acton and Concord established. April 28, 1780 part included in the second district of Carlisle.
Arlington, . . . . .	April 13, 1867	Name changed from West Cambridge. April 30, 1867 the act took effect. Mar. 16, 1910 bounds between Arlington and Somerville established. May 5, 1911 bounds between Arlington and Cambridge established if accepted by the selectmen and city council. May 22, 1911 bounds accepted by selectmen of Arlington, and May 31, 1911 bounds accepted by city council of Cambridge.
Ashby, . . . . .	Mar. 6, 1767	Parts of Ashburnham, Fitchburg, and Townsend. Nov. 16, 1792 part of Ashburnham annexed. Mar. 3, 1829 part of Fitchburg annexed.
Ashland, . . . . .	Mar. 16, 1846	Parts of Framingham, Holliston, and Hopkinton. April 28, 1853 part to be annexed to Hopkinton when a certain sum is paid by Hopkinton. May 2, 1853 the act took effect.
Ayer, . . . . .	Feb. 14, 1871	Parts of Groton and Shirley.
Bedford, . . . . .	Sept. 23,* 1729	Parts of Billerica and Concord. Feb. 26, 1767 part of Billerica annexed. June 9, 1768 part of Lexington annexed.
Belmont, . . . . .	Mar. 18, 1859	Parts of Waltham, Watertown, and West Cambridge. Jan. 31, 1861 bounds between Belmont and West Cambridge established. Feb. 25, 1862 part of Cambridge annexed and bounds established. April 19, 1880, part annexed to Cambridge. April 28, 1891 bounds between Belmont and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other place. May 23, 1903 bounds between Belmont and Watertown established.

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Belmont — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	Mar. 18, 1859	Feb. 16, 1906 bounds between Belmont and Cambridge readjusted. April 29, 1911 bounds between Belmont and Watertown established.
Billerica, . . . . .	May 29,* 1655	Common land. May 14,* 1656 eight thousand acres of common land granted to Billerica. May 15,* 1657 certain lands granted to Billerica. May 26,* 1658 bounds between Billerica and Andover established. May 22,* 1661 four thousand acres of land granted to Billerica. Oct. 10,* 1666 bounds between Billerica and Woburn established. Oct. 12,* 1669 bounds between Billerica and Woburn established. June 27,* 1701 bounds between Billerica and Chelmsford and Concord established. Sept. 23,* 1729 part included in the new town of Bedford. June 13,* 1733 part annexed to Wilmington. Dec. 17,* 1734 part established as Tewksbury. Dec. 27,* 1737 bounds between Billerica and Wilmington established. July 28,* 1741 bounds between Billerica and Woburn established. Feb. 26, 1767 part annexed to Bedford. April 28, 1780 part included in the second district of Carlisle.
Boxborough, . . . . .	Feb. 25, 1783	Parts of Harvard, Littleton, and Stow established as the district of Boxborough. Feb. 20, 1794 bounds between Boxborough and Littleton established. Nov. 4, 1835 the district made a town by chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes. April 30, 1890 bounds between Boxborough and Littleton established. June 14, 1906 bounds between Boxborough and Harvard established. June 15, 1906 bounds between Boxborough and Littleton established.
<i>Brighton</i> , . . . . .	Feb. 24, 1807	Part of Cambridge. Jan. 27, 1816 part of Cambridge annexed. May 21, 1873 Brighton annexed to Boston if the act is accepted by both places. Oct. 7, 1873 the act accepted by both. Jan. 5, 1874 the act took effect.
Burlington, . . . . .	Feb. 28, 1799	Part of Woburn. Jan. 20, 1800 part annexed to Lexington.
CAMBRIDGE, . . . . .	Sept. 8,* 1636	The town of Newe Towne. May 2,* 1638 name changed to Cambridge. Mar. 13,* 1639 bounds between Cambridge and Watertown established. Oct. 7,* 1641 bounds between Cambridge and Boston established. Nov. 12,* 1659 one thousand acres of land granted to Cambridge. Oct. 19,* 1664 the grant renewed. Mar.

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CAMBRIDGE — <i>Con.</i> . . .	Sept. 8,* 1636	20,* 1713 part established as Lexington. April 19, 1754 bounds between Cambridge and Watertown established. June 4, 1755 part annexed to Waltham. April 18, 1761 part of Charlestown annexed. Mar. 6, 1802 part of Charlestown annexed. Feb. 24, 1807 part established as Brighton. Feb. 27, 1807 part established as West Cambridge. Jan. 27, 1816 part annexed to Brighton. Feb. 12, 1818 part of Charlestown annexed. June 17, 1820 part of Charlestown annexed. Mar. 17, 1846 Cambridge incorporated as a city. Mar. 30, 1846 act of incorporation accepted by the town. April 27, 1855 part of Watertown annexed. April 30, 1856 bounds between Cambridge and Somerville established and part of each place annexed to the other place. Feb. 25, 1862 parts of Belmont and West Cambridge annexed. Parts annexed to Belmont and West Cambridge, and bounds established. April 29, 1862 bounds between Cambridge and Somerville established and part of each place annexed to the other place. April 19, 1880 part of Belmont annexed. Mar. 10, 1885 part of Watertown annexed. April 28, 1891 bounds between Cambridge and Belmont established and part of each place annexed to the other place. Mar. 9, 1898 bounds between Cambridge and Watertown established and part of each place annexed to the other. Mar. 29, 1898 bounds between Cambridge and Boston established. Feb. 16, 1906 bounds between Cambridge and Belmont readjusted. Mar. 29, 1910 bounds between Cambridge and Boston established. May 5, 1911 bounds between Cambridge and Arlington established if accepted by the city council and selectmen. May 22, 1911 bounds accepted by selectmen of Arlington, and May 31, 1911 bounds accepted by city council of Cambridge.
<i>Carlisle, District of,</i> . . .	April 19, 1754	Part of Concord. Oct. 6, 1756 the district annexed to Concord.
<i>Carlisle,</i> . . . . .	April 28, 1780	Parts of Acton, Billerica, Chelmsford, and Concord established as the district of Carlisle. Sept. 12, 1780 part of the district of Carlisle annexed to Concord. Mar. 1, 1783 part of the district of Carlisle annexed to Chelmsford. Feb. 18, 1805 the district made a town. Feb. 17, 1865 part of Chelmsford annexed to Carlisle and bounds established. May 23, 1903 bounds between Carlisle and Concord established.



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Charlestown, . . . .	Aug. 23,* 1630	Common land. Mar. 6,* 1632 bounds between Charlestown and Newe Towne established. July 8,* 1635 bounds between Charlestown and Boston established. Mar. 3,* 1636 bounds established "eight miles into the country from their meeting-house." Mar. 28,* 1636 bounds between Charlestown and Boston established. Oct. 28,* 1636 Lovel's Island granted to Charlestown provided they employ it for fishing. May 13,* 1640 certain common lands granted to Charlestown. Oct. 7,* 1640 certain common lands granted to Charlestown. Sept. 27,* 1642 part established as Woburn. Oct. 27,* 1648 Lovel's Island granted to Charlestown provided "half the timber and firewood shall belong to the garrison at the castle." May 2,* 1649 part established as Malden. Nov. 12,* 1659 one thousand acres of land granted to Charlestown. Oct. 21,* 1663 certain common lands granted to Charlestown. Oct. 19,* 1664 the grant made Nov. 12,* 1659 renewed. Dec. 17,* 1725 part established as Stoneham. June 7,* 1726 part annexed to Malden. April 19, 1754 part annexed to Medford. April 18, 1761 part annexed to Cambridge. Mar. 6, 1802 part annexed to Cambridge. June 21, 1811 part of Medford annexed. Feb. 12, 1818 part annexed to Cambridge. June 17, 1820 part annexed to Cambridge. Feb. 25, 1842 part annexed to West Cambridge. Mar. 3, 1842 part established as Somerville. Feb. 22, 1847 Charlestown incorporated as a city. Mar. 10, 1847 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 14, 1873 Charlestown annexed to Boston if the act is accepted by both cities. Oct. 7, 1873 act accepted by both. Jan. 5, 1874 the act took effect.
Chelmsford, . . . .	May 29,* 1655	Common land. May 14,* 1656 land granted to Chelmsford. May 31,* 1660 bounds between Chelmsford and the Indian plantation at Patucket established. June 27,* 1701 bounds between Chelmsford and Billerica established. Nov. 23,* 1725 part annexed to Littleton. June 13,* 1726 "Wameset" annexed. Sept. 23,* 1729 part established as Westford. April 24, 1755 part annexed to Dunstable. April 28, 1780 part included in the second district of Carlisle. Mar. 1, 1783 part of the second district of Carlisle annexed. Mar. 1, 1826 part established as Lowell. Feb. 17, 1865 part annexed to Carlisle and bounds established. May 18, 1874 part annexed to Lowell. June 23, 1874 act of May 18, 1874 accepted by Lowell. Aug. 1, 1874 the act took effect.



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Concord, . . . . .	Sept. 3,* 1635	A plantation at Musketequid. Aug. 20,* 1638 bounds between Concord, Dedham, and Watertown established. May 13,* 1651 bounds between Concord and Watertown established. June 27,* 1701 bounds between Concord and Billerica established. April 12,* 1717 bounds between Concord and Stow established. Nov. 23,* 1725 part annexed to Littleton. Sept. 23,* 1729 part included in the new town of Bedford. July 3,* 1735 part included in the new town of Acton. Dec. 11,* 1747 bounds between Concord and Acton established. April 19, 1754 part included in the new town of Lincoln. April 19, 1754 part made the first district of Carlisle. Oct. 6, 1756 the first district of Carlisle annexed. April 28, 1780 part included in the second district of Carlisle. Sept. 12, 1780 part of the district of Carlisle annexed. May 23, 1903 bounds between Concord and Carlisle established.
Dracut, . . . . .	Feb. 26,* 1702	Common land. Feb. 28, 1851 part annexed to Lowell. May 18, 1874 part annexed to Lowell. June 23, 1874 the act accepted by Lowell. Aug. 1, 1874 the act took effect. April 1, 1879 part annexed to Lowell.
Dunstable, . . . . .	Oct. 13,* 1680	Common land. Jan. 4,* 1733 part established as Nottingham (N. H.). July 4,* 1735 part included in the new town of Litchfield (N. H.). June 8,* 1747 part of Groton annexed. June 8,* 1747 part of Nottingham annexed. Jan. 6,* 1752 part annexed to Groton. June 7, 1753 part of Groton annexed. June 14, 1754 part of Nottingham annexed. April 24, 1755 part of Chelmsford annexed. June 22, 1789 part established as the district of Tyngsborough. Mar. 3, 1792 part annexed to the district of Tyngsborough. Feb. 25, 1793 part of Groton annexed. Jan. 26, 1796 part of Groton annexed. Jan. 29, 1798 bounds between Dunstable and the district of Tyngsborough established. June 18, 1803 part of Groton annexed. June 10, 1814 bounds between Dunstable and Tyngsborough established. Feb. 15, 1820 bounds between Dunstable and Groton established.
<i>East Sudbury,</i> . . . . .	April 10, 1780	Part of Sudbury. Mar. 11, 1835 name changed to Wayland.
EVERETT, . . . . .	Mar. 9, 1870	Part of Malden. April 20, 1875 part annexed to Medford. June 11, 1892 Everett incorporated as a city. July 19, 1892 act of incorporation accepted by the town.

