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The following list of Selectmen was compiled at the request of former Town Manager Ken Mahony on the occasion of the move to the new Town Offices in 1984. Colonel Edward M. Harris, a former member of the Board of Selectmen, researched the list in the Fall of 1983, shortly before his death. Town staff, Alice Flanders and Barbara Gaunt, assisted in compiling the photos. Selectman Gail L. Ralston updated the photos in 1988, and took on the project once again in 2011 at the urging of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, adding biographies culled from newspaper articles, town reports, and personal submissions. Enjoy these insights into YOUR town fathers (and mothers)!

Selectmen (and Women) (** Masonic Lodge members)

1. George Foster	1855-58; 1859-61; 1863-65
2. Enoch Frye, III	1855-56
3. Jonas Holt	1855-56
4. Charles Shattuck	1856-59
5. Joseph Rice	1856-57
6. John B. Jenkins **	1857-61
7. William Chickering	1858-59
8. Benjamin Boynton	1859-65; 1870-74
9. William S. Jenkins	1861-63; 1865-70; 1876-78
10. Asa A. Abbott	1861-63
11. John B. Abbott	1863-70
12. Herman Phelps	1865-70
13. John H. Flint **	1870-76
14. Lewis G. Holt **	1870-73
15. William H.B. Woodlin	1873-76
16. Simeon Bardwell **	1874-82
17. Charles Greene **	1876-88
18. Charles S. Parker	1878-1980; 1884-1887; 1889-90
19. George L. Abbott **	1880-84
20. Samuel H. Boutwell	1882-1905
21. James P. Butterfield	1887-88
22. B. Frank Smith	1888-89; 1902-07 (resigned)
23. Brooks F. Holt	1888-89
24. John S. Stark	1889-1902
25. Peter D. Smith **	1890-93
26. Arthur Bliss	1893-98 (resigned)
27. William G. Goldsmith **	1898-99 (to fill Bliss vacancy) 1899-1902
28. Samuel H. Bailey **	1902-12

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| 29. Walter S. Donald ** | 1905-19 (lost in 1919)
1920-23 |
| 30. Harry M. Eames ** | 1907-08 (to fill F. Smith vacancy)
1908-1920 (died in office 2/14/20) |
| 31. Charles Bowman | 1912-1927 (died in office) |
| 32. Andrew McTernen ** | 1919-1934 |
| 33. Frank H. Hardy ** | 1923-35 |
| 34. Jeremiah J. Daly | 1928-1930 (fill vacancy – Bowman)
1930-36 |
| 35. Howell F. Shepard ** | 1934-42 (resigned); 1946-49 |
| 36. J. Everett Collins ** | 1935-56 |
| 37. Roy E. Hardy ** | 1936-54 |
| 38. Edward P. Hall ** | 1942-43 (to fill Shepard vacancy);
1943-46;
1959-60 (1-year term, 1959 election) |
| 39. Sidney P. White ** | 1949-1959 (lost in 1959 during
new Town Manager system election)
1966-72 |
| 40. Stafford A. Lindsay ** | 1954-1959
(lost in 1959 during new Town
Manager system election) |
| 41. William V. Emmons ** | 1956-59 |
| 42. Eugene A. Bernardin, Jr. | 1959-62 (3-year term, 1959 election) |
| 43. William Stewart ** | 1959-62 (3-year term, 1959 election)
1962-71 |
| 44. Philip K. Allen ** | 1959-61 (2-year term, 1959 election)
1961-70 |
| 45. James D. Wilson ** | 1959-61 (2-year term, 1959 election)
1961-1963 (resigned) |
| 46. Russell G. Doyle | 1960-63 |
| 47. B. Allen Rowland | 1962-63 (resigned) |

48. Paul W. Cronin	1963-66
49. Robert A. Watters	1963-1964 (to fill Rowland vacancy); 1964-73
50. Roger W. Collins	1964-65 (to fill Wilson vacancy); 1965-74
51. George E. Heseltine	1970-76
52. Milton Greenberg	1971-77
53. Alan F. French	1972-77 (resigned)
54. Edmund J. Sullivan, Jr.	1973-76
55. Janet D. Lake	1974-77
56. Richard J. Bowen	1976-78 (resigned)
57. Susan T. Poore	1976-82
58. Philip J. Salamone	1977-78 (to fill French vacancy)
59. Albert Cole, Jr. **	1977-79 (resigned)
60. Edward M. Harris	1977-83
61. Virginia H. Cole	1978-79 (to fill Bowen vacancy)
62. James Abramson	1978-81
63. Lawrence J. Sullivan	1979-80 (to fill A. Cole vacancy)
64. Norma A. Gammon	1979-85
65. Gerald H. Silverman	1980-98
66. Donn B. Byrne	1981-86 (died in office)
67. William J. Dalton	1982-88
68. Charles H. Wesson, Jr.	1983-95
69. John I. Scileppi	1985-87 (resigned)
70. William T. Downs	1987-1999
71. Gail L. Ralston	1987-88 (to fill Scileppi vacancy); 1988-91
72. James M. Barenboim	1988-1997
73. Larry L. Larsen **	1991-2000
74. Barry Finegold	1995-96 (resigned)

75. John Hess	1996-98 (to fill Finegold vacancy); 1998-2007; 2010-11(to fill Stabile vacancy)
76. Brian Major	1997-present
77. Lori Becker	1998-2001
78. Mary French	1999-01 (died in office)
79. Ted Teichert	2000-2012
80. Mary Lyman	2001-02 (to fill M. French vacancy); 2002-present
81. Ray Hender	2001-2004
82. Alex Vispoli	2004-present
83. Gerry Stabile	2007-10 (elected to 2 nd term, then resigned)
84. Paul Salafia	2011-present (to fill Stabile vacancy)
85. Daniel Kowalski	2012-present



SNIPPETS - Prior to 1855: In most New England towns, the adult voting population gathered annually in a [town meeting](#) to act as the local legislature, approving budgets and laws. Day-to-day operations were originally left to individual oversight, but when towns became too large for individuals to handle such workloads, they would elect an executive board of, literally, select(ed) men to run things for them. These men had charge of the day-to-day operations; selectmen were important in legislating policies central to a community's police force, highway supervisors, [poundkeepers](#), [field drivers](#), and other officials. However, the larger the towns grew, the more power would be distributed among other elected boards, such as fire wardens and police departments. For example, population increases led to the need for actual police departments, of which selectmen typically became the [commissioners](#). The advent of tarred roads and automobile traffic led to a need for full-time highway maintainers and plowmen, leaving selectmen to serve as Supervisors of Streets and Ways. (*Wikipedia*)





Andover Townsman Photo

Reunion 2000

Seated (L to R): Brian Major, Larry Larsen, Ted Teichert

Standing (L to R): Norma Gammon, Bill Downs, Jim Barenboim, Gail Ralston, Jerry Silverman,
John Hess, Lori Becker, Barry Finegold, Mary French

*“Governing is very difficult; harder than it looks;
and one does not accomplish as much as one thought.”*

- Ken Mahony, Andover Town Manager (1982-1990)

*“He was right. Yet the privilege is one I treasure
and view with gratitude.”*

- Larry Larsen, Andover Selectman (1991-2000)

2. Enoch Frye, III

1855-56

Enoch Frye was born in Andover in 1776 and died there in 1864. He was a graduate of Harvard College. He married Mary Shattuck in 1798 and had a family of nine children. He was a Justice of the Peace, carried the title of Ensign and held several town offices. He brother, Reuben, built the stone work of the West Parish Church in 1826, and the late Newton P. Frye was his grandson. He lived on Poor Street in Frye Village, his house being torn down during the development of Shawsheen Village. Though a cordwainer by occupation, he had in his shop a circulating library which was well patronized by the neighborhood. He was a proprietor of the West Parish Church – one of a group of men who made themselves legally responsible for the expenses associated with the church's building - and is buried in the West Parish Cemetery.

3. Jonas Holt

1855-56

(Note: In Fuess' book, *Andover: Symbol of New England*, he lists Jonas' name as James.) From Mr. Holt's obituary September 24, 1869: "Capt. Jonas Holt possessed more than ordinary ability, and was well informed in regard to all matters of public interest. He was much interested in agricultural improvements, and has been several years a trustee of the Essex Agricultural Society, a position which he held at the time of his death. He was for several years collector of taxes, and for a period served as one of the selectmen. He early espoused the cause of the bondmen, and was one of the original members of the Free Church. The death of his wife a few months since, with whom he had had 10 children, proved too much for him to bear up under in his then-enfeebled state of health, and he continued to sink under the severe bereavement. He took great pleasure in listening to the reading of the Scriptures and pious hymns by others, unable, during his protracted illness, to read himself. He neither murmured nor complained in consequence of his sufferings, and seemed very grateful for all the kindnesses he received from his friends. His end was peaceful."

4. Charles Shattuck

1856-59

(From Obituary, August 12, 1898): "By the death of Charles Shattuck of the West Parish...Andover loses one of her oldest and best known citizens. He was born on the 21st of May, 1815, in the West Parish in the same place where he spent the greater part of his long life....His father was a member of a well-known and honored family, one of the first who settled in Andover...On June 15, 1840 he was married to Rosetta Hopkins of Michigan and took her to the old homestead....Mr. Shattuck was for many years a

member of the West Parish church...He was among those of whom alas so few remain, who had an interest in this church from the beginning...In the days of school districts he was elected district committee (member) for several years. He also served the town as Selectman...Of more than ordinary intelligence, a constant reader of current events, his quiet and simple life was broadened and enriched by interests extending far beyond his own circle. When such a man is removed (by death), it is like the falling of the sturdy oak which has survived the storms of many years. These venerable citizens, of which Andover has had so many, deserve from us respect in life, and an affectionate remembrance at death.” In the 1894 Street Directory, Mr. Shattuck was listed as being on the Republican Town Committee. During the Rebellion, Mr. Shattuck served as West Parish Highway District #14 Head (overseeing “roads and bridges”) that, among other things, monitored local military recruitment. In 1856 he was a member of the “Committee to Settle Accounts with North Andover.”



5. Joseph Rice

1856-57

Major Joseph Rice, 1792-1867. Wheelwright by profession. From his obituary August 30, 1867: “Though not a native of Andover, Major Rice was a person familiar to many of our citizens from his long residence here and the steady and diligent pursuit of his vocation. He removed to this town in the year 1819 (at the age of 28 and having served in the War of 1812) and for 31 years past had boarded with the family of Mr. Daniel Abbott. In former days he took a lively interest in the militia system of the Commonwealth, and made himself master of the tactics of that time. Although it was his misfortune to have received but the most meager education in his youth, he was able by effort and study to do good and faithful service to the town of his adoption in several important offices of responsibility, having been elected Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, Town Treasurer, and one of the School Committee of the town,

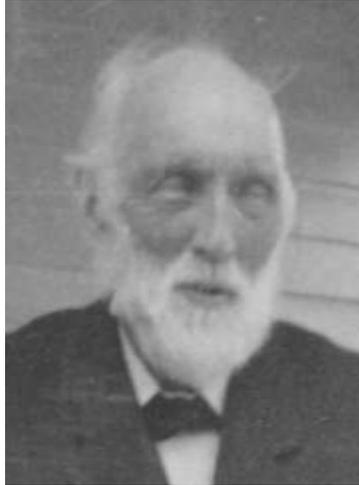
besides filling the office of Treasurer of the South Parish Society for several terms very acceptably. He was also for many years, and until the purchase was made by the Essex Company, clerk of the Proprietors of the Andover Bridge Corporation. He held, until within a few years, a commission as coroner of the County of Essex. In all these several offices and in the discharge of his duties therein he took an honest pride, with an eye single to the accuracy and fidelity of his work. It was in these duties, as in the mechanical work of his trade, a prime object with him to be correct and thorough, shunning with instinctive repugnance all sham and imposition. In his daily walk to and from his place of business, in his fidelity to his promises, in his honest endeavor to discharge aright all the duties of good citizenship, which a better early education might perhaps have tempered with more wisdom, his deportment and his character throughout his life with us entitled him to universal respect, and his many excellencies are worthy of being held in grateful remembrance. In 1856 the Town Report noted that he was one of the “Committee to Settle Accounts with North Andover.”



SNIPPETS – Of the 85 selectmen to date, over 30% have held memberships in Masonic Lodges (indicated with a **). The Square and Compass Club, once located at the corner of High and Elm Streets, was a social club for Master Masons. Long-time Town Moderator Jim Doherty shared a once popularly-held belief: “Decisions on town government were made Saturday night at the Square and Compass Club, finalized at South Church the next morning, and executed at the Selectmen’s meeting Monday night.” Of course, this was before the Open Meeting Law!

(p. 46, Andover: A Century of Change)





6. John B. Jenkins **

1857-61

John B. Jenkins was an Andover farmer with his home on Salem Street (Jenkins' Corner) in the Holt District at which his funeral was held September 14, 1913, with a young J. Everett Collins serving as one of the singers. Mr. Jenkins was born in Andover, on October 7, 1829, to Benjamin and Betsey in the same house in which he died. The home where he grew up, from which he was mustered to the War of The Rebellion on August 26, 1864, and to which he returned, was built in 1807 and was the home of his father. During the Civil War he served in Company B, 11th Massachusetts regiment as Corporal, and had since been a well-known member of the Grand Army. During this time, he also served on the Town's Committee of National Defense. He was discharged on June 4, 1865, by expiration of service. Since the war he had lost both of his legs, amputations being necessary following accidents. The injury which resulted in the second amputation was sustained while he was engaged in fighting a forest fire near his home in 1902. As a citizen of the town he had had a long and honorable career, filling several positions of responsibility and trust. He served as selectman and for several years was one of the special commissioners of Essex County, acting in this capacity together with the late Hon. George Foster. In 1865-66 he served in the Legislature. He was also a Justice of the Peace for several years, a member of the local Grand Army Post and a member of the Lodge of Masons. Mr. Jenkins was married in 1853 to Ellen Holt, had seven children, and with whom he celebrated their 60th anniversary.

7. William Chickering

1858-59

Born in North Andover, William Chickering moved to Andover in his youth and lived there until his death. His obituary reported: "Died in Andover June 5, 1880 of heart disease, William Chickering, Esq. in the 69th year of his age; resided in this Town about 50 years. During this protracted period he has borne a part in public affairs, having when

quite young been chosen a Selectman. In 1859 he represented the Town in the General Court, and filled other important positions, including serving as Town Auditor in 1856 and 1857. (A carpenter by trade), for 15 years he was builder and superintendent of repairs for the Trustees of Phillips Academy, but resigned about a year ago on account of failing health. He was a valuable public spirited citizen, taking an active part in Town Meetings and always giving his support to judicious improvement. He was a man of sound judgment, and entertained positive opinions which he did not hesitate to express on all proper occasions.” During The Rebellion, Mr. Chickering served on several Town Committees related to that conflict: was original chairman of the meeting to form an Andover Military Company; was member of “Committee of 25” (see above); member of “Committee of 3” that appointed Highway District Heads; Head of District #1 and a member of the Committee of National Defense. He and (later) Selectman William S. Jenkins served on a Committee for arranging a temporary armory in the Town Hall. In 1854 when the Town of Andover was considering the move to divide the town, Mr. Chickering was appointed to the committee to take the proposal before the state legislative “Joint Committee on Towns.” The Andover committee, the “Committee on the Division of the Town,” reported no progress at that time, as the legislature forced a decision postponement to allow more time to weigh the sentiment of the entire town. At his death he left his widow and one son, Mr. George E. Chickering, who was prominent in Lawrence. His funeral took place at South Church.

8. Benjamin Boynton

1859-65; 1870-74

Mr. Boynton was a market gardener with his home on Lowell Street, near the church, in the West Parish District. During the Rebellion, he served in several capacities as the Town addressed its obligations of military quotas. Mr. Boynton served on an initial “Committee of 5” that appointed the “Committee of 25.” He also was a member of the Committee of 25 himself. He was on the “Committee of 3” that appointed District Heads as well as the Head of Districts 14, 15 and 18. As one of the three Selectmen during this period, he was a member of the Committee of National Defense and served on the “Committee of 7” that investigated claims of Soldiers and other Volunteers who filed against the Town. In 1865 he was listed in the Town Report as a “military recruiter” and was named Highway District #14 head in 1869 and 1870.



