

**1831**

**January 3, 1831**

**At a legal Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held January 3 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 167 file 4<sup>th</sup> to give in their votes for a Representative to congress of the United States for Essex North District**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows(viz.)

For Gayton P Osgood Esq.	had 135 votes
For Stephen W Marston Esq.	104 votes
Hon. Caleb Cushing	26 votes
Hon. Amos Spaulding	1 vote

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**January 3, 1831**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held January 3 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 168 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Voted to pass over 2d article until March Meeting and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**March Ye 26 [found on the last page of the book – there is no year noted]**

Then Francis Swan Junr Town Clerk and Asa Messer, Bodwell Ladd, Ebenezer Carlton Selectmen and Timothy Poor Town Treasurer personally appeared before me and took the Oath of Allegiance – James Ingals, Justice of the peace

### **Book of Records for the Town of Methuen**

**1831**

**March 1831. The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended that service and report thereon as follows (viz.)**

That there was in said Treasurer's hands of the Town's Money at the last  
Settlement Feb. 26 1830

Four Hundred Twenty Six Dollars & fourteen cents	426.14
and there has been put into his hands since that time as follows by a tax list committed to him to collect for the year 1830	2030.91
by cash received of Joseph Griffin for Constableship for 1829	3.00
by cash received of Stephen Runels Guardian for Hezekiah Chadwick	24.71
by cash from Jacob Hall for rent of Mary Hasting third	18.00
Interest & due on John Pettengill & Ephraim Peabody note	29.98
By cash received from the Commonwealth for the support of Richards children	104.00
By cash received from effects of Isaac Pettengill	1.25
By cash received left by Huldah Bradstreet	1.23
By cash received from sale of plank & timber sold at ? Bridge	4.02
By note received of Jacob Hall for rent Mary Hastings third	58.00
By cash received of Ebenezer Marston Treasurer gave a note	<u>250.00</u>
	2951.24

And Said Treasurer has paid in Assessors Orders since the last settlement	2197.15}
By amount of discount on Taxes	<u>124.90}</u>
Which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of Six Hundred twenty nine	2322.05

Dollars and nineteen cents	629.19
And we find there is due to Said Treasurer as follows	
from Isaiah Silver Collector on Benjamin Town's list	16.47
from Jesse Sargent Collector of Moses Bixby's list	48.83
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1826	34.54
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1827	62.59
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1828	33.56
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1829	110.16
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1830	<u>231.87</u>
	538.02
Note due against Joseph Griffen Jr dated Sept 4 1823	17.57
Note against Jacob W. Morse dated January 14 1825	6.97
Note against James Gutterson dated Nov. 1 1824	15.15
Note against Jonathan G Davis dated January 15 1823	4.53
Due on John Pettengill and Ephraim Peabody note	16.58
Due on David Perrys Note dated April 1, 1828	7.00
Note against Jacob Hall dated March 4 1831	<u>58.00</u>
Making in all	663.82

Which leaves a balance in favor of the Treasurer of Thirty four Dollars & Sixty three cents

March 4 <sup>th</sup> 1831.	Signed Samuel Richardson Jr.	Selectmen
	Jonathan Merrill	} & Moses Merrill T. Treasurer

## **Annual Meeting March 7 1831**

**Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 7 1831 agreeable to Warrant No. 169 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. **Moderator**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Treasurer and Sworn**

Chose John Russ Samuel Richardson Jr. and Samuel H. Harris **Selectmen and all Sworn**

### **Surveyors of Highway – All Sworn except P Flemings**

Perley Morse	David Boynton	Jonathan Russell
Ben Osgood	Joseph Marston	Joseph A Bodwell
Daniel Balch	Abner Stevens	Thomas O Poor
Matthew Messer	Timothy Harris	Daniel Emerson
Miles F Griffen	James Messer Jr.	Adolphus Durant
Asa Palmer	Jeremiah Frye	Benaiah Jones
Ben Richardson	Patrick Flemings	

### **Filed Drivers – All Sworn**

Samuel Eaton	Wm Cross	John Sawyer	Perley Morse
Ralph Clarke	John F Sargent	Joshua P. Kent	

### **Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn**

Wm B. Abbott	John Wilson	Samuel Clarke	Stephen Gage
Joseph Griffen Jr.	Jeremiah Frye	Aaron Sawyer	

### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All Sworn**

Samuel Sawyer	Christopher Messer	Stephen Gage
Aaron Sawyer	Caleb Swan	Samuel Richardson Jr.

### **Hog Reeves – All Sworn**

Charles Currier	John Davis	Franklin Gage	Barnard George
Samuel Whitney	Hermon S Haven	John Tenny	

### **Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn**

Wm. B. Abbott	John Wilson	Samuel Clarke	Stephen Gage
Joseph Griffen Jr.	Jeremiah Frye	Aaron Sawyer	

### **Fire Wardens**

John Davis

Ben Osgood

Daniel Balch

George A. Waldo

**Pound Keepers**

Stephen Runels      Timothy Harris

**Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn**

Abiel How

Voted to except (accept) of the Report of the committee with Town Treasurer

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect what debts thee is due the Town

Voted to raise Eight Hundred Dollars for Schooling the year ensuing

Voted that each School Districk (district) lay out their Money as they think proper relating to Women's School

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair highways & private Ways the year ensuing

Voted that neat cattle & horses shall not be suffered to go at large the year ensuing or any part thereof

Voted that swine shall not be suffered to go at large the year ensuing

Voted that the taxes be collected the same as they were the last year

Chose Moses Merrill Collector

The Constableship was put up at auction and struck off to Joseph Griffen Jr. for which he is to pay five dollars and he was chosen Constable and Sworn

Voted the Surveyors of Highway through whose Districk (district) the turnpike runs have leave to work part of their taxes on Said turnpike Road

Voted to divide the highway districk (district) where Moses Webster lives as they have agreed

Voted that the several Surveyors of Highway shall break out the roads and present their bills to the Selectmen

The last vote was reconsidered at the adjournment

Voted to raise sixteen hundred dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to view the west end of the road laid out by the County Commissioners near Abiel How's and make a report at the adjournment

Voted that the Selectmen be the committee

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of April next at 1 o'clock p.m.