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Framingham,	Oct. 13,* 1675	Common land. June 25,* 1700 the plantation of Framingham established as Framingham. July 5,* 1700 certain common lands annexed. July 11,* 1700 part of Sherborn annexed. June 13,* 1701 bounds between Framingham and Sudbury established. June 16,* 1710 bounds between Framingham and Sherborn established. Mar. 7, 1786 part annexed to Southborough. Feb. 23, 1791 part annexed to Marlborough. Feb. 11, 1833 part of Holliston annexed. Mar. 16, 1846 part included in the new town of Ashland. April 22, 1871 part of Natick annexed.
Groton,	May 23,* 1655	The plantation of Petapawag. June 14,* 1715 bounds between Groton and Nashoba established. Sept. 10,* 1730 part annexed to Westford. June 29,* 1732 part included in the new town of Harvard. Jan. 4,* 1739 part annexed to Littleton. Feb. 27,* 1743 bounds between Groton and Littleton established. June 8,* 1747 part annexed to Dunstable. Jan. 6,* 1752 part of Dunstable annexed. Jan. 5, 1753 part established as the district of Shirley. April 12, 1753 part established as the district of Pepperell. June 7, 1753 part annexed to Dunstable. Feb. 25, 1793 part annexed to Dunstable. Jan. 26, 1796 part annexed to Dunstable. Feb. 6, 1798 part annexed to Shirley. Feb. 3, 1803 part of Pepperell annexed. June 18, 1803 part annexed to Dunstable. Feb. 15, 1820 bounds between Groton and Dunstable established. May 18, 1857 part annexed to Pepperell. Feb. 14, 1871 part included in the new town of Ayer.
Holliston,	Dec. 3,* 1724	Part of Sherborn. Dec. 22,* 1744 bounds between Holliston and Hopkinton established. April 28, 1781 part of Hopkinton annexed. Mar. 3, 1829 part of Medway annexed and bounds established. Feb. 11, 1833 part annexed to Framingham. Mar. 27, 1835 part annexed to Milford and bounds between Holliston, Hopkinton, and Milford established. Mar. 16, 1846 part included in the new town of Ashland. April 1, 1859 bounds between Holliston and Milford established.
Hopkinton,	Dec. 13,* 1715	Certain common lands and the plantation called Moguncoy. June 14,* 1735 part included in the new town of Upton. Dec. 22,* 1744 bounds between Hopkinton and Holliston established. April 28, 1781 part annexed to Holliston. Mar. 8, 1808 part annexed to Upton. Mar. 27, 1835 part of Milford annexed, part annexed to

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Hopkinton — <i>Con.</i> . . .	Dec. 13,* 1715	Milford, and bounds between Hopkinton, Holliston, and Milford established. Mar. 15, 1846 part included in the new town of Ashland. April 28, 1853 part of Ashland to be annexed when a certain sum is paid by Hopkinton. May 2, 1853 three hundred dollars paid by Hopkinton and the act in effect. May 16, 1907 bounds between Hopkinton and Milford established. May 16, 1907 bounds between Hopkinton and Upton established.
Hudson, . . . . .	Mar. 19, 1866	Parts of Marlborough and Stow. Mar. 20, 1868 part of Bolton annexed. May 1, 1905 bounds between Hudson and Berlin established. May 24, 1905 bounds between Hudson and Stow established.
Lexington, . . . . .	Mar. 20,* 1713	The North Precinct in Cambridge. April 19, 1754 part included in the new town of Lincoln. June 9, 1768 part annexed to Bedford. Jan. 20, 1800 part of Burlington annexed. Feb. 28, 1853 bounds between Lexington and Lincoln established. April 4, 1895 bounds between Lexington and Waltham located and defined.
Lincoln, . . . . .	April 19, 1754	Parts of Concord, Lexington and Weston. Feb. 28, 1853 bounds between Lincoln and Lexington established.
Littleton, . . . . .	Dec. 3,* 1715	Common land. June 14,* 1715 bounds between Nashoba <sup>1</sup> and Groton established. Nov. 23,* 1725 parts of Chelmsford and Concord annexed. Jan. 4,* 1739 part of Groton annexed. Feb. 27,* 1743 bounds between Littleton and Groton established. Feb. 25, 1783 part included in the new district of Boxborough. Feb. 20, 1794 bounds between Littleton and Boxborough established. April 30, 1890 bounds between Littleton and Boxborough established. June 14, 1906 bounds between Littleton and Harvard established. June 15, 1906 bounds between Littleton and Boxborough established.
LOWELL, . . . . .	Mar. 1, 1826	Part of Chelmsford. Mar. 29, 1834 part of Tewksbury annexed. April 1, 1836 Lowell incorporated as a city. April 11, 1836 act of incorporation accepted by the town. Feb. 28, 1851 part of Dracut annexed. May 18, 1874 parts of Chelmsford and Dracut annexed. June 5, 1874 part of Tewksbury annexed. June 23, 1874 act of May 18, 1874 accepted by Lowell. Aug. 1, 1874 the act took effect. April 1, 1879 part of Dracut annexed. May 17, 1888 part of Tewksbury annexed. April 30, 1906 part of Tewksbury annexed.

<sup>1</sup> Afterward Littleton.

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MALDEN, . . . . .	May 2,* 1649	Part of Charlestown called Mystic Side. June 7,* 1726 part of Charlestown annexed. June 3,* 1727 part annexed to Reading. Dec. 21,* 1734 part of Malden annexed to Stoneham. Dec. 18, 1753 bounds between Malden and Reading established. June 10, 1817 part annexed to Medford. May 3, 1850 part established as Melrose. Mar. 9, 1870 part established as Everett. April 20, 1877 part of Medford annexed. Feb. 20, 1878 bounds between Malden and Medford established. Mar. 31, 1881 Malden incorporated as a city. June 9, 1881 act of incorporation accepted by the town. June 10, 1910 bounds between Malden and Medford established and a part of Medford annexed. Mar. 22, 1917 bounds between Malden and Medford changed and established.
MARLBOROUGH, . . . . .	May 31,* 1660	Common land. May 15,* 1667 plat of Marlborough confirmed. July 2,* 1700 certain common lands granted to Marlborough. Nov. 16,* 1716 a tract of land called Agaganquamasset confirmed to Marlborough. Oct. 25,* 1717 Aleock's Farms granted to Marlborough. Nov. 18,* 1717 part established as Westborough. July 6,* 1727 part established as Southborough. July 11, 1783 bounds between Marlborough and Stow established. Mar. 16, 1784 part included in the new district of Berlin. Feb. 23, 1791 part of Framingham annexed. June 20, 1807 part annexed to Northborough and bounds established. Feb. 11, 1829 part annexed to Bolton. Mar. 16, 1838 bounds between Marlborough and Bolton established. Mar. 24, 1843 part of Southborough annexed. Mar. 19, 1866 part included in the new town of Hudson. May 23, 1890 Marlborough incorporated as a city. July 14, 1890 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 16, 1901 bounds between Marlborough and Southborough established. May 1, 1905 bounds between Marlborough and Berlin established.
Maynard, . . . . .	April 19, 1871	Parts of Sudbury and Stow.
MEDFORD, . . . . .	Sept. 28,* 1630	Common land. April 19, 1754 part of Charlestown annexed to Medford. June 21, 1811 part annexed to Charlestown. June 10, 1817 part of Malden annexed. April 30, 1850 part included in the new town of Winchester. April 20, 1875 part of Everett annexed. April 20, 1877 part annexed to Malden. Feb. 20, 1878 bounds

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MEDFORD — <i>Con.</i> . . .	Sept. 28,* 1630	between Medford and Malden established. May 31, 1892 Medford incorporated as a city. Oct. 6, 1892 act of incorporation accepted by the town. June 10, 1910 bounds between Medford and Malden established and a part annexed to Malden. Mar. 22, 1917 bounds between Medford and Malden changed and established.
MELROSE, . . . . .	May 3, 1850	Part of Malden. Mar. 15, 1853 part of Stoneham annexed. Mar. 27, 1895 bounds between Melrose and Stoneham located and defined. Mar. 18, 1899 Melrose incorporated as a city. May 8, 1899 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 9, 1906 bounds between Melrose and Wakefield changed and established.
Natick, . . . . .	Oct. 14,* 1651	Indian plantation at Natick mentioned. May 31,* 1660 bounds of the plantation established. April 16,* 1679 exchange of land made with Sherborn. May 30,* 1679 the exchange of land with Sherborn ratified by the General Court. Oct. 18,* 1701 bounds between Natick and Dedham established. Feb. 25,* 1744 part of Needham annexed. Feb. 23, 1762 the parish of Natick established as the district of Natick. Feb. 19, 1781 the district of Natick made a town. June 22, 1797 bounds between Natick and Needham established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Feb. 7, 1820 part of Sherborn annexed. April 26, 1850 bounds between Natick and Wayland established. April 22, 1871 part annexed to Framingham.
NEWTON, . . . . .	Dec. 15,* 1691	The town of Cambridge Village, sometimes called Little Cambridge. June 21, 1803 an island in Charles River annexed. April 23, 1838 part annexed to Roxbury. April 16, 1849 part annexed to Waltham. June 2, 1873 Newton incorporated as a city. Oct. 13, 1873 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 29, 1874 bounds between Newton and Boston established. May 5, 1875 part of Boston annexed. June 23, 1875 the act accepted by Newton. July 1, 1875 the act took effect. Mar. 29, 1898 bounds between Newton and Boston established. May 13, 1898 bounds between Newton and Boston established. Mar. 28, 1907 bounds between Newton and Brookline established.
<i>Newtowne,</i> . . . . .	July 26,* 1631	Common land. Mar. 6,* 1632 bounds between "Charles-Towne and Newtowne" established. April 7,* 1635 bounds be-



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<i>Newtowne</i> — Con. . . . .	July 26,* 1631	between <i>Newtowne</i> and <i>Watertown</i> , and between <i>Newtowne</i> and <i>Roxbury</i> established. May 2,* 1638 name changed to <i>Cambridge</i> .
North Reading, . . . . .	Mar. 22, 1853	Part of <i>Reading</i> . May 27, 1857 bounds established and part of each town annexed to the other town provided the act is accepted by both towns. Jan. 7, 1858 the act accepted by North Reading. (Accepted by <i>Lynnfield</i> Nov. 3, 1857.) Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between North Reading and North Andover established. April 22, 1904 bounds between North Reading and Andover established.
Pepperell, . . . . .	April 12, 1753	The second precinct of <i>Groton</i> made the district of "Pepperell." Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 3, 1803 part annexed to <i>Groton</i> . May 18, 1857 part of <i>Groton</i> annexed.
Reading, . . . . .	May 29,* 1644	Part of <i>Lynn</i> . May 29,* 1644 bounds between <i>Reading</i> and <i>Woburn</i> established. Oct. 14,* 1651 land granted to <i>Reading</i> . June 3,* 1727 part of <i>Malden</i> annexed. Sept. 25,* 1730 part included in the new town of <i>Wilmington</i> . Dec. 21,* 1734 part annexed to <i>Stoneham</i> . April 5,* 1751 bounds between <i>Reading</i> and <i>Stoneham</i> established. Dec. 18, 1753 bounds between <i>Reading</i> and <i>Malden</i> established. Feb. 25, 1812 First or South Parish of <i>Reading</i> established as <i>South Reading</i> . June 16, 1813 part of <i>South Reading</i> annexed. Mar. 22, 1853 part established as <i>North Reading</i> . April 10, 1854 bounds between <i>Reading</i> and <i>Lynnfield</i> established. May 2, 1905 bounds between <i>Reading</i> and <i>Lynnfield</i> established.
<i>Sherborn</i> , <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	Oct. 7,* 1674	Common land. April 16,* 1679 exchange of land made with the plantation of <i>Natick</i> . May 30,* 1679 the exchange ratified by General Court. May 17,* 1684 the grant of Oct. 7,* 1674 and the name <i>Sherborne</i> then given, confirmed. July 11,* 1700 part annexed to <i>Framingham</i> . June 16,* 1710 bounds between <i>Sherborn</i> and <i>Framingham</i> established. Dec. 3,* 1724 part established as <i>Holliston</i> . Mar. 3, 1792 bounds between <i>Sherburne</i> and <i>Medway</i> established. Feb. 7, 1820 part annexed to <i>Natick</i> . May 3, 1852 the name of the town of <i>Sherburne</i> [sic] changed to <i>Sherborn</i> .