9. William S. Jenkins

1861-63; 1865-70; 1876-78

Mr. Jenkins was president of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company with his residence at 69 Main Street. William Jenkins was also a Selectman during The Rebellion and, as such, a member of the Committee of National Defense. He served as the Head of Highway Districts 8, 9 and, in 1858, District 11, as well as on the “Committee of 7” that investigated claims of Soldiers and other Volunteers that was filed against the Town. He also served, with former Selectman William Chickering, on a Committee for arranging a temporary armory in Town Hall. He was a Town Assessor in 1860; an “Assessor of Bank Taxes” in 1876-77; an Auditor in 1858 and 1882; and a member of the Board of Public Works in 1899. Mr. Jenkins also served on the Town’s Cemetery Committee and was listed, in the Town Report of 1897, as a Sewer Commissioner.

10. Asa A. Abbott

1861-63

Asa A. Abbott was the third Selectman during the initial Town Response to the Rebellion. With Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Boynton he was on the Committee of National Defense as well as on the “Committee of 7” that investigated claims of Soldiers and other Volunteers that was filed against the Town. In 1859, Mr. Abbott was paid \$1 by the Town for “surveying.” In 1860 he was a Town Assessor.

11. John B. Abbott

1863-70

Mr. Abbott was an Andover farmer with his home on Main Street in the “Scotland District.” He served as Selectman during part of the Rebellion. (His obituary called his selectman service “faithful, efficient and painstaking.”) In the town report, “*Record of Andover During the Rebellion.*” he was listed as serving on the “Committee of 7” with the others. (Only one member of this Committee, Town Treasurer Edward Taylor, was

never on the Board of Selectmen.). His obituary, on February 16, 1900 (age 82 years and five months), noted that Mr. Abbott was an attendant at the Universalist Church when that denomination still had an active place of worship here. Mr. Abbott did not belong to any of the local lodges or societies.

12. Herman Phelps 1865-70

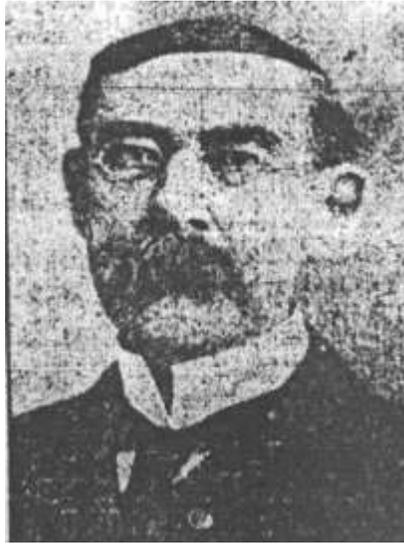
(also spelled “Hermon” in the Rebellion report as well as in the annual Town Auditor’s Report) Mr. Phelps was one of the “Committee of 7” and was elected Selectman at the end of the War of Rebellion. Prior to the War, he was Head of Highway Districts 18 (1858) and 14 (1860). Mr. Phelps was married to Esther (Merrill) Phelps and they had one son, Frank C. They lived on the family farm in the West Parish that had been home to generations of the Phelps family. Mr. Phelps was Clerk of the West Parish Church.



13. John H. Flint ** 1870-76

Born in Andover in 1842, John Houghton Flint was educated in the public schools and began his active life at the age of seventeen as a market man and in the development of his real estate interests. He was in the meat and provision business until he entered Tyer Rubber Company in 1876 as president and director and, as treasurer, from 1882 to 1914, with a total of nearly 40 years with that company alone. At the same time he was connected with Craighead & Kintz in Ballardvale. In early life he was a Selectman and Assessor for six years, Town Treasurer for ten years, and member of the Finance Committee. When water was introduced into town, he was a member of the first Board of Water Commissioners, where he served for ten years, or until the board was merged into a Board of Public Works, continuing on that board for an additional period of three years. In 1875 he served on the committee “taking school children’s names for bank tax

assessment.” He also served as Chief of the Fire Department. During the 250th Anniversary celebration, he was a member of the “Banquet Committee” and the “Committee on Manufacturing and Trades Exhibit.” Mr. Flint was a trustee of the Andover Savings Bank for 32 years, being Vice President for 14 years and President for 12 years. He was also a Director and President of the Andover National Bank, on the first Board of Directors of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company for 16 years, Treasurer of the Andover & Wilmington Railroad and “an officer or close counselor in practically all of the other local business enterprises.” He was the youngest of a family of eight children and the only son. His father, John Flint, was the first Treasurer of the bank. After his terms as Selectman he continued to be helpful to his community, as it was reported (on May 21, 1880) that he “recently killed a cow for Mrs. Maria Morton at the Capt. Curtis homestead.” Mr. Flint pronounced it “as fine beef as was ever raised for the New England market.” Later that year, it was reported that Mr. Flint “has Spanish onions for sale.” In 1905 he was elected president of the New England Rubber Club. In the announcement, he is described as “absolutely without pretense of any kind, sincere, straightforward, a firm friend, very much of a philosopher, with a goodly share of humor; popular wherever he is known.” Associated with virtually every community project of the period, he was a member of the Building Committee for additional land to erect the new Memorial Hall Library. But perhaps his best-known real estate venture came with his purchase of the Elm House and its property. When that failed to make money, Mr. Flint had the building torn down, replacing it with today’s Musgrove Building and naming it after Lord Mayor Musgrove of London, a family friend. At the time, the building’s flat-iron design was considered unique, and architecture students used to travel to Andover to study the building. In addition, Mr. Flint laid out Maple Avenue; developed Elm Court and owned houses on Summer Street. In his obituary, dated December 1, 1916, it was noted that “Mr. Flint was an ardent Mason and past Master of St. Matthew’s Lodge. His other fraternal associations embraced a membership in the Andover Lodge I.O.O.F., the Shawsheen Club, and the Andover Club.” Mr. Flint married Frances A. Tyler in 1873, and they resided in the “Flint Mansion” (home of his father) at the corner of Elm and High Streets.



14. Lewis G. Holt **

1870-73

Lewis Garrison Holt, known affectionately as “Gat,” was born to Jonas and Pamela P. Holt in Andover on November 15, 1839. He was educated in the public schools and entered Phillips Academy. Mr. Holt worked with his brothers (see Brooks F. Holt, 23rd Selectman) on the family’s Holt Road farm until the spring of 1861 when he left the Academy as Civil War was declared. During the Rebellion, he mustered July 5, 1861 as a Private with Company H, 14th Massachusetts Infantry, 1st Heavy Artillery, on the same day as his older brother Warren E. While in service, Gat often wrote letters to his sister Caroline, on two occasions describing how he saw Abraham Lincoln. He was promoted to Corporal on March 1, 1862. On May 19, 1864 at Harris Farm, Spottsylvania, Gat survived unharmed but soon learned that seven Andover boys were killed while six lay dying and an additional 21 were listed as casualties. One month later, on June 12, 1864, Mr. Holt was “slightly wounded” at Cold Harbor just before his enlistment ended on July 8, 1864 “by expiration of service.” He came home to the Andover farm which he later inherited and where in 1869 he brought his new bride, Emma Jenkins of Bradford. Here he was engaged in the milk business for eight years. He also joined with other veterans to form, in 1881, the Andover Post 99 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). In Andover, he served as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor and as Highway District Head. On January 1, 1873, he moved to Lawrence where he became an ice dealer, working with brother Brooks. (This ice company, The Lawrence Ice Company with B.F. as President and Gat as Treasurer, boasted agencies in Methuen, Andover and Lawrence.) Also while in Lawrence, “Gat” served as Postmaster under the administration of President Benjamin Harrison, as school committeeman, as city councilman and as chairman of the license commission. It was written that he took an active interest in the development and progress of the city. Mr. Holt was affiliated with

the Needham Post 39, G.A.R., Phoenician Lodge, A.F. and A.M., and the Home Club. He was a Director of the Merchants Trust Company and the Lawrence Savings Bank, where he was also a member of its investment committee. When Lewis Garrison Holt died unexpectedly of pneumonia on December 23, 1916, at the age of 77, bells in Lawrence tolled in tribute. The *Lawrence Evening Tribune* noted that “the best of medical aid failed in its efforts to benefit him and at 6:45 a.m. the spark of life flickered out.” The paper described Mr. Holt as a “sterling citizen.”

15. William H.B. Woodlin 1873-76

Mr. Woodlin lived on Centre Street in Ballardvale and was a grocer under the business name, “Greene and Woodlin (opposite depot).” (see Greene listing below) In the 1876 Town Report, Mr. Woodlin was listed as being on the committee “taking school children’s names for bank tax assessments.”

16. Simeon Bardwell ** 1874-81

(From his obituary, July 15, 1881): “Simeon Bardwell, Esq. passed away at his residence in the West Parish on the morning of July 8 after being confined to his house by sickness but one week. He was born May 13, 1821 at the place where he died, soon after the return of his parents, Rev. Horatio and Mrs. Rachel Bardwell, from Bombay, where they had been foreign missionaries. The family settled with Simeon Forbush, his mother’s father, on a farm in the West Parish. After his parents moved away, Mr. Bardwell returned to Andover and spent several years with his grandfather, before he was married, eventually purchasing the old homestead of his maternal ancestors, and resided upon it until his death. He was married March 16, 1842, to Almira E. Plummer of New Hampshire. Mr. Bardwell has, for many years, been a prominent citizen of the town, having been Representative of the General Court, and at the time of his demise was serving eight consecutive years as Selectman. He possessed energy and efficiency, and was firm when firmness was necessary, but always yielding to the right when convinced of being in error. He responded promptly to calls for advice and assistance, particularly in cases of sickness and affliction. He was a progressive farmer, always adopting intelligent methods of improvement to cultivation and machinery. He kept the best of stock on his farm, and took pride in driving a good horse...Funeral services were observed at the late residence of the deceased...At the head of the casket was a pillow of beautiful carnations with the word “Father” in the centre, which was furnished by Messrs. Abbott and Greene, late associate Selectmen with the deceased. An elegant square and compass, and other floral designs of cut flowers were contributed by St. Matthew’s Lodge. The bearers were George L. Abbott, Charles Greene, Peter D. Smith and Isaac

Carruth. There was a very large attendance and the procession numbered two barges and sixth-three other carriages. A large number of the members of St. Matthew's Lodge of Freemasons, of which the deceased was a worthy member, were in attendance. At the cemetery the Masons took charge of the remains and they were buried under the impressive ceremonies of the order. Notwithstanding the extreme heat, the mourners and friends, most of them, remained until the conclusion of the interesting but mournful services. The Town Report noted that Mr. Bardwell was the "Notifying Officer" of the Police Department in 1862; was Highway District 17 Head in 1871 and, in 1875, was on the committee "taking school children's names for bank tax assessment."



SNIPPETS – By 1855, the Town of Andover (Andover and North Andover today) was experiencing growing pains. The town had already been divided into the North, South (1711) and West (1826) Parishes simply due to the physical distances. The first step in formalizing a separation occurred on March 6, 1854, when Town Meeting voted it "expedient to divide the town according to the boundary line between the North and South Parishes, or thereabouts." Once approved by the State Legislature, conditions of the separation were established. These included keeping Punchard High School open to North Andover students; Town of Andover paying North Andover \$6,500 for "losses;" Andover providing a complete copy of town records; division of fire engines and the turning over of the Almshouse to the Town of Andover.

(p. 303 – *Andover: Symbol of New England*)



17. Charles Greene **

1876-1888

Charles Greene was a grocer, in business with another Selectman, William Woodlin (see above) and also lived on Centre Street in Ballardvale. During the town's 250th Anniversary, he was a member of the "Committee on Invitations and Guests." He served the town in 1897 as a member of the Finance Committee, Cemetery Committee and, for many years, he was a Trustee of the Cornell Fund. He was also one of the "Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, and Manure" and served a short while in the State Legislature. Mr. Greene was the son of Eaton and Sarah and was born in Andover. He served in The Rebellion, mustered July 5, 1861; Private, Company H, 1st Heavy Artillery; discharged July 8, 1864, by expiration of service. Following the War, he held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) as well as membership in St. Matthew's Masonic Lodge.

Part II.

18. Charles S. Parker 1878-1981; 1884-1887; 1889-90

Andover Druggist; business on Main Street, home on Summer Street. On September 17, 1880 it was reported that Mr. Parker “just finished a pleasure wagon” (he was the painter) that was “not probably excelled by any other similar carriage in town.” In 1885 his business was reported as that of “undertaker” with his business on Park Street. From his obituary October 13, 1893: “Since disposing of his undertaking business a few months ago, he has failed rapidly. With the exception of the two years spent in Stoneham, Mr. Parker has always lived in Andover where he was known and respected by almost every family. He was for many years Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and a very active worker. [He served as “Assessor of Bank Tax” in 1778 and 1779; and was a Town Tax Collector in 1881 and 1882.] He was no politician in the ordinary sense of the term but had a firm belief in the principles of the Democratic Party and stuck to them when almost the only one in town.”



19. George L. Abbott ** 1880-84

George Lewis Abbott was an Andover businessman. Said to be the first man in Andover to carry on an ice harvesting business (see Brooks Holt below). His home was on Gray Road “in the Holt District” and later on Chestnut Street. In 1885 his business, the well-known firm of Abbott & Jenkins, was reported to be “carpenter and builder,” located on Punchard Avenue. (His obituary listed many public buildings and private residences, both in town and out, that his firm had built.) From his obituary May 31, 1889: “Mr.

Abbott was 67 years and seven months old, and was born in West Parish, on the Ashworth Farm, opposite the estate of Mr. George Holt. The day before his death he rode past this estate and spoke of it as the place of his birth. After the death of his father, when he was eight years old, he went to Hollis, New Hampshire to work, spending eight years there. He then returned to this town where his mother lived and at the age of 17, on April 1, 1839, he began work at his trade as an apprentice carpenter with Jacob Chickering in the old shop on Essex Street. He worked at this trade for a number of years and in 1850 or 51 he entered into business with Horace Wilson and Mr. Thompson. The firm continued but a short time, after which he formed a partnership with Moses Clement, and this continued until the death of Mr. Clement in 1867. In 1870 he allied himself with W.S. Jenkins (see #9) and from then until 1885 this well-known building firm was the most prominent and successful in this vicinity. Their work was not only in Andover but all over the surrounding region. The deceased was identified with all public interests. At two different times he filled the office of Selectman with great success and credit to himself. Twice he was engaged in taking the valuation of the town, which is done once every 10 years. He was also a Director of the Merrimack Insurance Company. At the time of the Pemberton fire in Lawrence, he was greatly interested in the fire department here and in fact he was one of those men who are always ready to aid in any worthy object and who are willing to work for the public good. For many years he was a member of South Church, being its treasurer at the time of his death. One very pretty fact in his life was his love and interest in the young, a fact which has been noticed and spoken of by many. The shop of Hardy & Cole, Mr. Abbott's old place of business, was closed to allow employees to attend the funeral. The flowers (at the funeral) were handsome, and included a pillow given by St. Matthew's Lodge of Masons, of which the deceased was a member."



20. Samuel H. Boutwell

1882-1905

Samuel H. Boutwell was born in West Andover on March 25, 1838, where he lived his entire life. His parents were George Boutwell and Fanny Hyde. He attended Andover's

district schools and graduated from Phillips Academy, member of the class of 1856. He taught school for four winters, two in Tewksbury and two in Andover. Mr. Boutwell married Alice J. Trull of Tewksbury on January 12, 1865. He was an Andover farmer and “market gardener” who lived in the “Bailey District” and was a charter member of the Andover Grange. Before the organization of The Grange, he was a promoter of the Farmers’ Club, an organization meeting in the Town Hall which flourished for a few years. He was interested in “all kinds of orcharding” and his farm was covered with fruit trees. The old home was built on a cherry orchard. “It is interesting to recall that many of the old trees on Andover Hill were set out by father and son, the father meeting the son in town for this purpose while the latter was a student at the Academy.” Mr. Boutwell became a member of the school committee in 1865 as the age of 21; continuing in 1866; 1868; 1873-76 and 1878-81. In 1874 he was elected representative to the Massachusetts Legislature. He was a long-time Trustee of the Punchard Free School – 1899-1918. In 1890 he was also listed as a member of a committee “running the town lines.” During the town’s 250th Anniversary, he served on two committees: as Chair of the “Committee of Loan Collections and Historic Sites” and member of the “Committee on Invitations and Guests.” In later years, Mr. Boutwell served as Town Auditor and on the Finance Committee. He was one of the charter members of the Andover Grange and a deacon of the West Parish Church.

