TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY.

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First clearing by 10 men on Pass. meadows, 1786. Saw mill running foot of sand hill, Pass. river, 1787. First house, Dr. Arnold's, head ofPlain, 1787.


First Freeman's meeting, Sept. 26, 1791. Gen. Joel Roberts was elected town representative. David Goss' log hut set up in Goss Hollow. In 1791, population 143, Grand List $900.


Stores on Plain, Amaziah D. Barber, 1796. F. Phelps. Town first districted for schools, 1795. First tavern, Joseph Lord's at South end, 1796.

1794-95. Town votes 5 times not to "hire a minister." Selectmen invoice ye rateable properties, 1796. 1797. This town comes in to the new Co., Caledonia. 1800. Polls 124, Farms houses 10, Gr. List $8,628. Hogs not to run at large any more after 1800.

1804. Town and Meeting House erected on hill half mile west of Centre Village. Cost $930. First Church organized, Cong'l, Nov. 21, 1806. First settled minister, F. Thurston Oct. 25, 1815. Town bear hunt led by Calvin Jewett—9 bears in.

1810. 12 houses on Plain. Jos. Lord's is 2 story and painted red. No cookstoves, carriages, carpets. Mail by boy on horse from Danville once a week.


S. Crossman shoes horses—Groom the hatter—Seth Ford tavern—Percival cloth dresser—Carleton toddy-mixer—Lovell Moore, Rum and Molasses.


Moose River Hemp Industry needs weighing device. Platform scale invented. Thaddeus Fairbanks 1830. A.G. Chadwick founds The Caledonian 1837. Bound vols. for 67 years, also Farmers Herald, 4 years, may be consulted at the Athenæum.

1840. Hezekiah Martin saddler, J. C. Bingham drugs.
Wm. Fuller stage driver, Levi monks tuning fork.
John Crossan story teller and jack at all trades. Moses Kittredge postmaster.
At East Village: Morrill, Harrington, Lee, Severance, At Centre: Bacon, Ide, Butler, Morse, Pierce, Cobb, Hallett, Reaney, Wright, Ayer, Shorey, Stiles.
Arnold house burned '44. Eli Hoe-Fork works, '48.
Old grave yard vacated to make site for Courthouse.
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery dedicated June 2, 1852.
Erastus Fairbanks Governor of Vt. 1852-53 1860-61.
St. Johnsbury Village incorporated Jan. 5, 1853.
First Union School House on Summit St. 1854.
Courthouse Town Hall built 1855. Cost $15,000.
Caledonia Co. Fair Grounds were opened Sept. 1855.
April 22, 1891. War rally, Town Hall, 70 volunteers.
Total enlistments for war 348, plus 24 non-resident.
Lost in war 80 plus 12. Town bounties $44,025.
Soldiers Mon. dedicated Aug. 20, '68. Cost $8,862.
J. K. Colby, 22 years Principal of Academy. Obit '86.
Athenaeum Library presented to town Nov. 27, 1871.
Banquet to Hida and Nagano of Japan Embassy '72.
Village bond $75,000 for Pns. River water works.
Horace Fairbanks Governor of Vermont 1876-1877.
Lake Road open July 17, '77. Town bonded $14,000.
Music Hall, 1881. $14,000 to remodel. Seats 1100.
St. Johnsbury Republican established 1886.
Town 100 yrs old. Address at So. Church Oct. 27, '86.
Sir Thaddew Fairbanks knighted '74, died '87, age 90.
Pres. Harrison, address from Athenaeum Aug. 26, '91.

First use of Australian ballot system, Jan. 7, 1891.
Henry C. Ide to Samoa, 1891. To Philippines, 1900.
Board of Trade Feb. 25, '91. Woman's Club May '92.
Semi-centennial St. Johnsbury Academy June 24, '92.
W. F. Stafford, Supreme Court 1900. Washington, '03.
Sunset Home '02 St. J. Hospital, '94; Brightlook, '99.
Masonic Lodge '03 Old Folks, '09; Pythian, '88.
Banks, Passumpsic, 1843; First National, 1864.
Pass. Savings, '53; Merchants, '57; Citizens, '87.
Population 1800, 653; 1820. 1404; 1840. 1887;
1850. 3470; '60, 5801; '90, 6679; '90, 7910.
Fires, Scale Works, Ja. '79; Centre, JI. '78; R.R. St. '92.
Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course maintained nearly 40 years.
1904. ... 1905.
Population (7900. Polls 2097. Check list 1887.
Outstanding bonds $15,000. Postage, $20,000 a year.
Savings depositors, 14,656. Industry, wmg etc. 48.
Stores 91. Telephones 1628; Street cars 73.
Lawyers 16, Physicians 16, Dentists 9, Police 4.
Scale Industry, Capital $2,500,000. Employees 10000.
Annual output $4,000,000. Varieties 19,000.
Patents 192. Capacities 10th grain to 500 tons.
Yearly pay roll @ $900,000 to citizens of this town.
School enrol't 1373. Cost of school bldgs $70,900.
Acad & So. Hall, $37,000. Convent & Sch., $46,000.
Churches 14. with annual expenses @ $25,000.
Senior Pastor Rev. Fr. Bodson, 31 years.
Gifts to public institutions of St. Johnsbury other than churches, aggregate $540,000+.

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