<sup>1</sup> See the extinct town of *Sherburn*. The spelling of the town name is given in each instance as found in the records.



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Shirley, . . . . .	Jan. 5, 1753	Part of Groton established as the district of Shirley. Jan. 25, 1765 certain land known as Stow Leg annexed. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 6, 1798 part of Groton annexed. Mar. 3, 1846 bounds between Shirley and Lunenburg established. April 25, 1848 bounds between Shirley and Lunenburg established. Feb. 14, 1871 part included in the new town of Ayer.
SOMERVILLE, . . . . .	Mar. 3, 1842	Part of Charlestown. April 30, 1856 bounds between Somerville and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other place. April 29, 1862 bounds between Somerville and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other place. April 14, 1871 Somerville incorporated as a city. April 27, 1871 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 4, 1891 bounds between Somerville and Boston established. Mar. 16, 1910 bounds between Somerville and Arlington established.
South Reading, . . . . .	Feb. 25, 1812	Part of Reading. June 16, 1813 part annexed to Reading. April 5, 1856 part of Stoneham annexed. Feb. 25, 1868 name changed to Wakefield. June 30, 1868 the act took effect.
Stoneham, . . . . .	Dec. 17,* 1725	Part of Charlestown. Dec. 21,* 1734 part of Malden annexed. Dec. 21,* 1734 part of Reading annexed. April 5,* 1751 bounds between Stoneham and Reading established. Mar. 15, 1853 part annexed to Melrose. April 5, 1856 part annexed to South Reading. Mar. 13, 1889 part annexed to Wakefield. Mar. 27, 1895 bounds between Stoneham and Melrose located and defined. April 20, 1895 part of Woburn annexed to Stoneham.
Stow, . . . . .	May 16,* 1683	The plantation between Concord and Lancaster called Pompositicut. April 12,* 1717 bounds between Stow and Concord established. Dec. 29,* 1730 part of Sudbury annexed. June 29,* 1732 part included in the new town of Harvard. Feb. 25, 1783 part included in the new town of Boxborough. July 11, 1783 bounds between Stow and Marlborough established. Mar. 19, 1866 part included in the new town of Hudson. April 19, 1871 part included in the new town of Maynard. May 24, 1905 bounds between Stow and Hudson established.

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Sudbury, . . . . .	Sept. 4,* 1639	The new plantation by Concord. May 13,* 1640 land granted to Sudbury. May 2,* 1649 land granted to Sudbury. May 13,* 1651 bounds between Sudbury and Watertown established. June 13,* 1701 bounds between Sudbury and Framingham established. June 9,* 1721 certain farms annexed. Dec. 29,* 1730 part annexed to Stow. April 10, 1780 part established as East Sudbury. April 19, 1871 part included in the new town of Maynard.
Tewksbury, . . . . .	Dec. 17,* 1734	Part of Billerica. Mar. 29, 1834 part annexed to Lowell. June 5, 1874 part annexed to Lowell. May 17, 1888 part annexed to Lowell. May 21, 1903 bounds between Tewksbury and Andover established. April 30, 1906 part annexed to Lowell.
Townsend, . . . . .	June 29,* 1732	The north part of Turkey Hill. Mar. 6, 1767 part included in the new town of Ashby.
Tyngsborough, . . . . .	June 22, 1789	Part of Dunstable established as the district of Tyngsborough. Mar. 3, 1792 part of Dunstable annexed to the district of Tyngsborough. Jan. 29, 1798 part of Dunstable annexed to the district of Tyngsborough and bounds established. Feb. 23, 1809 the district made a town. June 10, 1814 bounds between Tyngsborough and Dunstable established.
Wakefield, . . . . .	Feb. 25, 1868	Name changed from South Reading. June 30, 1868 the act took effect. April 2, 1870 bounds between Wakefield and Lynnfield established. Mar. 13, 1889 part of Stoneham annexed. May 9, 1906 bounds between Wakefield and Melrose changed and established.
WALTHAM, . . . . .	Jan. 4,* 1738	Part of Watertown. June 4, 1755 part of Cambridge annexed. June 25, 1766 bounds between Waltham and Weston established. April 16, 1849 part of Newton annexed. Mar. 18, 1859 part included in the new town of Belmont. June 2, 1884 Waltham incorporated as a city. July 16, 1884 act of incorporation accepted by the town. April 4, 1895 bounds between Waltham and Lexington located and defined.
Watertown, . . . . .	Sept. 7,* 1630	"The town upon Charles River." Sept. 25,* 1634 part of New Towne to revert to Watertown, "if Mr. Hooker and his congregation shall remove hence." April 7,*

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Watertown — <i>Con.</i> . . .	Sept. 7,* 1630	1635 bounds between Watertown and New Towne established. Aug. 20,* 1638 bounds between Watertown, Concord, and Dedham established. Mar. 13,* 1639 bounds between Watertown and Cambridge established. May 22,* 1639 bounds between Watertown and Dedham established. May 13,* 1651 bounds between Watertown and Sudbury established. May 13,* 1651 bounds between Watertown and Concord established. Jan. 1,* 1712 part established as Weston. Jan. 4,* 1738 part established as Waltham. April 19, 1754 bounds between Watertown and Cambridge established. April 27, 1855 part annexed to Cambridge. Mar. 18, 1859 part included in the new town of Belmont. Mar. 10, 1885 part annexed to Cambridge. Mar. 9, 1898 bounds between Watertown and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other. May 23, 1903 bounds between Watertown and Belmont established. April 29, 1911 bounds between Watertown and Belmont established.
Wayland, . . . . .	Mar. 11, 1835	Name changed from East Sudbury. April 26, 1850 bounds between Wayland and Natick established.
<i>West Cambridge,</i> . . . . .	Feb. 27, 1807	Part of Cambridge. Feb. 25, 1842 part of Charlestown annexed. April 30, 1850 part included in the new town of Winchester. Mar. 18, 1859 part included in the new town of Belmont. Jan. 31, 1861 bounds between West Cambridge and Belmont established. Feb. 25, 1862 part of Cambridge annexed. April 13, 1867 name changed to Arlington. April 30, 1867 the act took effect.
Westford, . . . . .	Sept. 23,* 1729	Part of Chelmsford. Sept. 10,* 1730 part of Groton annexed.
Weston, . . . . .	Jan. 1,* 1713	The West Precinct of Watertown. April 19, 1754 part included in the new town of Lincoln. June 25, 1766 bounds between Weston and Waltham established.
Wilmington, . . . . .	Sept. 25,* 1730	Parts of Reading and Woburn. June 13,* 1733 part of Billerica annexed. Dec. 27, 1757 bounds between Wilmington and Billerica established.
Winchester, . . . . .	April 30, 1850	Parts of Medford, West Cambridge, and Woburn. May 12, 1873 part annexed to Woburn.

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WOBURN, . . . . .	Sept. 27,* 1642	Charlestowne Village. May 29,* 1644 bounds between Woburn and Reading established. Oct. 19,* 1664 two thousand acres of land granted to Woburn. Oct. 10,* 1666 bounds between Woburn and Billerica established. Oct. 12,* 1669 bounds between Woburn and Billerica established. Sept. 25,* 1730 part included in the new town of Wilmington. July 28,* 1741 bounds between Woburn and Billerica established. Feb. 28, 1799 part established as Burlington. April 30, 1850 part included in the new town of Winchester. May 12, 1873 part of Winchester annexed. May 18, 1888 Woburn incorporated as a city. May 29, 1888 act of incorporation accepted by the town. April 20, 1895 part of Woburn annexed to Stoneham.

## NANTUCKET COUNTY. INCORPORATED JUNE 22, 1695.

Nantucket, . . . . .	June 8, 1795	Name changed from Sherburn.
Sherburn, . . . . .	June 27,* 1687	Common land. — -, 1692 the island of Nantucket granted to the Province of Massachusetts Bay. June 8,* 1713 the island of Tuckanock granted to Nantucket [sic]. June 8, 1795 name changed to Nantucket.

## NORFOLK COUNTY. INCORPORATED MARCH 26, 1793.

Avon, . . . . .	Feb. 21, 1888	Part of Stoughton. April 16, 1889 parts of Holbrook and Randolph annexed.
Bellingham, . . . . .	Nov. 27,* 1719	Parts of Dedham, Mendon, and Wrentham. April 11,* 1735 bounds between Bellingham and Wrentham established. Feb. 23, 1832 bounds between Bellingham and Franklin established. Mar. 7, 1872 bounds between Bellingham and Mendon established.
Braintree, . . . . .	May 13,* 1640	Land belonging to Boston called Mount Woollaston. May 30,* 1712 Blue Hill lands divided between Braintree and Milton. Feb. 22, 1792 part included in the new town of Quincy. Mar. 9, 1793 part established as Randolph. June 22, 1811 certain estates in Braintree re-annexed to Randolph. April 24, 1856 part annexed to Quincy. Mar. 11, 1903 bounds between Braintree and Holbrook established.

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Brookline, . . . . .	Nov. 13,* 1705	Part of Boston called Muddy River. Feb. 22, 1825 bounds between Brookline and Boston confirmed. Feb. 24, 1844 part of Roxbury annexed. June 18, 1870 part annexed to Boston. Nov. 4, 1870 the act accepted by Boston. April 27, 1872 bounds between Brookline and Boston established. May 8, 1874 part annexed to Boston. May 27, 1890 bounds between Brookline and Boston established. April 13, 1894 bounds between Brookline and Boston established. Mar. 28, 1907 bounds between Brookline and Newton established.
Canton, . . . . .	Feb. 23, 1797	Part of Stoughton. Mar. 31, 1847 part annexed to Stoughton. Mar. 24, 1899 bounds between Canton and Sharon established.
Cohasset, . . . . .	April 26, 1770	Part of Hingham established as the district of Cohasset. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. June 14, 1823 part of Scituate annexed. Mar. 20, 1840 bounds between Cohasset and Scituate established and part of each town annexed to the other town. April 30, 1897 bounds between Cohasset, Hingham, and Scituate established.
Dedham, . . . . .	Sept. 8,* 1636	Common land. May 16,* 1638 bounds between Dedham and Roxbury established. May 17,* 1638 bounds between Dedham and Dorchester established. Aug. 20,* 1638 bounds between Dedham, Concord, and Watertown established. May 22,* 1639 bounds between Dedham and Watertown established. Oct. 17,* 1649 land granted for a village. May 22,* 1650 part established as Medfield. Oct. 14,* 1651 bounds confirmed. May 12,* 1675 bounds between Dedham and Roxbury established. Oct. 18,* 1701 bounds between Dedham and Natick established. Nov. 5,* 1711 part established as Needham. Aug. 22,* 1712 bounds between Dedham and Needham established. Nov. 3,* 1714 bounds between Dedham and Needham established. Nov. 27,* 1719 part included in the new town of Bellingham. Dec. 10,* 1724 part established as Walpole. April 25,* 1733 part of Stoughton annexed. Dec. 10,* 1737 part of Stoughton annexed. Dec. 11,* 1738 bounds between Dedham and Stoughton established. June 7,* 1739 part annexed to Dorchester. June 17, 1780 part of Stoughton annexed. July 7, 1784 part established as the district of Dover. Mar. 7, 1791 bounds between Dedham and Dover established. June 21, 1811 part re-annexed to Walpole. June



