

## Highways. Miscellaneous Papers.

**Date?:** Unidentified. Page of surveyors measurements. Mentions Little and Lovejoys store:  
Verso: highway from Plain to Smith.

**1783.** Copy of rate bill from Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Patten. A small pamphlet headed "Highway men"  
[p. 1] 13 names, [p.2] 21 names, [p.3] 22 names, [p.3+] 3 names.

**1807.** Identified as Highway Paper 1807. Half of a sheet, lengthwise. Dated 26th June 1806.  
Paul Brigham. See page 154+ of (bound volume) Town Meeting Records, 1778 +

**April 3, 1815.** Whereas application has been made to us by more than three freeholders of the town of Norwich to discontinue the road leading from Elisha Partridge's to Pierce Burton, we do hereby discontinue said road as a public highway for the present. John Slafter, Jr., Don J. Brigham, Selectment of Norwich.  
Norwich April 3d, 1815.

Verso: Selectmen's order to discontinue the road from Elisha Partridge to Pierce Burton Esq. Rec'd for record April 3, 1815 & in the Book of Highway, p. 140 & examined by Jeremiah Bissell, Town Clerk.

**May 7, 1825 [?]** Whereas we Luther & Sheldon Bartholomew of Hartford, Vermont, own & improve a farm of land in Norwich joining our habitation in Hartford & as the sd farm was purchased from the [ends?] of lots, it is extensive [?] north & south & very narrow east & west & as there is no highway through or near sd farm leading from Norwich to Hartford many of the inhabitants of each town as well as ourselves are  
[. . ? . . ] to pass through our lots in two different directions which is daily performed with teams, horses, cattle, sheep, etc. & as we have been at considerable expense in building & repairing roads, barns & gates not only for our own but for the accomodation of a number of others & as we have yearly to labour several days to repair sd passway, barn, gates, etc., & as these pass ways extend more than one mile in length through one  
[. . ? . . ] & other cultivated fields much to our damage we think it reasonable that we should be exempted from labour on other roads in the town of Norwich. And in future [ . . ? . . ] be allowed to do our proportion of highway work on the pass ways through our own farm for which favor we offer this our petition & prayer to the inhabitants of the town of Norwich. Being confident that no honest man having a full understanding of the subject can object to.

To the request--We whose names are under written, having for years been acquainted of the incumbrance & burden under which the above petitioners have laboured judge the request altogether reasonable & just & that it ought to be complied with.

A. H. Nichols  
Philomon Hazen  
Noah Hazen  
Salmon Culver  
Lyman Culver  
Gershom Dunham  
Reuben Dunham  
Norman Cloud  
Elam Brown  
Jjoseph G. Spencer  
Elisha [Cuderan?]  
Elisha Tilden

Verso: voted to accept the within petition.

. [Booklets] Loosely fastened together by names of surveyor[s] of Highways, listing rate bills by individual persons.

Chauncy Hunt, 1827. (Selectment Ethan Burnap, Alba Stimson, Cyrus Partridge)  
Royal Brigham, 1827

Oliver Cushman, 1827  
Ralph Waterman, 1827  
Chauncy Hunt, July 1827  
Orange Bartlett, 1827  
Ralph Waterman, July 1827  
Aaron Partridge, 1828  
John Lord, 1827  
Joel Yarrington, 1827  
William Palmer, 1827 (2)  
Samuel H. Moore, 1827  
William Slack (?), 1827  
Orange Bartlett, 1827  
Elisha Tilden, 1827  
John Lord, 1827  
John Slafter, 1827

### Highways. Petitions. [1860+ ]

**April 14, 1856.** Road petition of G.W. Kibling and others for public highway beginning "near and easterly of Edward M. Lewis's dwelling hous" -- "over the site occupied in part by the White River Falls Bridge Company (before the bridge was burned and containing the piers of the bridge) to the west line of the state of New Hampshire." Petition dated 14 April 1852.

