

I will begin by saying the best part of being Pomfret's town clerk or treasurer is that I have the privilege of knowing almost everybody in town, and I even remember some of your dog's names. Many of the second home owners also come by the office which is also very nice.

In 1973 when I became clerk, the office was on the porch at Gwendolyn Payne's home. She had followed Dorothy Moore as clerk and Carl Johnson was clerk for about 32 years before Dorothy. My 30 years as clerk did not break Carl's record. The brick building was fixed up in 1973 to be used exclusively as the town office. Previously the oldest records had been kept there but more "up to date" ones were kept at the town clerk's home. If anyone needed an old record, they took a key, let themselves into the brick building, built a fire if it was in the winter time and did their research. Gordon Tuthill told me he actually froze his fingers once because the books were so cold.

When I became clerk there were basically four types of records that had to be recorded: 1) warranty deeds that usually were one or two pages long, 2) mortgage deeds that were usually two pages long, 3) quit-claim deeds usually one page and 4) liens that were about one-half page long. Now in 2012 a mortgage will average 15 pages. Also now there are many other documents that must be recorded such as State permits, local permits, separate mortgage discharges, etc. etc. This was one reason I thought 30 years as clerk was enough.

All recordings were typed into the record books until 1986. The copier was a great addition to the office and what a relief not to have to proof all that typing. Now it's getting so nearly everything must be done on the computer.

In 2007 the brick building became overcrowded and a mobile office was brought in for the listers who were doing a reappraisal for the town. In 2008 the center school was renovated to become our new town offices and we moved in January 2009. How nice to have elbow room!

As treasurer, I figured tax bills on a little hand calculator for years – often when I was on vacation. Then the numbers were typed onto a bill, then came the stuffing and licking of 500 to 600 envelopes. (My kids helped when they were young). Speaking of vacations, I was always able to take a week or more off and my instructions to whoever was sitting in for me was to open the door and the vault, answer the phone and leave everything else for me.

The Town received more than one million dollars worth of damage in storm Irene in late August of 2011. The final audits are now (May 2013) being conducted as a result of federal funds reimbursements being received. Neil Lamson has compiled two boxes of documentation for this disaster and he is to be commended for his work which took the burden off my shoulders.

Each year more of the things we do at the town office must be done on the computer. A new bookkeeping system was introduced in 2012 called NEMRC. I may have to retire my pencil and pad of paper.

As I finish this off it is now May 2013. We have a great town clerk in Lynne Leavitt who is not only knowledgeable but fun to work with. When March 2014 arrives, I will have served as town treasurer for 40 years. I consider it a privilege to have been voted into this position for so long and wish to thank everyone who has helped me along the way.

Hazel Harrington

THE COVER

Historical Note

Concerning the picture of the Town Hall of Pomfret shown on the cover, the Town Report of 1911 states:—

"The meeting house of 1844, at the time of its erection, was not intended as a municipal home, but was built by the Unitarian Congregational Society, as a house of public worship. The work was commenced by Eri Buck of Barnard, under a contract dated March 2, 1844. The house was completed the following year and dedicated September 11, 1845.

*** The property was conveyed to the town by the surviving members of the Society and the first town meeting in this house was in March 1873. The Young People's Club enlarged the building in 1902, thru the erection of a commodious stage. The steeple was removed in 1905."

Further concerning the Town Hall, the History "Pomfret, Vermont" (1930) by Henry H. Vail, Volume 1, Page 246-7 says:

"In 1872, Crosby Miller and twenty-four other owners of this meeting house deeded the entire property to the town. This gift was accepted by the town at a meeting held September 3rd, 1872, under the conditions expressed in the deed. The pews were to be removed and settees provided. The house is to be kept in good repair, well covered and painted. The town is to occupy the house for meetings and elections. Under the direction of the selectmen or of an agent chosen by the town, the house is to be opened "without charge for religious meetings, without favor or partiality for, or discrimination against any sect, name or denomination, and also for all meetings of the citizens of the town for any lawful purpose, whether for improvement or amusement; subject only to such restrictions or regulations as may be necessary for the due preservation of the house or of public peace'.