21. James P. Butterfield 1887-88

James P. Butterfield was born in Tyngsboro, Mass. His father was James Butterfield, a noted millwright. James P. was educated at Winslow Academy in Tyngsboro. His father having died when he was 20 years old, James P. assumed his business and later built mills in Houston, Texas, Lowell, Lawrence, Canton, Andover and North Andover. He was a member of the first Board of Water Commissioners, an auditor in 1884, and later served on the Board of Public Works, also a Selectman for a short period. In 1897 he was listed as being on the town’s “Cemetery Committee.” He was a Director of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company for ten years. His early Andover home was on the Butterfield Farm in the southeast part of the town where, in 1892, it was reported that Mr. Butterfield harvested 500 bushels of an “exceptional quality” of cranberries. Later in life he purchased and occupied a house on School Street, now occupied by Mr. E.V. French, where he died. He married a daughter of Mr. William Jenkins, a former trustee of the bank.



22. B. Frank Smith

1888-89; 1902-07 (resigned)

Born in Andover on May 13, 1849 to Peter and Esther (Ward) Smith, Benjamin Franklin Smith, Esq. was the youngest son of Peter Smith, a former Trustee of the Andover Bank. He was educated in Andover Public Schools and at Phillips Academy, Class of 1869. Employed by the Smith & Dove Manufacturing Company for a time, he learned the leather business in Norway, Maine, and for a number of years was a prominent importer of goat-skins, with headquarters in Boston. During the latter part of his life, he was connected with the American Woolen Company as Director in the Ayer Mill, the Manufactures Storage and Warehouse Company, and the Burlington Flouring Company. He was interested in town affairs, being selectman for five years, and also interested in the Fire Department. The hook and ladder truck was named for him in recognition of that interest. Mr. Smith was a strong supporter of the Andover Brass Band. Prior to the office of Selectman, Mr. Smith, on April 23, 1880, was appointed to the Town's "Fish Committee" overseeing fishing in Haggett's Pond; the Committee also issued fishing licenses. He was a member of the Andover Grange and owned "one of the town's best farms" in West Parish, run by a superintendent. The "news" of December 24, 1880, had Mr. Smith slaughtering "a pair of young fat oxen....that can be seen at the Market House of the Valpey Brothers." In 1896 he was a member of the "Banquet Committee" for the 250th Anniversary. Mr. Smith died in Boston at the Hotel Puritan where he was spending the winter with his wife, Alice Stuart Jenkins, the daughter of former Selectman William S. Jenkins. Their family home in Andover was on Central Street. In his obituary of February 23, 1917, it was noted that "the death of B. Frank Smith removes the last of the active members of the Peter Smith family from Andover interests."



23. Brooks F. Holt

1888-89

The business of cutting, storing and delivering ice to Andover customers was carried on for 70 years before the advent of residential “ice boxes.” Brooks Holt was one of these “ice men,” starting in 1861 and, at one point, being distinguished as “the oldest businessman in Andover.” Mr. Holt had been in business on his own for several years at his home on South Main Street in the “Holt District,” damming a pond on his property, called “Butterfield’s Mill Pond,” previously a “cranberry bog and blueberry swamp,” for use as an ice pond. In 1873 he and his brother, Lewis G. Holt (Andover’s 14th Selectman), went to Lawrence and bought out an ice company there, carrying on the business in that way until 1888, when they formed the Lawrence Ice Company. (Lewis moved his home to Lawrence; Brooks kept his Andover home.) Continuing his private ice business in Andover, he harvested his ice from Pomp’s Pond and, when necessary, from ponds in New Hampshire. In 1905 Mr. Holt purchased the Andover Ice Company business previously owned by T. Frank Nuckley with office buildings at 44 Park Street. Frank Nuckley began a new ice business – The People’s Ice Company – with his brother Joseph Nuckley. [In 1912, Mr. Holt’s Andover trade consumed about 5,000 tons of ice yearly (2,000 from the pond near his home; 3,000 from Pomp’s Pond). The Lawrence Ice Company cut 55,000 tons of ice every winter, part on the Merrimack, part on Mystic Pond in Methuen, and part on Lake Cochichewick in North Andover.] In 1914, The People’s Ice Company merged with Holt’s company when Mr. Holt retired. It was reported in the local paper, also, that Mr. Holt “had a love and pride in farming.” Mr. Holt confirmed this, saying that “the point nearest my heart (are my) tomato plants,” proudly noting (in 1913) that his plants “had tomatoes as large as walnuts twelve days after setting them out.” Mr. Holt referred to himself as “a public servant.”



24. John S. Stark

1889-1902

Mr. Stark ran a “Meat and Provisions” store in Ballardvale. He was born in Andover and was the son of William A. and Martha A. Stark. He received his education in the public schools and at Punchard. On July 4, 1871 he married Ellen Fletcher of Tilton, New Hampshire, with whom he had five children, and lived in Ballardvale on Marland Street. The 1890 Town Report, under “Town Officers,” indicated that Mr. Stark also had the responsibility of “running the town lines” with Mr. Boutwell. He represented the Ballardvale area for 13 years. During his service, he was “recognized as a hard worker and influential in securing many improvements for the town.” It was reported that his work had always been associated with the Poor Department, and “as the virtual agent of the board he had become an expert in the care and oversight of that branch of town work.” At his retirement from the board, it was said: “his term has covered almost the entire ‘development period’ of the town, in which it was passed from the country town to the suburban residence district. He has seen water, sewers, gas, electric lights, street cars, improved roads, sidewalks, and many other modern improvements come since his first election.” Mr. Stark was born in Andover and was the son of William A. and Martha A. Stark. He was educated in the public schools and at Punchard. He was a member of the “Committee on Invitations and Guests” during the town’s 250th celebration. On July 4, 1871, he married Ellen Fletcher of Tilton, New Hampshire, with whom he had five children.

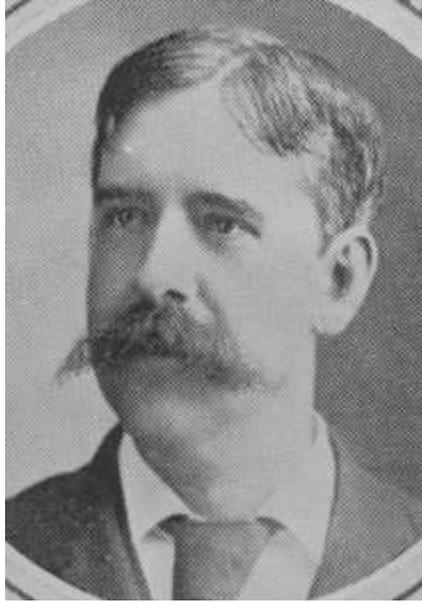


25. Peter D. Smith

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1890-93

Born in Andover August 24, 1842, the second son of Peter, former trustee of the bank, and Esther H. Smith. Peter Smith was educated in the public schools and, during The Rebellion entered the army at the age of 19, July 5, 1861. During his term of service he was honored with promotions: Corporal, Company H, 1st Heavy Artillery; Sargeant February 16, 1862; 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to Company G on August 3, 1863. At the battle of Spottsylvania on May 19, 1864, he was injured by the loss of two fingers. On August 1, 1864 he was honorably discharged due to his injury. In 1867 Mr. Smith married Abby J. Chandler of Andover, with whom he had three daughters. He was prominent in Grand Army circles, not only in the town but in the Commonwealth; also, he was much interested in the Soldiers Home in Chelsea, being president of its board of trustees for 12 years. With the help of his father, he built a building at the Home which bears the name of "Peter Smith Building." After the war he lived in Gloucester, carrying on a wholesale fish business. Upon the death of his father in 1880, he moved to Andover and occupied the Punchard house in Andover Square. Later upon the death of his mother he moved into the home place in the West Parish. He was Selectman of the town for three years and served on the Board of Registrars. During this time, the paper reported, "he gave efficient service...at a time when the street railway development and many local improvements made his position one not easy to fill." In 1896, during the town's 250th Anniversary celebration, Mr. Smith was "Chair of the Procession" and its "Chief Marshall." He was connected with the Smith & Dove Manufacturing Company and at the time of his death was its President. He was a Director of the Andover National Bank for three years. He attended the West Parish Church in town where he was a deacon for 30 years, and held memberships in St. Matthew's Masonic Lodge, the Lawrence chapter of the Loyal Legion, the local GAR Post, and the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea.



26. Arthur Bliss

1893-98 (resigned)

Arthur Bliss was a long-time druggist in town with his “apothecary” in the old bank building on Main Street and his home at 37 High Street. He served on the town’s Finance Committee, Park Commission and on the Board of Health. He also served as the Manager of the Andover Brass Band and Orchestra. As selectman in 1896, Mr. Bliss was a member of the “Committee of 15” that planned the celebration of the town’s 250th Anniversary. As a member of this committee he chaired the Music Committee and served on the Committee in charge of “Invitations and Guests.” During World War I, Mr. Bliss was a musician in “Company H” – an Andover Home Guard Company.



SNIPPETS – Early in the Town’s history, the Selectmen were charged with keeping the accounts for “Town Reckonings.” Settlers took care to insure, as far as possible, that the town was made up of “choice men,” “very desirables,” and “good Christians.” In the Town Record of 1717, Selectmen were empowered “to examine to the character and habits of all persons seeking residence and to admit none who were idle or immoral.” “Desirables” were encouraged to settle through the awarding of grants of land or furnishing facilities for the investment of capital as in mills and ironworks. Ministers and masters of grammar schools were exempt from taxation.

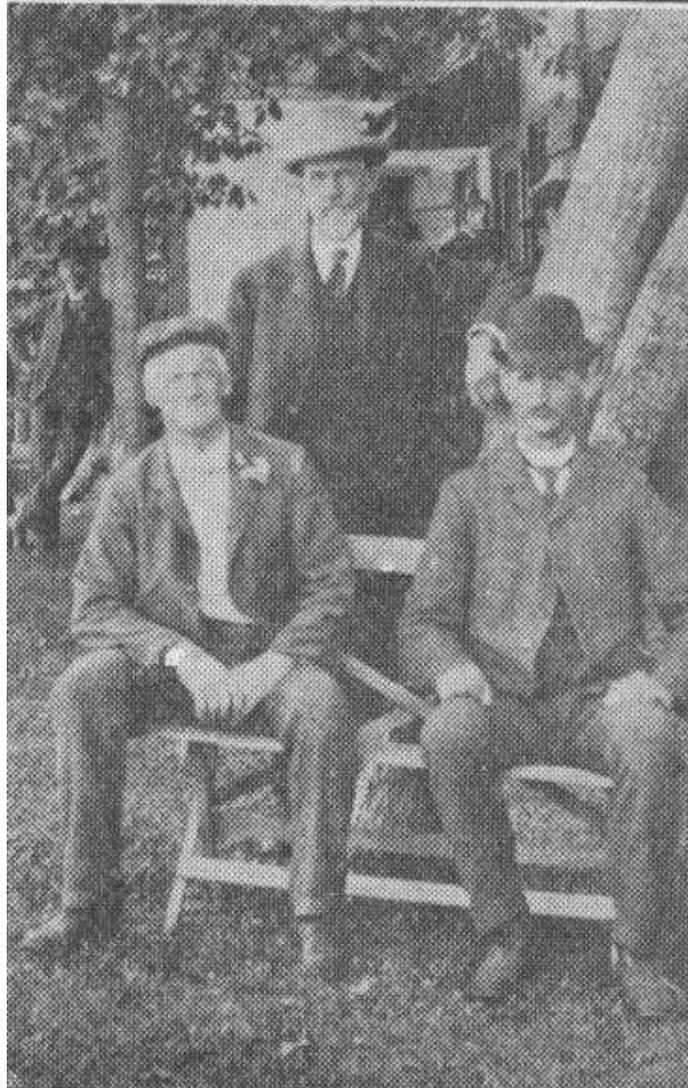
(p. 145, Historical Sketches of Andover)





27. William G. Goldsmith ** 1898-1899 (fill Bliss vacancy)
1899-1902

William Gleason Goldsmith was born to Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Gleason) Goldsmith in the Scotland District on November 28, 1832. Educated at Phillips Academy, he entered Harvard College in 1853 and was graduated with high honors in 1857. He was a Greek scholar, studied anatomy, and returned to Andover to read law with Andover's Squire Nathan Hazen. In 1858 he accepted the position of principal of the Punchard Free School, which he held for 28 years. He also taught at Phillips Academy as a Peabody Instructor in Natural Sciences and, briefly, as principal (headmaster) of the school when Dr. Taylor passed away in 1870. Following that, he served as Andover Postmaster, 1886-1895, as Park Commissioner in 1897; on Andover's new Park Commission, and as Andover Selectman, 1898-1902. He was a member of the town's 250th Anniversary Committee as part of the "Committee on Invitations and Guests." With all those achievements, Mr. Goldsmith was perhaps best known as a naturalist and fierce conservationist. Botany was his lifelong hobby, and he collected plants of the region. He served as both President and Vice President of the Andover Natural History Society. In addition, he was a prime mover in the founding of the Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS) in 1894, serving as its first President. The family acreage around Foster's Pond, Goldsmith Woodlands, drew his constant attention. He married Joanna Bailey Holt and was father to three, among them Bessie Punchard Goldsmith, who was well-known in town in her own right. The family home was located at 60 Elm Street. In the Book, *AVIS: A History in Conservation* it was said of Mr. Goldsmith: "Every tree, shrub and meanest flower that grew had for him an interest supplanted by a wide botanical knowledge of its habits. He was untiring in his efforts to make a more beautiful Andover."



Andover Townsman Photo

Selectmen 1904

(left to right) B. Frank Smith, Samuel H. Boutwell and Samuel H. Bailey



SNIPPETS – Prior to 1959 and the adoption of the Town Manager Charter, selectmen appeared on the election ballot three times: as Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor; as candidates for the Board of Assessors; and as candidates for the Board of Public Welfare. As each position was voted on individually, it was possible, though fairly rare, for members of these three boards to be different persons. After the Town Manager Charter, Selectmen were forbidden to hold town positions other than that of Selectman.





28. Samuel H. Bailey ** 1902-1912

Samuel H. Bailey was born in Andover, “near the depot.” September 11, 1848, the son of Samuel G. and Clarissa (Needham) Bailey. He was educated in Andover’s district schools and his early life was spent on his father’s farm. He began farming himself at the age of 21 on his own farm in the West Parish. In 1874, Mr. Bailey married Ada A. Carpenter of Maine, who pre-deceased him. On December 20, 1882, his second marriage was made with Elizabeth B. Abbott, who belongs to one of the oldest Andover families. At that time, he took over the management of his wife’s farm, residing in the Abbott homestead on Porter Street, then occupied by the eighth generation. Mr. Bailey served the town as selectman from 1902 until 1912 when he was elected a representative to the General Court for a two-year term. He also served the town as a “Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber.” Mr. Bailey was active in several of the town’s fraternal groups, including, as a charter member, the Andover Grange No. 183, P. of H., of which he was past Master; Andover Lodge No. 230, I.O.O.F., of which he was a past Noble Grand Master; Lincoln Lodge No. 78, A.O.U.W; Crystal Lodge; Indian Ridge Daughters of Rebekah; and St. Matthew’s Lodge, A.F.&A.M.. He attended the South Congregational Church but also belonged to the Baptist Church in Tewksbury.



29. Walter S. Donald ** 1905-1919 (lost in 1919); 1920-23

Walter Smart Donald was born in Andover on March 13, 1850, the son of William Cooper Donald and Agnes B. Smart who were both natives of Scotland. He attended Phillips Academy, Class of 1869, and married Clara E. Clement of Andover on May 13, 1874. From 1905-1923 he served the town as Selectman and Assessor with the exception of the year 1919 when the office of Selectman was filled by Andrew McTernen. For several years Mr. Donald acted as Chairman of the Board. As a Selectman during World War I, Mr. Donald was a member of the "Committee on Local Survey" whose task was to inventory the available resources of material and manpower in town, including compiling lists of "all automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles, as well as skilled workers." He also served the town on the Finance Committee, as Civil Constable for 10 years and was one of the Board of Engineers. He was a director of the Lawrence Cooperative Bank. For over 30 years in Frye Village he was engaged in the manufacture of printing ink and lamp black. In 1893 he bought out the business, which he subsequently conducted under the firm name of W.C. Donald & Company. St. Matthew's Lodge of Masons and the Andover Square & Compass Club were his only fraternal affiliations. His business was listed as "371 North Main Street" and his home at "9 Union Street."



