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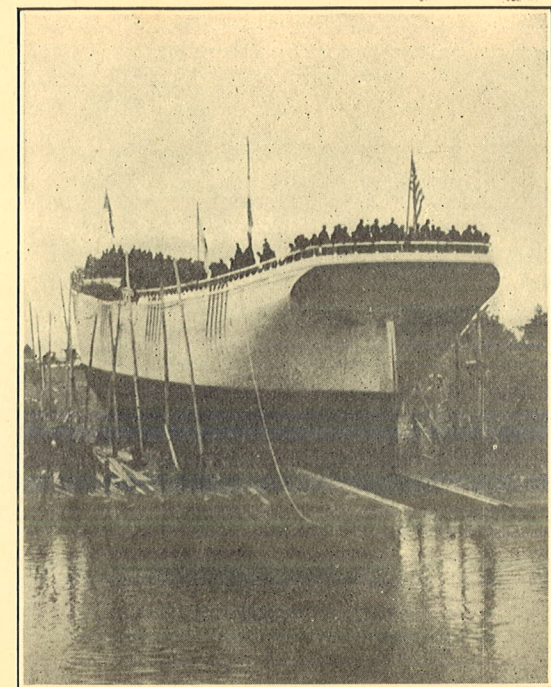


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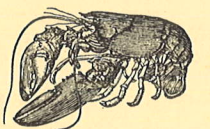
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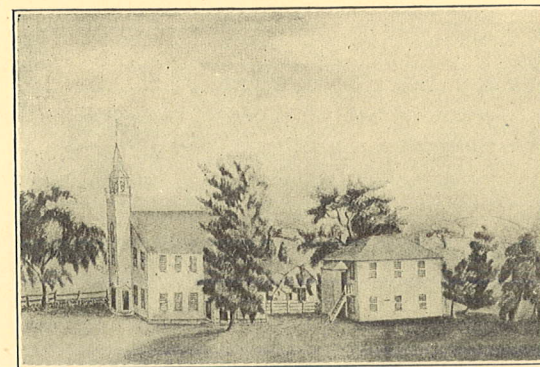
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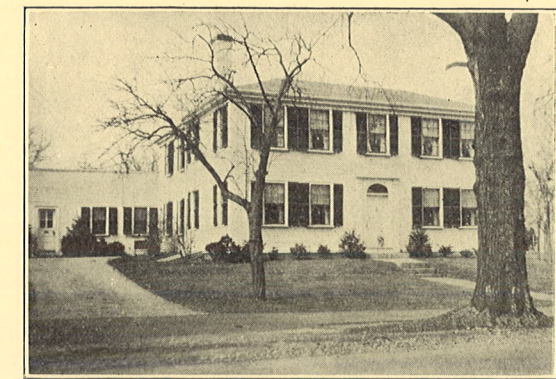
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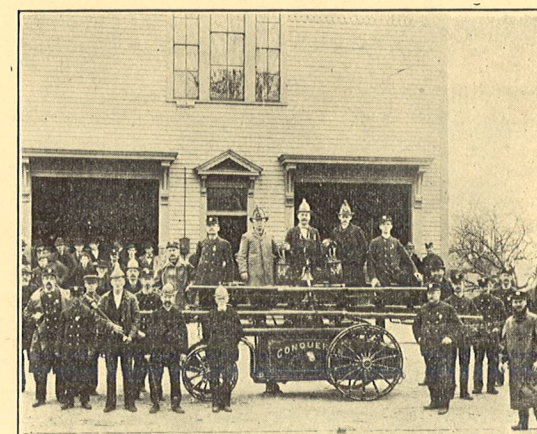
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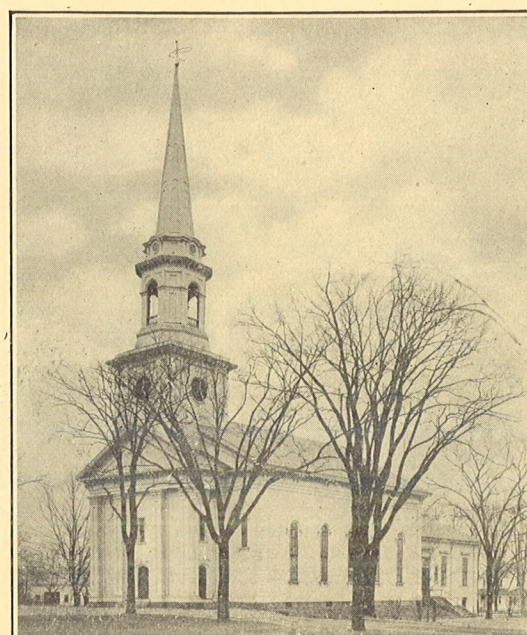
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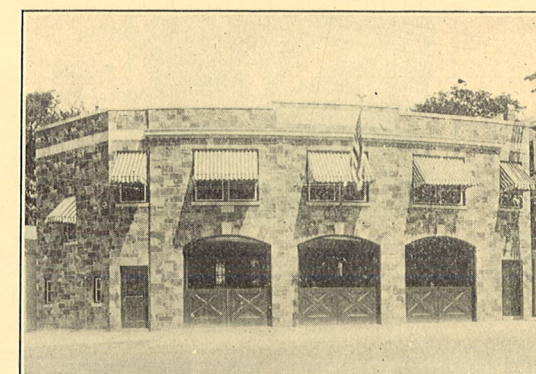
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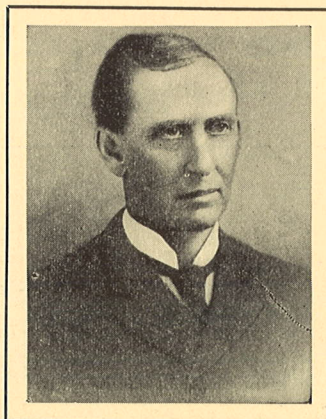
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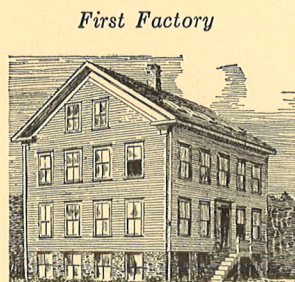
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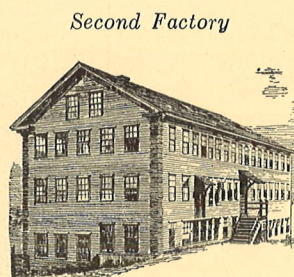
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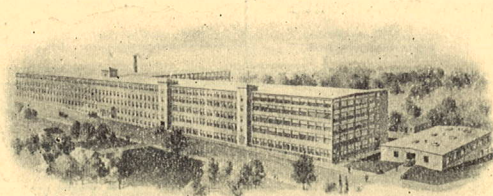
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*Factory as it Appears Today*