April 4 1831 Met according to adjournment and chose for **School Committee**

Charles O. Kimball      Stephen Huse      Daniel Merrill 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Fish Wardens Chosen – All Sworn**

Votes for County Treasurer were for Wm F Wade Esq. Twenty five

Voted for Register of Deeds were for Ralph F. French  
And for John Tenny Esq.

Voted to chuse (choose) a committee to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue that part of the Road from the Village to where it strikes the old road

Voted that the Selectmen be the committee

Voted that the Selectmen shall assign a time when they will meet and make a division of the road and let it out to be made

Voted that the Selectmen post up notices when they will meet for the above purpose

Voted to pass over 12 (th) article

### **Voted to dissolve said Meeting**

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

April 4, 1831

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen April 4 1831 agreeable to  
Warrant No 170 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of voting for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators**

Opened Said Meeting and the votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

**For Governor**

Hon. Marcus Morton had	127
His Excellency Levi Lincoln had	118

**For Lieut Governor**

Hon. Nathan Willis had	127
Hon. Thomas L. Winthrope had	118

**For Senators**

Hon. Moses Wingate had	127
Hon. Ezra Mudge had	127
George Savory had	127
Joseph S Cabot had	127
William Hawks had	127
John S. Morse had	127
Stephen C Phillips	117
William Thorndike had	117
Leverett Saltonstall had	117
Jesse Kimball had	110
William Johnson Jr. had	118
Robert Cross had	117
Thomas M. Clarke had	7
Jeremiah Nelson had	1

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

**April 4, 1831**

**At a legal Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held April 4 1831  
agreeable to Warrant No. 171 file 4<sup>th</sup> to give in their votes for a Representative to Congress  
of the United States for Essex North District**

The voted being given in sorted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

For Gayton P. Osgood Esq.	130 votes
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For Stephen W. Marston, Esq.	72
For Caleb Cushing Esq.	47

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## May 11, 1831

**At a legal Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Town Officers held May 11 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 172 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the choice of a Representative to the Legislator of Massachusetts**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

Joseph W Carleton	1	John M. Grosevnor	2	Ben Osgood	1
Joseph How	1	Moses Merrill	50	John Russ	140 and is chosen

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## May 11, 1831

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 11 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 173 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for or against the proposed amendment of the Constitution**

The votes being given in sorted and counted were for amendment 53 against the amendment 52

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## May 11, 1831

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 11 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 173 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. Moderator

Voted to pass over 2<sup>nd</sup> Article

Voted not to set off Hezekiah Chadwick as is set forth in the warrant

Voted to pass over 4<sup>th</sup> article and then dissolved Said Meeting

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## **June 27, 1831**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to General Court held June 27 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 175 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North District**

The votes being given in sorted counted & declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

Gayton P. Osgood Esq. had 120 votes  
Joseph Kittredge Esq. had 72 votes  
Caleb Cushing Esq. had 29 votes

Attest – Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## **June 27, 1831**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held June 27 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 176 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Russ Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to allow Moses Messer his account

Voted to allow each person doing Military duty at the full review thirty three cents for their dinner

Voted to choose a committee to meet the County Commissioners in regard to the road petitioned for by Phineas How & others

Voted the three Selectmen be Said Committee

Voted the Town Treasurer be authorized to sign and receive a deed in behalf of the Town to be given by Joseph W Carleton Esq. and then dissolved (this was the Lawrence Street Cemetery)

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## **September 5, 1831**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 177 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Capt. Daniel Balch **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2<sup>nd</sup> Article

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to build a Stone Bridge over Spickett River above the Methuen Company factory eather (either) this fall or next season as they think best

Voted to pass over 4<sup>th</sup> article & then dissolved

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## September 5, 1831

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to General Court held Sept. 5 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 178 File 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North district**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were for

Gayton P. Osgood Esq.	had 110 votes
Joseph Kittredge Esq.	had 75 votes
Caleb Cushing Esq.	had 26 votes

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## November 14, 1831

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Nov. 14 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 179 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of voting for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators**

Opened Said Meeting and the votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows –

### For Governor

Hon. Marcus Morton had	129
Hon. Levi Lincoln had	121
Hon. Samuel Lathrope had	13
Isaac B Cobb had	1

### For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. John Mills had	131
Hon. Thomas L Winthrop	134
Caroline Nevins	1

### **For Senators**

Moses Wingate had	133
John S Morse had	133
George Savary had	133
Joseph S Cabot had	133
William Hawks had	133
William Sutten had	132
Leverett Saltonstall had	132
William Thorndike had	118
William Johnson Jr had	113
Robert Enoss had	114
Ebenezer Bradbury had	114
Ebenezer Putnam had	118
Amos Spaulding had	1
Thomas Payson had	14
Wm B Breed had	14
Thomas M Clarke had	18
Wm Reed had	18
Jeremiah Spofford had	14
Samuel Merrill had	3

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

**November 13, 1831**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Town Officers held Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1831 agreeable to Warrant No. 181 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the choice of Representatives to the Legislature of this Commonwealth –**

The votes being given in sorted counted & declaration thereof made were as follows for Stephen Barker 2<sup>nd</sup> Esq. 1 – for Moses Merrill 81 – for John Russ Esq. 151 & is chosen

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

**1832**

**January 16, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representative to General Court held January 16 1832 agreeable to Warrant No 182 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North District.**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

Gayton P. Osgood Esq. had	119
Hon. Joseph Kittredge had	73
Hon. Caleb Cushing had	35
Hon. James H. Duncan had	1

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

**February 13, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to General Court held Feb. 13 1832, agreeable to Warrant No 183 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representatives in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North District**

The voted being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

Hon. Joseph Kittredge had	133 votes
Hon. Caleb Cushing had	32 votes
Gayton P. Osgood Esq.	129 votes

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended that service and report thereon as follows viz.