30. Harry M. Eames **

1907-1908 (fill B.F. Smith vacancy)
1908-1920 (died in office, 2/14/20)

Born in Andover July 9, 1853, Harry M. Eames attended the public schools and Punchard High School, graduating in 1871. Some years later he moved to Lawrence where he was elected an Assessor (for the years 1889, 1890 and 1891) and learned the trade of wool sorter at the Pacific Mills in Lawrence. While in that city, he was the wool buyer for the Prospect Woolen Mills, 1892-1895, when he was elected Treasurer of the Crescent Worsted mills. He was also connected with the Lawrence Fire Department. He returned to Andover in 1897 and made his home with Mr. Plato Eames, who had married his mother. Her maiden name was Valpey and her first husband was Millett who was the father of Mr. Eames. He succeeded to Plato Eames as a farmer on the old homestead on Elm Street, Andover. He was Selectman and Assessor for several years; served on the Finance Committee and the Board of Public works. Mr. Eames represented the City of Lawrence in the Legislature in 1887 and 1888. While there, Mr. Eames was a member of the committees on the Hoosac Tunnel, Liquor Law and Federal Relations. He went on to being elected from the Andover district in 1911, 1912, and 1913. As Chairman of the Board of Selectman during World War I, Mr. Eames corresponded with the Mayor of Andover, England, showing support for the "Allies in the Old World." Mr. Eames declared that Andover is "second to no city and town in Massachusetts in the progress we have made in preparedness." During this time, he was the Selectman representative to the "Andover Committee of Public Safety" that addressed the various activities in town in support of the war effort. He also was a trustee of the Punchard Free School 1913-1918 and served the town on the School Building Committee and the Supervised Play

Committee. For many years, he was one of the Trustees of the Andover Savings Bank. Mr. Eames was a member of Grecian lodge, F & A. M.; Mt. Sinai, R.A.C., and Bethany Commandery, K.T., Lawrence; Aleppo Temple, Mystic Shrine, Boston; Lawrence Lodge, I.O.O.F., and Lawrence Council Royal Arcanum. He married Hetty W. Snyder of New Bedford at Christ Church in 1891, and was a regular attendant of that church of which his grandfather was one of the original promoters. He last resided on Elm Street. He died after a bout of influenza of only two days duration. During his funeral, “the town offices, all stores and business houses were closed, and the flags on the public buildings were at half mast.”



SNIPPETS – In 1908, Town Meeting voted to established staggered terms for the election of Selectmen, setting initially one, two, and three year terms.



31. Charles Bowman

1912-1927 (died in office)

Charles Bowman was born in Andover’s Abbott Village in 1862 and was educated in the public schools. In 1892 he married Mary Leary, also of Andover. They lived at 66 Park Street where he died in 1927. Mr. Bowman served nearly 15 years as a member of the Board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor. As Selectman during World War I, he served on the town’s “Volunteer Aid Committee” charged with “preparing for any possible local emergency.” This effort included compiling lists of trained medical personnel as well as inventories of available supplies. With his partner and boyhood friend, John S. Anderson, Mr. Bowman conducted a blacksmithing business at the corner

of Park and Bartlet Streets (address listed as 2 Bartlet Street). Mr. Bowman learned his trade with James Cochrane at the “old shop” on Punchard Avenue, where he worked for four years. After two years in Hyde Park and two more in Haverhill, he returned to the Cochrane shop in 1887 as one of its joint proprietors. The following year Anderson & Bowman moved to what was known as the Adam Frame Shop on Bartlet Street, the building then being about ten years old. That building had been bought from the heirs of James H. Smith about 1912. Mr. Bowman was a member of the Andover Club and Lincoln Lodge, A.O.U.W. At his funeral, police and firemen escorted his body from the late home to Free Church. Pallbearers included Selectmen Frank Hardy and Andrew McTernen; George Higgins, Town Clerk and Treasurer; Joseph Lynch, Sealer of Weights and Measures; William Cheever, Tax Collector; and William Donald.



32. Andrew McTernen ** 1919-1934

Andrew McTernen served for several years on the Board of Selectmen and Assessors. He had the distinction, during his first run in 1919, of winning by the smallest majority of any Selectman election – by one vote in a recount over William S. Donald. Prior to becoming a Town Father, he had served for thirteen years on the Board of Public Works (full name: Board of Public Works and Sinking Fund Commission), eight years on the Board of Fire Engineers, and two years as a member of the Finance Committee. He also served the town, in 1907, as a representative in the State Legislature and counted Frank H. Hardy (see below) as Chairman of his campaign. Mr. Hardy described Mr. McTernen as “a man of mature and ripened judgment.” Mr. McTernen advocated public improvements, such as public buildings, good streets, a park system, and extension of the sewerage and water systems, keeping in mind a fair valuation of real estate, and a “tax rate which should not exceed \$28 on a thousand.” He also believed in a “pay as you go” policy with the exception of public buildings, which may be bonded. Born in Boston, Mr.

McTernen came to Andover at the age of two. At the age of 12 he went to work for Tyer Rubber Company; was made Assistant Superintendant at 21 and Superintendent at 26, positions he held for 19 years. Following those appointments, he concentrated on doing experimental rubber work. He was also a member of the “Elm Club” per the 1894 Annual Town Report, as well as a member of St. Matthew’s Masonic Lodge and the Odd Fellows. He lived on Elm Street with his wife (oldest daughter of F. Lewis Bodwell, an long-time Andover resident) and two children and was a lifelong member of Christ Church. Upon his death, fellow Selectman J.J. Daly remembered that “Mr. McTernen was friendly to everyone, and he was always upright in his dealings and steadfast in his beliefs.” Mr. McTernen resided for many years at 72 Whittier Street.



33. Frank H. Hardy **

1923-35

Frank H. Hardy was born in Bucksfield, Maine on October 15, 1871, and moved to St. John, New Burnswick, in 1878, where he became superintendent of a brush factory while only in his teens. In 1890 he moved to Andover. He was educated in the public schools here, and was a member of the class of 1896 at Phillips Academy. Mr. Hardy began a brush factory business in West Andover with his father. After four years he purchased his father’s share, and, in 1910, moved his operation to the old Smith & Dove mill in Frye Village. When Shawsheen Village was built, a modern factory down the street replaced the old mill, and his business became the “largest brush factory in the world specializing in textile brushes.” William Wood put him in charge of building all of his mills, the administration building and the power house for the new village. During World War I Mr. Hardy was a member of the “Committee on Local Survey” whose task was to inventory the available resources of material and manpower in town, including compiling lists of “all automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles, as well as skilled workers” (see Walter Donald, above). He also served as District Head of the Liberty Loan drives.

In 1924 he was named president of the newly-formed Shawsheen Co-operative Bank. For twelve years he was chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors. He had also been prominent in County and State Assessors' affairs, being at one time President of the state association. In fact, it was written that the principle accomplishment of his service was the development of the "Andover Plan of Assessing," under which the hit-or-miss methods formerly used gave way to an orderly, business-like plan. In addition, he chaired the building committee for the Memorial Hall Auditorium and East Junior High until illness forced him to resign. Previously he was a member of the Board of Investment of the Andover Savings Bank and a Director of both the Cambridge and Merrimack Mutual Insurance Companies. Mr. Hardy also found time to participate in The Adventurers Drama Club in town. The newspaper described him as "a young man of pleasant personality and (one who) has made quite a reputation for himself as a reader and entertainer." He attended West Parish Church and was instrumental in the development of West Parish Cemetery. He served as a Justice of the Peace and was a member of St. Matthew's Masonic Lodge No. 230; I.O.O. F., Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge, No. 136; Andover Council, No. 65, Royal Arcanum; Andover Grange, P. of H., No. 183; and the Merrimack Valley Country Club of Lawrence. He also held memberships in the American Brush Manufacturers Association, the Massachusetts Taxpayers Association (of which he was a past President), and the Phillips Club of Andover. He was married on September 30, 1896 to Edith E (Downing) Hardy, and resided on Shawsheen Road.

Part III.



34. Jeremiah J. Daly

1928-1930 (fill vacancy – Bowman)
1930-36

Jeremiah J. Daly was born in Andover in 1875, receiving his education in the public schools. He graduated from Tufts College and Tufts Medical School. He opened his first office at 6 Main Street in 1904. Dr. Daly was elected a member of the Board of Health in 1908 and for fifteen years held the position of “Town Physician.” His second office was at 8 North Main Street. During World War I he served the town on the “Committee on Health.” He was elected to the Board of Selectmen and Assessors in 1928. During the 1928 campaign, Dr. Daly promised “as an Assessor to levy taxes fairly and equitably, as Overseer of the Poor to deal kindly and sympathetically with the unfortunate, and try to make the dependent independent, as Selectman to conserve, protect and further the interests of Andover.” He proposed that the town appropriate more money for relief outside of the almshouse and keep the old people in their homes which are near and dear to them. He added that “although they may be and are treated kindly [in the almshouse], they cannot be as happy as in their own homes.” During the “trying days of the Depression,” he served in “the very difficult position” of Welfare Head. His family home was on Chestnut Street.



35. Howell F. Shepard ** 1934-42 (resigned); 1946-49

Howell Shepard was born in 1896 and attended the Horace Mann School in New York, Vermont Academy in Saxons River and the Lowell Textile Institute. He was a World War I veteran with 22 months overseas, and also a veteran of World War II. He was employed by the Dupont Company (1920-24) and was Treasurer of the Watson Park Company (1924-1946) from the time it opened in Andover (manufacturer of textile soaps off Lowell Junction). He also served as Trustee of Vermont Academy. In public life, he was President of the Andover Service Club (1933), President of the Lions Club, Square and Compass, Legion, V.F.W., the Andover Country Club and the Lake Mitchell Trout Club of Sharon, Vermont. He was Secretary of the Andover Finance Committee (1933) and Selectman from 1934-1945, when he resigned to enter the service. He had served as Chairman of the Selectman, Town Moderator in 1944 and 1945, and on the "War Memorial Tablet Committee." In 1946, he was appointed to the committee to celebrate the Town's 300th Anniversary. Mr. Shepard resided on Dascomb Road with his wife, Constance Park, and their children.



36. J. Everett Collins **

1935-56

A long-time member of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Collins began his elected career on the Andover School Committee, serving only one year before resigning to begin his Selectman's term. He also was a member of the Finance Committee and the "War Memorial Tablet Committee." Mr. Collins was born in Andover on April 27, 1894. He was educated in the grade schools and graduated from Punchard High School, 1913. "He was regarded by alumni as one of the best football and baseball players the school ever had." Following graduation he was employed in the foreign shipping department of the Boston office of the United Shoe Machinery Company. He served during World War I in France in all engagements of the 26th division, returning to town in 1919. The 1920 Town Directory listed him as an "auditor" with an office at 13 Bartlet Street. Shortly thereafter he went to work as an auditor for the Kemper Insurance Company and, later, was employed in the accounting department of the Federal Mutual Liability Insurance Company. In 1946 he served on the Town's 300th Anniversary Committee. Mr. Collins held the position of Choir Director of the Calvary Baptist Church in Lawrence for 50 years, and organized and directed the Andover Male Choir in 1931, having sung as a boy in the Christ Church choir. He also conducted choral groups at Andover High School and West Middle School. Becoming known as "Andover's Music Man," in his honor was the opening in 1983 of the "J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts" on the campus of the high school. Mr. Collins was a member of Andover's St. Matthew's Masonic Lodge. He was married to Elizabeth C. Abbott and lived on Summer Street.



37. Roy E. Hardy **

1936-54

Roy Hardy was born in Andover on August 30, 1892 and attended Punchard High School, Phillips Academy (where he was a member of the Scholarship Society) and M.I.T., with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1914. During the summers after his 14th birthday, Mr. Hardy worked in the hard rubber room of the old Tyer Rubber Company factory, at the Andover National Bank and for the Board of Public Works. He enlisted in World War I on May 10, 1918, with the 6th Machine Gun Company out of Camp Hancock, Georgia, served with the 116th Engineers division, and received an Honorable Discharge January 6, 1919. In addition to his long term as Selectman and Town Assessor, he was a member of the original Planning Board (whose membership he resigned to become Selectman) and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, being instrumental in the establishment of the Town's zoning laws. Mr. Hardy also served as a Trustee of the Punchard Free School. In addition he was appointed Secretary to the Town's 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Other memberships included the Andover Guild (as President and Director), Andover Boy Scouts Executive Board, Civilian Defense, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the original Pomp's Pond Committee, and the town's Playground Committee. He was also active in civic affairs such as the Community Chest Drive, Red Cross, and the Youth Center. He was a partner in the Shawsheen Pharmacy, a representative of the Truscon Steel Company (holding the position of estimator, designer, salesman and manager of the Boston office) and developer of the Hardy and Ross recreation (think bowling and pool) venture, opening the Recreation Ballroom in Lawrence and alleys in Andover on Park Street. In 1930 he purchased the Balmoral Spa. His professional life was as a Civil Engineer with an office at 5 Essex Street. Mr. Hardy was treasurer of the South Church for ten years and a past master of St. Matthew's Lodge. He was married to Helen E. Knowles and lived with his family at 113 Chestnut Street.



SNIPPETS – Before the Town Manager Charter was approved, the three-member Board of Selectmen had responsibilities very different from today. Barbara Loomer, a familiar figure in town, described how they governed: *“They ran the town as they ran their own businesses, building on the present with a look to the future. One reason our town is so well-planned is because of the foresight of its selectmen in the 1930s and 1940s. People today have no idea of what went into the building of this town. These men never counted the hours they spent, basically as volunteers with little compensation. The town had a personal touch then.”*

(p. 189, *Andover: A Century of Change*)



1946 Board of Selectmen:
(from left) Roy E. Hardy, J. Everett Collins, Howell F. Shepard



38. Edward P. Hall **

1942-43 (to fill Shepard vacancy);
1943-46; 1959-60 (won 1-year seat
with move to Town Manager system)

Edward Hall resided on Dascomb Road in Ballardvale. In addition to his time as Selectman he also served on the Board of Public Works, 18 years on the Planning Board and also on the Board of Appeals. He was a member of the Playground and Finance Committees and a Trustee of the Cornell Fund. Mr. Hall was appointed by the Moderator as a member of the South School Building Committee. He held memberships on the "Supervised Play Committee" and on the town's "By-Law Study Committee." He was also appointed "Clerk of the Works," protecting the Town's interests at the high school. By occupation, he was a local contractor and mason, associated with the development of Flint Circle on High Street. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lodge, the Service Club, Sportsmen's Club and the Andover Grange.



39. Sidney P. White **

1949-1959 (lost in 1959 during
new Town Manager system election)
1966-72

An Andover native, Sid White was educated in local schools and graduated from Essex County Agricultural School. For many years he owned and operated the Wild Rose Dairy Farm, later moving his operation to the Rose Glen Dairy on Andover Street. It was here on Andover Street that he operated the popular ice cream dairy bar. From his retail milk business, he specialized in breeding and showing pure bred Holstein-Friesian cattle. He was the Town Animal Inspector 1936-44. In 1945 he served on a special committee to study the Town's water and sewer expansion needs and on the "Committee to Study Capital Expenditures." He was appointed by Gov. Volpe to serve on a special study committee for purification of the Merrimack River and maintained membership on the Merrimack River Valley Sewage Board (1942-56). In addition to his terms on the Board of Selectmen (Board of Selectmen and Welfare, 1949-59; and Board of Selectmen, 1966-72), he served for 18 years as a member of the Board of Public Works (1938-56), as a member of the Planning Board (1934-51) and Board of Survey. Mr. White also served, in 1971, as chair of the town's 325th anniversary observance committee and, later, as member of the Bicentennial Committee. He was a member of the Andover Historical Society, past Chair of the Andover Red Cross Blood Donor Program, a Trustee of the Andover Lodge of Elks, a member of South Church and Andover Grange. He held membership in St. Matthew's Lodge and Boston Aleppo Temple and served as Chair of the Dairy Producers and Distributors of New England. Mr. White lived all but the first seven years of his life at the Baker Family Homestead on Argilla Road.