## HIGH LIGHTS OF WEYMOUTH HISTORY

- 1622—Thomas Weston's Company arrived in August, his first expedition having explored the region in May. His was practically a private enterprise and he had somewhat hastily planned a trading settlement here, under a patent procured from the Council for New England.
- 1623—Arrival of Sir Ferdinando Gorges Company, under an extensive grant and ambitious auspices, but noticeably south of its proposed location. Likewise a trading proposition, but well equipped and bringing families. Rector William Morell, one of the first clergymen, came with Gorges, tho' he remained only a few months, and during the next ten years a church was set on Burying Hill (opposite the Soldiers' Monument) and in a disturbed religious atmosphere several "ministers" officiated. Material things progressed.
- 1625—Rev. Wm. Blaxton, now called Blackstone, Samuel Maverick, Thomas Morton and others, true to the spirit of the expedition, left Weymouth\* to make history elsewhere. (The first named was our first contribution to Boston; the latter we looked upon with more amusement than grieving.)
- 1630—The town recognized as part of Massachusetts Bay Colony, Gov. Winthrop having arrived and located at Shawmut, Wm. Blaxton having pointed out an healthful place to begin the city of Boston.
- 1632—Weymouth visited by Gov. Winthrop on an errand south; he anchored off shore and was entertained cordially by the inhabitants.
- 1635—Rev. Joseph Hull arrived with 21 families and was permitted "to sit" in Weymouth, thereby reinforcing the colony appreciably; so that in September it was made a plantation with the name WEYMOUTH. Wm. Reade, a taylor, was the first representative to General Court; population 300 to 400; 68 holding titles to land.
- 1636—A commission fixed the bounds with Mt. Wollaston north, Bare Cove (Hingham) south, and other lines which were substantially as now laid. A division of lots near Fresh Pond (Whitman's) showed the need for expansion, as the north part was presumably becoming over-settled.
- 1637—Five men from Weymouth constituted the quota to the Pequot War, and four claimants (Messrs Hull, Lenthal, Jenner and Newman) for the Weymouth pulpit. Rev. Thomas Thacher, however, won the title of first minister ordained here, and preached 20 years; followed by Rev. Samuel Torrey with 42 years, indicating that quieter times had been reached.
- 1641—Although Town Meetings had been held irregularly—always several each year—no record is extant until about this time; and no town clerk, so designated, until now.
- 1642—The Indian title to the town extinguished by purchase. See copy of deed in town histories, showing that trading traditions had not been forgotten.
- 1643—Town so crowded (?) that 40 families departed, though it is more likely that religious dissensions hastened the exodus. Population reduced to about 900, which gained only about 500 in the next 130 years.
- 1648—Mention made of the "herring broge" (Chaucer for herring brook) showing that the fishery dated back; indeed, Gov. Winthrop fifteen years before referred to the "ale-wife river" at Weymouth. Anyway, Adam Cushing in 1730 (apparently to revive the industry) brought herring from the Taunton river to Great Pond, and from that day the fish have not failed us.
- 1651—Two town meetings a year actually ordered to be held and other reforms in local government required. Next year the Townsmen were directed "to do what was necessary to make it (the church) more comfortable," and in 1667 it was again repaired and provided with a bell. Decided now that the Townsmen be called Selectmen, and John Rogers was chosen "recorder" for them, as Thomas Dyer recorded marriages, births and deaths, and William Torrey deeds.
- 1675—King Philip's War, to which the town contributed a liberal quota, considering population. This was a real war, and scrimmages occurred right here in Weymouth.

\*Called Wessagusset or Wessaguscus until 1635, a word descriptive of the locality, not the Indian equivalent of "Weymouth".



- 1682—A new church erected, and on site of the present edifice at Weymouth Heights. This second meeting-house burned in 1751, so the existing church is the third of the first religious society of Weymouth.
- 1688—Two years before Sir Edmund Andros became governor of the Colony, and the worst phases of Puritanism began to prevail. However, pressure was brought to bear and Andros fled. Capt. Samuel White of Weymouth, with a warrant from Gov. Bradstreet, pursued Andros and captured him, receiving the munificent allowance of £22 8d for the job and to pay his 52 men.
- 1700—Shoemaking in Weymouth probably carried on by the itinerant cobbler, going from house to house to shoe the families, a local tannery providing leather and the houses food and drink.
- 1723—South Meeting House built on Bayley Green, a proposed site on Town Path near old cemetery having been rejected. Some timbers of the old edifice may have gone into the church close by, but the clock is a contribution of the community. The establishment of a Second Church developed difficulties anticipatory of what would happen if the town were divided—indeed, division was agitated then.
- 1751—The year of dire disaster! The North Meeting House was destroyed by fire, and one in every ten of the inhabitants perished from a "throat distemper."
- 1755—French & Indian War in progress, and 40 men from Weymouth under command of Capt. Samuel Thaxter departed for Crown Point, a brave quota for a town of 1400; six never returned.
- 1776—Revolutionary War in progress, and a new Committee of Correspondence,—Cotton Tufts, Capt. James White, Col. Solomon Lovell, Nathaniel Bayley and Richard Blanchard on deck. Town voted to "raise £130 by tax to be added to the bounty offered by the province for the enlistment of ten men, the quota called from Weymouth."
- 1779—Brig-Gen. Solomon Lovell sent by Massachusetts on the so-called "Penobscot Expedition" in command of the land forces, Commodore Saltonstall being in command of the fleet. Thro' lack of cooperation the expedition failed, but no discredit was attributed to Gen. Lovell. His original diary is preserved by the Weymouth Historical Society.
- This year first poor-house built at the center of Weymouth, then later one at the Landing. The Essex St. poor-farm built in 1830 burned in 1917; replaced by the present structure.
- 1790—First official census,—1469. That of 1800—1803; 1810—1889; 1820—2407; 1830—2839; 1840—3738; 1850—5221. The last mentioned decade showed an increase equal to the whole population 60 years before.
- 1795—First plan (map) of Weymouth ordered by General Court was drafted by Lemuel Humphrey 3d, and is notable for only two roads, two churches, five schoolhouses and some taverns; but the boundaries then calculated have never been changed.
- 1796—Another effort to divide the town, and this agitation continued half a dozen years, the population being nearly equal in both Parishes. Up to the late 1800s three or four other attempts to divide were made.
- 1804—The first Post Office was established "at or near the head of navigation at Fore River."
- 1808—The first factory for shoemaking in the South Parish was built by James Tirrell who had a New Orleans trade, and for 125 years nine Tirrells made shoes in South Weymouth without interruption.
- 1812—Another War, and during the same (1814) Capt Jacob Loud received orders to "detach from his Company to march to Cohasset (on the occasion of the "alarm" June 11th) one fifer, one corporal, 14 privates to be stationed there for two months under Capt. Cleverly."
- Other Weymouth men served at Cohasset under Capt Benjamin Derby, as per muster-roll in the Town Hall.
- 1820—Out of 450 heads of families 370 (probably including some women) made shoes, indicating that the distinctive business of Weymouth was shoemaking—though the more exact designation would be boots and brogans.

- 1830—The second official map, this time prepared by Noah Torrey and Lemuel Humphrey, is more descriptive, showing the locations of dwellings and mills, with an excellent idea of the topography.
- 1830-5—A volunteer fire-engine company operated the "Aquarius" followed by the Washington Engine Co and the "Amazon." In other parts of the town the "Conqueror", "Gen. Putnam," "Gen Bates," "Defender," and possibly other hand "tubs," were familiar names and excited local enthusiasm.
- 1837—The streets were named by a town committee, and old designations like "Mutton Lane," "Boxbury," and "Back of Pond" disappear.
- 1840—The expense of holding four town meetings in South Meeting House—\$40. Average cost of a pauper per week,—89 cents; removal of snow—\$70.; support of 8 district schools—\$2,176.; labor and expense on roads—\$240.
- 1843—Voted to pay town officers \$1. per day for services, tho' the Clerk got no pay for Town Meeting day.
- 1845—Support of schools,—\$2,945. School books used were those recommended by Horace Mann of the State Board. From report of School Committee: "Nothing we can do for our children can be of more service than a thorough common school education. This is one of the three pillars on which rests the future prosperity and happiness of our beloved country."
- 1846—Expense of taking and distributing alewives \$53.50—by Lovell Bicknell and Martin Joy. Privilege sold to the Weymouth Iron Co. for \$4,200., citizens to have 100 for 25 cents just the same.
- 1848—Ten school districts now, and the Committee said: "It is not enough that we have a school to which we may send our children; they must be sent in season and sent constantly so long as they belong to the school, if they would reap the great harvest of intellectual endowments which our common schools are able to afford."
- 1851—The matter of a High School considered by a special committee headed by Dr. Appleton Howe.
- 1852—A Town Hall built at the geographical center, and holding of town meetings in church edifices discontinued.
- 1853—Another map voted at \$350. for 1000 copies, which gives the layout of streets named a dozen years before, and exhibiting a decorative fringe of churches and public buildings. Valuation of the Town and the tax upon polls and estates published.
- 1854—First High School established; Joseph Dow the teacher at a salary of \$600.
- 1855—High School at S. Weymouth in hall of J. G. Rogers, and J. C. Brown the teacher at a salary of \$700.; planned to have the school five months at S. Weymouth and five months at the Landing.
- 1857—High School back in the Town Hall, with W. K. Fletcher as teacher and an average attendance of 47.
- 1858—The so-called McKay Machine for sewing soles to shoes was invented by George French of this town (and Lyman Blake of Abington), the first completed machine worked in Henry Shaw's shop on Union St., South Weymouth.
- 1859—An assistant teacher at the High School, with 64 pupils the first term. Studies about the same as in the beginning,—Latin and French being the only foreign languages; the college examinations evidently not very stiff.
- 1860—The already successful High School moved to North Weymouth, Greek appears on the program, and average attendance 56. An experimental High School proposed for S. Weymouth, and this was held in the Universalist Church vestry with Elbridge Torrey as principal; average attendance 46, and "no experiment was ever more successful!"
- 1861—War of the Rebellion, to which Weymouth contributed its full share of resources, issuing bonds stamped with the new seal—"Town of Weymouth, Mass., Incorporated 1635" for the purpose of raising money to pay bounties, aid soldiers' families, etc.
- 1867—The *Weymouth Gazette* appeared, published by C. G. Easterbrook and existing today.