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Dedham — <i>Con.</i>	Sept. 8,* 1636	17, 1831 part annexed to Dorchester. April 21, 1852 part annexed to West Roxbury upon payment of \$400 by West Roxbury. April 30, 1852 the act accepted by West Roxbury. April 30, 1852 part annexed to Walpole. July 4, 1853 \$400 paid by West Roxbury to Dedham, and act of April 21, 1852 in effect. April 22, 1868 part included in the new town of Hyde Park. May 1, 1868 bounds fixed in the act of April 22, 1868 changed. Feb. 23, 1872 part included in the new town of Norwood. April 2, 1897 part established as Westwood.
<i>Dorchester,</i>	Sept. 7,* 1630	Common land called Mattapan. Mar. 4,* 1635 Thompson's Island granted to Dorchester. Mar. 28,* 1636 bounds established. May 17,* 1638 bounds between Dorchester and Dedham established. June 2,* 1641 "Squantums Neck and Mennens Moone" annexed. Nov. 12,* 1659 one thousand acres of common land granted to Dorchester. May 7,* 1662 part established as Milton. Dec. 22,* 1726 part established as Stoughton. June 7,* 1739 part of Dedham annexed. Feb. 22, 1792 part annexed to Quincy. Mar. 6, 1804 part annexed to Boston. Feb. 10, 1814 part annexed to Quincy. Feb. 12, 1819 part annexed to Quincy. Feb. 21, 1820 bounds between Dorchester and Quincy established. June 17, 1831 part of Dedham annexed. Mar. 25, 1834 Thompson's Island set off and annexed to Boston. May 2, 1855 part annexed to Quincy. May 21, 1855 part annexed to Boston. April 22, 1868 part included in the new town of Hyde Park. May 1, 1868 act of April 22, 1868 amended and bounds changed. June 4, 1869 Dorchester annexed to Boston if this act is accepted by both places. June 22, 1869 act accepted by both. Jan. 3, 1870 the act took effect.
Dover,	July 7, 1784	Part of Dedham established as the district of Dover. Mar. 7, 1791 bounds between the district of Dover and Dedham established. Mar. 31, 1836 the district made a town. May 2, 1836 the act accepted by the district. Feb. 27, 1872 bounds between Dover and Walpole established. May 27, 1903 bounds between Dover and Medfield established. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Dover and Walpole established.
Foxborough,	June 10, 1778	Parts of Stoughton, Stoughtonham, Walpole, and Wrentham. Mar. 12, 1793 parts of Sharon and Stoughton annexed



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Foxborough — <i>Con.</i> . . .	June 10, 1778	and bounds established. Feb. 3, 1819 bounds between Foxborough and Wrentham established. Feb. 7, 1831 part of Wrentham annexed. Jan. 30, 1833 bounds between Foxborough and Sharon established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 27, 1833 part annexed to Walpole. Mar. 28, 1834 part annexed to Walpole. Feb. 28, 1850 part of Sharon annexed. May 23, 1903 bounds between Foxborough and Norfolk, and Walpole established.
Franklin, . . . . .	Mar. 2, 1778	Part of Wrentham. June 25, 1792 part of Medway annexed. Nov. 13, 1792 bounds between Franklin and Medway established. Feb. 23, 1832 bounds between Franklin and Bellingham, and Medway established. Mar. 13, 1839 bounds between Franklin and Medway established and part annexed to Medway. Feb. 23, 1870 part included in the new town of Norfolk.
Holbrook, . . . . .	Feb. 29, 1872	Part of Randolph. April 16, 1889 part annexed to Avon. Mar. 11, 1903 bounds between Holbrook and Braintree established.
Hyde Park, . . . . .	April 22, 1868	Parts of Dedham, Dorchester, and Milton. May 1, 1868 the act amended and bounds changed. April 1, 1898 bounds between Hyde Park and Boston established. May 24, 1911 (amended June 22, 1911) annexed to Boston if the act is accepted by both places. Nov. 7, 1911 the act accepted by both, and took effect.
Medfield, . . . . .	May 22,* 1650	Part of Dedham. May 22,* 1651 Medfield granted the privileges of a town. May 28,* 1659 land granted to Medfield. Oct. 24,* 1713 part established as Medway. May 27, 1903 bounds between Medfield and Dover, Norfolk and Walpole established.
Medway, . . . . .	Oct. 24,* 1713	Part of Medfield. Nov. 28,* 1749 part of Wrentham annexed. Mar. 3, 1792 bounds between Medway and Sherborn established. June 25, 1792 part annexed to Franklin. Nov. 13, 1792 bounds between Medway and Franklin established. Mar. 3, 1829 bounds between Medway and Holliston established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Feb. 23, 1832 bounds between Medway and Franklin established. Mar. 13, 1839 part of Franklin annexed and bounds established. Feb. 23, 1870 part included in the new town of Norfolk. Feb. 24, 1885 part established as Millis.

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Millis, . . . . .	Feb. 24, 1885	Part of Medway.
Milton, . . . . .	May 7,* 1662	Part of Dorchester called Uncataquissett. May 30,* 1712 Blue Hill lands divided between Milton and Braintree. April 22, 1868 part included in the new town of Hyde Park. May 1, 1868 the act amended and bounds established. April 16, 1885 bounds between Milton and Quincy established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
Needham, . . . . .	Nov. 6,* 1711	Part of Dedham. Aug. 22,* 1712 bounds between Needham and Dedham established. Nov. 3,* 1714 bounds between Needham and Dedham established. Feb. 25,* 1744 part annexed to Natick. June 22, 1797 bounds between Needham and Natick established and part of each town annexed to the other town. April 6, 1881 part established as Wellesley.
Norfolk, . . . . .	Feb. 23, 1870	Parts of Franklin, Medway, Walpole, and Wrentham. April 19, 1871 bounds between Norfolk and Wrentham established. May 23, 1903 bounds between Norfolk and Foxborough established. May 27, 1903 bounds between Norfolk and Medfield established.
Norwood, . . . . .	Feb. 23, 1872	Parts of Dedham and Walpole.
Plainville, . . . . .	April 4, 1905	Part of Wrentham.
QUINCY, . . . . .	Feb. 22, 1792	Part of Braintree established as Quincy, and part of that part of Dorchester called "Squantum and the Farms" annexed. Feb. 10, 1814 part of "Squantum and the Farms" annexed. Feb. 12, 1819 part of Dorchester annexed. Feb. 21, 1820 bounds between Quincy and Dorchester established, and part of Squantum annexed. May 2, 1855 part of Squantum annexed. April 24, 1856 part of Braintree annexed. April 16, 1885 bounds between Quincy and Milton established and part of each town annexed to the other town. May 17, 1888 Quincy incorporated as a city. June 11, 1888 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Randolph, . . . . .	Mar. 9, 1793	Part of Braintree. June 22, 1811 certain estates in Braintree reannexed. Mar. 21, 1861 bounds between Randolph and Abington established. Feb. 29, 1872 part established as Holbrook. April 16, 1889 part annexed to Avon.
Roxbury, . . . . .	Sept. 28,* 1630	Common land. Mar. 4,* 1633 bounds between Roxbury and Boston established. April 7,* 1635 bounds between Roxbury

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<i>Roxbury</i> — Con. . . . .	Sept. 28,* 1630	and <i>Newe Towne</i> established. May 25,* 1636 certain lands granted to <i>Roxbury</i> . May 2,* 1638 certain lands granted to <i>Roxbury</i> . May 16,* 1638 bounds between <i>Roxbury</i> and <i>Dedham</i> established. Oct. 7,* 1641 bounds between <i>Roxbury</i> and <i>Boston</i> established. Oct. 16,* 1660 certain lands granted to <i>Roxbury</i> . May 12,* 1675 bounds between <i>Roxbury</i> and <i>Dedham</i> established. Mar. 16, 1836 bounds between <i>Roxbury</i> and <i>Boston</i> established. April 19, 1837 bounds between <i>Roxbury</i> and <i>Boston</i> established. April 23, 1838 part of <i>Newton</i> annexed. Feb. 24, 1844 part annexed to <i>Brookline</i> . Mar. 12, 1846 <i>Roxbury</i> incorporated as a city. Mar. 25, 1846 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 3, 1850 part annexed to <i>Boston</i> and bounds between <i>Roxbury</i> and <i>Boston</i> established. May 24, 1851 part established as <i>West Roxbury</i> . April 3, 1860 part annexed to <i>Boston</i> and bounds established if the act is accepted by both cities. April 16, 1860 the act accepted by <i>Roxbury</i> . May 8, 1860 the act accepted by <i>Boston</i> . June 1, 1867 <i>Roxbury</i> annexed to <i>Boston</i> if this act is accepted by both cities. Sept. 9, 1867 the act accepted by both. Jan. 5, 1868 the act took effect.
<i>Sharon</i> , . . . . .	Feb. 25, 1783	Name changed from <i>Stoughtonham</i> . Feb. 16, 1789 part of <i>Stoughton</i> annexed. Feb. 22, 1792 part of <i>Stoughton</i> annexed. Mar. 12, 1793 bounds between <i>Sharon</i> and <i>Foxborough</i> established and parts of <i>Sharon</i> and <i>Stoughton</i> annexed to <i>Foxborough</i> . Feb. 28, 1804 part annexed to <i>Walpole</i> . June 21, 1811 part annexed to <i>Walpole</i> . Jan. 30, 1833 bounds between <i>Sharon</i> and <i>Foxborough</i> established and part of each town annexed to the other town. May 1, 1847 part annexed to <i>Walpole</i> . Feb. 28, 1850 part annexed to <i>Foxborough</i> . Mar. 26, 1864 part of <i>Stoughton</i> annexed. Mar. 24, 1899 bounds between <i>Sharon</i> and <i>Canton</i> established.
<i>Stoughton</i> , . . . . .	Dec. 22,* 1726	Part of <i>Dorchester</i> . April 25,* 1733 part annexed to <i>Dedham</i> . Dec. 10,* 1737 part annexed to <i>Dedham</i> . Dec. 11,* 1738 bounds between <i>Stoughton</i> and <i>Dedham</i> established. Nov. 25, 1752 part annexed to <i>Walpole</i> . Mar. 30, 1753 part annexed to <i>Walpole</i> . June 13, 1753 part annexed to <i>Walpole</i> . Dec. 25, 1753 part annexed to <i>Norton</i> . Dec. 28, 1753 part annexed to <i>Wrentham</i> . Oct. 25, 1755 part annexed to <i>Walpole</i> . June 21, 1765 part established as the district of <i>Stoughtonham</i> . Nov. 20, 1770 part annexed to <i>Bridge-</i>