Signed by:

G.W. Kibling	Lewis Fowler
L. R (?)	Roswell Bates
A. Stimson	Charles Loveland
Pascal Hatch	H. Loveland
Lewis S. Patridge	Calvin Stron
Harry Burton	John L. Currier
J.B.C. Burton	Cyril Pennock
Ira Davis	Thomas Sargent
T. E.(or A.) Hazen	W.E. Lewis
John Wright	Amos (?) Heath
Thomas Hazen	S. Converse
E. Hutchinson	George French
R. (?) Wright	Geo. H. Slack
Peter Hutchinson	Franklin S. Olds
Henry Hutchinson	Cyrus Young
E.S. Messenger	Lyman S. Lanpher (?)
Hezekiah Hazen	David G. Lucy
(?) (?) Burton	T. (?)
Albion Gile	Raphael Curtis
Roland Emerson	Levi Blood
S.(L?) S. Booth	B. B. Newton
Edmund B. Turner	John Dutton
N. (?H) Turner	
George L. Tilden	

On Verso: Selectmen examine claim on August 4, 1856. Select men examined on August 4, 1856. Decided not to grant claims which they considered beyond their jurisdiction. Selectmen: Elias Newton, J.W. Loveland, S. A. Armstrong.

**April 29, 1856.** Petition for road from Lorenzo Kinney's house to road which now passes by David Wilmot's house from Gleason flat so-called to Thetford line.

Petition dated April 29, 1856. Note on verso: Surveyed 31st day of May (1856)

L.G. Kinney

Asa L

O.F. Newton

Petitioners:

Gideon Lord	John Waterman
A.S. Lord	George Benton
A. (?) Walker	Jedekiah Huntington
L. T. Sargent	Thomas Hall
E.G. Cummings	J (?)
T. Cummings	Isaac Benton
W. Hutchinson	Merrick Root
O. N.(?) Bartlett	Samuel Root
Alanson Pierce	S (?) Ruggles
Lyman (Josephson?)	James Hall
George H. (?)	Mills A. Lord
George Bartlett	

**June 1860.** To F.W. Strong, George Andrews and E.T. Sargent, Select Men of the town of Norwich The undersigned, inhabitants and freeholders of said town, respectfully request that you will lay out and cause to be surveyed a public highway from the highway near Lyman Pattrell's to the highway near Lucius J. (?) Lord's. Norwich May 28, 1860.

H.H. Waterman	Samuel Johnson
J.J. Vinson (?)	Samuel Little
John Lord	Charles A. Slack
Silas Hebard (?)	Daniel Minor
Lyman Pattock (?)	Stephan W. Waterman
Caleb (?)	William Cummings
Reuben Marsh	John Wright 2d
Wm. D (?) Clough	Ambrose H. Thayer
O.C. Armstrong	M.J. Walker
John Bicknell	S.S. Collier
O.M. Slack	Edwin Bradley
Ranna Bradley	

The undersigned, Select Men fo the town Norwich, notified the parties interested in the within petition of the tiem & place when we would hear the petition and after a careful hearing and examination we decided not to grant the prayer said petitions.

Norwich June 1860. F.W. Strong, G.T. Sargent Road petition May 28, 1860.

**May 4, 1861.** To the Select Men of the Town of Norwich. We the undersigned inhabitants & free holders of the town of Norwich respectfully request that you will examine and survey a highway leading from a point a few rods north of the north Bar belonging to the town of Norwich on the westerly side of the highway which leads past said barn to Pompanoosuc to the new dwelling house belonging to Jed. Huntington..

Norwich April 15, 1861.

Jedediah Huntington  
Stephen Huntington  
John Hatch (?)  
Joseph R. Root  
Major Bartlett  
William Bartlett  
Ezk. I. (?) Hatch  
Reuben C. Tilden  
Wayne Johnson  
Timothy Tilden

The road has been laid. Petition for, May 4th, 1861. E.N. Clark J.H. Pratt James Hebard, Select Men.

**May 6, 1861.** Petition for road west of house of Gardner L. Davis at the clay hill so-called. Expedient road to make alteration or road laid by selectmen of 1860. June 1, 1861. Altered road to be 6 rods longer than laid in 1860. E.N. Clark, J.H. Pratt, E. Hebard, Selectmen.

Petitioners:

Benjamin Clifford  
C Sawyer (?)  
R. Davis  
E.B. Brown  
G.S. Davis

**August 10, 1861.** To E. N. Clark, Joseph H. Pratt, Edwin Hebard. Select Men of the town of Norwich. The undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Norwich respectfully request that you will lay and cause to be surveyed a pent road from near William Waterman's dwelling house or some

other convenient place across said Waterman's land, Major Bartlett's land, Joseph R. Root's land to Joseph R. Root's mountain lot in said Norwich. Norwich, May 4, 1861.

Joseph R. Root  
Major Bartlett  
William Bartlett  
L.C. Kinney  
E.N. Hatch  
E.G. Cummings  
N.L. Pineo  
E.F. Wilmot  
Samuel Root  
Stephen Huntington  
Jedediah Huntington  
Reuben C. Tilden  
John (?) Fletcher

We the Select Men of Norwich have complied with the requirement of the above petition & have laid the road across William Waterman's land & apprise the damage at twenty-five dollars. Surveyed by A. Jackman Norwich August 10, 1861.