- 1868—The Soldiers' Monument upon the elevation in the old North Cemetery was dedicated. Oration by Hon. George B. Loring.
- 1874—The 250th anniversary of Weymouth was celebrated on King Oak Hill, with Hon. Charles Francis Adams Jr. the orator of the occasion.
- 1879—The Weymouth Historical Society was organized.
- 1880—The Tufts Library was established as a lasting memorial to Dr. Cotton Tufts.
- 1883—Water from Great Pond agitated and its installation accomplished, largely through the persistency of Josiah Reed.
- 1890—The census showed a population in Weymouth of 10,866, 1900—11,324, 1910—12,875, and in 1920 of 15,057.
- 1897—The Fogg Library building built from a fund left by John S. Fogg, Esq., the citizen who has done the most, disinterestedly, for South Weymouth.
- 1922—The 300th anniversary of the Town observed by the Historical Society affixing tablets on the site of the birthplace of Abigail Adams and upon the "Bicknell House" (1750) on Sea St. An address was delivered by Joseph H. Belcher, and other appropriate exercises marked the occasion.
- 1923—The Town, in recognition of its 300th anniversary conducted a celebration which centered about the dedication of a boulder on Great Hill commemorative of the Standish-Indian Fight, and was greatly honored by the presence of Chief Justice and Mrs. William Howard Taft.
- 1926—The 150th Independence Day witnessed the beginning of a three-day celebration pursuant to recommendation by Gov. Fuller. The occasion was replete with Colonial reminders,—church services, a sham battle at Grape Island, a horrible procession, dedicatory exercises and markers; but most of all the entertainment of the Mayor and suite from Weymouth, England, who brought an illuminated banner, a letter from Thomas Hardy, and was tendered a special Town Meeting.
- 1930—Distinguished by a census return of over 20,700, unaltered town boundaries, a remarkable Civic Center, prosperous local institutions, and a noteworthy Pageant complimentary to tercentenary events of the Commonwealth.



#### ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED

American Legion	Monday Club
American Legion Auxiliary	Odd Fellows
Daughters of American Revolution	Pond Plain Improvement Association
Daughters of Isabella	Pythian Sisters
Daughters of Rebekah	Sons of American Revolution
Daughters of Union Veterans	Sons of Italy
Knights of Columbus	Sons of Union Veterans
Knights of Pythias	Students of Weymouth High School
Ladies' Auxiliary to V. F. W.	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Lovell's Corner Improvement Association	Weymouth Catholic Club
	Women's Relief Corps.

## THOMAS WESTON the Founder of Weymouth

Was a London merchant who often loaned money on promising ventures. He became interested in exploration for gain across the Atlantic, and in May, 1622, sent over a small expedition which touched near Monhegan, and from which ten men (including Phinehas Pratt) set out in a coasting boat to find a site suitable for a settlement. They came into Massachusetts Bay and hit upon King's Cove at the mouth of Fore River as a favorable location. Weston's larger company arrived more directly in August, and proceeded to make Wessagusset their home. Thomas Weston himself was not with the party, but he had been over sea awhile before and was well known in Plymouth; his money, however, capitalized the enterprise, and his name has come down in history as sponsor for the deed. Two ships, the "Charity" and "Swan," brought these last settlers, and a pretty good anchorage was found off the Cove. Here, then, was begun another chapter in the book of Massachusetts, and though Europeans had visited the shore here and there "there is no doubt whatever that Weymouth was the oldest settled place in the original colony of Massachusetts Bay."

*Oft fishermen from many distant lands  
Would spread their nets to dry upon these sands  
But set no bounds to the expanding plain,  
Or raised one roof within this rich domain;  
They came to fish for profit, not to roam,  
And having heaped their hulls they hurried home.*

Primarily Weston's band came to establish a trading-post, and so they brought no women or children—only goods for interchange. To the natives, irritated by transient marauders and reduced to feeble numbers by pestilence, the indications of a permanent settlement were interesting. Barter began at once, and for awhile the intercourse was pleasant; but when unfairness crept in treachery followed, and then danger threatened. Apparently only Phinehas Pratt suspected the worst, and he became the self-appointed hero to remedy the situation. There seemed to be but one resort, and that to bring the resourceful Miles Standish to the rescue. After many perils this was done, and dealing with the savages with a guile equal to their own the blockhouse battle ensued which saved the day. By quelling this incipient insurrection pause was given to a general Indian uprising that might have been far-reaching in its effects; and so it may be declared that here in Weymouth there took place "the momentous conflict which settled for half a century the question of European ascendancy in Massachusetts."

## WEYMOUTH!

*A name historic in two hemispheres  
Brought over sea by seekers proud to be  
(Exemplifying deeds for liberty)  
An urge to all ambitious pioneers.*

*Here Weston, slandered and pursued by sneers,  
Implanted seed that grew in soil more free,  
And, lo! town-meeting rule became the tree,  
—The temple that a civic virtue rears!*

*Three Presidents claim lineage on this strand,  
And Smelt Brook separates, on either hand,  
The Puritan, severe in thought and deed,  
From Pilgrim with his adamant creed;*

*But Weymouth, at the parting of the ways,  
Was tolerant then, and has been all its days!*

—BATES TORREY



## SIR FERDINANDO GORGES

That distinguished Cavalier had secured by patient exertions a royal patent covering grants of considerable territory in New England, most of it north of where this settlement was made.

Gorges was an aristocrat and a soldier. He had traveled widely and cherished great thoughts concerning exploration and trade; but for this adventure he had selected his son Robert for command, and though it was also a trading enterprise families were taken along, and no expense spared to make it a wisely planned example of colonization. Surely the puny colony at Wessagusset ought to have taken on a new impulse under such brave auspices, especially as the English Church was represented in the personnel, and in those days the church took the initiative in about everything.

A good deal of this, however, was wasted upon the commonsense pioneers of Wessagusset, and Captain Robert, realizing the indifference to royal pageantry, elected to exercise but little of it—after the first display; and the Rev. William Morell, though representing in his person the highest churchly authority, never really fulfilled such functions,—thereby keeping in better accord with the democratic atmosphere of Wessagusset, and with their neighbors as the little colony developed.

Neither did the elegance and artificiality of the Gorges advent comport well in its political aspects with the freer air of this curious section of New England, and so it turned out that this Gorges invasion proved a failure, other than to add to the population and pave the way for further development. Historians say that “in half a century more nothing remained of the work of Gorges or of the Council for New England (that scheme hatched in the Old World)—but some parchment titles, which were extinguished after infinite litigation.”

“Not so with Thomas Weston . . . . . his work remained. He was just that blind instrument of fate which Ferdinando Gorges failed to be, and so blundered unconsciously into a great drama . . . . . and his beginnings became indispensable to events which compose the second page in the history of a continent.”

## THE FIRST TOWN MEETING

The Gorges intrusion having signally failed to make a political impression upon Wessagusset, it remained for the colony to progress naturally,—providing a liberal allowance of freedom for those craving it, with enough of religion out of the dregs of dissension for those who cared.

Gov. Winthrop was soon to become established in Boston, claiming authority over a wide territory north and south of Shawmut, but our little township, half-way between the region of the Separatists and the city of High Church proclivities, pursued the even tenor of its own devices little disturbed by either influence; at least, in the absence of records to the contrary, we may assume that.