That there was in said Treasurers hands of the Town's money at the last settlement  
March 4 1831 629.19  
and there has been put into his hands since that as follows  
by a tax list committed to said Treasurer to collect for 1831 2437.43  
by cash recd. of Lydia Richardson 380.00  
by cash recd. of Jonathan Currier 2<sup>nd</sup> Esq. 200.00  
by interest recd on David Perrys Note 13.68  
by cash recd from effects of Betty Palmer 42.65  
by interest recd. of Jonathan G Davis note 1.73  
by cash recd of Joseph Griffen for the constableship for 1830 & 31 10.00  
Making in all three thousand seven hundred & fourteen dollars and sixty eight cents \$3714.68  
And said Treasurer has paid in Assessors Orders since the last Settlement 2750.81

by amount of discount on taxes	<u>156.94}</u>	2907.75
which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of Eight Hundred Six Dollars		
& Ninety three cents		806.93
And we find there is due Said Treasurer as follows		
from Isaiah Silver Collector on Benjamin Town list		16.47
from Jesse Sargent Collector of Moses Bixby list		48.83
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1826		27.13
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1827		47.99
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1828		25.58
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1829		74.29
from Moses Merrill Collector 1830		94.46
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1831		250.00
Note against Joseph Griffen dated Sept. 6 1823		17.57
Note against Jacob W Morse		1.97
Note against James Gutterson dated Nov 1 1824		15.15
Due on a note against John Pettengill & Ephraim Peabody		16.58
Due on a vote against Jacob Hall		28.00
Note against Simon B Webster		<u>5.80</u>
Making in all Six Hundred Seventy Dollars & Eighty two cents		\$670.82
Which leaves a balance of cash in Treasurers hands of one hundred thirty six		
dollars and eleven cents		136.11

The Committee further report that Notes on Interest against the Town are in favour of Clarisse Marston –

of Clarisse Marston			
Dated December 11 1830 of			250.00
One in favor of Lydia Richardson			
Dated March 1831 of			380.00
One in favor of Jonathan Currier 2 <sup>nd</sup> dated June 6 1831			200.00
Submitted by			
<b>March 2 1832</b>	<b>Signed</b>	Samuel Richardson Jr Samuel H. Harris Moses Merrill	Selectmen } of Methuen Town Treasurer

## **March 5, 1832 – Annual Meeting**

**Annual Meting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to voted in Town affairs held March 5 1832 agreeable to Warrant No 184 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis **Moderator**

Voted that the **Town Clerk & T. Treasurer** be chosen on one ballot. Chose Moses Merrill Town Clerk & T. Treasurer & Sworn

Chose John Tenney

Samuel H. Harris      } Selectmen  
and Amos Morse 4<sup>th</sup>      } and Sworn

Voted to adjourn one half hour

### **Annual Meeting Continued - Meet (met) according to adjournment**

#### **Surveyors of Highway**

Oliver Whittier	Joseph How	Stephen Gage	Asa Currier
Isaiah Silver	Abraham D. Dearborn	Asakel Adams	John B Webster
Edwin Sargent	Joseph F Ingalls	Timothy Harris	John M. Grosvnor
Peter Harris	Ebenezer How	Abiel Stevens	Aaron Jacks
John Russ	James Merrill	John Trull	George Gutterson

#### **Hog Reaves – All Sworn**

Joseph How	Caleb Swan	Daniel Merrill 2d	Elijah C. Emerson
Ben Osgood	Samuel Eaton	Merrill Clarke	Asa Harris

#### **Pound Keepers**

Joseph Marston	Timothy Harris
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#### **Field Drivers Chosen – All Sworn**

Asa Currier 2d	Michael Prescott	Robinson How
Herman Harris	Joshua C. Herst	Joseph S Morse
Samuel Bodwell	Elisha Barker	Darias Hibbard
Edwin Sargent	William Cross	Wm. B Abbot
Eliphalett Richardson	John Frye	

#### **Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn**

William B Abbot	John Wilson	Samuel Clark
Stephen Gage	Christopher Messer	Samuel Richardson Jr.
Joseph How	Joseph Griffen	

#### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All Sworn**

Christopher Messer	Stephen Gage	Aaron Sawyer
John E Merrill	Caleb Swan	Josiah Dearborn
Rufus Swan	Joseph How	Samuel Richardson Jr.