"Since this transfer the structure has served many purposes. A convenient kitchen has been added, thus enabling the serving of food at Farmer's Meetings, Old Home Days and at social dances. A piano and a small stage make it possible for amateur theatricals. The woodwork of the spire decayed and was unsafe. It was therefore removed, as being an unnecessary decoration for a town hall. The old weater-beaten town hall which stood about a hundred feet south had been sold by the town, torn down and removed."

HISTORICAL NOTES

TOWN HALL:	Land Record Book 16, Page 161 1958Town Report, Page 1	
ABBOTT LIBRARY:	Town Record Book 5, Pages 18-20 Land Record Book 21, Pages 44 & 45 " " " 23, Pages 30-33 " " " 20, Pages 184-187	
TOWN OFFICE:	Town Record Book 7, Page 108 Land Record Book 19, Pages 380-381	(formerly Center School)
TOWN GARAGE:	Land Record Book 24, Page 347 " " " 27, Page 242 " " " 24, Page 347	(building from Maxham) (land from McCullam) (water deed)
KEITH FUND	Land Record Book 26, Page 451 " " " 28, Page 162 Town Record Book 6, Page 4 & 6	(1949 Town Meeting)
VAUGHAN FUND	Town Record Book 6, Pages 200-201	
CHURCHILL FUND	Town Record Book 4, Page 454 Land Record Book 20, Page 336	(1900 Town Meeting) Sale of Crowell (Churchill) Land
HUTCHINSON FUND	Town Record Book 4, Page 424 Land Record Book 18, Page 377 Town Record Book 4, Page 456	(1896 Town Meeting)
RUSS FUND	Town Record Book 4, Page 221	1879 Town Meeting)
O'DEA PAINTINGS	Town Record Book 6, Page 170	
BURNS CEMETERY	Land Record Book 5, Page 249	1813
POMFRET SCHOOL	Land Record Book 38, Page 194 Land Record Book 41, Page 224	(37.84 acres) Water Pipeline Agreement

WHITE RIVER LAND FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	Land Record Book 28, Page 196 Town Record Book 9, Page 160	(At Hartford town line) 1994 Town Meeting
TOWN EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	Town Record Book 8, Page 118	(Originally called the Grader/Loader Sinking Fund) 1978 Town Meeting
EMERGENCY RADIO RESERVE ACCOUNT (Communications)	Town Report, 2010, Page 25 Town Report, 2010, Page 19 Town Record Book 10, Page 438	Narrative Budget Authorization to establish account
LA BOUNTY TRUST	Original in box with town deeds	Copy in LaBounty file
PICNIC AREA	Land Record Book 37, Page 130	Across from N.P. firehouse
JOE RANGER LAND	Land Record Book 29, Page 173	35 acres on Joe Ranger road
PARKING LOT AT TOWN HALL	Land Record Book 28, Page 121a Map on Page 122	
POMFRET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	Land Record Book 28, Page 249 Map on Page 250	
TOWN BUILDINGS RESERVE FUND	Town Record Book 10, Page 438	2013 Town Meeting Authorization to establish account
POMFRET FAST SQUAD EQ. RESERVE FUND	Town Record Book 10, Page 438	2013 Town Meeting Authorization to establish account
ABBOTT MEM. LIBRARY BLDG. RESERVE FUND	Town Record Book 10, Page 438	2013 Town Meeting Authorization to establish account
BRIDGE FUND	Town Record Book 9, Page 122	1991 Town Meeting
(SCHOOL) LEASE LAND ACCOUNT	1983 Town Report, Page 49	First time account in Town Report
VAIL GRANGE ACCOUNT	1991 Town Report, Page 35	First time account in Town Report
LAND AT KENYON HILL	Land Record Book 37, Page 326 Land Record Book 37, Page 349 Land Record Book 39, Page 96	Deed from Palmer to Town Deed from Fischer to Town Deed from Town to Fischer