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Stoughton — <i>Con.</i> . . .	Dec. 22,* 1726	water. June 10, 1778 part included in the new town of Foxborough. June 17, 1780 part annexed to Dedham. Feb. 16, 1789 part annexed to Sharon. Feb. 22, 1792 part annexed to Sharon. Mar. 12, 1793 part annexed to Foxborough. Feb. 23, 1797 part established as Canton. Feb. 8, 1798 part annexed to Bridgewater. Mar. 31, 1847 part of Canton annexed. Mar. 26, 1864 part annexed to Sharon. Feb. 21, 1888 part established as Avon.
<i>Stoughtonham,</i> . . .	June 21, 1765	Part of Stoughton established as the district of Stoughtonham. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. June 10, 1778 part included in the new town of Foxborough. Feb. 25, 1783 name changed to Sharon.
Walpole, . . . . .	Dec. 10,* 1724	Part of Dedham. Nov. 25, 1752 part of Stoughton annexed. Mar. 30, 1753 part of Stoughton annexed. June 13, 1753 part of Stoughton annexed. Oct. 25, 1755 part of Stoughton annexed. June 10, 1778, part included in the new town of Foxborough. Feb. 28, 1804 part of Sharon annexed. June 21, 1811 part of Sharon annexed and part of Dedham re-annexed. Mar. 27, 1833 part of Foxborough annexed. Mar. 28, 1834 part of Foxborough annexed. April 30, 1852 part of Dedham annexed. Feb. 23, 1870 part included in the new town of Norfolk. Feb. 23, 1872 part included in the new town of Norwood. Feb. 27, 1872 bounds between Walpole and Dover established. May 1, 1874 part of Sharon annexed. May 23, 1903 bounds between Walpole and Foxborough established. May 27, 1903 bounds between Walpole and Medfield established. Mar. 12, 1904 bounds between Walpole and Dover established.
Wellesley, . . . . .	April 6, 1881	Part of Needham.
<i>West Roxbury,</i> . . . . .	May 24, 1851	Part of Roxbury. April 21, 1852 part of Dedham annexed upon payment of \$400 by West Roxbury. April 30, 1852 the act accepted by West Roxbury. July 4, 1853 \$400 paid by West Roxbury to Dedham, and the act in effect. April 2, 1870 bounds between West Roxbury and Boston established. April 12, 1872 part (Mount Hope Cemetery) annexed to Boston. May 29, 1873 West Roxbury annexed to Boston if the act is accepted by both places. Oct. 7, 1873 the act accepted by both. Jan. 5, 1874 the act took effect.
Westwood, . . . . .	April 2, 1897	Part of Dedham.

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Weymouth, . . . . .	Sept. 2,* 1635	The plantation of Wessagusset. Sept. 3,* 1635 bounds between Weymouth and Hingham established. Mar. 9,* 1637 Round Island and Grape Island granted to Weymouth. Mar. 31, 1847 bounds between Weymouth and Abington established.
Wrentham, . . . . .	Oct. 15,* 1673	Common land. Nov. 27,* 1719 part included in the new town of Bellingham. April 11,* 1735 bounds between Wrentham and Bellingham established. Nov. 28,* 1749 part annexed to Medway. Dec. 28, 1753 part of Stoughton annexed. Mar. 2, 1778 part established as Franklin. June 10, 1778 part included in the new town of Foxborough. Feb. 3, 1819 bounds between Wrentham and Foxborough established. Feb. 18, 1830 bounds between Wrentham and Attleborough established and part of Attleborough annexed. Feb. 7, 1831 part annexed to Foxborough. Feb. 23, 1870 part included in the new town of Norfolk. April 19, 1871 bounds between Wrentham and Norfolk established. April 4, 1905 part established as Plainville.

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY. INCORPORATED JUNE 2, 1685.

Abington, . . . . .	June 10,* 1712	Part of Bridgewater and certain lands adjoining. June 14,* 1727 part included in the new town of Hanover. Mar. 31, 1847 bounds between Abington and Weymouth established. Mar. 21, 1861 bounds between Abington and Randolph established. Mar. 21, 1861 bounds between Abington and Hingham established. Mar. 9, 1874 part established as Rockland. Mar. 4, 1875 part included in the new town of South Abington.
Bridgewater, . . . . .	June 3,* 1656	Part of Duxbury called the New Plantation. June 3,* 1662 certain lands granted to Bridgewater. Feb. 11,* 1691 lands between Bridgewater and Weymouth, called Foord's Farms, and lands adjoining, annexed. June 10,* 1712 part included in the new town of Abington. Nov. 20, 1770 part of Stoughton annexed. Feb. 8, 1798 part of Stoughton annexed. June 15, 1821 part established as North Bridgewater. Feb. 16, 1822 part established as West Bridgewater. June 14, 1823 part established as East Bridgewater. Feb. 20, 1824 part annexed to Halifax. Feb. 23, 1838 bounds between Bridgewater and East Bridgewater established. Mar. 20, 1846 bounds between Bridgewater and East Bridgewater established and part of each town annexed to the other town.



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BROCKTON, . . . . .	Mar. 28, 1874	North Bridgewater authorized to change its name. May 5, 1874 Brockton adopted as the name. April 24, 1875 part annexed to South Abington, and parts of East Bridgewater and South Abington annexed. April 9, 1881 Brockton incorporated as a city. May 23, 1881 act of incorporation accepted by the town. May 8, 1893 part of West Bridgewater annexed to Brockton if the act is accepted by Brockton. Nov. 7, 1893 act accepted by Brockton. Mar. 1, 1894 act of May 8, 1893 took full effect.
Carver, . . . . .	June 9, 1790	Part of Plympton. Feb. 8, 1793 bounds between Carver and Plympton established. Jan. 20, 1827 part annexed to Wareham. Mar. 24, 1849 bounds between Carver and Middleborough established. May 16, 1901 bounds between Carver and Wareham established.
Duxbury, . . . . .	June 7,* 1637	Common land. Mar. 2,* 1641 bounds established. June 3,* 1656 part called the New Plantation established as Bridgewater. Mar. 2,* 1658 Namassakeesett annexed. Mar. 5,* 1661 certain lands granted to Duxbury and Marshfield. July 5,* 1670 bounds between Duxbury and "the Major's Purchase" established. June 5,* 1678 bounds established. Feb. 23,* 1683 bounds between Duxbury and Marshfield established. Mar. 21,* 1712 part included in the new town of Pembroke. June 14, 1813 bounds between Duxbury and Marshfield established. April 14, 1857 part annexed to Kingston.
East Bridgewater, . . . . .	June 14, 1823	Part of Bridgewater. Feb. 23, 1838 bounds between East Bridgewater and Bridgewater established. Mar. 20, 1846 part of Bridgewater annexed and bounds established. April 11, 1857 part of Halifax annexed and bounds established. Mar. 4, 1875 part included in the new town of South Abington. April 24, 1875 part annexed to Brockton.
Halifax, . . . . .	July 4,* 1734	Parts of Middleborough, Pembroke, and Plympton. Feb. 20, 1824 part of Bridgewater annexed. Mar. 16, 1831 part of Plympton annexed. April 11, 1857 part annexed to East Bridgewater and bounds established. Feb. 6, 1863 bounds between Halifax and Plympton established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
Hanover, . . . . .	June 14,* 1727	Parts of Abington and Scituate. Mar. 6, 1835 bounds between Hanover and Pembroke established. May 15, 1857 bounds between Hanover and South Scituate



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Hanover— <i>Con.</i> . . . .	June 14,* 1727	established. Feb. 11, 1878 bounds between Hanover and South Scituate established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 23, 1878 bounds between Hanover and Rockland established and part of each town annexed to the other town. April 23, 1885 bounds between Hanover and Pembroke established.
Hanson, . . . . .	Feb. 22, 1820	Part of Pembroke. April 3, 1903 bounds between Hanson and Pembroke established.
Hingham, . . . . .	Sept. 2,* 1635	Common land called Barecove. Sept. 3,* 1635 bounds between Hingham and Weymouth established. May 13,* 1640 land at Conihasset granted to Hingham. April 26, 1770 part established as the district of Cohasset. Mar. 21, 1861 bounds between Hingham and Abington established. April 30, 1897 bounds between Hingham, Cohasset, Norwell, and Scituate established.
Hull, . . . . .	May 29,* 1644	The plantation called "Nantascot." May 26,* 1647 Hull is mentioned as a town. June 12,* 1663 Brewster Islands granted to Hull.
Kingston, . . . . .	June 16,* 1726	Part of Plymouth called the north precinct (including small parts of Duxbury, Pembroke and Plympton). April 14, 1857 part of Duxbury annexed.
Lakeville, . . . . .	May 13, 1853	Part of Middleborough. June 1, 1867 bounds between Lakeville and Taunton established.
Marion, . . . . .	May 14, 1852	Part of Rochester. April 8, 1853 bounds between Marion and Rochester established. Feb. 18, 1859 bounds between Marion and Wareham established. Feb. 13, 1866 bounds between Marion and Wareham established. April 23, 1897 bounds between Marion and Wareham established. Mar. 1, 1909 bounds between Marion and Wareham established.
Marshfield, . . . . .	Mar. 1,* 1642	Name changed from Rexhame though not recorded. Mar. 7,* 1643 bounds established. Mar. 5,* 1661 certain lands granted to Marshfield and Duxbury. Feb. 23,* 1683 bounds between Marshfield and Duxbury established. Mar. 21,* 1712 part included in the new town of Pembroke. Nov. 8, 1782 bounds between Marshfield and Scituate established. Mar. 10, 1788 part of Scituate annexed. June 14, 1813 bounds between Marshfield and Duxbury established. May 11, 1887 bounds between Marshfield and Scituate established.

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Mattapoisett, . . . .	May 20, 1857	Part of Rochester.
Middleborough, . . . .	June 1,* 1669	Common land called Namassakett. Sept 28,* 1680 certain lands at Assowamsett Neck and places adjacent granted to Middleborough. July 4,* 1734 part included in the new town of Halifax. Dec. 11,* 1734 part annexed to Plympton. Mar. 24, 1849 bounds between Middleborough and Carver established. May 13, 1853 part established as Lakeville.
North Bridgewater, . . . .	June 15, 1821	Part of Bridgewater. Jan. 26, 1825 bounds between North Bridgewater and West Bridgewater established. Mar. 28, 1874 name authorized to be changed. May 5, 1874 Brockton adopted as the name.
Norwell, . . . . .	Feb. 27, 1888	South Scituate authorized to change its name. Mar. 5, 1888 Norwell adopted as the name. April 30, 1897 bounds between Norwell and Hingham established.
Pembroke, . . . . .	Mar. 21,* 1712	Part of Duxbury called Mattakeset, a tract of land known as the Major's Purchase, and the land called Marshfield upper lands at Mattakeset. July 4,* 1734 part included in the new town of Halifax. Feb. 22, 1820 part established as Hanson. Mar. 6, 1835 bounds between Pembroke and Hanover established. April 23, 1885 bounds between Pembroke and Hanover established. April 3, 1903 bounds between Pembroke and Hanson established.
Plymouth, . . . . .	— —, 1620	Common land. June 7,* 1670 the bounds between Plymouth and Sandwich established. Jan. 19,* 1663 ordered to be recorded. June 4,* 1707 part established as Plympton. June 16,* 1726 part called the north precinct (including small parts of Duxbury, Pembroke and Plympton) established as Kingston. July 10,* 1739 part included in the new town of Wareham. Jan. 20, 1827 part annexed to Wareham.
Plympton, . . . . .	June 4,* 1707	Part of Plymouth. July 4,* 1734 part included in the new town of Halifax. Dec. 11,* 1734 part of Middleborough annexed. June 9, 1790 part established as Carver. Feb. 8, 1793 bounds between Plympton and Carver established. Mar. 16, 1831 part annexed to Halifax. Feb. 6, 1863 bounds between Plympton and Halifax established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
Rexhame, . . . . .	Mar. 2,* 1641	Common land called Green's Harbour. Mar. 2,* 1641 Rexhame is in the list of places for which constables were chosen.