Joseph F Ingalls

**Fire Wardens Chosen**

John Davis  
Daniel Balch

Ben Osgood  
Joseph F Dow

Thomas Thaxter

**Fence Viewers Chosen – Sworn**

Asa Currier 2d      Benjamin Webster      Caleb Swan      Frederick Kimball

**Sealer of Weights & Measures - Sworn**

Abiel How

Chose Stephen Huse  
John M Grosvnor      } **School Committee**  
Abraham D Dearborn

Voted to pass over choseing (choosing) Fish Wardens until an adjourned Meeting

Voted to pass over choseing (choosing) Constable until the money is raised

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars the year ensuing for schooling

Voted that each School District expend their school money they think proper

Voted to expt the report with Town Treasurer as submitted by committee

Voted to raise eighteen hundred dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair highway and private ways the year ensuing

Voted that the taxes be collected in the same manner as they were the last year and chose Moses Merrill **Collector**

Voted to set up the office of Constable at auction and struck off to John C. Merrill for which he is to pay five dollars & fifty cents and he is chosen **Constable & Sworn**

Voted that neat cattle & horses shall not go at large any part of the year

Voted that swine shall not run at large the year ensuing

Voted that Surveyors of Highway through whos (whose) districts the Turnpike Road runs have leave to work out part of their taxes on said turnpike

Voted that the Selectmen let out the making the road which the Town is ordered to make by the County Commissioners at auction in June (?)

Voted to set off Hezekiah Chadwick from School Ward No. 4 and anise (annex) him to Ward No. 6

Voted to set off John Graves from School Ward No. 8 and annex him to Ward No. 4

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine the Herce (hearse) and make reort at the adjournment

Votes for County Treasurer were for Wm. F Wade Esq. twenty nine

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next at two o'clock P.M. March 12<sup>th</sup> Meet (Met) according to adjournment

Chose Samuel Bodwell –

William Poor –		Voted to expt (accept) of the
Charles Currier -	{ Fish Wardens	Report of Selectmen
Elisha Barker –		in regard to the Herce (hearse)
Christopher Messer		
Samuel P Bodwell		

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to get the Herce (hearse) repaired according to their report

Voted that each School District receive the amount of money they pay in

Voted to dissolve Said Meeting

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## March 12, 1832

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representative to General Court held March 12 1832, agreeable to Warrant No 185 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North District**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

Hon. Joseph Kittredge had	134 votes
Gayton P Osgood Esq. had	135

Hon. Caleb Cushing had	19
Elisha Barker had	1

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk.

### **March 12, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 12<sup>th</sup> 1832 agreeable to Warrant No. 186, file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Voted to except (accept) the Report of the Selectmen on the road leading to Isaac Morses and then dissolved –

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### **April 9, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representative to General Court held April 9 1832 agreeable to Warrant No. 187 file 4 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North District**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows Viz.

For Hon. Joseph Kittredge	149 votes
Hon. Gayton P Osgood Esq.	172 votes
Hon. Caleb Cushing	4 votes
Hon. Moses Wingate	1 vote

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### **April 9, 1832**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 9<sup>th</sup> 1832, agreeable to Warrant No. 188 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis **Moderator**

Voted to except (accept) of the Report of Selectmen on the Road petitioned for by Caleb Swan & others

Voted to pass over 3<sup>rd</sup> article

Voted to pass over 4<sup>th</sup> article

Voted that the Selectmen should view the road on the petition of Ephraim Peabody and if necessary to make a Stone Bridge –

Voted to set of (off) Leonard Wheeler Thomas Smith and Jeremiah Frye from School Ward No. 8 and annex (annex) them to Ward No. 4

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Town voted to pass over 4 (th) article and voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen on the road petitioned for by J. W. Carleton & others

Voted to except (accept) the List of Jurymen and then dissolved

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## **May 14, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to General Court held May 14<sup>th</sup> 1832 agreeable to Warrant No 189 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for Representatives in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North District**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

Gayton P Osgood Esq. had	136 votes
Hon. Joseph Kittredge had	161 votes
Hon. Caleb Cushing had	2 votes
Hon. Benjamin Griffen had	1 vote

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## **May 14, 1832**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 14<sup>th</sup> 1832, agreeable to Warrant No 190 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Tenny Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2<sup>nd</sup> Article

Voted to pass over 3<sup>rd</sup> Article

Voted to appropriate twenty five dollars for the purpose of building a bridge over Hawk Brook as petitioned for by John M. Grosvenor and others

Voted to take measures to oppose the road petitioned for by Hiram Plummer & others

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to oppose Said Road & then dissolved

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### **September 3, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held September 3d 1832 agreeable to Warrant No. 191 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting & chose John Tenny Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d Article

Voted that the subject of building the bridge be referred to the Selectmen to act as they think best in regard to building with of wood or stone and then dissolved

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### **September 3, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to General Court held September 3d 1832 agreeable to Warrant No. 192 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North district**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

For Hon. Joseph Kittredge	121 votes
For Gayton P Osgood Esq.	121 votes
Hon. Caleb Cushing	16 votes
George A Waldo	1 vote

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### **November 12, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held No. 12 1832, agreeable to Warrant No. 193 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for fourteen Electors of President & Vice President of the United States –**

The votes being given in sorted counted & declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

### **Electors at large**

Charles Jackson of Boston had	156 votes
Gideon Barstow of Salem	156
Ebenezer Moseley of Newburyport	156
James Byers of Springfield	156
Henry Shaw of Lanesboro	156
James Richardson of Dedham	156
Jonathan Lincoln of Hingham	156
Cornelius Grinnell of New Bedford	156
Nymphus Marston of Barnstable	156
Nathan Willis	150
Suffolk Dist. Charles Hood	150
Bristol John M. Williams	150
Berkshire Phineas Asten	150
Franklin Perley Barton	150
Plymouth Dist. Peter H. Prince	150
Hampden Dist. Wm. M. Thompson	150
Worcester South Richard Olney	150
Worcester North Charles Libbey	150
Middlesex Eliphalet Case	150
Norfolk Ebenezer Leaver	150
Essex North Amos Noyes	150
Essex South – Moriarty	150