TAX FREE PARCELS

Parcel			
0201	Abbott Memorial Library	15 Library Street	
0611C	Bunker Hill Cemetery		
1112C	Burns Cemetery	LaBounty Road	
0303C	Hewittville Cemetery	Howe Hill Road	
0159	N. Pomfret Cong. Church	7767 Pomfret Road	
2903	Parsonage	143 Bunker Hill Road	
0148	Town Office Building	5218 Pomfret Road	
0139	Pomfret Town Hall	5233 Pomfret Road	
0146	Brick Building	5188 Pomfret Road	Historical Society
0100A	The Pomfret School	1071 Pomfret Road	37.4 acres
3204B	100 Acre Lease Lot	Off Joe Ranger Road	
3208	Joe Ranger Lot	Joe Ranger Road	35 acres
1101	Town Garage	100 LaBounty Road	
0160A	Picnic Area	Pomfret Road, .20 acre	Near NP firehouse
0157	Pomfret Vol. Fire Dept.	7373 Pomfret Road	
2026	Teago Vol. Fire Dept.	2026 Pomfret Road	

"PROTECTED LANDS"

LANDOWNER	TO	REFERENCE
BOURNE, Gertrude, Henry, Janet	Town of Pomfret	Book 33, Pages 298-302
EDGAR, Anthony, Ellen, Thomas & CARTER, Heather	Vermont Land Trust	Book 52, Pages 444-451
SENNOTT, Robert	Vermont Land Trust	Book 51, Pages 566-572
SENNOTT, Robert	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 51, Pages 561-565
SENNOTT, Robert	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 51, Pages 94-95
SENNOTT, Robert	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 49, Pages 416-425
SENNOTT, Robert F.	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 64, Pages 403-409
SENNOTT, Robert	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 67, Pages 317-318
CARSON, Scott- formerly Sennott	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 68, Pages 334-339
SPIEGEL, George Trust, etal	Vermont Land Trust	Book 50, Pages 205-233
KITCHER Corporation (now Sleepy Hollow LLC)	Vermont Land Trust Vermont Land Trust	Book 49, Pages 437-438 Book 41, Pages 522-528
NATURE CONSERVANCY, The Julian & Tatiana Fischer property	VT Housing & Conservation	Book 48, Pages 356-363
BEHN, P. & PEASE, C. & J. Granite Farm Real Estate Trust	Vermont Land Trust	Book 47, Pages 450-457
EMMONS, Elizabeth B.	Vermont Land Trust	Book 40, Pages 464-469
ROACH, Donald & Nancy	Vermont Land Trust	Book 39, Pages 360-364 Book 39, Pages 456-460
WESBROOK, Margaret & Mary	Vermont Land Trust	Book 38, Pages 425-430
WESBROOK, Margaret & Mary	N. E. Forestry Foundation	Book 38, Pages 431-433
BRETT, Richard M. VT Institute of Nat. Science	VT Institute of Nat. Science Moore, Dorothy S. (now Moore Family Part.)	Book 34, Pages 57-58 Book 34, Pages 75-76
AZAR & SHAW-AZAR, J. Douglas & Sue	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 57, Pages 81-89
DODGE, Steven B.	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 66, Pages 215-224
SINJON FAMILY HOLDINGS, LLC.	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 66, Pages 253-260

BIRIA ST. JOHN TRUST, Trustees of	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 66, Pages 261-267
MARGARET A. ST. JOHN TRUST	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 66, Pages 272-278
GEORGE A. ST. JOHN TRUST	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 66, Pages 285-291
FIELDS, Margery E.	Vermont Land Trust	Book 64, Pages 66-74
CROWL, John A. & Gaal Shepherd	Vermont Land Trust	Book 55, Pages 47-54
CONKLIN, Albert E. & Jean N.	Vermont Land Trust	Book 58, Pages 270-278
SMITH, Eric & Margaret	Upper Valley Land Trust	Book 62, Pages 452-462

RIGHT OF WAY TO 100
ACRE LOT

Book 74, Pages 558-559
(Carsen to Sennott)

Language gives town right of way to
log 100 acre lot

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