SNIPPETS – In the category of “Can you beat his record?” Mr. White held an 18-year record of perfect attendance at all boards of which he was a member!



40. Stafford A. Lindsay ** 1954-1959
(lost in 1959 during new Town
Manager system election)

Stafford Lindsay served the town in many capacities, including Community Chest and Red Cross volunteer. He also worked with the youth of the town through Boy Scouts and the Youth Center. Being a strong supporter of recreational opportunities for young people, he was a member of the “Supervised Play Committee,” the “Coordinated Play Committee,” the “Committee to Study Recreation,” and, finally, the newly-formed “Recreation Committee” in 1949. Mr. Lindsay was also a member of the town’s Survey Committee for Town Departments. Moving to Andover in 1925, he became President of the Shawsheen P.T.A., Commander in the American Legion, member of the “War Memorial Tablet Committee” and member of the Community Action Council. He was Chairman of the Committees for the bronze plaque in Memorial Auditorium and for the Inhalator, Resuscitator and Oxygen Tent presented to the Town in 1939 and 1940. Through the American Legion, Mr. Lindsay served on the Executive Committee of National Child Welfare and was Director of the American Chapter of the Red Cross. He was also member of the Andover Country Club, the Service Club, and the Square and Compass Club. He made his home with his wife and children in Shawsheen.



41. William V. Emmons ** 1956-59

Dr. William V. Emmons was a member of the Board of Health for twelve years. He practiced optometry in Andover beginning in 1938 and was active in many civic and fraternal groups. Residing on Locke Street, he was married to the former Marjorie West. Dr. Emmons graduated from Punchard High School, Class of 1927, the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, and from the Massachusetts College of Optometry. In addition to Selectman, he was a member of the town's Zoning Board of Appeals as well as a Trustee of the Punchard Free School. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lodge, the Service Club, a "corporator" of the Andover Savings Bank and of the South Church. He was a member of the Refraction Clinic of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston and Secretary/Treasurer of the New England Council of Optometrists. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Andover Home for the Aged and was Trustee of several local funds.



SNIPPETS – “Much of Andover's essential unity and continuity has been produced by the faithful service of a few town fathers, whose effectiveness has been a consequence not only of ability but of long experience. ‘Pick a good man and keep him’ seems to have been the understood policy. The list of selectmen...inspires confidence in the democratic system of elective choice. These men have represented various occupations and viewpoints. Once chosen, (they) have held their positions, growing more and more familiar with their duties and therefore more useful to their neighbors. Man for man, they have been persons of character, worthy of recognition and equal to their responsibilities.”

(p. 434, Andover: Symbol of New England)





42. Eugene A. Bernardin, Jr. 1959-62 (won 3-year term in 1959)

Eugene A. Bernardin, Jr. resided on Reservation Road and was married to the former Carolyn Riggs. Mr. Bernardin was owner of the Bernardin Insurance and Real Estate Agency in Andover. He served two years on the Planning Board and was a member of the town's Insurance Advisory Committee, Traffic Committee and the Schools' Site Concept Study Committee. As the first Chairman of the new five-member Board of Selectmen, he spearheaded the creation of a town Insurance Advisory Committee. Born in Lawrence, he came to Andover in 1930. A graduate of Phillips Academy, he attended and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1947. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Youth Center and a Trustee at the Pike School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Bernardin, lived on Abbot Street.



43. William Stewart **

1959-62 (won 3-year term in 1959)
1962-71

William Stewart moved to Andover in 1937. He was a partner in the Stewart and Thurston Company, industrial engineering and cost consulting experts, and had offices at 89 Main Street. A graduate of Lawrence public schools and of the Lowell Textile School, Mr. Stewart worked in the production engineering department of the American Woolen Company for many years, and later was Superintendent of that company's Kennebec plant. Taking a leave of absence from his business in 1951, he served as consultant in Washington, D.C. to the Office of Price Stabilization and later was in charge of accounting for the New England area for that office. As Selectman, he represented the town on the Greater Lawrence Solid Waste Disposal Study Committee. He was Clerk of the West Parish Church and first President of the Men's Brotherhood of the Church. He also held the position of Co-Chairman of the Brotherhood of the Andover Council of Churches. In addition, Mr. Stewart served as President of the Inter-Church Basketball League and was a member of St. Matthew's Lodge. He was married to the former Gertrude A. Smith, a nurse in the Andover public school system.

ANDOVER VOTERS

FOR

TOWN MANAGER

WE RECOMMEND FOR SELECTMEN

3-YEAR TERM

2-YEAR TERM

1-YEAR TERM



EUGENE A. BERNARDIN, Jr.



JAMES D. WILSON



EDWARD P. HALL

These candidates, voted in together, will make a well balanced team. Among them you find youth, with its new and enthusiastic approach, plus long and varied experience, with its stabilizing influence.

This team has had experience on the Finance Committee; The Board of Public Works; The Planning Board; The Board of Appeals, as well as experience in engineering and business administration. Each has been in the forefront of the effort to adopt the Selectman-Manager charter. They support the new charter through conviction, not because it has become politically expedient to do so. We are glad to give them our recommendation.

ANDOVER COMMITTEE FOR TOWN MANAGER

Theodore L. Burt, Chairman, 68 Whittier St. Andover

1959 Political Ad



44. Philip K. Allen **

1959-61 (won 2-year term
during 1959 election)
1961-70

Elected state senator in 1946, Philip Allen chaired the Legislative Committee on Agriculture and the Special Recess Committee on Sex Crimes. He was a member of the Legislative Committees on Towns, Pensions and Old Age Assistance, Public Service, and Education and the Special Recess Committees on Child Delinquency and Investigation of Sherborn Reformatory. For the Andover Townsman, he wrote a weekly column "Report from the State House." One-time owner of the Andover Book Store on Park Street, Mr. Allen was born at Walpole, Mass. in 1910 and received his early education in that town. He attended Phillips Academy and Yale University and served at Phillips Academy as English Instructor, Assistant Registrar and Assistant Basketball Coach. He also served as an Admissions Officer in the Counsellor for Veterans Office at Harvard University. During World War II he saw 60 months' service in the artillery and intelligence branches. A member of the American Legion, the Andover Square & Compass Club and the Haverhill Square & Compass Club, he was also director of the Duplicon Company of Hopkinton, President of the Board of Trustees of the Judge Baker Guidance Center and member of the Boards of Trustees for the James Jackson Putnam Children's Center, Phillips Academy, Abbot Academy and the Pike School. Running for the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Allen also chaired the Republican Town Committee. Prior to that time, he had served as clerk of the Armed Forces Committee of the U.S. Senate and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. He also served the town as a member of the "Local Growth Policy Committee" and the Historical Commission. In 1957 he was named assistant general manager, for finance, of WGBH-TV in Boston. Mr. Allen lived on Highland Road.



45. James D. Wilson **

1959-1961 (won 2-year term
during 1959 election)
1961-63 (resigned)

James D. Wilson resided on Lowell Street. Better known as Pete Wilson, he was born in Worcester, attended Worcester public schools and graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he received a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was employed as a sales engineer by the firm of Laird deVou, Inc. of Cambridge, and served on its Board of Directors as Clerk and Treasurer of the Corporation. He was a member of the American Society of Tool Engineers and St. Matthew's Masonic Lodge. Since moving to Andover in 1950, Mr. Wilson was active in Scouting, and served as Scoutmaster of Troop 71. He also served on the Special Gifts Committee for the United Fund. After his Selectman's term, he was appointed to the Street Lighting Committee.



SNIPPETS – In the 1959 election and the move to a Town Manager/Five-Member Board of Selectmen, all incumbent selectmen were defeated, perhaps because they did not support the proposed change. Dick Bowen, who served both as Town Manager and as Selectman, offered another explanation: “*It wasn't a case of 'throw the rascals out.'* *The town was not disenchanted with its existing government. It had simply outgrown the old system.*”

(p 191, *Andover: A Century of Change*)





Andover Townsman Photo

New Board Takes Over: Five new selectmen were sworn into office by Town Clerk George Winslow following 1959's "clean sweep" election. From left to right: Philip K. Allen, William Stewart, secretary; Edward P. Hall, Eugene A. Bernardin, Jr., chairman; and James D. Wilson



46. Russell G. Doyle

1960-63

Russell Doyle, residing on Evergreen Lane, was associated with his father in the Doyle Lumber Company. He was also active in general contracting, property appraisals and insurance loss adjustments. He was a member of the Board of Directors at the Lawrence Cooperative Bank. A native of Andover and educated in its public schools, Mr. Doyle graduated from Colgate University in 1953. He served with the U.S. Army for two years after graduation. He also attended the National Lumber Dealers' Training Institute at the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Doyle was married to the former Patricia L. Banton.



47. B. Allen Rowland 1962-63 (resigned)

Mr. Rowland lived on Central Street, having moved to Andover in 1957, already with an extensive background in government. He was Special Assistant to Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks for four years, and was active in Republican political affairs. He also served as a member of the Methuen School Committee while living in that community. A native of Philadelphia, PA, he moved to Methuen when he was 11 and lived there until coming to Andover. He graduated from Phillips Academy '28, Yale University and received his Master of Business degree from Harvard Business School. He had served as Special Gifts Chairman for the Phillips Academy capital development campaign and was a Trustee of the school. He also was President of Rowland Industries, Inc., and Twinindustries, Inc. in Lawrence. Mr. Rowland served in the Air Force during World War II and saw duty in the Pacific Theatre.



1963 Townsman Photo

James D. Wilson, third from left, was elected Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Board Secretary William Stewart is at left; newly-elected Paul W. Cronin receives congratulations from Philip K. Allen.



48. Paul W. Cronin

1963-66

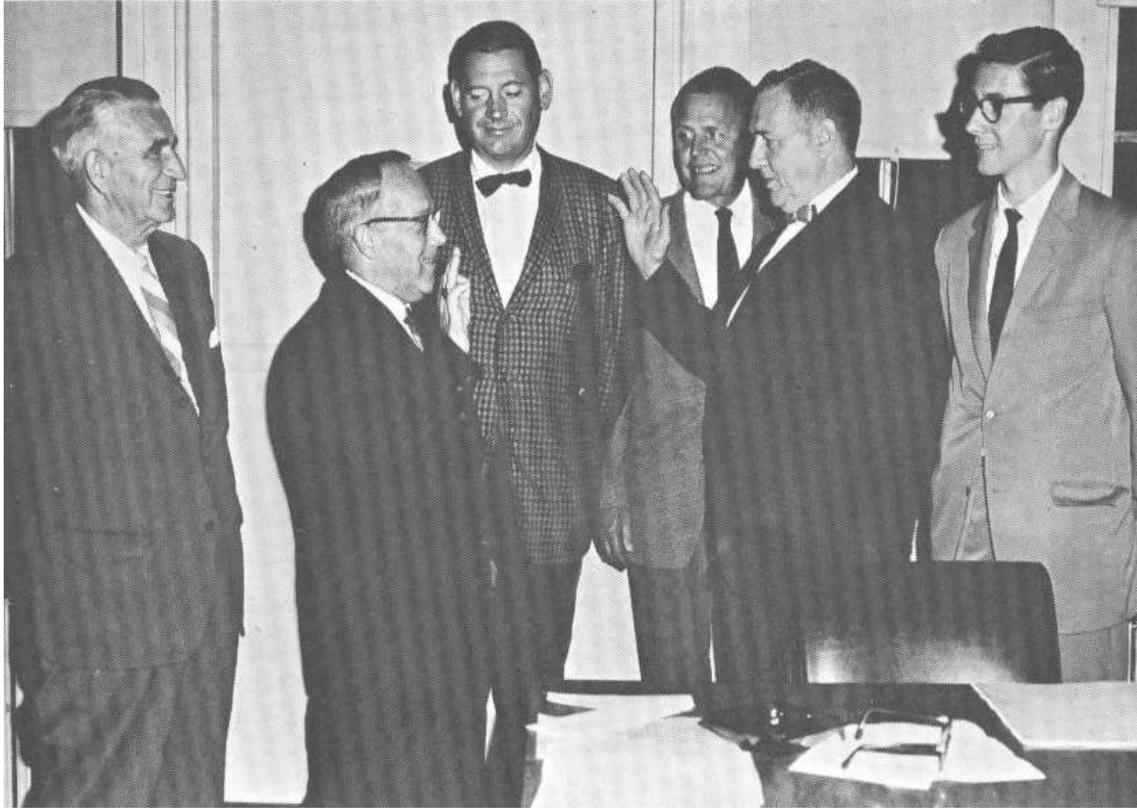
Born in Boston, Paul Cronin graduated from Boston University, majoring in economics and government, and the Kennedy School of Government. At the time of his campaign for Selectman he was assistant to the Director of Industrial Relations at Edgerton, Germshausen and Grier, an electronics firm in Boston. He was a member of the Republican Town Committee and served as district organizer and as Vice Chairman of the state Young Republicans. At 23, he was the youngest Selectman ever elected in Andover or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Following his term as Selectman, Mr. Cronin was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives (1967-69), was a member of Rep. F. Bradford Morse's Congressional Staff and was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1968 and 1972. In 1972 he was elected to the Ninety-third Congress, defeating future U.S. Senator John Kerry. In the House, Mr. Cronin served on the Interior Committee. He was defeated in his 1974 re-election bid by Lowell-based County Commissioner Paul Tsongas. Later in life, Mr. Cronin served a number of positions at MassPort and ran unsuccessfully for the GOP Governor's nomination against William Weld. In 1992 winning the GOP nomination to regain his old seat against Chet Atkins, he was defeated in the General Election by Democrat Marty Meehan. Paul Cronin died in 1997 from a brain tumor and was buried in Andover's Spring Grove Cemetery.



49. Robert A. Watters

1963-1964 (to fill Rowland
vacancy); 1964-73

Mr. Watters was appointed in June, 1963, to fill the unexpired term of Allen Rowland. Instead of seeking election to the remaining part of Rowland's term, he ran for a full, three-year seat in 1964. President of the George W. Dinsmoor Company in Lawrence, Mr. Watters was long active in municipal affairs. He served as a member of the original Industrial Development Commission, resigning in 1957 to become a member of the Finance Committee and served one term as that committee's Chair. He also served on the Land Acquisition Committee (predecessor to the Conservation Commission) and on the original committee that studied the Town Manager charter system for the town. As Selectman he was a representative to the Advisory Council on Community Goals and, later, a trustee of the Towle Fund Trust. He held the position of President of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce and Vice President of the YMCA. Mr. Watters was also Director of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and of the Andover Teen Center. He was active in various civic and charitable efforts, including the Boys' Club and the United Fund.



Andover Townsman Photo

1963

Town Clerk Irving Piper administering oath of office to Selectman Robert A. Watters.

Looking on (l to r): William Stewart, secretary; James D. Wilson, chairman;
Philip K. Allen; Paul W. Cronin



SNIPPETS – The introduction of the selectman-manager plan had a marked effect not only on political candidacies but also on town meeting attendance. The advent of professionalism meant that the duties of the Selectmen were less determinative. The day of the expert had arrived and businessmen and professional persons who understood the use of consultants found it easy to make the transference to town affairs which, after all, is personnel, budgets, equipment or “a business writ large.” (p. 14, *Andover’s 325th Anniversary Book*)





50. Roger W. Collins

1964-65 (to fill Wilson vacancy);
1965-74

Roger Collins was the son of former Selectman and Mrs. J. Everett Collins. He was a native of Andover and was educated here in the public schools, attending Punchard High School until 1942. At 17, he entered the Armed Forces and served in Germany with the 863rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. He was decorated with the Bronze Star. Upon returning from service, Mr. Collins attended Hebron Academy in Maine and received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Arizona State University. He taught school for two years in Arizona and, when returning to Andover, became the Juvenile Parole Agent for the Massachusetts Division of Youth Services from 1953-1985. Mr. Collins was married to the former Beatrice Jean of Arizona. In business, he was the co-owner of the Andover Monument Company and, in 1965, he and Mrs. Collins started their Andover family business, B.J. Collins Realty. He was a past President of the Andover Male Choir (a position held for many years by his father), the Andover Service Club and Christ Episcopal Church. In addition to his time on the Board of Selectmen, he was a member of the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals from 1975-1985.