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### **November 12, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Nov. 12 1832 agreeable to Warrant No. 194 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for Essex North district –**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

Hon. Jeremiah Nelson had	161 votes
Gayton P. Osgood Esq. had	151 votes
Hon. Amos Spaulding had	2 votes

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### **November 12, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants o f the Town of Methuen held Nov. 12 1832 agreeable to Warrant No. 195 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators**

Opened said Meeting and the votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

**For Governor**

Levi Lincoln	156 votes
Marcus Marston	150 votes
Samuel Lathrope	12 votes

**For Lieutenant Governor**

Samuel T. Armstrong	156 votes
John Mills had	150 votes
Timothy Fuller had	12 votes

**For Senators**

William Johnson Jr	156
Elias Putnam	156
Josiah Newell	156
Gilman Parker	156
David Putnam	156
William Nichols	156
Moses Wingate	150
Joseph S. Cabot	150
George Savary	150
William Hawks	150
Stephen Bayley	150
Henry A Breed	150
William Reed	12
Thomas Payson	12
Thomas M. Clark	12
Jeremiah Spofford	12

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

**November 12, 1832**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Town officers held November 12<sup>th</sup> 1832 agreeable to Warrant No. 196 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the choice of a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made are as follows (viz.)

The Town voted to send one Representative

Votes for Jonathan Currier Es.	113
Scattering votes	23
John Russ Esq. had 153 and is chosen	

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## November 12, 1832

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Town affairs agreeable to Warrant No. 196 file 4<sup>th</sup> held Nov. 12 1832**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Asakel Adams for **Moderator**

On the 2d Article the Town did not vote to grant the petitioners their request

Voted to autherise (authorize) the Town Treasurer to hire money sufficient to pay the Town orders and then dissolved Said Meeting

Attest - Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## Report of Committee with Town Treasurer

We Subscribers being by a vote of the Town made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended to that service and report thereon as follows viz. -

That there as in Said Treasurers hands of the towns money at the last settlement

March 2 1832	\$	806.92
and then has been put into his hands since that time as follows viz.		
by a tax list committed to said Treasurer to collect		2825.80
by cash of Runson Clifford balance tax for 1831		.89
by cash of Samuel Mitchel tax for 1831		.89
by cash recd. of the effects of Robert Richardson		.83
by cash recd of Commonwealth for keeping State paupers		47.24
by interest recd on Jacob Halls note		3.53
by cash recd for Licensing an exebition (exhibition) of Wild Beasts		3.00
by cash recd from Town of Haverhill for keeping Clarisse Hazeltine wife of		
John Hazeltine 4 weeks & 1 day		5.91
by cash recd of John E. Merrill for Constableship for 1832		5.50
by cash recd. of Asa Harris		275.00
by cash recd. of John Davis		500.00
by cash recd. of Samuel F Barker		200.00

by cash recd. of George Harris \$ 230.00  
\$ 4905.51

And Said Treasurer has paid in Assessors Orders since the  
last settlement

by amount of discount in taxes	158.60
by amount of Interest paid	39.45
Balance in favor of the Town	\$ 712.29

### Balance in favor of the Town

and we find there is due the Said Treasurer as follows

From Isaiah Silver on Benjamin Towns list	16.47
Form Jesse Sargent Collector o f N. Bixby list	48.83
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1826	15.75
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1827	41.10
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1828	14.18
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1829	52.66
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1830	70.50
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1831	120.76
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1832	278.32
Note against Capt Joseph Griffen dated Sept 6, 1827	17.57
Note against Jacob W Morse	1.97
Note against James Gutterson	15.15
Due on Note against Ephraim Peabody & J. Pettingill	<u>16.58</u>
	\$ 715.84

Balance in favor Treasurer \$3:55

The Committee further report that Notes on Interest against the Town and in favor of

Clarisse Marston dated Dec. 11 1830	250.00
Lydia Richardson dated March 1831	380.00
Jonathan Currier 2d Esq. dated June 6 1831	200.00
Asa Harris dated Nov. 15 1832	275.00
John Davis dated Nov. 1832	500.00
Samuel F Barker dated Nov. 22 1832	200.00
George Harris dated Dec. 4 1832	<u>230.00</u>
	\$ 2035.00

March 4, 1833

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 4<sup>th</sup> 1833, agreeable to Warrant No. 197 file 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Capt. Daniel Balch **Moderator**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk and Town Treasurer & Sworn**

Chose John Tenny Esq., Capt. Samuel H Harris and William Swan and **Sworn Selectmen**

#### **Surveyors of Highway - Sworn**

Isaiah How	Walter Merrill	Elijah Merrill	Noys G. Pearson
Isaac Morse	Herman Harris	Isaac B Cobb	John Barker
Joseph F Dow	Samuel H. Harris	Asa Griffen	Varnum Tyler
Daniel Merrill	Amos Morse 3d	Nathaniel Garrill	Isaiah Wheeler
Jonathan Jennings	Artemas Herrick	Charles Russel	Enoch Whittier

#### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark - Sworn**

Christopher Messer	Stephen Gage	Aaron Sawyer	John E Merrill
James ???	Caleb Swan	Asa Whittier	Samuel Richardson Jr.
Matthew Messer	Jos. W. Carleton	Joseph How	Daniel Huse

#### **Field Drivers – All Sworn**

Daniel How	Joshua C Hunt	Davis Hibbard	Benjamin Griffen Jr.
Samuel Bodwell	Ebenezer How	Herman Frye	Enoch Bailey
Perley Morse	Asa Whittier	John Sawyer	Thomas J Richardson