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<i>Rexhame</i> —Con. . . . .	Mar. 2,* 1641	June 1,* 1641 <i>Rexhame</i> is mentioned in a list of towns; the name then disappears from the records, and the town afterward became <i>Marshfield</i> .
<i>Rochester</i> , . . . . .	June 4,* 1686	Common land called <i>Sippican</i> . June 11,* 1714 bounds between <i>Rochester</i> and <i>Tiverton</i> established. July 10,* 1739 part included in the new town of <i>Wareham</i> . April 9, 1836 part annexed to <i>Fairhaven</i> and bounds established. May 14, 1852 part established as <i>Marion</i> . April 8, 1853 bounds between <i>Rochester</i> and <i>Marion</i> established. May 20, 1857 part established as <i>Mattapoissett</i> . April 20, 1864 bounds between <i>Rochester</i> and <i>Wareham</i> established. Feb. 15, 1866 bounds between <i>Rochester</i> and <i>Wareham</i> established. June 3, 1887 bounds between <i>Rochester</i> and <i>Wareham</i> established.
<i>Rockland</i> , . . . . .	Mar. 9, 1874	Part of <i>Abington</i> . Mar. 23, 1878 bounds between <i>Rockland</i> and <i>Hanover</i> established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
<i>Scituate</i> , . . . . .	July 1,* 1633	Common land. Oct. 4,* 1636 the town of <i>Scituate</i> authorized to dispose of lands. Nov. 30,* 1640 land granted to <i>Scituate</i> . Mar. 7,* 1643 bounds established. June 14,* 1727 part included in the new town of <i>Hanover</i> . Nov. 8, 1782 bounds between <i>Scituate</i> and <i>Marshfield</i> established. Mar. 10, 1788 part annexed to <i>Marshfield</i> . June 14, 1823 part annexed to <i>Cohasset</i> . Mar. 20, 1840 bounds between <i>Scituate</i> and <i>Cohasset</i> established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Feb. 14, 1849 part established as <i>South Scituate</i> . May 11, 1887 bounds between <i>Scituate</i> and <i>Marshfield</i> established. April 30, 1897 bounds between <i>Scituate</i> , <i>Cohasset</i> , and <i>Hingham</i> established.
<i>South Abington</i> , . . . . .	Mar. 4, 1875	Parts of <i>Abington</i> and <i>East Bridgewater</i> . April 24, 1875 part annexed to <i>Brockton</i> , and part of <i>Brockton</i> annexed. Mar. 5, 1886 <i>South Abington</i> authorized to change its name. May 3, 1886 name changed to <i>Whitman</i> .
<i>South Scituate</i> , . . . . .	Feb. 14, 1849	Part of <i>Scituate</i> . May 15, 1857 bounds between <i>South Scituate</i> and <i>Hanover</i> established. Feb. 11, 1878 bounds between <i>South Scituate</i> and <i>Hanover</i> established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Feb. 27, 1888 <i>South Scituate</i> authorized to change its name. Mar. 5, 1888 name changed to <i>Norwell</i> .

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Wareham, . . . . .	July 10,* 1739	Part of Rochester and a plantation in Plymouth called Agawam. Jan. 20, 1827 parts of Carver and Plymouth annexed. Feb. 18, 1859 bounds between Wareham and Marion established. April 20, 1864 bounds between Wareham and Rochester established. Feb. 13, 1866 bounds between Wareham and Marion established. Feb. 15, 1866 bounds between Wareham and Rochester established. June 3, 1887 bounds between Wareham and Rochester established. April 14, 1897 bounds between Wareham and Bourne established. April 23, 1897 bounds between Wareham and Marion established. May 16, 1901 bounds between Wareham and Carver established. Mar. 1, 1909 bounds between Wareham and Marion established.
West Bridgewater, . . . . .	Feb. 16, 1822	Part of Bridgewater. Jan. 26, 1825 bounds between West Bridgewater and North Bridgewater established. May 8, 1893 part of West Bridgewater annexed to Brockton if the act is accepted by Brockton. Nov. 7, 1893 act accepted by Brockton. Mar. 1, 1894 act of May 8, 1893 took full effect.
Whitman, . . . . .	Mar. 5, 1886	South Abington authorized to change its name. May 3, 1886 name changed to Whitman.

## SUFFOLK COUNTY. INCORPORATED MAY 10, 1643.

BOSTON, . . . . .	Sept. 7,* 1630	Common land called Tri-mountain. Nov. 7,* 1632 "ordered that the neck of land betwixt Powder Horne Hill and Pullen Poynte shall belong to Boston." Mar. 4,* 1633 bounds between Boston and Roxbury established. May 14,* 1634 "Boston shall have convenient enlargement at Mount Wooliston," to be reported to the next general court. Sept. 3,* 1634 "ordered that Wynetsemit shall belong to Boston." Sept. 25,* 1634 Mount Wooliston and Rumney Marshe annexed. Mar. 4,* 1635 Deer, Hog, Long, and Spectacle Islands granted to Boston. July 8,* 1635 bounds between Boston and Charlestown established. Mar. 28,* 1636 bounds between Boston and Charlestown and Boston and Dorchester established. Mar. 9,* 1637 Noddle's Island annexed. May 13,* 1640 "Mount Woollaston" established as Braintree. Oct. 7,* 1641 bounds between Boston and Roxbury, at Muddy River, estab-
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BOSTON — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	Sept. 7,* 1630	<p>lished. Oct. 7,* 1641 bounds between Boston and Cambridge established. Nov. 13,* 1705 part called Muddy River established as Brookline. Jan. 10,* 1739 part called Winnissimet, Rumney Marsh, and Pullen Point (excepting Noddle's Island and Hog Island) established as Chelsea. Mar. 6, 1804 part of Dorchester annexed. Feb. 23, 1822 Boston incorporated as a city. Mar. 4, 1822 act of incorporation accepted by the town. Feb. 22, 1825 bounds between Boston and Brookline established. Mar. 25, 1834 Thompson's Island set off from Dorchester and annexed to Boston while it shall be used for charitable purposes. Mar. 16, 1836 bounds between Boston and Roxbury established. April 19, 1837 bounds between Boston and Roxbury established. May 3, 1850 part of Roxbury annexed and bounds established. May 21, 1855 part of Dorchester annexed. April 3, 1860 part of Roxbury annexed and bounds established if the act is accepted by both cities. April 16, 1860 the act accepted by Roxbury. May 8, 1860 the act accepted by Boston. June 1, 1867 Roxbury annexed if the act is accepted by both cities. Sept. 9, 1867 the act accepted by both. Jan. 5, 1868 the act took effect. June 4, 1869 Dorchester annexed if the act is accepted by both places. June 22, 1869 the act accepted by both. Jan. 3, 1870 the act took effect. April 2, 1870 bounds between Boston and West Roxbury established. June 18, 1870 part of Brookline annexed. Nov. 4, 1870 the act accepted by Boston. April 12, 1872 part of West Roxbury (Mount Hope Cemetery) annexed. April 27, 1872 bounds between Boston and Brookline established. May 14, 1873 Charlestown annexed if the act is accepted by both cities. May 21, 1873 Brighton annexed if the act is accepted by both places. May 29, 1873 West Roxbury annexed if the act is accepted by both places. Oct. 7, 1873 acts of annexation accepted by Boston, Charlestown, Brighton, and West Roxbury. Jan. 5, 1874 acts of annexation to Boston of Charlestown, Brighton, and West Roxbury took effect. May 8, 1874 part of Brookline annexed. May 29, 1874 bounds between Boston and Newton established. May 5, 1875 part annexed to Newton. June 23, 1875 the act accepted by Newton. July 1, 1875 the act took effect. May 27, 1890 bounds between Boston and Brookline established. May 4, 1891 bounds</p>



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BOSTON — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	Sept. 7,* 1630	between Boston and Somerville established. April 13, 1894 bounds between Boston and Brookline established. Mar. 29, 1898 bounds between Boston and Newton established. Mar. 29, 1898 bounds between Boston and Cambridge established. April 1, 1898 bounds between Boston and Hyde Park established. May 13, 1898 bounds between Boston and Newton established. April 18, 1900 certain land in the Charlestown district ceded to the United States. Mar. 29, 1910 bounds between Boston and Cambridge established. May 24, 1911 (amended June 22, 1911) Hyde Park annexed if the act is accepted by both places. Nov. 7, 1911 the act accepted by both, and took effect.
CHELSEA, . . . . .	Jan. 10,* 1739	Part of Boston called Winnissimmet, Rumney Marsh, and Pullen Point excepting Noddle's Island and Hog Island. Feb. 22, 1841 part annexed to Saugus. Mar. 19, 1846 part established as North Chelsea. Mar. 13, 1857 Chelsea incorporated as a city. Mar. 23, 1857 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
<i>North Chelsea,</i> . . . .	Mar. 19, 1846	Part of Chelsea. Mar. 27, 1852 part established as Winthrop. Mar. 24, 1871 name changed to Revere if accepted within ninety days. April 3, 1871 the act accepted.
REVERE, . . . . .	Mar. 24, 1871	North Chelsea authorized to change its name. April 3, 1871 name changed to Revere. June 19, 1914 Revere incorporated as a city. Nov. 3, 1914 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Winthrop, . . . . .	Mar. 27, 1852	Part of North Chelsea.

## WORCESTER COUNTY. INCORPORATED APRIL 2, 1731.

Ashburnham, . . . .	Feb. 22, 1765	The plantation of Dorchester-Canada. Mar. 6, 1767 part included in the new town of Ashby. June 27, 1785 part included in the new town of Gardner. Nov. 16, 1792 part annexed to Ashby. Feb. 16, 1815 part of Gardner annexed. Jan. 28, 1824 part of Westminster annexed.
Athol, . . . . .	Mar. 6, 1762	The plantation called Payquage. Oct. 15, 1783 part included in the district of Orange. Oct. 20, 1786 part included in the new town of Gerry. Feb. 26, 1799 part annexed to Royalston. Mar. 7, 1803



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Athol — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	Mar. 6, 1762	part annexed to Royalston. Feb. 28, 1806 part of Gerry annexed. Feb. 7, 1816 part of Orange annexed. June 11, 1829 certain common lands known as Little Grant annexed. Feb. 5, 1830 part of New Salem annexed. Mar. 16, 1837 part of New Salem annexed.
Auburn, . . . . .	Feb. 17, 1837	Name changed from Ward. May 24, 1851 part annexed to Millbury. Mar. 27, 1908 bounds between Auburn and Oxford established.
Barre, . . . . .	Nov. 7, 1776	Name changed from Hutchinson.
Berlin, . . . . .	Mar. 16, 1784	Parts of Bolton and Marlborough established as the district of Berlin. Feb. 8, 1791 part of Lancaster annexed to the district of Berlin. Feb. 15, 1806 bounds between Berlin and Northborough established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Feb. 6, 1812 the district of Berlin made the town of Berlin. May 1, 1905 bounds between Berlin and Marlborough; Berlin and Hudson; and Berlin and Clinton established.
Blackstone. . . . .	Mar. 25, 1845	Part of Mendon. May 1, 1916, part established as Millville.
Bolton, . . . . .	June 24,* 1738	Part of Lancaster. Mar. 16, 1784 part included in the new district of Berlin. Feb. 11, 1829 part of Marlborough annexed. Mar. 16, 1838 bounds between Bolton and Marlborough established. Mar. 20, 1868 part annexed to Hudson.
Boylston, . . . . .	Mar. 1, 1786	Part of Shrewsbury. Jan. 30, 1808 part included in the new town of West Boylston. Feb. 10, 1820 part annexed to West Boylston. June 17, 1820 part annexed to West Boylston. May 2, 1905 bounds between Boylston and West Boylston established.
Brookfield, . . . . .	Oct. 15,* 1673	Common land called Quobauge. Nov. 12,* 1718 Brookfield invested with the privileges of a town. Dec. 3,* 1719 bounds established. Sept. 11,* 1730 bounds between Brookfield and Leicester established. Jan. 16,* 1742 part included in the new town of Western. June 10, 1791 bounds between Brookfield and New Braintree established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 8, 1792 bounds between Brookfield and New Braintree established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Feb. 28, 1812 part established as North Brookfield. Feb. 8, 1823 part annexed to Ware. Mar. 3, 1848 part established as West Brook-