Part IV.



51. George E. Heseltine

1970-76

George Heseltine, a lifelong resident of Andover, was educated in the public schools and graduated from Punchard High School in 1955. At Punchard he was a center on the varsity football team and a member of the track team as well as active in the Varsity Club and on the Photography Committee. He furthered his education at Merrimack College and Boston College in the field of retail management. Long active in community affairs, Mr. Heseltine served as President of the Andover Chamber of Commerce and as Chairman of the United Fund Drive for Andover. He later was awarded the Chamber of Commerce's "Community Service Award." Mr. Heseltine was appointed to the town's Traffic Committee and to the Sacred Heart School Proposal Study Committee. He was twice Chairman of the Sidewalk Committee and was Chairman of the first Andover Christmas Tree Lighting Committee. Mr. Heseltine continued his athletic pursuits as one of the original founders of the Andover Hockey Association. Here he served on the Board of Directors for 15 years and was both a coach and ice official. He also served as Director of the Andover Little League and was involved in several fraternal and civic organizations such as the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence and the Andover Service Club. After four years in the United States Air Force, Mr. Heseltine returned to Andover where he became the owner of Dana's Sport Shop on Main Street. He was a member of St. Augustine's Church and served on the church Para Fam Committee. He married the former Helen Murphy and resided on Argyle Street. Mr. Heseltine is the brother of later Selectwoman Norma (Heseltine) Gammon (see below).



52. Milton Greenberg

1971-77

Born in New Jersey, Dr. Milt Greenberg was a graduate of New York University, and held a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. He was director of Geophysical Research for the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories prior to his founding, in 1958, of the GCA Corporation, a producer of semi-conductor manufacturing equipment headquartered in Bedford. In 1984 he announced his plans to establish a \$25 million plant in Lawrence. He was a member of the Science and Technology Committee of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, and prior to that served on its Industrial Advisory Committee. While in the U.S. Government service he served on many national and international scientific and technical committees. He was a fellow of the American Association of the Advancement of Science and associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; also a member of the Presidents' Associations. Dr. Greenberg was listed in *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry* and in *American Men in Science*. He is a veteran of World War II and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He also holds the Air Force medal for Exceptional Civilian Services. In addition to his terms as Selectman, he had been appointed to the town's "Local Growth Policy Committee," and was elected to state agencies concerned with municipal government. He served as a member of the Executive Committee, Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns, and was nominated by Gov. Dukakis to the Governor's Local Government Advisory Committee. He also was Andover's representative to the Essex County Advisory Board. In 1985 Dr. Greenberg was awarded an honorary Doctor of Human Letters degree at the University of Lowell to add to his list of honorary degrees from other institutions. He also held memberships in several boards of directors/trustees in the area, including Merrimack College and the Massachusetts High Technology Council.. Dr. Greenberg was married to the former Maxine Baer and resided on Sagamore Drive.



SNIPPETS – As early as 1953 Town Meeting was asked whether to require all meetings of the Board of Selectmen to be open to the public. Up to this point, meetings could be closed at the discretion of the board. One selectman, whose name was not mentioned, disagreed with the proposed change, saying “What the people are not aware of will not worry them.” Ultimately, Town Meeting did not, this year, support the change. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts did, however, adopt its first Open Meeting Law in 1958 and required that the principles be applied at the state, county and municipal levels. Today, all members of elected and appointed town boards and committees are given a hard copy of the Open Meeting/Conflict of Interest laws summary and are required to certify that they have taken and passed an online training program developed by the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission.



53. Alan F. French

1972-77 (resigned)

Alan F. French had a background in financial planning. For many years he was a partner in a firm selling camping and cross-country skiing equipment (Moor and Mountain) with both retail and wholesale outlets located in Concord and Chelmsford. Prior to starting his own business, he had been Vice President of Corporate Planning at the Courier-Citizen Company in Lowell. He was a graduate of Yale College and of the Harvard School of Business Administration in 1958. Mr. French also served in the U.S. Army. In Andover, he served as a Trustee of AVIS for many years and was a member of the town’s “Local

Growth Policy Committee.” His interest in conservation led to strong support for formation of the town’s Conservation Commission and to service as Chairman of the Commission’s Trail Committee. During his term in office, he worked on an agreement between the town and Arkwright-Boston, owners of the West Andover industrial acreage, which provided the town with access to land owned by AVIS and the Conservation Commission. Mr. French also served on the “High School Auditorium Task Force” and was Andover’s representative to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission. Near to his heart has been his involvement with the Bay Circuit, a permanent recreation trail and greenway corridor extending through 34 towns in Eastern Massachusetts and linking the parks and open spaces surrounding metropolitan Boston. His strong leadership and chairmanship in this organization led to his nickname, “Mr. Bay Circuit.” Mr. French was also appointed Conservation Commissioner, serving one three-year term (2007-2010). He was married to Mary French, later to be elected to the Board of Selectmen as well (see #81).



54. Edmund J. Sullivan, Jr. 1973-76

Edmund Sullivan was a veteran of the U.S. Navy from World War II. A graduate of M.I.T. with a B.S.M.E., he was on the D.I.C. staff at M.I.T. for three years. He subsequently ran his own manufacturing business in Boston and was later employed as a manufacturing engineer with the Western Electric Merrimack Valley Works in North Andover. He also had been employed by Butler Services, Inc. in Plaistow, NH and operated the Andover Sensing Devices Company. Mr. Sullivan was a Registered Professional Engineer, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and attended St. Augustine’s Church. In addition to Selectman, Mr. Sullivan served on the Greater Lawrence Solid Waste Committee. He had been a resident of Andover since 1961, having married the former Jeanne M. Hanlon, and lived on rolling Ridge Road.



55. Janet D. Lake

1974-77

Arriving in town in 1958, Mrs. Lake, living on Greenwood Road, had been active in town affairs for many years at the time of her election as *the first Woman Selectman in the Town of Andover*. Educated at Douglas College, New Brunswick, New Jersey in the fields of mathematics and physics, she traveled extensively as a Navy wife. At the time of her candidacy announcement, Mrs. Lake was secretary and vice-chairman of the Andover Council on Aging and Chair of the Greater Lawrence Association of Councils on Aging. She was well-known for her involvement in the founding of The Andover Haven, senior citizen drop-in center, and served on the Council on Aging at its inception. She had been an active member of the Andover League of Women Voters and served on the League Town Government Study Committee. She was a founding member of the Andover Chapter of the American Field Service – an international student exchange, serving the chapter as president, finance chairman and host family. She also served as a volunteer driver for FISH and was on the Republican Town Committee. During her term as Selectman, she was appointed to the Collective Bargaining sub-committee of the local Government Advisory Committee of the Mass. League of Cities and Towns and was Andover's designated representative to the Essex County Advisory Board. Mrs. Lake also served on the town's Local Growth Policy Committee, the Senior High Auditorium Task Force, the Advisory Board of the Greater Lawrence Friendly Visitor program and was a Director of the Carvell Chapter for the Blind.



56. Richard J. Bowen

1976-78 (resigned)



57. Susan T. Poore

1976-82

Susan Treanor Poore (later, married Andover native Attorney Charles F. Dalton in 1991) was born in Andover and educated in the Andover school system. She studied for two years at the “École Française in Copenhagen, Denmark, and graduated from Bradford Junior College and Lesley College in Cambridge, receiving a degree in Education. She taught at the Taylor Elementary School in Salem, New Hampshire, 1962-1965. Mrs. Poore also volunteered at Sanborn School and held memberships in the Lawrence Garden Club, the National Ski Patrol and the League of Women Voters. She has served on the

Board of Directors of the Lawrence YMCA, was Andover's voting representative to the Northeast Solid Waste Committee and a member of the advisory board for CLASS (Citizens League for Adult Special Services). Mrs. Poore worked as a Ski Instructor and attended St. Robert Bellarmine Church. During her incumbency, the Open Agenda at Selectmen's meetings was established and the Citizen Talent Bank form was developed. In 1982 Mrs. Poore successfully ran for School Committee, a position she held 1982-1991. She was appointed to the town's Local Growth Policy Committee. Post-Selectman, she completed study at the Massachusetts School of Law and is a practicing Family Law attorney in Essex and Middlesex Counties.



58. Philip J. Salamone

1977-78 (to fill French vacancy)

Philip Salamone was active in the Shawsheen Village Association, living on Carisbrooke Street, and was named to serve out the remaining year of former Selectman Alan French's term. Brooklyn-bred, he received a degree in 1964 from Brooklyn College and attended New York University's Graduate School of Public Administration. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil for two years and, since that time, a federal employee, serving as staff advisor to the Director of the Housing Management Division of the Boston office of HUD. As the onsite agent and advisor to local officials, Mr. Salamone's involvement included such matters as community fiscal planning, management, zoning, capital improvement programs and regional activities, such as solid waste disposal. His time on the Board saw the appointment of a new Town Manager and reorganization of the town's inspection services. Mr. Salamone also worked with the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans and the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns.

While a Selectman, he served as a member of the Schools and Community Recreation Committee. He ran unsuccessfully for a full, three-year term in 1978.



SNIPPETS – The Board of Selectmen derives its authority and responsibilities from the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Chapter 41 General Laws), “An Act Establishing A Selectmen-Town Manager Plan for the Town of Andover (The Charter), and the By-Laws of the Town of Andover.



59. Albert Cole, Jr. **

1977-79 (resigned)

Albert Cole, Jr., served as the town’s Deputy Fire Chief and, at the time of his campaign, was on leave to perform the duties of Civil Defense Director during the Korean conflict. Born in Andover and educated in the local schools, he took specialized courses at the Franklin Institute of M.I.T. and at several military schools. Mr. Cole was appointed to the Andover Fire Department in 1945, completing several courses in fire laws, fire fighting

and fire prevention in Boston. He was made Deputy Chief in 1949. A veteran of World War II, he served 3 ½ years with the 112th Cavalry Combat team overseas, and subsequently served as Commander of Andover Post 8 of the American Legion. He served as Chair of the Town Land Acquisition Committee (now known as the Conservation Commission), President of the Town Employees Association, member of the Red Cross Board of Directors, President of the Punchard-Andover High School Alumni Association, member of the Essex County Board of Trade and member of the Andover Holiday Observance Committee. He was also a member of St. Matthew's Lodge and resided on Pine Street. (Note: no relation to Virginia Cole, although Mrs. Cole's daughter was married to Mr. Cole's son.)



60. Edward M. Harris

1977-83

Edward M. Harris, of South Main Street, was a retired U.S. Army Colonel, educator and author. He was born in California in 1911. Educated in California, Mr. Harris spent a year in Spain learning its language and culture. Desiring to attend West Point, he returned to California and enlisted in the National Guard in order to complete the one year of service required to take the entrance exam. He was appointed a Cadet, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a commission as 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry in 1935. Following five years of service, including attendance at Service Schools and the University of Mexico, he returned to West Point where he taught

for 2 ½ years. Transferred to Washington to the Operations Division of the War Department he served under General George C. Marshall. Additional post-war tours of duty followed. In 1961, Col. Harris next accepted a position as Spanish Instructor at Phillips Academy, at the behest of former West Point classmate, Headmaster John Kemper. At Phillips, he administered a new overseas language program named Schoolboys Abroad – renamed School Year Abroad when girls were accepted to the school. As a member of Andover’s Bicentennial Committee, he was engaged in writing a history, published by the town, entitled *Andover in the American Revolution*. After his time as Selectman, Col. Harris took a position with the Andover Historical Commission and was elected Vice President of the Andover Historical Society. In 2007, the flagpole in front of the Town Offices was dedicated to him and to his son, veteran George Rice Harris, for their services to the town and to the country.



61. Virginia H. Cole

1978-79 (to fill Bowen vacancy)

Wrapping up six years as Finance Committee member, Virginia Cole was elected Selectman to fill the one-year unexpired term of Richard Bowen. Residing in Andover since 1952, Mrs. Cole was elected to the School Committee in 1964 and 1967, and was appointed to the town’s Community School Study Committee. Before and after these terms, she served on the town’s Recreation Advisory Committee and worked to expand recreation facilities and activities from a summer playground program to a comprehensive department. The development of Recreation Park was part of that effort. She also focused on energy conservation through recycling, and was a member of the town’s Recycling Committee. Mrs. Cole was past President of the American Field

Service (AFS) and the League of Women Voters, served on the Bicentennial Committee in 1975-76 and was tutor coordinator for the Greater Lawrence Area Ecumenical Ministry. She was also a member of Andover citizens for Equal Opportunities and volunteered in Boston Schools. As a member of Christ Church, she worked for the resettlement of Cuban and Vietnamese refugees. Mrs. Cole worked with her husband at their Main Street business, Cole's Hardware, and lived on Highland Road in a house they built by themselves. The Town of Andover honored her tireless work by establishing an award in her honor, The Virginia Cole Community Service Award, to honor citizens for their outstanding, long-term contributions to the town.



62. James Abramson

1978-81

At the time of his candidacy to the Board of Selectmen, James Abramson was President of the Andover Chamber of Commerce and a member of the town's Industrial and Development Commission. Mr. Abramson was employed as President of the Capital Distributing Company in Andover. Since arriving in town in 1971, he served on the Executive Committee of the Andover Co-Op and as Director of the Greater Lawrence Rotary Club. A graduate of Dartmouth College and the Harvard Business School, Abramson served for two years as a Lieutenant with the Army in Germany and had been with the Colgate Palmolive Company in New York as Project Manager. He resided on Kathleen Drive.



63. Lawrence J. Sullivan 1979-80 (to fill A. Cole vacancy)

Prior to his term as Selectman, Attorney Lawrence J. Sullivan served Andover on the Finance Committee, as Vice President of the Andover Chamber of Commerce and as Director of the Children's Protective Service. He was a former member of the Andover Development and Industrial Commission, Merrimack College Alumni Council and, in 1978, was the recipient of the Merrimack College Alumni of the Year Award. Atty. Sullivan was a graduate of the Andover school system, Merrimack College, with a degree in Political Science, and Suffolk University Law School. During his practice as attorney with offices in Andover, he was also a member of federal and state bars as well as their various associations. Atty. Sullivan resided on Florence Street.



64. Norma A. Gammon 1979-85

Norma (Heseltine) Gammon was born in Worcester, but moved with her family to Andover when she was four years old. She attended St. Augustine's School and

Punchard High School. She was a member of the first graduating class of “Andover High” after it vacated Punchard for the West Middle School building. A talented artist, Mrs. Gammon received a degree from the Museum School of Fine Arts and a degree in education at the same time from Tufts University. She taught art in the Wilmington school system for eight years. Before her time as Selectman she was Treasurer of the Andona Society and first Vice President of the Andover League of Women Voters. At St. Augustine’s Church Mrs. Gammon was Vice President of the Liturgy Committee, Secretary of the Steering Committee for the Parish Council and she administered the Eucharist to residents of nursing homes. By the time she ran for the Selectman’s office, Mrs. Gammon had been the recipient of the Andover Chamber of Commerce’s 1976 Community Service Award, chaired the town’s Bicentennial Celebration and served as the town’s Chair for Phillips Academy’s Bicentennial. She had been appointed to the Andover Historical Commission and was on the Cultural Series Committee of the Department of Community Services. For a time she served on the Board of Andover ABC (A Better Chance) and as a member of the Andover and North Reading Artist’s Guilds. She was also Board member and President of Kiwanis and on the Steering Committee, later as President, of the organization “Fund for Education.” Mrs. Gammon is a longtime member of the Andover Historical Society, having served as its President for many years. During her tenure as Selectman, she was liaison to several town committees and was a representative to the New England Solid Waste Disposal Committee. At South School she was assistant Girl Scout leader for Troop 888 and lived for many years on Abbot Street. Continuing her service after her Board years, she chaired the town’s 350th Anniversary celebration as well as the Historical Society’s 2011 Centennial celebration. She was active on the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Hall Library, serving as its Chair for three years, and also worked at MHL as Community Service Librarian. Among her numerous awards was the Historical Society’s Heritage Award, honoring Mrs. Gammon for her “outstanding service over an extended period to the Society and to the community.” She was also honored with the Andover Townsman’s “Citizen of the Year” Award, the Rotary “Citizens Who Care” Award, and the town’s Virginia Cole Community Service Award, and was nominated for the Merrimack Valley “Distinguished Citizen” Award. Her brother is former Selectman George Heseltine, from whom she “learned the ropes” by running his election campaigns.