The persisting local government had been of the town-meeting sort, irregular perhaps in its manifestation but decisive when control was necessary; and when the Rev. Joseph Hull added his 106 souls there were upwards of 400 in the settlement, with history making every minute. True it is that Thomas Morton, the first enemy of prohibition in these parts (and addicted to dancing), was a too frequent visitor, for some of his influence and behavior was objectionable.

But the supreme event of this period was naming the place WEYMOUTH, after the town in England from which most of the settlers came. This, then, was the appropriate and graceful thing to do, and the name so wisely bestowed has clung to this uneasy collection of villages for over 300 years, standing for an area geographically unaltered in that lapse of time and for a form of government still unchanged.

## A PAGEANT OF WEYMOUTH

Held in the  
RALPH TALBOT MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

SEPTEMBER 9th, 11th, and 13th, 1930

commencing at 8.00 P. M.

SEPTEMBER 9th, GOVERNOR'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 11th, ARMY AND NAVY DAY

SEPTEMBER 13th, SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 DAY

Directed by

FLORA HAVILAND McGRATH

BAND CONCERT BY WEYMOUTH LEGION BAND

Saturday Afternoon, September 13th, from 2 until 6 o'clock

Seating Arrangements under Direction of Boy Scouts of Weymouth with  
Gray Stevens, Scout Executive

### MUSICAL PRELUDE

Handel's "Utrecht Jubilate"

*Sung by Chorus with Orchestra*

Conducted by JAMES E. CALDERWOOD

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

#### MEMBERS OF THE WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND

John Moulton  
Jere Petrucelli  
Frank O'Brian  
Alan Bryant  
Frank Dallessandro  
Joseph Deluccia  
Joseph Washburn  
John Daley  
Warren Hilton

Emery de Rusha  
Edward Connor  
Carlton Elsner  
Robert Pratt  
Fletcher Bates  
Robert Wadman  
John Sullivan  
Everett Whitmarsh  
Norton Hunt

Melville Alger  
John Veerling  
Richard Roche  
Robert Park  
Stewart Loud  
Leonard Bryant  
Fred Lawrence  
Charles Brennon

#### MEMBERS OF CHORUS

##### SOPRANOS

Mrs. Fitzsimmons  
Mrs. Millette  
Mrs. Batchelder  
Mrs. Whiting  
Miss McKenzie  
Miss Petrucci  
Miss Cassese  
Miss Haviland  
Miss South  
Miss Brasner  
Miss Chessman  
Miss Ambach  
Mrs. I. C. Tirrell  
Mrs. Hunter  
Mrs. H. M. Hurley  
Mrs. Kierstead  
Mrs. M. A. Parmenter  
Mrs. C. T. Potter  
Mrs. Ella Pratt  
Mrs. Shreeder  
Mrs. E. G. Shaw  
Mrs. J. G. Clark  
Mrs. H. Davis

Mrs. E. Hubley  
Mrs. L. Esten  
Miss G. J. Wilkes  
Miss E. F. Estes  
Miss M. Cheney  
Miss Helen G. Sheerin

##### TENORS

Mr. V. Monroe  
Mr. G. Monroe  
Mr. Pierce  
Mr. Wall  
Mr. Teague  
Mr. Madden  
Mr. Ferguson  
Mr. Lioy  
Mr. Mac Conney  
Mr. J. W. O'Donnell  
Mr. Rhodes  
Mr. Traniello

##### BASSES

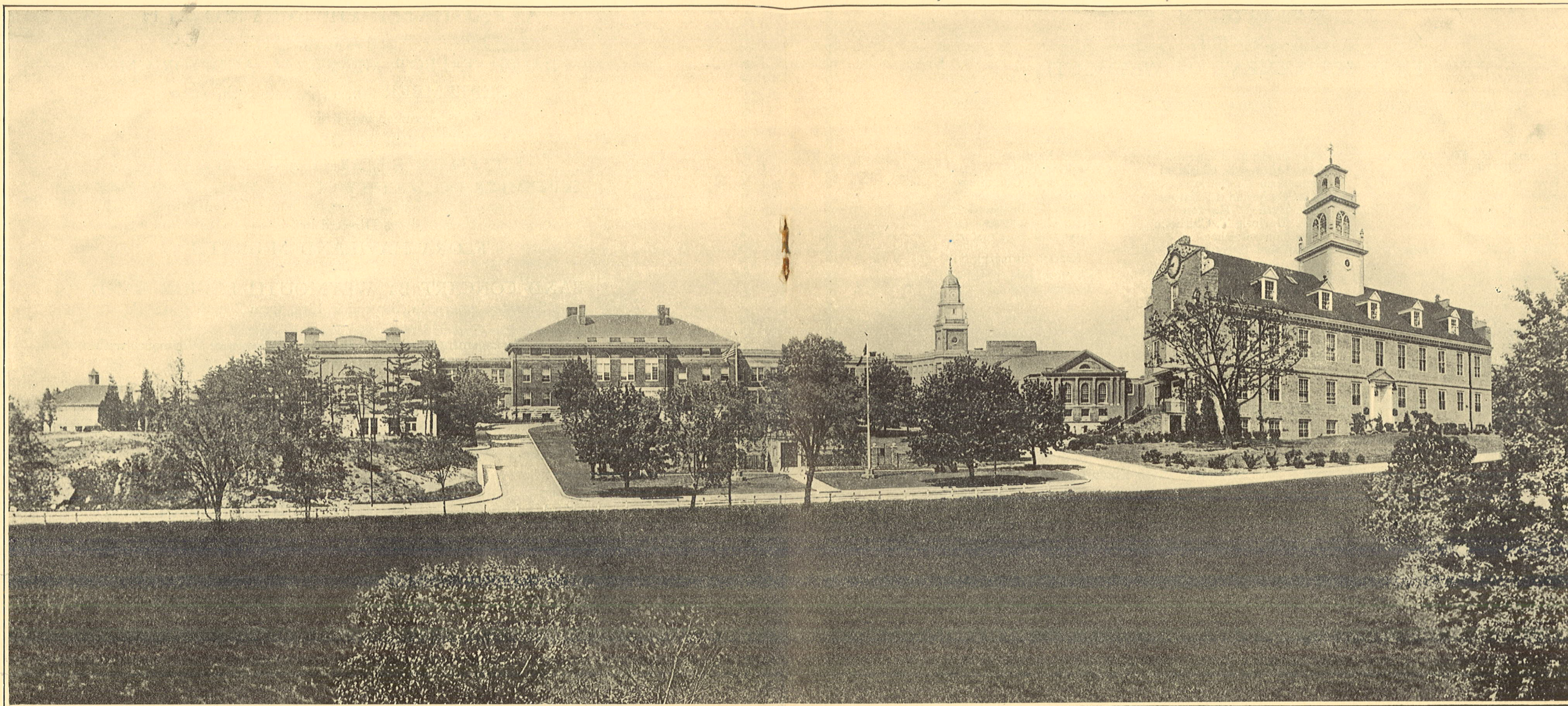
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Mr. N. Dizer

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Mr. S. French  
Mr. M. French  
Mr. E. A. Hunt  
Mr. H. W. Hunt  
Mr. Rudkin  
Mr. J. A. Studley  
Mr. Michael Boyle

##### ALTOS

Mrs. McDowell  
Mrs. McGrath  
Miss Lyons  
Miss Fulton  
Miss Benson  
Mrs. S. A. Pearse  
Mrs. H. E. Phillips  
Mrs. M. G. Fish  
Mrs. M. P. Holbrook  
Mrs. A. B. Trufant  
Mrs. E. H. Wheeler  
Miss C. H. Gomley  
Miss N. E. O'Connor  
Miss G. I. Rhodes  
Miss E. E. Farrar





## WEYMOUTH'S CIVIC CENTER COMBINES THE HIGH SCHOOL, MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM AND TOWN BUILDING

The original High School Building, erected in 1897-98 is shown in the left centre. The south wing, on the left, containing the auditorium and girls' gymnasium, was added in the year 1923-24. The north wing, with the tower and boys' gymnasium, was added in 1927-28. The shop of the Industrial School, constructed by the boys of the school, appears on the extreme left. The entire High School contains seats for 1700 scholars.

The town building, erected in 1928-29, containing the offices of the various town departments is on the right.