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Brookfield — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	Oct. 15,* 1673	field. April 15, 1854 part of North Brookfield annexed. Mar. 18, 1910 bounds between Brookfield and North Brookfield established. May 13, 1910 bounds between Brookfield and West Brookfield established.
Charlton, . . . . .	Jan. 10, 1755	Part of Oxford established as the district of Charlton. (An act passed Nov. 21, 1754 establishing the town appears to have been considered as void.) June 3, 1757 lands called "The Gore" annexed. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Jan. 5, 1789 part annexed to Oxford. June 26, 1792 part annexed to Sturbridge. Feb. 23, 1809 part annexed to Oxford. Feb. 15, 1816 part included in the new town of Southbridge. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Charlton and Oxford established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Charlton and Southbridge established.
Clinton, . . . . .	Mar. 14, 1850	Part of Lancaster. May 1, 1905 bounds between Clinton and Berlin established.
Dana, . . . . .	Feb. 18, 1801	Parts of Greenwich, Hardwick, and Petersham. Feb. 12, 1803 bounds between Dana and Petersham established. June 19, 1811 bounds between Dana and Greenwich established. Feb. 4, 1842 parts of Hardwick and Petersham annexed. April 10, 1882 bounds between Dana and Petersham established. May 4, 1911 bounds between Dana and Greenwich established.
Douglas, . . . . .	June 5,* 1746	Name changed from New Sherburn. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 27, 1841 bounds between Douglas and Webster established. April 25, 1864 bounds between Douglas and Uxbridge established. May 16, 1907 bounds between Douglas and Sutton established.
Dudley, . . . . .	Feb. 2,* 1732	Part of Oxford and certain common lands. June 25, 1794 part of a gore of common land known as Middlesex Gore annexed. Feb. 15, 1816 part included in the new town of Southbridge. Feb. 23, 1822 part annexed to Southbridge. Mar. 6, 1832 part included in the new town of Webster. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Dudley and Southbridge established.
FITCHBURG, . . . . .	Feb. 3, 1764	Part of Lunenburg. Mar. 6, 1767 part included in the new town of Ashby. Feb. 26, 1783 certain common lands annexed.

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FITCHBURG — <i>Con.</i> . . .	Feb. 3, 1764	Feb. 27, 1796 part annexed to Westminster. Feb. 16, 1813 part annexed to Westminster. Mar. 3, 1829 part annexed to Ashby. Mar. 8, 1872 Fitchburg incorporated as a city. April 8, 1872 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Gardner, . . . . .	June 27, 1785	Parts of Ashburnham, Templeton, Westminster, and Winchendon. Mar. 2, 1787 part annexed to Winchendon. Feb. 22, 1794 part of Winchendon annexed. Feb. 16, 1815 part annexed to Ashburnham. May 24, 1851 part of Winchendon annexed. April 17, 1908 bounds between Gardner and Winchendon established. April 17, 1908 bounds between Gardner and Westminster established.
<i>Gerry</i> , . . . . .	Oct. 20, 1786	Parts of Athol and Templeton. Feb. 2, 1789 bounds between Gerry and Templeton established. Feb. 26, 1799 part annexed to Royalston. Feb. 28, 1806 part annexed to Athol. Feb. 5, 1814 name changed to Phillipston.
Grafton, . . . . .	April 18,* 1735	The plantation of Hassanamisco. June 10,* 1737 part of Sutton annexed. Jan. 9,* 1742 parts of Sutton and Shrewsbury annexed. June 14, 1823 certain common lands annexed. Mar. 3, 1826 part of Shrewsbury annexed. Mar. 3, 1842 part of Sutton annexed. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Grafton and Worcester established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Grafton and Shrewsbury established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Grafton and Westborough established.
Hardwick, . . . . .	Jan. 10,* 1739	The plantation called Lambstown. Jan. 31,* 1751 part of *Hardwick and the precinct of New Braintree made a district. June 9, 1756 bounds between Hardwick and Greenwich established. Feb. 1, 1765 part annexed to Hardwick. Feb. 18, 1801 part included in the new town of Dana. June 10, 1814 part of New Braintree annexed. Feb. 7, 1831 certain common lands annexed. Feb. 6, 1833 certain common land called Hardwick Gore annexed. Feb. 4, 1842 part annexed to Dana.
Harvard, . . . . .	June 29,* 1732	Parts of Groton, Lancaster, and Stow. Feb. 25, 1783 part included in the new district of Boxborough. June 14, 1906 bounds between Harvard and Littleton established. June 14, 1906 bounds between Harvard and Boxborough established.

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Holden, . . . . .	Jan. 9,* 1741	Part of Worcester called North Worcester. Mar. 27, 1793 bounds between Holden and Paxton established. Feb. 13, 1804 part annexed to Paxton. Jan. 30, 1808 part included in the new town of West Boylston. Mar. 19, 1831 part of Paxton annexed. April 9, 1838 part annexed to Paxton. Mar. 13, 1906 bounds between Holden and Paxton established.
Hopedale, . . . . .	April 7, 1886	Part of Milford.
Hubbardston, . . . . .	June 13, 1767	Part of Rutland established as the district of Hubbardston. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 16, 1810 part annexed to Princeton.
Hutchinson, . . . . .	June 17, 1774	Rutland district. Nov. 7, 1776 name changed to Barre.
Lancaster, . . . . .	May 18,* 1653	Common land called Nashaway. May 14,* 1654 granted full liberties of a township. Oct. 11,* 1672 bounds established. May 7,* 1673 given privileges of a town. June 5,* 1713 additional lands granted to Lancaster. Dec. 2,* 1720 certain bounds established. June 17,* 1721 certain bounds established. June 29,* 1732 part included in the new town of Harvard. June 24,* 1738 part established as Bolton. June 23,* 1740 part established as Leominster. Sept. 17, 1762 part annexed to Shrewsbury. Feb. 27, 1768 part of Shrewsbury annexed. Feb. 26, 1781 part annexed to Shrewsbury. April 25, 1781 part established as Sterling. Feb. 8, 1791 part annexed to Berlin. Mar. 12, 1793 bounds between Lancaster and Sterling established. Mar. 7, 1837 part annexed to Sterling and bounds established. Mar. 14, 1850 part established as Clinton. May 7, 1906 bounds between Lancaster and Leominster established. April 21, 1908 bounds between Lancaster and Sterling established.
Leicester, . . . . .	Feb. 15,* 1713	Common land called Towtaid. June 19,* 1714 bounds established. June 14,* 1722 Leicester granted the privileges of a town. Sept. 11,* 1730 bounds between Leicester and Brookfield established. April 12, 1753 part made the district of Spencer. June 2, 1758 part annexed to Worcester. Feb. 12, 1765 part included in the new district of Paxton. April 10, 1778 a parish set off from Leicester and other towns established as Ward.
LEOMINSTER, . . . . .	June 23,* 1740	Part of Lancaster. April 13, 1838 part of certain common land called No Town annexed. May 7, 1906 bounds between

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LEOMINSTER — <i>Con.</i>	June 23,* 1740	Leominster and Lancaster established. May 13, 1915 Leominster incorporated as a city. Nov. 2, 1915 act of incorporation accepted by the town.
Lunenburg, . . . . .	Aug. 1,* 1728	The south part of Turkey Hill. June 30,* 1732 239 acres granted to Lunenburg. April 7,* 1733 161 acres granted to Lunenburg. Feb. 3, 1764 part established as Fitchburg. Mar. 3, 1846 bounds between Lunenburg and Shirley established. April 25, 1848 bounds between Lunenburg and Shirley established.
Mendon, . . . . .	May 15,* 1667	The township of Qunshapage. May 20,* 1669 certain lands granted to Mendon. June 29,* 1710 certain lands annexed. June 1,* 1714 purchase of land from the Indians in 1691 confirmed. Nov. 27,* 1719 part included in the new town of Bellingham. June 27,* 1727 part established as Uxbridge. June 14,* 1735 part included in the new town of Upton. April 10, 1754 bounds between Mendon and Uxbridge established. April 24, 1770 part of Uxbridge annexed. April 11, 1780 part established as Milford. Mar. 25, 1845 part established as Blackstone. Mar. 7, 1872 bounds between Mendon and Bellingham established.
Milford, . . . . .	April 11, 1780	Part of Mendon. Mar. 27, 1835 bounds between Milford, Holliston, and Hopkinton established, and parts of Holliston and Hopkinton annexed to Milford, and part of Milford annexed to Hopkinton. April 1, 1859 bounds between Milford and Holliston established. April 7, 1886 part established as Hopedale. May 16, 1907 bounds between Milford and Upton established. May 16, 1907 bounds between Milford and Hopkinton established.
Millbury, . . . . .	June 11, 1813	Part of Sutton. May 24, 1851 part of Auburn annexed. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Millbury and Oxford established. May 16, 1907 bounds between Millbury and Sutton established.
Millville, . . . . .	May 1, 1916	Part of Blackstone.
New Braintree, . . . . .	Jan. 31,* 1751	Common land called New Braintree and part of the town of Hardwick established as a district. April 17,* 1751 the district given the name of New Braintree. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. June 10, 1791 bounds between New Braintree and Brookfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town. Mar. 8, 1792 bounds between New Braintree and Brookfield es-



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New Braintree — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	Jan. 31,* 1751	tablished and part of each town annexed to the other town. June 10, 1814 part annexed to Hardwick. April 24, 1911 bounds between New Braintree and North Brookfield established. April 24, 1911 bounds between New Braintree and West Brookfield established.
<i>New Sherburn,</i> . . . .	Mar. 14,* 1745	District of New Sherburn incorporated. June 4,* 1746 certain estates set off from New Sherburn to Uxbridge. June 5,* 1746 name changed to Douglas.
Northborough, . . . .	Jan. 24, 1766	Part of Westborough established as the district of Northborough. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Feb. 15, 1806 bounds between Northborough and Berlin established and part of each town annexed to the other town. June 20, 1807 part of Marlborough annexed and bounds established.
Northbridge, . . . .	July 14, 1772	Part of Uxbridge established as the district of Northbridge. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. April 20, 1780 part of Sutton annexed. Feb. 17, 1801 part of Sutton annexed. June 15, 1831 part annexed to Sutton. Mar. 7, 1837 bounds between Northbridge and Sutton established. Mar. 16, 1844 part of Sutton annexed. April 30, 1856 bounds between Northbridge and Uxbridge established and part of each town annexed to the other town. April 17, 1908 bounds between Northbridge and Uxbridge established.
North Brookfield, . . . .	Feb. 28, 1812	Part of Brookfield. April 15, 1854 part annexed to Brookfield. Mar. 18, 1910 bounds between North Brookfield and Brookfield established. April 24, 1911 bounds between North Brookfield and West Brookfield established. April 24, 1911 bounds between North Brookfield and New Braintree established.
Oakham, . . . .	June 7, 1762	Part of Rutland established as the district of Oakham. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act.
Oxford, . . . .	May 31,* 1693	Common land. Dec. 8,* 1731 certain lands annexed. Feb. 2,* 1732 part included in the new town of Dudley. Nov. 22,* 1734 certain lands annexed. Nov. 21, 1754 part established as the district of Charlton. April 10, 1778 a parish set off from Oxford and other towns established as Ward. Jan. 5, 1789 part of Charlton annexed. Feb. 18, 1793 part of Sutton annexed. Feb. 6, 1807 the Oxford South Gore annexed. Feb. 23, 1809 part of