#### **Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn**

William B Abbot	John Wilson	Thomas Thaxter	Samuel Clarke
Stephen Gage	Aaron Sawyer	Francis Frye 2d	Joseph Griffen

#### **Fence Viewers Chosen – All Sworn**

Asa Currier 2d	Matthew Messer	Stephen Gage	Abiel Stevens
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#### **Hog Reaves – All Sworn**

Charles Ingalls	Daniel Ayer	Joshua Buswell Jr
Washington Merrill	Daniel Currier	Charles Russell

#### **Fish Wardens Chosen**

Trustworthy White – sworn  
Samuel Bodwell – sworn

James Frye 2d  
Alva Goodhue – sworn

Edwin Sargent  
Lorenzo Sargent

## Fire Wardens Chosen

Asa Griffen  
John Davis

John Wilson  
Noyce G. Pearson

Daniel Balch

## Pound Keepers

## Joseph Marston

Timothy Harris

## Sealer of Weights & Measures - Sworn

Abiel How

## School Committee

Rev. Charles O Kimball

Rev. Sylvester G Pierce

Rev. Josiah Hill

Voted to pass over choosing constable for the present

Votes for County Treasurer were Wm. F. Wade Esq. 47 votes

Voted to except (accept) the Report of the Committee with Town Treasurer

Voted to raise Three Thousand Dollars to defray Town charges

Voted to raise Nine Hundred Dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing

Voted to divide the school money as usual

Voted that each school district have the privilege of expending their school money as they see fit

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars for repairing highways the year ensuing

Voted that neat cattle & horses shall not be suffered to run at large the year ensuing

Voted that swine shall not be suffered to go at large the year ensuing

Voted that the taxes be collected in the same way as they have been the last year and chose Moses Merrill **Collector (of taxes)**

Voted that the office of constable be put up at auction and struck of (off) to John E Merrill for which he is to pay five dollars & fifty cents and he was chosen constable and sworn

Voted that the Surveyors of Highway through whos (whose) district the Turnpike runs have leave to work part of their Taxes on Said Turnpike Road

Voted that the Town relinquish their right and title of the land where the Meeting House of the First Parish in Methuen has been removed from to the Episcopal Society for the purpose of erecting a Meeting House if any right they have

Voted that the Town publish the doings of the County Commissioners in laying out the road from the house of the late Ebenezer Whittier to Persons Tavern

Voted that the 13<sup>th</sup> article be referred to the Selectmen to act as they think proper

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to consult the proprietors of the vestry in regard to holding future Meetings and to report thereon

The committee reported that the Town can have the Baptist Vestry to hold all Town Meetings for Town purposes for Twenty five Dollars per year

Voted to except (accept) Said Report

Voted to pass over 15<sup>(th)</sup> Article

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday of April at 1 o'clock P.M.

#### **April 1 1833 Met according to adjournment and**

Voted to excuse Benjamin Griffen from serving as Surveyor of Highway and chose Enoch Whittier Surveyor of Highway and then dissolved Sd Meeting

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

#### **April 1, 1833**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representative to General Court held April 1<sup>st</sup> 1833 agreeable to Warrant No 198 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of Congress of the U.S. for District No. 3.**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

Gayton P. Osgood had	142 votes
Ebenezer Bradbury had	82 votes

Caleb Cushing had	40 votes
Jerome Harris had	1 vote
Jesse Kimball had	1 vote

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### May 6, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representative to General Court held May 6<sup>th</sup> 1833 agreeable to Warrant No 199 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for Representative in Congress of the U.S. for District No. 3.**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

Gayton P. Osgood had	125 votes
Ebenezer Bradbury had	47 votes
Caleb Cushing had	51 votes
Benjamin F Varnum	1 vote

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### May 6, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 6 1833 agreeable to Warrant No 200 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened said Meeting and chose John Tenny Esq. Moderator

**Voted to except (accept) of the Report of Selectmen on the petition of Isaiah Silver & others and then dissolved**

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### June 10, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to General Court held June 10 1833 agreeable to Warrant No. 201 file 4<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for District No. 3**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

Gayton P. Osgood Esq. had	175 votes
Hon. Caleb Cushing had	73 votes
Hon. James H Duncan had	4 votes

Nancy Barker had	3 votes
Samuel Eaton had	4 votes
Ebenezer Bradbury had	3 votes
Wm. J. Whittier had	1 vote
Benjamin F. Varnum had	1 vote

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## June 10, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held June 10 1833 agreeable to Warrant No 202 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d Article

Voted to refer the 3d Article to the Selectmen to render such assistance (assistance) in widening the Bridge as they think necessary

Voted that the Town assent to the County Commissioners layout the Essex Turnpike Road as a common highway agreeable to an act of the last Legislature and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## September 2, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town offairs held Sept. 2d 1833, agreeable to Warrant No. 203 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d Article

Voted that the Selectmen take the usual course in letting out the making of the Currier Road so called

Voted that the Town Treasurer be aurtherised (authorized) to pay the County their claim for making the road for the Stone House to Waldo's Store –

Voted that those persons who are delinquent in working out their highway taxes in the district of which Abiel Stevens was Surveyor for 1832 have leave to work out their taxes under the present surveyor and then dissolved Said Meeting

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## November 11, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by Law to vote for Representative in General Court of Said Commonwealth held Nov. 11 1833 agreeable to Warrant No. 204 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for or against a proposed Article of amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth**

The votes being received sorted counted and declaration thereof made were 126 yeas in favor of the proposed amendment

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## November 11, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Nov. 11 1833 agreeable to Warrant No. 204 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators**