Behind the Memorial Wall is the open air auditorium of the High School, by vote of the town on August 11, 1930 named the Ralph Talbot Memorial Auditorium, in honor of Ralph Talbot of the class of 1915, Weymouth High School, who lost his life in the World War, and to whom was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The Memorial Cross is barely discernable in the picture on the knoll on the left, and the War Memorial Wall, containing the commemorative tablets, is in the foreground.



## COLONIAL SCENES

### SCENE I

#### FIRST SETTLEMENT OF WEYMOUTH

THOMAS WESTON'S COMPANY	INDIAN SCENE	
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS	SQUAWS	BRAVES
Benjamin N. Ells—Weston	Miss Doris M. Churchill	John Moulton
Elmer R. Blenis	Mrs. Mildred L. Chisholm	Andrew Auld
Lowell B. Church	Mrs. Elsie C. Shirley	Chester A. Cummings
Edward B. Wood	Miss Catherine L. Barnes	Leslie A. Sprague
Bertie T. Loud	Mrs. Ruth E. Hayden	Alton L. Blanchard
Louis H. Ells	Mrs. Marjorie T. Chisholm	John G. Jennings
Elwood Gerrold	Miss Lora Belcher	Raymond H. Proctor
Winslow M. Woodworth	Mrs. Ethel Sylvester	
Archie R. French	Mrs. Alice Mapes	INDIAN CHILDREN
William F. Cowing	Marguerite Sherman	Florence Ells
Charles M. Taylor	Mrs. Lotta Bearce	Theresa Wise
Arthur T. Lindquist	Mrs. Lillian Hollis	
TOWN CRIER	Mrs. Ida M. Hawes	
Harry E. Bearce	Mrs. Minnie Thayer	
DRUMMER	Mrs. L. Helen Richards	
Walter F. Ryerson	Mrs. Ida Ells	
	Mrs. Littleton Fogg	

#### THE INDIAN FIGHT AT WESSAGUSSET

PLACE: Weston's Colony at (now) North Weymouth.

TIME: 1623.

SOURCE: Winslow's "Relation," and Morton's "New England Memorial".

#### CHARACTERS

CAPTAIN MYLES STANDISH	Roy Lucas
HOBOMACK, Standish's Indian Guide	George Roulston
HOWARD JOHNSON	Everett Sylvester
WILLIAM BIBBLE	members of Weston's
JOHN KING	colony at Wessagusset
JOHN CHEW	Thomas Chisholm, Jr.
PECKSUOT	Charles Sturtevant
WITUWAMAT	George Mapes
	Frank McPhee
	Emerson Dizer

#### PLYMOUTH SOLDIERS AND INDIANS

### SCENE II

#### FURTHER SETTLEMENTS OF WEYMOUTH

FERDINANDO GORGES COMPANY		REV. JOSEPH HULL COMPANY
Robert Gorges,—Senator	Miss Edith A. Inkley	MEN
Newland Holmes	Mrs. Carolyn L. Iliffe	Rev. Joseph Hull—Calvin Blemis
MEN	Mrs. Theodora E. McGaw	Alvin Thayer
Chester H. Shirley	Mrs. Ethel P. Sargent	and other members of I. O. O. F.
Andrew A. Chisholm	Mrs. Alice G. French	WOMEN
Calvin Blenis	Mrs. Ethel L. Cummings	Mrs. Ida Sylvester
Nathaniel A. Thomas	Mrs. Edna Richards	Mrs. Carrie Bates
Richmond Litchfield		Mrs. Carrie H. Dunn
Carl Lindquist	SINGERS OF GORGES COMPANY	Miss Susie A. Carrell
	Mrs. Eva M. Fearing	Mrs. Edna F. Pratt
	Mrs. Evelyn Lindquist	Mrs. George M. Grundstrom
	Mrs. Alma Gay	Miss Eleanor Grundstrom
	Mrs. Eleanor Kelso	Mrs. Alberta Lincoln
	Mrs. Florence Corthell	CHILDREN
WOMEN		Dorothy Bearce
Mrs. Florine E. Ducker	CHILDREN	Marshall Bearce
Miss Evelyn Grundstrom	Barbara Johnson	Shirley Sylvester
Mrs. Gertrude H. Blanchard	Paul Johnson	
Miss Edith I. Denbroeder	Thelma Wise	
Mrs. Ebba Wise	Christine Dizer	
Mrs. Alice Rice	Barbara Kelso	

### SCENE III

#### THE INDIAN DEED OF WEYMOUTH

TIME: April 26, 1642.

SOURCE: Weymouth Town Records.

#### CHARACTERS

#### FREEMEN OF WEYMOUTH

JANER PARKER	Benjamin Ells
WILLIAM JEFFREYS	Gideon Murray
WILLIAM CARPENTER	Charles E. Taylor
JOHN UPHAM	Reginald Belcher
THOMAS WHITE	Everett Wise
EDWARD BENNETT	Francis M. Silva
JOHN LUDEN	Otis B. Torrey
THOMAS HOLBROOK	Stanley Hayden

#### INDIANS

WAMPATUC	Robert Meffin
NATEAUNTE	John Moulton
NAHANTON	Chester Cummings

### SCENE IV

#### THE LAST INDIAN ATTACK ON WEYMOUTH

April 19, 1676

#### CHARACTERS

SERGEANT JOHN WHITMARSH	Alfred Santacrose
JOHN WHITMARSH, JR., his son	John Santacrose
SARAH WHITMARSH, his wife	Norma Galis
DEBORAH WHITMARSH	Vima Cingarella
RUTH WHITMARSH	Phyllis Garofalo
JOHN RANE	Wm. Palmieri
JOHN RICHARDS	John Striano
SERGEANT THOMAS PRATT	Angelo Roselli
CAPT. WILLIAM TORREY	Elmer Ficher

#### SOLDIERS AND INDIANS

## REVOLUTIONARY SCENES

### SCENE V

#### THE LEXINGTON ALARM

TIME: Afternoon of Wednesday, April 19, 1775.

SCENE: Common in front of First Parish Meeting House.

SOURCES: Affidavits in U. S. Pension Office, and original manuscript account of Col. Thomas Vinson, Corporal in Weymouth and Braintree, Company of Minute Men.

#### CHARACTERS

CAPTAIN JACOB GOOLD	William A. Connell
FIRST SERGEANT NATHANIEL HOLBROOK	Joseph Crehan, Jr.
MOUNTED MESSENGER	Irving E. Hunter



## SCENE VI

### RECRUITING OF CAPTAIN TRUFANT'S COMPANY

SCENE: Common in front of First Parish Meeting House.

TIME: Afternoon of Tuesday, May 9, 1775.

SOURCE: Muster Roll of the Company, Affidavits in U. S. Pension Office, Journal of Provincial Congress and Town Records.

#### CHARACTERS

CAPTAIN JOSEPH TRUFANT	Roland Haviland
JAMES HUMPHREY, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	Morris Bloom
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DR. COTTON TUFTS	Prince Tirrell
THE TOWN CRIER	George S. Peterson

#### TOWNSPEOPLE

## SCENE VII

### THE BATTLE OF GRAPE ISLAND

SCENE: Grape Island.

TIME: Sunday, May 21, 1775.

#### CHARACTERS

COLONEL SOLOMON LOVELL	Stanley T. Torrey
CAPTAIN SAMUEL WARD, Commanding First Parish Co.	James F. Xavier
CAPTAIN THOMAS NASH, Commanding Second Parish Co.	Thomas Nash
BRITISH LIEUTENANT	Arthur Austin

#### SOLDIERS

## SCENE VIII

### AN AFTERNOON AT THE ARNOLD TAVERN

PLACE: The Arnold Tavern, Weymouth Landing

TIME: Late Summer of 1775.

SOURCE: Weymouth Town Records.