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Oxford — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	May 31,* 1693	Charlton annexed. Mar. 6, 1832 part included in the new town of Webster. Mar. 22, 1838 the Oxford North Gore annexed. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Oxford and Charlton established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Oxford and Millbury established. Mar. 27, 1908 bounds between Oxford and Auburn established.
Paxton, . . . . .	Feb. 12, 1765	Parts of Leicester and Rutland established as the district of Paxton. July 14, 1772 part of Rutland adjudged to belong to the district of Paxton. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act. Mar. 27, 1793 bounds between Paxton and Holden established. Feb. 13, 1804 part of Holden annexed. Feb. 20, 1829 bounds between Paxton and Rutland established. Mar. 19, 1831 part annexed to Holden. April 9, 1838 part of Holden annexed. May 24, 1851 part of Rutland annexed. Mar. 13, 1906 bounds between Paxton and Holden established.
Petersham, . . . . .	April 20, 1754	The plantation called Nichewoag. Aug. 23, 1756 certain lands annexed. Feb. 18, 1801 part included in the new town of Dana. Feb. 12, 1803 bounds between Petersham and Dana established. Feb. 4, 1842 part annexed to Dana. April 10, 1882 bounds between Petersham and Dana established.
Phillipston, . . . . .	Feb. 5, 1814	Name changed from Gerry. Mar. 29, 1837 bounds between Phillipston and Royalston established. April 5, 1892 part annexed to Templeton. April 17, 1908 bounds between Phillipston and Templeton established.
Princeton, . . . . .	Oct. 20, 1759	Part of Rutland and certain common lands adjacent established as the district of Princeton. April 24, 1771 the district and all lands adjacent not belonging to any town or district established as the town. Mar. 6, 1773 all lands which did not belong to Princeton when it was a district are set off as they were before the passage of the act of April 24, 1771. Feb. 16, 1810 part of Hubbardston annexed. April 4, 1838 part of the common lands of No Town annexed. April 22, 1870 part of Westminster annexed.
Royalston, . . . . .	Feb. 19, 1765	Common land called Royalshire. June 17, 1780 part annexed to Winchendon. Oct. 15, 1783 part included in the new district of Orange. Feb. 26, 1799 parts of Athol and Gerry annexed. Mar. 7, 1803 part of Athol annexed. Mar. 29, 1837 bounds between Royalston and Phillipston established.

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Rutland, . . . . .	Feb. 23,* 1714	Common land called Naquag. Dec. 1,* 1715 original grant of Rutland confirmed. June 18,* 1722 Rutland granted the privileges that other towns enjoy. April 12, 1753 part established as the Rutland district. Oct. 20, 1759 part and certain common lands adjacent established as the district of Princeton. June 7, 1762 part established as the district of Oakham. Feb. 12, 1765 part included in the new town of Paxton. June 13, 1767 part established as Hubbardston. July 14, 1772 part adjudged to belong to Paxton. Feb. 20, 1829 bounds between Rutland and Paxton established. May 24, 1851 part annexed to Paxton.
<i>Rutland, District of,</i> . . .	April 12, 1753	Part of Rutland. June 17, 1774 Rutland District established as Hutchinson.
Shrewsbury, . . . . .	Dec. 6,* 1720	Common land. Aug. 16,* 1722 Shrewsbury is mentioned in the list of frontier towns. Dec. 19,* 1727 Shrewsbury endowed with equal powers with any other town in the province. Jan. 9,* 1742 part annexed to Grafton. June 3, 1762 part annexed to Westborough. Sept. 17, 1762 part of Lancaster annexed. Feb. 27, 1768 part annexed to Lancaster. Feb. 26, 1781 part of Lancaster annexed. Mar. 1, 1786 part established as Boylston. Mar. 2, 1793 part annexed to Westborough. Mar. 3, 1826 part annexed to Grafton. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Shrewsbury and Westborough established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Shrewsbury and Grafton established.
Southborough, . . . . .	July 6,* 1727	Part of Marlborough. Mar. 7, 1786 part of Framingham annexed. Mar. 5, 1835 bounds between Southborough and Westborough established. Mar. 24, 1843 part annexed to Marlborough. May 16, 1901 bounds between Southborough and Marlborough established.
Southbridge, . . . . .	Feb. 15, 1816	Parts of Charlton, Dudley, and Sturbridge. Feb. 23, 1822 part of Dudley annexed. April 6, 1839 part of Sturbridge annexed. May 4, 1871 bounds between Southbridge and Sturbridge established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Southbridge and Charlton established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Southbridge and Dudley established.
Spencer, . . . . .	April 12, 1753	Part of Leicester established as the district of Spencer. Aug. 23, 1775 the district made a town by general act.

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Sterling, . . . . .	April 25, 1781	Part of Lancaster. Mar. 12, 1793 bounds between Sterling and Lancaster established. Jan. 30, 1808 part included in the new town of West Boylston. Mar. 7, 1837 bounds between Sterling and Lancaster established. April 21, 1908 bounds between Sterling and Lancaster established.
Sturbridge, . . . . .	June 24,* 1738	Common land called New Medfield. Oct. 25, 1754 certain lands annexed. June 26, 1792 part of Charlton annexed. June 25, 1794 part of Middlesex Gore annexed. Feb. 15, 1816 part included in the new town of Southbridge. April 6, 1839 part annexed to Southbridge. May 4, 1871 bounds between Sturbridge and Southbridge established.
Sutton, . . . . .	Oct. 28,* 1714	Common land. June 21,* 1715 "certain common lands allowed to the proprietors of Sutton." Dec. 6,* 1726 certain farms annexed. June 5,* 1728 part annexed to Westborough. June 14,* 1735 part included in the new town of Upton. June 10,* 1737 part annexed to Grafton. Jan. 9,* 1742 part annexed to Grafton. Feb. 1,* 1749 certain bounds established. Aug. 30, 1757 certain land annexed. June 29, 1769 bounds between Sutton and Uxbridge established. April 10, 1778 a parish set off from Sutton and other towns established as Ward. April 20, 1780 part annexed to Northbridge. June 5, 1789 a certain gore of land annexed. Feb. 18, 1793 part annexed to Oxford. Feb. 17, 1801 part annexed to Northbridge. June 11, 1813 part established as Millbury. June 15, 1831 part of Northbridge annexed. Mar. 7, 1837 bounds between Sutton and Northbridge established. Mar. 3, 1842 part annexed to Grafton. Mar. 16, 1844 part annexed to Northbridge. May 16, 1907 bounds between Sutton and Millbury established. May 16, 1907 bounds between Sutton and Douglas established.
Templeton, . . . . .	Mar. 6, 1762	The plantation called Narraganset Number Six. June 27, 1785 part included in the new town of Gardner. Oct. 20, 1786 part included in the new town of Gerry. Feb. 2, 1789 bounds between Templeton and Gerry established. April 5, 1892 part of Phillipston annexed. April 17, 1908 bounds between Templeton and Phillipston established.
Upton, . . . . .	June 14,* 1735	Parts of Hopkinton, Mendon, Sutton, and Uxbridge. Jan. 24, 1763 part annexed to Westborough. Mar. 8, 1808 part of Hop-

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Upton — <i>Con.</i> . . . .	June 14,* 1735	kinton annexed. May 16, 1907 bounds between Upton and Milford established. May 16, 1907 bounds between Upton and Hopkinton established.
Uxbridge, . . . . .	June 27,* 1727	Part of Mendon. June 14,* 1735 part included in the new town of Upton. June 5,* 1736 certain lands granted to Uxbridge. April 16,* 1742 certain lands annexed. June 4,* 1746 part of the district of New Sherborn annexed. April 10, 1754 bounds between Uxbridge and Mendon established. June 29, 1769 bounds between Uxbridge and Sutton established. April 24, 1770 part annexed to Mendon. July 14, 1772 part established as the district of Northbridge. April 30, 1856 bounds between Uxbridge and Northbridge established and part of each town annexed to the other town. April 25, 1864 bounds between Uxbridge and Douglas established. April 17, 1908 bounds between Uxbridge and Northbridge established.
Ward, . . . . .	April 10, 1778	The parish set off from Leicester, Oxford, Sutton, and Worcester. Feb. 17, 1837 name changed to Auburn.
Warren, . . . . .	Mar. 13, 1834	Name changed from Western.
Webster, . . . . .	Mar. 6, 1832	Common land and parts of Dudley and Oxford. Feb. 27, 1841 bounds between Webster and Douglas established.
Westborough, . . . . .	Nov. 18,* 1717	Part of Marlborough called Chauncy, and other lands. June 5,* 1728 part of Sutton annexed. June 3, 1762 part of Shrewsbury annexed. Jan. 24, 1763 part of Upton annexed. Jan. 24, 1766 part established as the district of Northborough. Mar. 2, 1793 part of Shrewsbury annexed. Mar. 5, 1835 bounds between Westborough and Southborough established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Westborough and Shrewsbury established. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Westborough and Grafton established.
West Boylston, . . . . .	Jan. 30, 1808	Parts of Boylston, Holden, and Sterling. Feb. 10, 1820 part of Boylston annexed. June 17, 1820 part of Boylston annexed. May 2, 1905 bounds between West Boylston established.
West Brookfield, . . . . .	Mar. 3, 1848	Part of Brookfield. May 13, 1910 bounds between West Brookfield and Brookfield established. April 24, 1911 bounds between West Brookfield and New Braintree established.

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<i>Western</i> , . . . . .	Jan. 16,* 1742	Parts of Brimfield, Brookfield, and Kingsfield (now Palmer). Feb. 8, 1823 part annexed to Ware. Feb. 7, 1831 part annexed to Palmer. Mar. 13, 1834 name changed to Warren.
Westminster, . . . . .	Oct. 20, 1759	The plantation called Narragansett Number Two established as the district of Westminster. April 26, 1770 the district made a town. June 27, 1785 part included in the new town of Gardner. Feb. 27, 1796 part of Fitchburg annexed. Feb. 16, 1813 part of Fitchburg annexed. Jan. 28, 1824 part annexed to Ashburnham. April 10, 1838 part of the common lands called No Town annexed. April 22, 1870 part annexed to Princeton. April 17, 1908 bounds between Westminster and Gardner established.
<i>Winchendon</i> , . . . . .	June 14, 1764	The plantation called Ipswich-Canada. June 17, 1780 part of Royalston annexed and the bounds of Winchendon extended to embrace all the lands on the north as far as the New Hampshire state line. June 27, 1785 part included in the new town of Gardner. Mar. 2, 1787 part of Gardner annexed. Feb. 22, 1794 part annexed to Gardner. May 24, 1851 part annexed to Gardner. April 17, 1908 bounds between Winchendon and Gardner established.
WORCESTER, . . . . .	Oct. 15,* 1684	The plantation called Quansigamond. June 14,* 1722 Worcester granted the privileges of a town. Jan. 9,* 1741 part called North Worcester established as Holden. April 5,* 1743 certain lands annexed. June 2, 1758 part of Leicester annexed. April 10, 1778 the parish set off from Worcester and other towns established as Ward. June 14, 1785 certain common lands annexed. Mar. 22, 1838 Grafton Gore annexed. Feb. 29, 1848 Worcester incorporated as a city. Mar. 18, 1848 act of incorporation accepted by the town. Feb. 11, 1907 bounds between Worcester and Grafton established.











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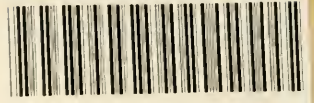


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