65. Gerald H. Silverman 1980-98

Born in Lawrence and raised on Tower Hill, Jerry Silverman graduated from Lawrence High in 1950. He graduated from Ithaca College, received his Master's Degree from Salem State College and taught English at Candor Central School in New York until entering the Army in September, 1955. Marrying his wife, Myrna, the following year, he was stationed in Germany. After his tour of duty, he moved back to New York and resumed teaching at Candor until 1960. Returning to the Lawrence area, Mr. Silverman began teaching at Andover Junior High. Mr. Silverman was Director of the Jewish Community Center Summer Day Camp at Captain's Pond for 25 years. He was involved in the Andover Little League for many years and was a charter member and President of the Andover Jaycees. In 1971, he was appointed to the "Committee to Study the Feasibility of Adopting the Representative Form of Government," and, later, to the Town Meeting Study Committee. After 11 years at the Junior High, he was named Assistant Principal at Andover High School until 1974. That year he became Principal at Georgetown High School and, after 20 years, spent one year as Interim Principal at Salem, MA High School. In 1995 Mr. Silverman moved on to become the Assistant Director of the Massachusetts Secondary School Administration Association. Serving as Selectman for six full terms, he chaired and ran the Fourth of July Andover Pancake Breakfast and fireworks for many years. In 2009 the town officially named the event "Jerry's Fireworks." He also tirelessly worked to establish support and finance for a new youth center building. One his many awards came in 2004 with being named recipient of the Make A Difference Award from the Service Club of Andover. Posthumously, as a long time member of the Greater Lawrence Technical School District Committee and Town Representative, Mr. Silverman was honored in 2010 with the dedication of the school's front hallway in his honor, named "Silver Lane." Also that year, in memoriam, he was honored with the "2010 Friend of Public Education Award."



66. Donn B. Byrne

1981-86 (died in office)

Donn Byrne was born in Methuen and moved to Andover when he was two years old. He attended St. John's Prep in Danvers and held a degree in Business Administration from Merrimack College. He was a five-year veteran of the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps. Prior to being elected to the Board, he served six years on the Finance Committee, the last three years as Chairman. As Selectman, Mr. Byrne was liaison to the Trustees of Memorial Hall Library, Department of Community Service, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Maintenance Advisory Committee. He was also liaison to the Finance Committee and the Cable T.V. Advisory Committee. Mr. Byrne was active in St. Augustine Parish where he served on the Parish Council and Financial Advisory Committee. He was employed as an operations manager at Federal Graphics in North Andover. Following his time on the Board, he continued to contribute to town operations, regularly attending Finance Committee meetings and expressing his dedication to town meeting, attending many Town Meeting Improvement Committee meetings. He, his wife, Mary (Sullivan) Byrne, and their children resided on Lovejoy Road and attended St. Augustine's Church.



SNIPPETS – When a vacancy occurs on the Board of Selectmen, the Selectmen have the authority to appoint a member to fill the unexpired term, to hold a special town election, or to do nothing.





67. William J. Dalton

1982-88

William J. Dalton served the town as Moderator from 1973 through 1978 and Selectman from 1982 to 1988, serving as Chair in 1984-85. He graduated from Andover High School in 1961; received a B.S. in economics at the University of New Hampshire's Whitmore School (1965); an LLB from Boston University (1968), where he was a member of the law review; and an MPA from the Kennedy School at Harvard (1980). He has practiced law since 1968 and during that time was Chair and Commissioner of Labor Relations for the Commonwealth of MA. (1992-97) and was then national Chief Counsel and General Counsel for the American Cancer Society, Inc. from 1997-2010. Locally, he served as Vice President and Director of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Andover Historical Society, Chairman for the Merrimack Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society, Interim Executive Director for the Greater Lawrence Community Foundation, Chairman of the Greater Lawrence Legal Aid Society, Corporator for Lawrence General Hospital, and a Director for the Children's Protective Society. Mr. Dalton was President of the Acoustic Neuroma Association, a national organization assisting patients with a form of inter-cranial tumor. In other government-related positions, he was Chairman of the Andover Committee to Improve Town Government from 1971 to 1972, which studied the feasibility of adopting the representative form of town meeting and recommended against it; was a member of the town's Bicentennial Committee; and briefly served on the planning board, finishing out another person's term. In business, he owned the Andover Bookstore, and was CEO of Dalton and Whittier, a real estate development company. From 1983 to 1987, Mr. Dalton wrote a twice-a-week column for the Eagle Tribune, which published some of these columns under the title, *Local Touch* (1986). He has written a weekly column for the Andover Townsman since 2004. In 1997, he wrote, "A Practical Guide to State and Municipal Labor Relations," published by the University of Massachusetts, Donahue Institute. He has taught law school courses in labor relations as well as negotiation and

mediation, Master's Degree-level courses at Pease Air force Base, was a certified flight instructor, and served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. In 1986, he was chosen as the commencement speaker at Andover High School and was chosen honorary marshal for the 2009 Santa Parade. Although retired, he is a special employee for the FDA, occasionally lectures on various subjects, and is working on writing projects.



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68. Charles H. Wesson, Jr. 1983-95

Charles Wesson was born and raised in Lynn, Massachusetts, graduated from St. Mary High School in Lynn and received a degree in Business Administration from Merrimack College in 1954. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Intelligence Division from 1955 to 1957 during the Korean War. He was also a 38-year employee of the John Hancock Insurance Company in Boston, receiving the John Hancock Corporate Award in 1986. In addition to his twelve years on the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Wesson was a member of the Finance Committee for six years. He was a member of the St. Augustine Parish Council (Administration Commission Chairman for six years), volunteer of New Horizons for Youth, Elderly Services, Andover Senior Tax Assistance program, and a CYO basketball coach. He also served for two terms as President of the Merrimack College Alumni Council and was a member of the college's President's Council. Upon the resignation of Selectman Barry Finegold in 1996, Mr. Wesson was appointed to the Board to serve the four-month period prior to the next Town Election. Mr. Wesson was married to Mary (Piazza) Wesson and lived with their six daughters on Marwood Drive.



69. John I. Scileppi

1985-87 (resigned)

Business consultant John Scileppi arrived in Andover in 1970. He received his B.A. degree from St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH. He also attended St. John's Law School in New York and the Program for Management Development at the Harvard Business School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as captain during the Vietnam War. In 1984 he formed his own company, called The Firm, located on North Main Street. As company president, Mr. Scileppi worked with other companies in the areas of marketing and financial development. Prior to forming this business, he was president of Pandick Press in Boston, having also spent 13 years with Browne & Company, another national financial printer. He was active on town committees, including the Andover Development and Industrial Commission. He also chaired a committee investigating lighting on the high school's Lovely Field. In 1986, Mr. Scileppi was appointed President of the New England Division of Packard Press. However, it was another new position, with the Sorg, Inc., financial printing company, that prompted his resignation from the Board of Selectmen in 1987.

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70. William T. Downs

1987-1999

William T. Downs was born in Andover, where he lived all his life. He graduated from St. Augustine's School, Central Catholic High School, North Shore Community College, where he received an Associates Degree in Fire Science Technology, and worked toward a degree in Administration at Merrimack College and the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Downs became a firefighter on July 26, 1955. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1959, Deputy Chief in 1964, Acting Chief in 1976 and Permanent Fire Chief in 1977. During this period, in 1975 as Deputy Fire Chief, he was appointed to the Town's Ambulance Study Committee. Mr. Downs retired as Chief in 1986 after 31 years of service. Mr. Downs was a veteran of World War II and active in Town affairs for many years. He served as Chairman of the Andover Retirement Board, on the Patriotic Holiday Committee and the Street of Memorial Flags Committee. He also served on many task forces, as director of the Andover Federal Credit Union, president and board member of the Andover Firemen's Relief Association, vice president of the Essex County Fire Chief's Association and the Greater Lawrence Emergency Medical Service Council. He was also affiliated with the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, New England Division, and with the National Fire Protection Association. Following his four terms as Selectman, Mr. Downs continued to serve the Town on the Board of Registrars. Mr. Downs is married to Bernice (Bryant) Downs, and is the father of three daughters, all raised in the family home on Elm Street.



71. Gail L. Ralston

1987-88 (to fill Scileppi vacancy);
1988-91

Gail Ralston grew up in Chicago, Illinois, graduating from Morgan Park Academy where she was named to the National Honor Society and Quill & Scroll (Journalism Honor Society). She received a B.A. degree in Political Science and Journalism from the University of Dayton (Ohio), where she was named to Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. For a number of years, she was a Group Leader with LaLeche League International, both in Chicago and Andover. She was active in many political campaigns, including those of past Chicago Mayor Richie Daley and former President Jimmy Carter. Coming to Andover in 1983, Ms. Ralston served as the Andover Historical Society's Guide Chairman and Head of the Fifth Grade Education Program, as chair of Communications for the Central Andover Neighborhood Association, and as a member of the Council on Aging Friendly Visitor Program, Bancroft PTO Board, the League of Women Voters and the Andover Theatre Company. She volunteered as Den Mother with the Cub Scouts and at the Andover Thrift Shop, coached with the Andover Soccer Association, was a teacher's aide at Sanborn and Bancroft Schools, and was active on the Gifted and Talented Program Study Committee and the West Andover Neighborhood Association. She also volunteered with the Friendship Volunteer Program at Fidelity House in Lawrence. In 1987, Ms. Ralston was appointed to the Board of Selectmen to complete the unexpired term of Selectman John Scileppi. She won a three-year term in 1988. While on the Board she was an active observer of the Andover Housing Partnership Committee and the Collaborative School Study Committee. As a 20+ year staff member at Phillips Academy, she is a member of the Staff Benefits Committee, is a past President of Benevie (one of the oldest women's benevolent organizations in the country), and advisor to the student organizations "Gospel Choir" and the "P.A. Historic Tour Committee." Post-Selectman, she served for many years on the Andover Conservation Commission (compiling its 50-year history in 2010), was

Facilitator of the Andover Open Space Planning Committee, a member of the Millennium Celebration Committee, on the Andover Cultural Council, currently the Andover Housing Partnership Committee and serves the Town as an election poll worker. She volunteered for many years as a docent with the American Textile History Museum in Lowell. For the Andover Historical Society she served as Chair of the “104 Stories Committee” that brought weekly stories to the *Townsmen* for the Society’s Centennial Celebration. Ms. Ralston is a supporter of the Town Democratic Committee and a member of West Parish Church.

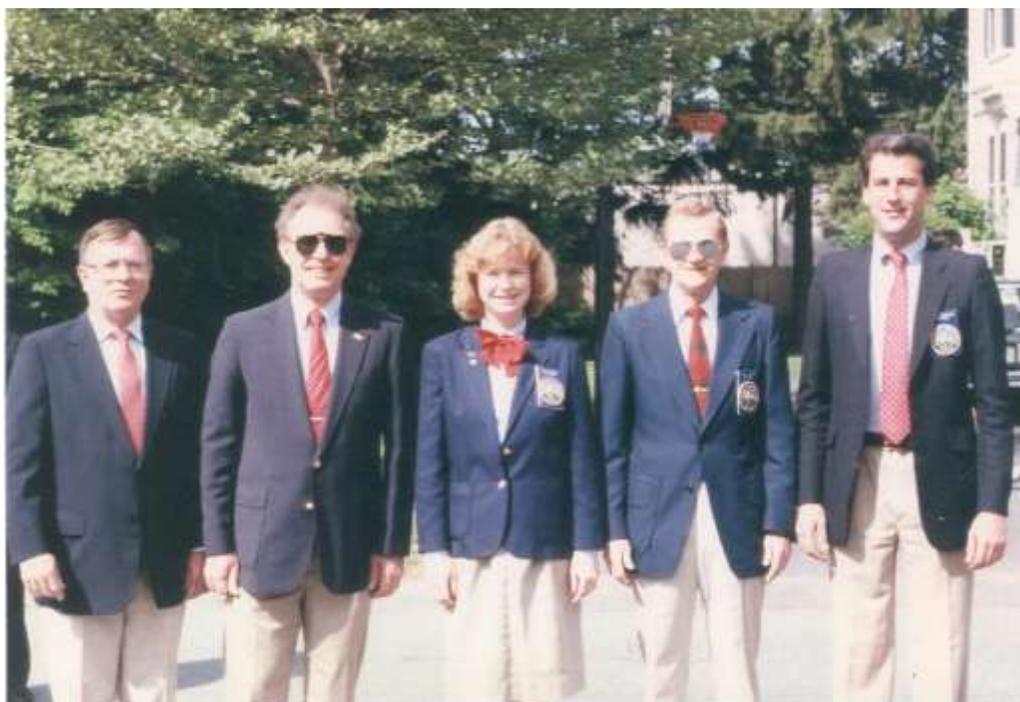


72. James M. Barenboim ** 1988-1997

James Barenboim is a lifelong Andover resident. He went to South Elementary School and East Junior High and graduated from Andover High School in 1973. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from New Hampshire College, where he graduated cum laude in 1977. He worked at Pacific Paper Products, starting in 1976 when he had a college internship there, and held a top position in Pacific’s Marketing and Sales Department. In 2009, he began his own company called Packaging Partners. Mr. Barenboim is a past director of Goodwill Industries in the Merrimack Valley, a member of St. Matthew’s Masonic Lodge, and past board member of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Lawrence and Temple Emanuel. He also was president of the Andover Civil Defense Agency and a 12-year volunteer with the Civil Defense Auxiliary Police. In 1976 he was elected to Who’s Who in America. While on the Board, Mr. Barenboim was known for his advocacy of “back to basics” and “living within the Town’s budget,” opposing attempts to override Proposition 2 ½. The parents of both Mr. Barenboim and his wife, Maureen Bateson Barenboim, established long-standing businesses in town (Clark Motor Company – later Clark Chrysler/Plymouth – and Bateson Enterprises).



SNIPPETS – Before Andover’s population boomed, Selectmen had the enjoyable task of designating street closings for “coasting” after large snow storms. I suppose an equivalent today would be Selectmen approval for closing streets for block parties!



1988-1990 Board of Selectmen
(from left) Charles Wesson, Jerry Silverman, Gail Ralston, Bill Downs, Jim Barenboim



73. Larry L. Larsen **

1991-2000

Dr. Larry Larsen was born in Amarillo, Texas, to Eloise and Ross Harold, arriving in Andover in 1970. His mother was a fourth grade teacher and his father was a Texas football coach and principal of the High School. Dr. Larsen graduated from Amarillo High and earned a BA degree in Latin and Greek from Baylor University. After receiving a Master's Degree at Baylor in Philosophy and Religion, he went to Yale University for study at the Divinity School. He left there to study psychology, earning a Master's Degree in Psychology from Wesleyan University, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Boston University. As a Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Larsen specializes in neuropsychology, forensics, and issues with children and adolescents and their families. He has also been a newspaper owner and publisher, real estate developer, and writer. Running unsuccessfully for the Andover School Committee in the 1970's "during the fight over traditional vs. 'new' education," Dr. Larsen went on to a successful three terms on the Board of Selectmen. Prior to serving on the Board, he was appointed Vice Chairman of the Andover Council on Aging and chaired a task force to explore elder services in town. Dr. Larsen is a member of St. Matthew's Lodge, 32nd degree Mason. He has also been a member of the Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club, serving as President; was a charter member of the Andover Service Club, and has had the honor of serving three terms as President of the Lawrence Area Mental Health Board. He has served as President of the Boy Scouts of Essex County facilitating the formation of the larger council, and served on a state commission to aid returning Vietnam prisoners of war. In addition, he has been President of Creative Living (as well as its co-founder), CLASS (Citizens League for Adult Special Services), and Fidelity House, all with a mission to help the cognitively challenged adult. He was the former director of St. Ann's Home, a residential treatment center for children in Methuen. Dr. Larsen is most proud of his roles involving the creation of the Andover Youth Foundation, stopping smoking in places of assembly in Andover, working on downtown and curbing vandalism, and starting a summer employment program for youth in various town departments. Dr. Larsen and his wife, Nancy (Farrell) Larsen, are members of South Church in Andover.