Opened Said Meeting and the votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

### For Governor

Hon. Marcus Morton had	132 votes
Hon. John Davis had	87 votes
Hon. John Q. Adams had	20 votes
Hon. Samuel C Asten had	8 votes
Hon. Henry Shaw had	2 votes

### For Lieutenant Governor

James Lawler had	133 votes
Samuel T Armstrong had	87 votes
Samuel Lathrop had	20 votes
William W Thompson had	8 votes

### For Senators

Moses Wingate	133	John Merrill	183
Henry A Breed	132	Robert Rantoul Jr.	133
Gideon Barstow	90	Josiah Newhall	90
William Nichols	90	Jesse Kimball	91

Samuel Merrill	90	Robert Hooper Jr.	90
William Reed	20	Thomas M. Clarke	20
Joseph Winn	20	Thomas Payson	20
Jeremiah Spofford	20	Richard Hazeltine	20

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### November 11, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution prescribes to vote for Representatives held Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1833 agreeable to Warrant No. 205 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth**

The Town voted to send two Representatives and John Tenney Esq. and Capt. Samuel H Harris were chosen

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### November 11, 1833

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held Nov. 11 1833 agreeable to Warrant No. 205 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to take up the 2d article separately and

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to oppose the road petitioned for by Isaiah Silver and others

Voted to pass over the remainder of said article and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

### Report of Committee with Town Treasurer

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended to that service and report thereon as follows (viz.)	
That there was in Said Treasurers hands of the towns money at the last Settlement March 1 1833	
Seven Hundred & twelve dollars 29 cents	\$ 712.29
and there has been put into his hands since that time as follows viz./	
By a tax list committed to the Town Treas. To collect	3969.23
by cash received of the Commonwealth	44.00
by cash received for rent of Molly Hasting third for the years 1831 & 1832	38.00
by cash received of County Treasurer for overcharge in last years tax	46.59
by cash received of several persons (?) and of Co. Commissioners	187.25
of cash received Farnham Carleton	56.72
of cash of Andover for Supplies furnished Sophia Shattuck Nov 1832	5.00

and Said Treasurer has paid in Assessors Orders		\$ 5059.08
since the last Settlement	2631.06	
by amount of discount on taxes	236.13	
by amount paid on notes against Town	605.00	
amount of Interest paid	127.59	\$ 3599.78
Balance in favor of Town		\$ 1459.30
and we find there is de Said Treasurer as follows Viz.		
From Isaiah Silver of Benjamin Towns list	16.47	
From Jesse Sargent of Moses Bixbys list	48.23	
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1826	15.36	
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1827	37.95	
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1828	12.56	
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1829	42.04	
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1830	60.19	
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1831	94.33	
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1832	136.22	
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1833	410.46	
Notes against Jos. Griffen dates Dept 6 1823	17.57	
Notes against Jacob W Morse January 15 1825	1.97	
Notes against James Gutterson Nov 1 1824	15.15	
Notes against Peabody & Pettengill amt. Due	16.58	
Notes against Simon B Webster	5.80	
Notes against Christopher How Feb. 27 1834	90.00	
		\$ 1021.48
Balance in favor of the Town		437.32
		\$ 1459.30

The committee further report that Notes on Interest against the Town are in favor of

Clarisse Marston	250.00
Lydia Richardson	380.00
Jonathan Currier 2d Esq.	200.00
John Davis	100.00
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	\$ 1430.00

March 1 1823

All of which is respectfully submitted by

### Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

**March 3, 1834**

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held  
March 3d 1834 agreeable to Warrant No. 206 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Town Treasurer & Sworn**

Chose Samuel Harris

Samuel Richardson Jr. } **Selectmen & Assessors and Sworn**

William Swan

**Surveyors of Highways as follows**

Robert Taylor

Mathias Currier

William Bodwell

Josiah Osgood

Benjamin Webster

William Swan

Matthew Messer

Amos Griffen

Jonathan Stickney

Rufus Griffen

Ebenezer How

Daniel Merrill

Joseph F. Dow

Nathaniel Gorrill

Warren Haynes

James Gutterson

William Fitz

Benjamin Simpson

Benjamin Richardson

John A Gage

**Fence Viewers – Sworn**

Asa Currier

Isaac Morse

David Clarke

John Town

Abner Stevens

Voted that the Selectmen have a place to meet at some central place in Town & to keep their books and to Notify the people of the Town

**Surveyors of Wood & Bark – Sworn**

Charles Gleason

John E Merrill

Aaron Sawyer

Joseph How

Stephen Gage

**Voted to adjourn half an hour**

**Met according to adjournment**

**Field Drivers – Sworn**

Joseph A. Bodwell

Asa Currier 2d

Henry Spencer

Perley Morse

Moody S Wheeler

Samuel Bodwell

Hazen Bodwell

**Surveyors of Lumber - Sworn**

Asa Griffen

William B Abbot

Stephen Gage

Asa Whittier

Thomas Thaxter

John Wilson

Aaron Sawyer

The Town voted that the Selectmen be **Fish Wardens**

### **Fire Wardens**

John Wilson

John Davis

Ben Osgood

Moses Merrill

### **Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn**

Abiel How

### **Hog Reaves – Sworn**

Moses Merrill

Miles Griffen

Christopher How

Ebenezer Sawyer

Reuben G. Griffen

Rufus P. Harvey

John J. Webster

Samuel Keezer

John Low

Matthias Currier

John Wilson

Isaac Currier Jr.