#### CHARACTERS

DR. COTTON TUFTS		Prince Tirrell
COLONEL SOLOMON LOVELL	members of Weymouth Committee of Correspondence	Stanley T. Torrey
MAJOR JOHN VINING		John Fisher Robinson
CAPTAIN ASA WHITE		Kenneth Holbrook
JOSIAH COLSON		Benj. Santocroce
SAMUEL ARNOLD, Landlord, Arnold Tavern		Francis Martin
MARY ARNOLD, his wife		Mrs. Hugh Myles
PHOEBE ARNOLD		Elizabeth Tirrell
PETER	servants	Elwood Litchfield
ZEKE		
LYDIA LOVELL		Dorothy Reilly
SARAH BICKNELL		Mary Gillio
MARY TRUFANT		Dorothy Branley
DELIVERANCE TRUFANT		Hazel Smith
SARAH WARD		Avril Price
RUTH BURRILL		Margaret McKenzie
ELIZABETH WARD		Pauline Ahern
GRACE BEAL		Pauline Cassese

## SCENE IX

### THE MARCH TO DORCHESTER HEIGHTS

SCENE: In front of the North Parish Meeting House.

TIME: Afternoon of Monday, March 4, 1776.

SOURCE: Affidavits in U. S. Pension Office, private records and tradition.

#### CHARACTERS

COLONEL SOLOMON LOVELL	Stanley T. Torrey
ADJUTANT GARDNER GOOLD	William A. Connell
CAPTAIN SAMUEL WARD, Commanding First Parish Co.	James F. Xavier
CAPTAIN THOMAS NASH, Commanding Second Parish Co.	Thomas Nash

#### SOLDIERS

## SCENE X

### THE FIRST TOWN MEETING (Period of 1775-1850)

Written by Bates Torrey

#### CHARACTERS

DR. COTTON TUFTS, Moderator	Prince H. Tirrell
CAPT. NOAH TORREY, Clerk	Harry Bailey
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DEACON NATHANIEL BAYLEY .....	<i>John Fisher Robinson</i>
MICAH LOVELL .....	<i>James F. Xavier</i>
MAJOR JAMES HUMPHREY .....	<i>Joseph Crehan</i>
DR. APPLETON HOWE .....	<i>Everett Hollis</i>
DR. NOAH FIFIELD .....	<i>Daniel L. O'Donnell</i>
EBENEZER POOLE .....	<i>William Ferguson</i>
LABAN PORTER .....	<i>Richard White</i>
ONESIPHERUS JEFFERS .....	<i>John Salzgeber</i>
TOWN CRIER .....	<i>Harry Bearce</i>

## CIVIL WAR SCENES

### SCENE XI

#### OFF FOR THE FRONT

SCENE: Parade Ground, Boston Common.

TIME: Afternoon of Thursday, July 18, 1861.

SOURCES: History of the 12th Mass. Inf. and contemporary newspapers.

NOTE: The Weymouth Company (Co. H) of the 12th Mass. may rightly be said to have created "John Brown's Body" as a marching song. Although the refrain "John Brown's Body lies a mouldering in the grave, but his soul goes marching on," had been well-known, they took it up and invented other verses, referring, not to John Brown of Ossawatimie, but to a soldier in the regiment named John Brown. The leader of the regimental band arranged these songs as a march, and it became the great marching song of the Northern Armies, and when the 12th Mass. sung it as they marched down Broadway, New York, on their way to the front, Bishop Mallalieu, who heard it, asked Mrs. Julia Ward Howe to write more exalted words to the tune. The event represented in this scene was the first time the song was heard publicly.

#### CHARACTERS

GOVERNOR JOHN A. ANDREW .....	<i>Arthur Negus</i>
HON. EDWARD EVERETT .....	<i>Howard M. Dowd</i>
COLONEL FLETCHER WEBSTER .....	<i>Colonel Frederick J. Bauer</i>
MARY .....	<i>Helen Corridan</i>
ABIGAIL .....	<i>Mrs. Gertrude Davis</i>
ELIZABETH .....	<i>Nellie Beaton</i>

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### SCENE XII

#### CAPTAIN BATES AND THE WELFARE WORKER

SCENE: Camp of the 12th Mass. in Western Virginia.

TIME: Spring of 1862.

SOURCES: History of the 12th Mass. Inf. and E. W. Locke "Three Years in Camp and Hospital."

NOTE: This amusing incident shows the influence of music and was the beginning of a friendship between Capt. (later General) Bates and Mr. Locke.

#### CHARACTERS

BRIG. GEN. JOHN J. ABERCROMBIE, Commanding Brigade .....	<i>Ernest Smith</i>
CAPT. GEORGE BERNARD DRAKE, Asst. Adj. General .....	<i>George Monroe</i>
CAPTAIN JAMES L. BATES, Provost Marshall .....	<i>Frederick Comfort</i>
E. W. LOCKE, Volunteer Welfare Worker .....	<i>Vance Monroe</i>
A SOLDIER .....	<i>Frank Hussey</i>

SOLDIERS OF THE 12TH MASSACHUSETTS

### SCENE XIII

#### COMPANY H, 35TH MASS. AT FORT SEDGWICK

SCENE: Fort Sedgwick, Va.

TIME: Winter 1864-65.

SOURCES: History of the 35th Mass. Inf. and personal recollections.

NOTE: Co. H., 35th Mass. Inf. was without any officer actually present for duty during much of that winter, and First Sergt. Waldo Turner was in command. He is now Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Mass. Grand Army of the Republic, and will impersonate himself in the scene. The incidents here represented took place over a period of several weeks during the winter of 1864-5. It is doubtful if any other town in Mass. can put on such a scene as this, 65 years after the close of the Civil War, with one of the principal participants taking his own part.

#### CHARACTERS

COL. SUMNER CARRUTH, First Lieut. ....	<i>Harry Cottell</i>
JOHN D. COBB, Act. Adj. ....	<i>Irwin Hawes</i>
SECOND LIEUT. ALFRED W. TIRRELL .....	<i>Basil Warren</i>
FIRST SERGT. WALDO TURNER .....	<i>Waldo Turner (in person)</i>
CORP. CHARLES E. BICKNELL .....	<i>Charles Downing</i>
PVT. GOTTFRIED RAPAKOVITZ, a German recruit .....	<i>Robert Mitchell</i>
ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, Vice President C. S. A. ....	<i>Griffith Jones</i>
UNION SENTINEL .....	<i>John Hefferman</i>
CONFEDERATE SENTINEL .....	<i>Murray G. Parker</i>
ORDERLY .....	<i>Robert Van Meter</i>

### SCENE XIV

#### THE CAPTURE OF RICHMOND

SCENE: Capitol Square, Richmond. TIME: Early morning, Monday, April 3, 1865.

SOURCES: History of the 3rd Mass. Cavalry, and Weymouth Town History.

NOTE: Jeremiah Quinn, Co. H., 1st Mass. Cavalry was the first Union soldier in Richmond after its evacuation by the Confederates, and he it was who raised the first Union flag (the company guidon) over the Confederate capitol.

The Provost Detachment of the 3rd Mass. Cavalry will be represented by a detachment of the 110th Cavalry Massachusetts National Guard, Col. Dana T. Gallup, commanding.

#### CHARACTERS

MAJ. ATHERTON H. STEVENS, JR. ....	<i>Charles Downing</i>	
CAPT. ALBERT F. RAY, Co. H. ....	<i>Luther S. Files</i>	
GUIDON SERGEANT JOHN MYERS, Co. H. ....	<i>Peter Doherty</i>	
PVT. JEREMIAH QUINN, Co. H. ....	<i>Walter Bates</i>	
A SOUTHERNER .....	<i>Mrs. Josephine Blaisdell</i>	
SOUTHERN WOMAN (1st) .....	<i>Mrs. Violet Beck</i>	
SOUTHERN WOMAN (2nd) .....	<i>Mrs. Betty Alger</i>	
NEGRO MAMMY .....	<i>Mrs. Joseph Fern</i>	
NEGRO WOMEN .....	<i>Mrs. Jennie Keene</i>	
CONFEDERATE OFFICER .....	<i>Edwin Miller</i>	
FINALE: SPIRIT OF WEYMOUTH .....	<i>Esther Dwyer</i>	
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**SIMON JOY HOUSE** (1738) on Pleasant St. near Independence Sq. Home of Lieut. David Joy of Col. Solomon Lovell's regiment.

**EZRA REED HOUSE**, built about 1765 on Front St., not far from Reed Cemetery (also with marker) containing graves of Revolutionary soldiers.