74. Barry Finegold

1995-96 (resigned)

Barry Finegold was raised in Andover and Tewksbury, where he attended their public schools. He next attended Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania, graduating with a major in government with a business concentration. He went on to graduate from the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1998. He holds a Masters in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and is a partner with the law firm of Dalton & Finegold in Andover, which specializes in real estate, estate planning and corporate law. Mr. Finegold was first elected to the Andover Board of Selectmen at age 24. A year later, in 1996, he won election to the Massachusetts House of Representatives as a Democrat. He was the youngest member of his freshman class. He held this position for 11 years, representing the 17th Essex District consisting of parts of Andover, Tewksbury and Lawrence, during which time he proposed and saw enacted numerous pieces of legislation. In 1999, he won the Kennedy School Fenn Award for Political Leadership in bringing together legislators and officials from New Hampshire and Massachusetts to address the traffic problems on I-93, which led to the enabling use of the breakdown lane during rush hour. In 2003, he was selected as one of the top 100 young “Democrats to Watch” by the Democratic Leadership Council. In 2007, Mr. Finegold ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the Massachusetts 5th Congressional District. He went on to win the 2010 State Senate race for the Second Essex and Middlesex District that includes Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury.



75. John P. Hess

1996-98 (to fill Finegold vacancy);
1998-2007;
2010-11(to fill Stabile vacancy)

John P. Hess was born and grew up in Charleston, West Virginia, the son of a chemist and housewife. After graduation from Charleston Catholic High School he attended the University of Notre Dame where he earned a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering. While at Notre Dame, he was treasurer of the student community service organization and completed a service project in Mexico. Deciding to work more for social causes than industry, he obtained a Master's Degree from Cornell University in Regional Planning where he was awarded a full fellowship from the U.S. Public Health Service. After working in health planning for several years he moved into health administration. Marrying Kathleen M. Murphy in 1974, he moved to Andover where he has lived ever since. In Andover, he began his active involvement, including time as coach with the Andover Soccer Association, treasurer of the soccer boosters, member of the Doherty School PTO, and its improvement council. As Selectman, Mr. Hess was involved with efforts in open space land acquisition and the development of sidewalks around town. During this time he worked as the Vice President of Planning & Development for the Great Brook Valley Health Center in Worcester (now the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center). He still works for that health center and has since 1984. He was also elected to the Andover Housing Authority for a five-year term. Continuing his commitment to public service, Mr. Hess serves or has served on town committees and/or Boards of Directors for local non-profit organizations including those serving the developmentally disabled, Andover Town Meeting Improvement Committee, Andover Middle School Improvement Council, Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), the Andover Historical Society and the Andover Memorial Hall Library Trustees. In 2008, the Rotary Club honored John Hess with the "Citizen Who Cares" award. A dedicated Democrat, Mr. Hess has also enjoyed numerous campaigns over the years.



SNIPPETS – The Board of Selectmen is the policy-making body of the town except for those policy matters reserved to Town Meeting. The Selectmen appoint and may remove the Town Manager. They appoint the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Registrars, and the town accountant. They must approve appointments made by the Town Manager. Other duties include preparing the Warrant and issuing alcoholic beverage, common victualler and auctioneer licenses. The Selectmen also act as Sewer Commissioners when necessary.

(p. 15, Andover Town Handbook, League of Women Voters)



76. Brian Major

1997-present

Brian Major was born in Haverhill and raised in Plaistow, New Hampshire, attending high school at Timberlane Regional. The seeds of politics were planted early, as his father, Norman L. Major, served for 10 years with the Plaistow Selectmen and is currently in his 16th year as a New Hampshire State Representative. Brian received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Northeastern University in 1988. He moved to Andover in 1992 with his marriage to Margaret (Gemmell) Major, the same year he received an MBA from the University of Massachusetts in Lowell. In 1996, he received a Masters of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University in Indiana. Professionally, Mr. Major is a Master Black Belt (process improvement expert) for Philips Healthcare at Andover's corporate headquarters, as well as the Director of Project Management. During his time at Philips he has received seven global awards for product and process improvement initiatives, been recognized for group

facilitation and has become a process efficiency and waste reduction expert. His achievements have led to his election to Tau Beta Pi, National Engineering Honor Society; Beta Gamma Sigma, National Business Honor Society; and Alpha Pi Mu, National Industrial Engineering Honor Society. Mr. Major has served on the Andover Board of Selectmen since 1997 and is a member of the Andover Republican Town Committee. Within the town, he was a charter member of the Andover Youth Council, is cubmaster with Cub Scout Pack 76 (and an Eagle Scout since 1980), a coach for the Andover Softball League and an Andover Youth Wrestling Coach. His love of singing – recognized at many town events – has led to his becoming the “Voice of Andover High School Wrestling.” (And don’t tell the kids, but he has also been Andover’s Santa Claus since 2000!) Mr. Major is also a member of St. Augustine’s Church, where he has served as a Eucharistic Minister and Cantor; the Knights of Columbus and the Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club.



77. Lori Becker

1998-2001

In 1998, Lori Becker became the youngest female Selectman in the town’s history. Residing on Chestnut Street, at the time she was owner and operator of “Mom & Me Maternity” and chaired the Andover Center Association. Ms. Becker grew up in Andover attending its public schools. As a Board member, Ms. Becker supported the creation of a multi-use Town community center and was an active liaison to the School Committee. Professionally, she accumulated many years in the publishing and printing industry, managing editorial development, production, marketing and art & design. In town, she taught after-school art enrichment programs and was a swim instructor and coach. Post-Selectman, Ms. Becker started three companies, including Publishing Solutions Group (PSG), which, as its President and CEO, won a spot on the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) 2009 Inner City Top 100 list. With PSGs experience, she also began PSG Reads in 2008, for which staff members visit a local elementary

school and read to second grade students. PSG is ranked 100 on the list of the fastest growing inner-city companies in America. Ms. Becker remains active in economic affairs and volunteer efforts with the City of Boston and graduated from Boston University's Entrepreneurial Management Inner City Entrepreneur (ICE) Program in 2005.



Townsman Photo

Selectmen Gail Ralston, Ted Teichert, Lori Becker



78. Mary French

1999-01 (died in office)

Born in Long Island, New York, Mary French married husband Alan, a Selectman 1972-1977, and moved to Andover in 1963. She spent three decades of her life serving Andover schools, 13 of them as Pupil Personnel Coordinator, before retiring in 1998. She began her special-needs career in Andover as a learning disabilities tutor in 1968. As Pupil Personnel Coordinator, she had responsibility in three areas: special needs, health services, and English as a Second Language (ESL). She graduated from Vassar College

in 1955 and earned a Masters Degree in Education from Lesley College in Cambridge. Remembered as a “staunch conservationist,” Mrs. French was an instrumental force in achieving town approval for purchase of the Reichhold Chemical property, 47 acres of land, to- preserve as open space. She also formed the Open Space Task Force and was an active member of the Andover Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, being a devotee of cross-country skiing, canoeing and wilderness hiking. She was a long-time member of the League of Women Voters and served on the School Building Committee for Bancroft Elementary School. In 2001, the Andover Trails Committee dedicated a piece of town conservation land to Mrs. French. A newly-extended portion of the Bay Circuit Trail - a 200-mile path that runs from Ipswich to the Duxbury/Kingston Shore - runs through this 15-acre reservation.



79. Ted Teichert

2000-2012

Ted Teichert is a life-long resident of Andover, was educated in Andover schools and graduated from Andover High School in 1979. Professionally, Mr. Teichert is a salesman in the retail food industry and, for over 30 years, has entertained all over New England as a disc jockey. One of the founding members of the Andover Business Center Association in 1980, he continues his involvement with and support of that important town group. A strong supporter of an Andover Youth Center and youth sports, he has been a member of the Andover Little League as both player and coach, and has devoted countless hours to helping the Andover Junior Football League as player, coach and director. In addition, he runs a football program on Sunday mornings so that youngsters can develop a love of sports and fair competition. In 2000, Mr. Teichert was the Vice Chairman of the Town’s Millennium Celebration Committee. During his time as Selectman, he often joined with parents and School Committee members in efforts to maximize dollars for education while exercising fiscal restraint. Support of the Town of Andover and the Lawrence area has long been demonstrated by Mr. Teichert’s entire family. His great-grandfather, Andover resident Emil Teichert, founded and for many years conducted an

interior/exterior decorating business in Lawrence, which was later taken over by his son (Mr. Teichert's grandfather), Fred Teichert, Sr. His dad, Fred Teichert, Jr., ran the family business on Main Street – Andover Stationers and the Andover Sport Shop (where Mr. Teichert was also a supervisor) – from the late 1950s until his retirement in 1989. His mom was a school employee, and his brothers and sisters have worked for the town as a firefighter, dispatcher and teachers' aide. Mr. Teichert, his wife, Jeanne, and their family belong to St. Augustine's Church.



80. Mary Lyman

2001-02 (to fill M. French vacancy);
2002-present

Mary Lyman was born in Manchester, Connecticut and educated in Braintree, Massachusetts. In Andover, she was named the town's Human Resource Director from 1985 to 1990. In that position she worked with the Town Manager and town and school administrative staff in the recruitment, selection and hiring of all personnel. She was also required to develop and review all personnel policies and evaluations. Elected to the School Committee, serving from 1992 to 1995, Mrs. Lyman volunteered on the school councils of Bancroft and Shawsheen schools and was an active member of the PTO. Mrs. Lyman holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Personnel Management from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Prior to her position in Human Resources, she was a personnel analyst in the Executive Office of Communities Development in Boston. Most recently, she is employed as a Development Associate for Family Service, Inc., a non-profit social service agency located in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Mrs. Lyman also volunteers for several community organizations, including the Greater Boston Legal Services, the Children's Law Project and the Andover League of Women Voters. Her time on the Board of Selectman, where

she was first appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mary French, saw her become the first woman in Andover's History to serve more than two terms.



81. Ray Hender

2001-2004

Ray Hender joined the Board of Selectmen race with a strong background in business and finance through his former work with mutual funds, from which he retired in 1997. At the time of the race, he was a member of the new Schools Building Committee. He successfully campaigned with the goal of sustaining the town's AAA rating from Moody's, maintaining the level of public-safety, health and welfare services, and keeping the downtown viable. Mr. Hender felt that a Proposition 2 ½ Override could possibly be supported, and that a community center combining the needs of senior citizens with those of Andover youth would be the most feasible, thereby maximizing both construction and operating costs. Mr. Hender and his wife, Diane, a community activist in her own right, were honored in 2006 by the Andover Historical Society with its first Andover Heritage Award. The award "honors extraordinary people who have contributed outstanding service over an extended period to the Society and to the community, have promoted interest in the history and heritage of Andover and have encouraged others to do the same."



82. Alex Vispoli

2004-present

Born and raised in New Jersey, Alex Vispoli was educated at Northeastern University and Eastern Nazarene College. Mr. Vispoli has been in the Information Technology business for 25 years, initially as a Systems Engineer for Honeywell in the New York City area, later moving into Business Development in the Washington, D.C. area. Relocating with Honeywell to the Boston area, he currently holds the position of Vice President of Sales for a Boston-based technology company. Mr. Vispoli was first elected to the Norfolk, MA Planning Board in 1989, where he served for seven years. He also served as a representative on the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, 1992-1994, and is on the Governor's Local Government Advisory Commission. Moving to Andover in 1996, Mr. Vispoli was then elected to the Andover Board of Selectmen in 2004 and re-elected in 2007 and 2010, serving as that Board's Chairman several times. In 2011 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Municipal Association and also to the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association. In the latter group, he currently is the District 2 MSA representative for Essex and Middlesex counties. Mr. Vispoli's civic involvement includes work with Boy Scout Troops 76 and 73, and Andover youth sports, where he has held the position of "coach" for both girls' softball and soccer. In addition, he is a member of the Service Club of Andover and a board member of "Homes for Our Troops." Mr. Vispoli also holds memberships in the Knights of Columbus, Andover Council 1078, and in St. Augustine Church, where he serves as a Hospitality Minister. Mr. Vispoli and his wife, Ann, live with their family on Alison Way.



83. Jerry Stabile

2007-10 (elected to 2nd term, then resigned)

Jerry Stabile was born in Lawrence in 1964 to Margaret and Gerald Stabile, Sr. The Stabile family moved to Andover in 1964 when Jerry, Sr. took a position with the Andover Fire Department. Mr. Stabile grew up in Shawsheen Village with his three brothers. Educated in the Andover public school system, he feels he was afforded a great learning experience and given many opportunities afforded by the extracurricular activities and programs offered by the school department. At graduation, he was offered an appointment from Sen. Edward Brooke to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, but elected to pursue his higher education at Boston College. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1981 from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. During his career in the Information Technology industry, Mr. Stabile has held positions in marketing and sales with several Boston area firms, holding executive positions for the past 15 years. He has also been involved in entrepreneurial roles at several earlier stage high tech companies, providing experience and leadership skills. Recently, Mr. Stabile founded a communications software company, eZuce, working to bring next generation social communications solutions to the enterprise market. During his Selectman term, he was involved in many projects in addition to the day to day responsibilities. Two projects in particular he feels are strategic to the future of the town are the Town Yard Task Force and a Voluntary Health Insurance Opt-out program that would significantly reduce recurring healthcare premiums for the town. Participating in many volunteer efforts in Andover and other local towns, Mr. Stabile finds the most satisfaction in his role as youth coach in various athletic team sports. Post-Selectman, he continues to follow town projects and advise members of the current Board on various issues. Mr. Stabile, his wife Amy and their two daughters reside on Blueberry Hill Road. Older daughters have pursued careers in marketing and the film industry.



84. Paul Salafia

2011-present
(elected to fill Stabile vacancy)

Paul J. Salafia was born in Lawrence, Mass. July 8, 1947. He attended Lawrence public grammar schools, graduated Central Catholic High School in 1965 and, majoring in Advertising Design, received his BFA from The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University in 1970. In 1973 Mr. Salafia founded Advertising Management Services, Inc., an advertising agency specializing in retail chain stores. He moved to Andover with his young family in 1976. Originally located in the Musgrove Building, Advertising Management later bought several buildings along Post Office Avenue in downtown Andover. Being a landlord and downtown business owner, Mr. Salafia became increasingly interested in municipal government and was appointed to the Andover Planning Board in 1993 where he served for 17 years. Much of the town's landscape was shaped during his Planning Board tenure where Andover experienced significant residential and industrial growth. Mr. Salafia also served as Andover's Commissioner to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission in addition to the Council on Aging, The Town Yard Task Force, Service Club of Andover, Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, Northeastern University Advisory Board, as well as the Lanam Club. After his resignation from the Planning Board in 2010, Mr. Salafia successfully ran for the two-year Selectman term vacated by Jerry Stabile. Mr. Salafia and his family reside on the former Walnuthurst Dairy Farm on South Main Street.



85. Daniel H. Kowalski

2012-present

Andover's newest Selectman, Dan Kowalski, was born in Boston and grew up in Weymouth, Massachusetts, attending Weymouth public schools and graduating from Weymouth North High School in 1986. He attended Southeastern Massachusetts University (UMass: Dartmouth), receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Engineering in 1990. Mr. Kowalski has been employed by IBM for over 20 years. He served as an Auxiliary Police Officer (volunteer position) from 1995 to 2003, and, since 2003, holds the position of Reserve Police Officer. In addition, Mr. Kowalski has been a Massachusetts-Certified Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B), since 2009. Moving to Andover in 2007, the town where his wife, the former Kristin B. Monahan, grew up, Mr. Kowalski has been active in many civic positions. These include the South School Improvement Council, South School PTO Vice President and Co-President, board member of the Andover Youth Foundation, and member of the Andover Finance Committee. Mr. Kowalski, his wife and two daughters are members of St. Augustine's Parish. *(Mr. Kowalski's photo taken by Mark Spencer.)*



Andover Townsman Photo

Reunion 2008

Front Row (L to R): Ted Teichert, Norma Gammon, Susan Poore Dalton, Barry Finegold, Lori Becker
Standing (L to R): Russell Doyle, Roger Collins, Dick Bowen, Alex Vispoli, Gail Ralston,
Jerry Silverman, John Hess, Bill Downs, Charlie Wesson, Ray Hender, Larry Larsen, George Heseltine

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“Front Row Rear”



Townsman Photograph

Selectmen's view of 1946 Town Meeting,
Memorial Auditorium