Moody S Wheeler

### **Pound Keepers**

Joseph Marston

John Dale

### **School Committee**

Rev. Charles O. Kimball

Rev. S. G. Pierce

Doctor A. D. Dearborn

Voted to pass over the choice of Constable for the present

Votes for County Treasurer were for Wm. F Wade Esq. eighty five –

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen with Town Treasurer and likewise report of expenditures

Voted to raise Three Thousand Dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing

Voted to raise the money for highway taxes and to have it worked out in labour as usual

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars to repair highways and private ways the year ensuing

Voted that horses and neat cattle shall not be suffered to go at large any part of the year

Voted that swine shall not be suffered to go at large any part of the year

Voted that the taxes be collected by the Treasurer as they have been the past years and chose Moses Merrill collector

Voted that the Surveyors of Highway throu (through) whos (whose) district the turnpike road runs have leave to work out part of their taxes on said turnpike

Voted to hire the Baptist Vestry for the purpose of holding future Town Meetings

Voted that the Surveyors of Highway be authorised (authorized) to break out the roads when encumbered with snow and draw on the Town Treasurer for their pay

Voted to pass over 13<sup>th</sup> article

Voted to pass over 14<sup>th</sup> article

Voted to pay Mr Worcester forty dollars for damages he sustained in falling of (off) the Bridge into the river

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to defend the action if commenced against the Town by Mr Chadwick

Voted that the Selectmen let out the making of the road prayed for by Nathaniel Gorrill & others

Voted that the office of Constable be put up at auction – Struck off to John E Merrill for which he is to pay six dollars and he was chosen Cosntables and sworn

Voted that another office of Constable be sold and was struck off to Joseph “Griffen for which he is to pay twenty five cents

Chose Joshua Buswell Jr. constable & sworn and then dissolved said meeting

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

**November 10, 1834**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor held Nov. 10 1834 agreeable to Warrant No. 207 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators**

Opened Said Meeting and the votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (Viz.)

**For Governor**

Hon. John Davis had	180 votes
Hon. Marcus Morton	153 votes
Hon. John Bailey	13 votes

**For Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Samuel T Armstrong had	180 votes
Hon. William W Thompson	154 votes
Hon. George Odiam	13 votes

**For Senators**

Samuel Merrill had	181 votes
Jesse Kimball had	181 votes
Joseph G. Warters had	192 votes
Jonathan Shaw had	181 votes
George Lunt had	181 votes
William Ferson had	181 votes
William Hawks had	156 votes
George Savary had	156 votes
Henry A Breed had	156 votes
Thomas G. Farnsworth had	156 votes
David Pingree had	167 votes
Josiah Caldwell had	166 votes
Jonathan Buffum had	11 votes
John Upton Jr had	11 votes
Stephen Bunker 2d had	7 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

**November 10, 1834**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to voted for Representatives to General Court held Nov 10 1834 agreeable to Warrant No 208 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for District No. 3**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (voz.)

Hon. Gayton P Osgood had	174 votes
Hon. Caleb Cushing had	150 votes
Hon. James H Duncan had	2 votes

John N Grosvnor had                           1 vote  
Caleb Wakefield had                           1 vote

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## November 10, 1834

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution prescribes to vote for Representatives to General Court held Nov 10 1834 agreeable to Warrant No 209 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the choice of Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth**

Capt Samuel H Harris had 228 votes  
And Jonathan Currier Esq. had 203 votes and they were chosen

Joseph W Carleton Esq. and George A. Waldo had 97 votes each –

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## November 10, 1834

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held Nov 10 1834 agreeable to Warrant No 209 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened said Meeting & chose John Davis **Moderator**

Voted to except (accept) the Road made by Stephen Barker 2 & discontinue the old one provided said Barker make the road to the satisfaction of the Selectmen

Voted that the Selectmen repair the Morrill Bridge so called and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

## Report of Selectmen with Town Treasurer

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended to that service and report thereon as follows viz.

That there was in said Treasurers hands of the Town money at the last settlement March 1<sup>st</sup> 1834

1454.34

and there has been put into his hands since that time as follows viz. –

By a Tax list committed to the Town Treasurer to collect                           3938.62

By cash received of the commonwealth   74.76

By interest received on Christopher Hows note                                   .45

By cash received of John E Merrill for the constableship	5.50
By cash received of Albert Hastings	
for rent of widow Mary Hastings third for 1833 & 1834	34.00
by cash received of Potter the ventriloquist	3.00
by cash received of the County Treasurer	2.00
by cash received of Jonathan Currier assistance rendered Mary Chadwick	8.00
by cash received of Andover for assisting Nathan Wardwell & Ms Shattuck	37.68
by cash received of Elisha Kimball for assistance received him in past	<u>4.75</u>
	\$ 5568.06

And said Treasurer has paid in Assessors orders since the last settlement	3515.44
By amount of discount on Taxes	203.40
Cash paid County Treasurer by note of Town	181.50
By amount paid on note against Town	100.00
Amount of Interest paid on notes	103.01
	\$ 205.21
Moses Merrills list for 1831	48.10
Moses Merrill do for 1832	91.67
Moses Merrill do for 1833	214.80
Moses Merrill do for 1834	351.93
Notes against Joseph Griffen dated Sept. 6 1823	17.57
Do against Jacob W Morse	1.97
Do James Gutterson Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> 1824	15.15
Do Peabody & Pettingill amt due	<u>16.58</u>
	\$ 963.98
Balance in favor of Town	<u>500.73</u>
	\$ 1464.71

The committee further report that the notes on interest against the Town are in favor of	
Clarisse Marston	250.00
Lydia Richardson	380.00
Jonathan Currier 2d Esq.	200.00
John Davis	<u>500.00</u>
	\$ 1330.00