**HOUSE ROCK**, so called, off Essex St., immense boulder with suggestive profile of Queen Victoria.

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**SITE OF HOME OF CAPT. THOMAS NASH**, who served under Washington at the Siege of Boston, Liberty Square.

**SITE OF "ARNOLD TAVERN,"** noted rendezvous of Weymouth Committee of Correspondence previous to the Revolutionary War. Near Washington Sq.

**"LEACH-RICHARDS" HOUSE** near Smelt Brook, notable during the Abolition Movement. Also near Washington Sq.

**SITE OF "SHAW'S TAVERN"** a pre-revolutionary hostelry and now showing an excellent colonial type of front door. On Main St. near the Nevin School.

**THE "TOWN PATH"** or old Indian trail between villages of 17th century. Also adjacent "The Rocks" cemetery so called, with four graves of Revolutionary soldiers. Entered off Park Avenue.

**SITE OF FIRST SHOE FACTORY** in South Weymouth, built by one of the James Tirrells in 1808 on Front St. near the junction of Mill St. (Nine members of the Tirrell family made shoes for 125 years).

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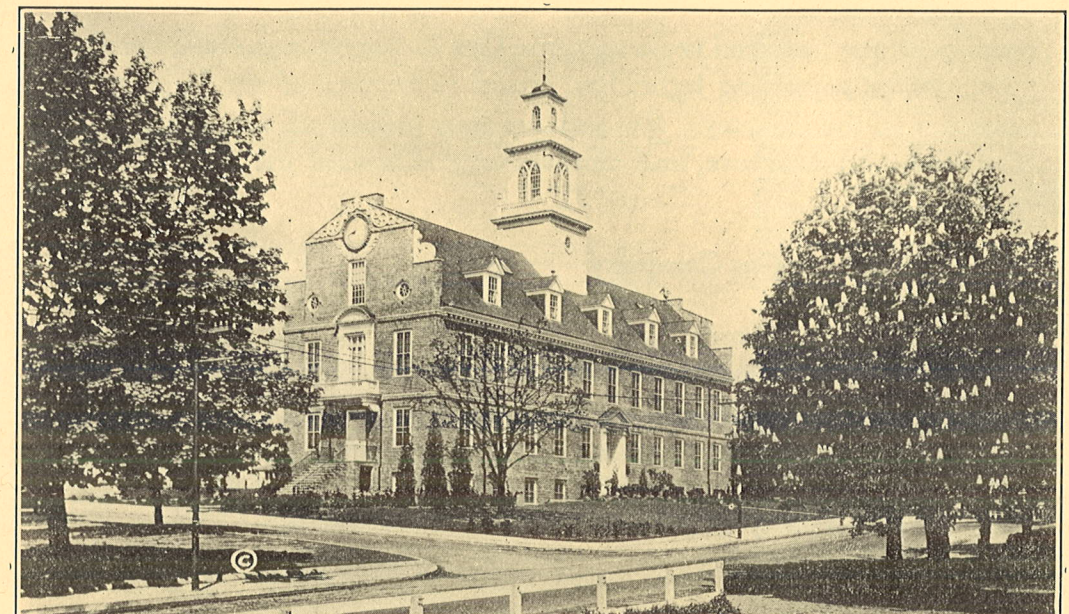
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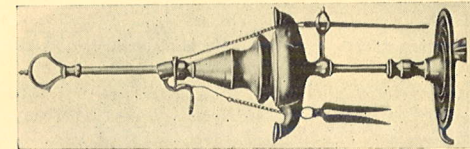
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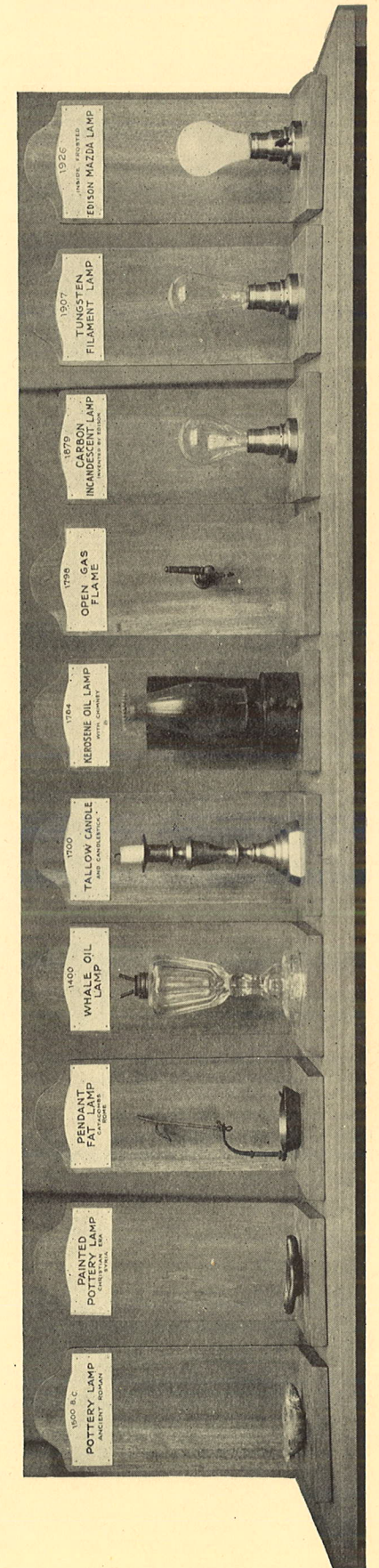
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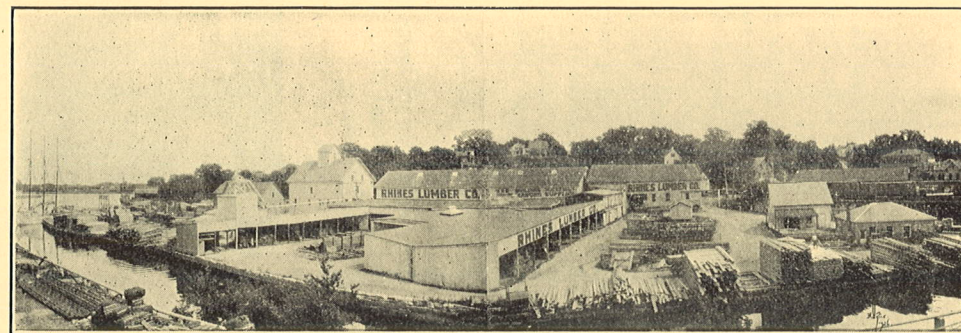
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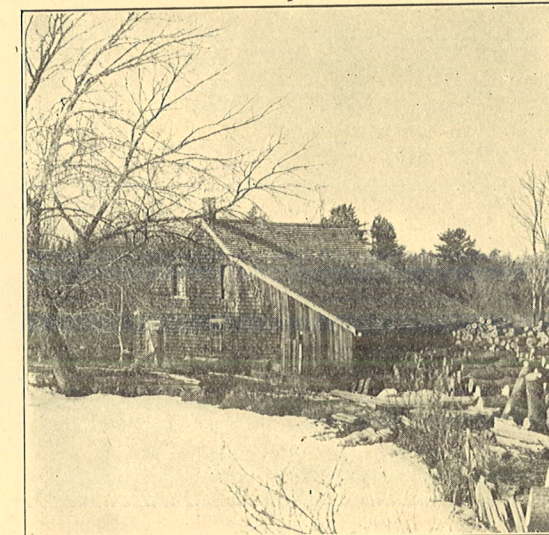
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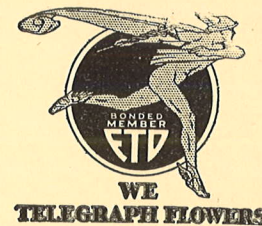
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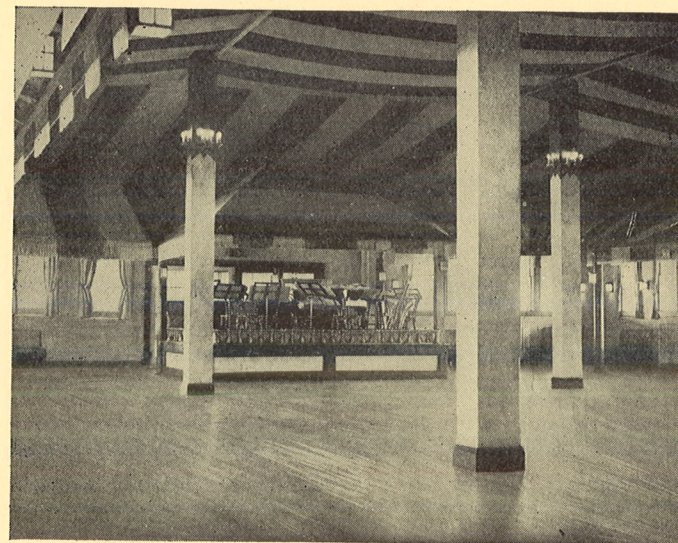
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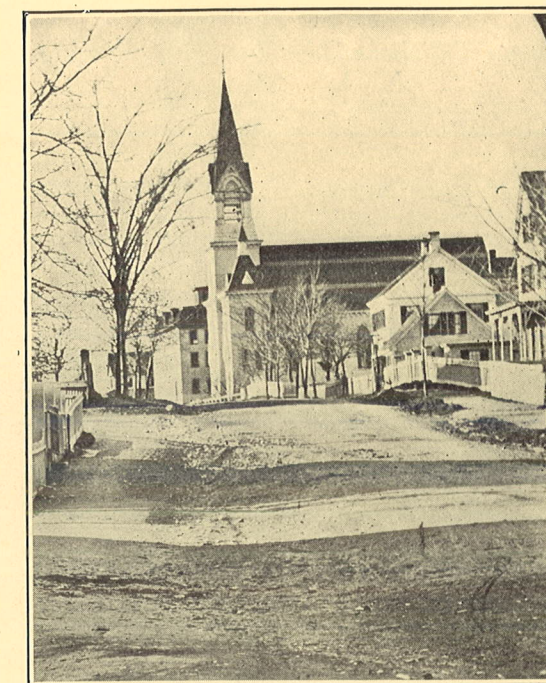
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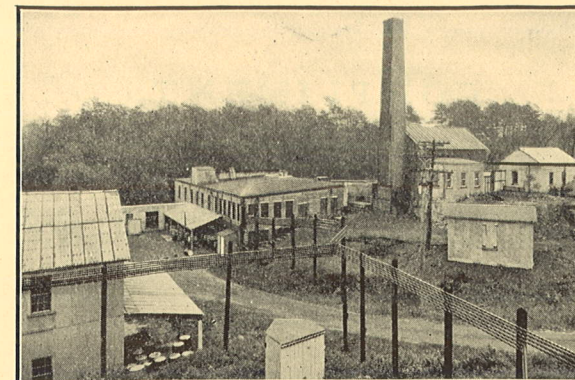
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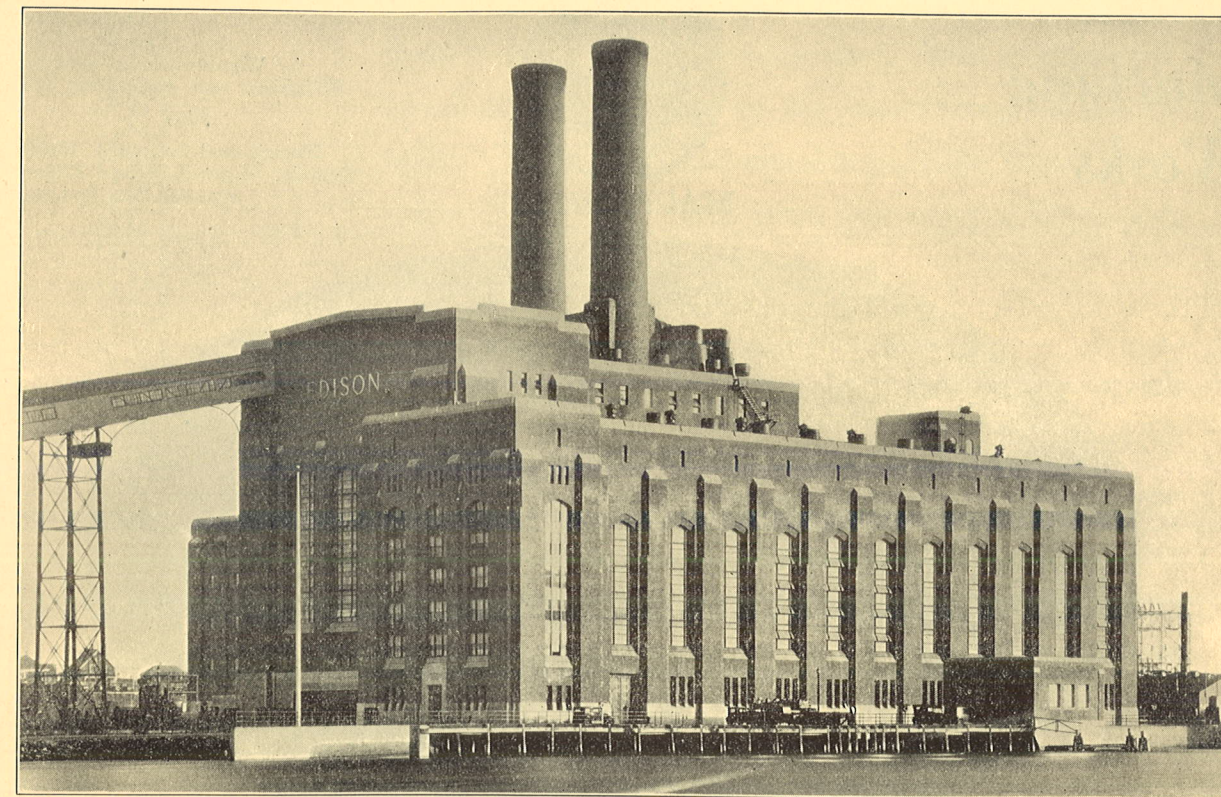
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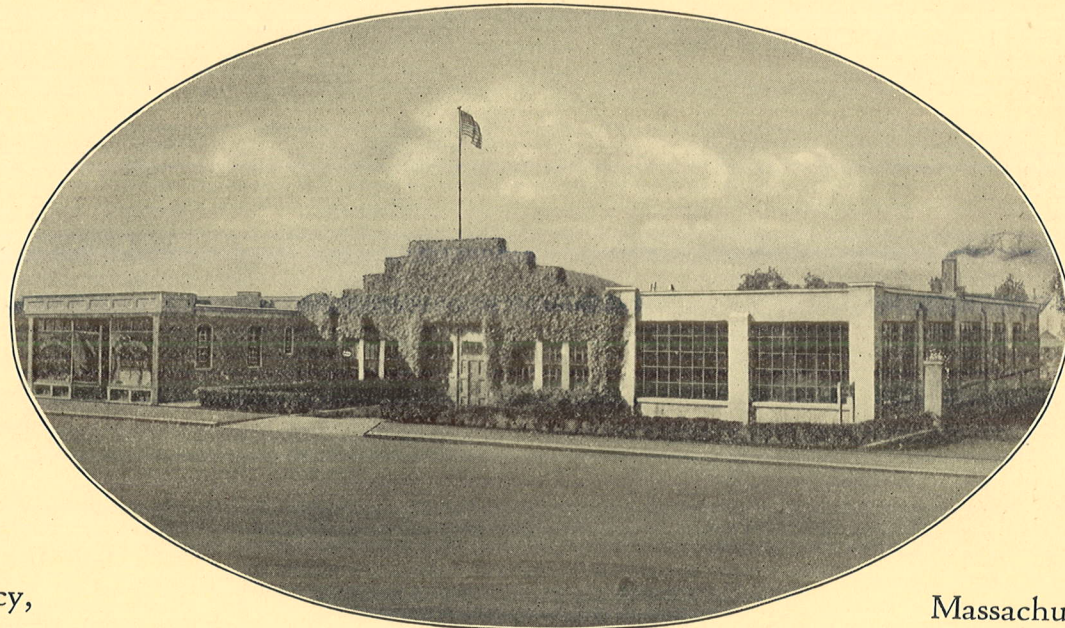
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