E.N. Clark, J.H. Pratt, Edwin Hibberd

Verso: Town Clerk's office Norwich August 10, 1861. William Lewis Town Clerk. N.B. Jackman survey on separate sheet, following--

**August 10, 1861.** A Road Survey. In the North Eastern part of the town of Norwich, Vt., on the lands of William Waterman, Major Bartlett, and Joseph Root as follows: Commenced at a point on the south side of the highway, opposite the house of the said Waterman, and 1 1/2 rods west of the junction of a line of stone-wall with the road-fence; thence, on said Waterman's land S (?) 24 1/2° W 42 rods, parallel to the said line of stonewall, to a cross-fence; thence S (?) 40 1/2° W, in the woods, 21 rods and 4 links, to a beech tree marked H.W.; thence, S 39° N 13 rods & 6 links to a stake; thence, S 47 3/4° W 10 rods to the line between the said Waterman & Bartlett; thence on Bartlett's land S. 36 1/2 W. 12 rods, 6 links to the line between the said Bartlett & Root; thence, on Root's land S. 36 1/2 W. 4 rods, 20 links to a stake; thence S 15° E 9 1/2 rods to the line between the said Root & Waterman; thence, on said Waterman's S 21 1/4 E 5 rods and 4 links to a stake; thence S 4° W 2 rods and 10 links to a stake; thence, S 29 1/2 W 11 1/2 rods to a stake; thence, S 5° W 7 rods to a stake; thence S 25° W 10 rods, 15 links to a stake; thence, S 14 1/2° W 13 rods 12 links to the line between the said Waterman & Root. Said road is to be 1 1/2 rods wide, and bounded west, by the line, as above surveyed extremity of the first course of 42 rods and kept in repair by the said Root. Of the above road, 136 56/100 rods in length; and 204 84/100 square rods are on the said Waterman's land.

The bearings of the above course are taken from the true meridian. August 10, 1861. A. Jackman Surveyor.

**October 20, 1863.** Petition to lay road from Roswell Bates house to house of M. G. Bartholomew

Petitioners:

Roswell Bates	George M. Eastman
Hiram Foster	Charles Caswell
Edward P. George	Mosses (?) Eastman
Royal George	
William Flanders	
Curtis Parkhurst	
Azro Turner	
Alden Smith	

Verso: December 1, 1863. Selectmen ((?) Loveland, E. F. Hutchinson, Edwin Hebard (?))

Recorded? Surveyed **November 3, 1865.** The Survey of a road from the highway to the Norwich Cemetery by true meridian courses. #Commenced at a point in the highway, thence S.7 1/2 degrees E. 4 yards & 10 links to top of the hill; thence S. 19 1/2 degrees E. 8 rods and 10 links to a point in the west line of the cemetery, about two rods from the N.W. corner of said cemetery lot. November 3, 1865. A Jackman, Surveyor.

# Commencing at a point on the south side of highway leading to the Abel Partridge farm 48 rods on said road west of the west abutment of the first bridge on the brook leading to said Partridge's farm--thence as above noted.

(?) Loveland

(?) J. Loveland Select Men

**Recorded. Granted November 13, 1865.**

To G. W. (J.W.?) Loveland, (?) Loveland, John Wright. Select Men of Norwich. The undersigned inhabitants and free holders of this town request a highway from the highway leading from Norwich Plain to the A. Partridge farm to a piece of land deeded by A. Loveland to the Norwich Cemetery association. Norwich October 30th 1865.

George Loveland

A.P. (?) Hatch

George (?) Brigham

Cyrus Tracy

Elihu Young

Verso

Having notified all the parties interested in the with petition.-- The petitioners in person--Alonzo Dutton in writing--Deac. Nathan Gillett of Hartford appearing as agent for said Dutton. We decide to lay out and open the road requested upon the lline of the accompanying survey to be an open road three rods wide. (1 1/2 rods each side of survey) We have awarded Alonzo Dutton the sum of twenty dollars in full for damages sustained by Levi Dutton by said road passing through his land and the same has been accepted and paid to his agent Nathan Gillett in form of an order drawn upon the town treasurer for its amount. Norwich November 13th 1865. G. W. (J.W.?) Loveland, G. (?) Loveland, John Wright. Select Men.

-----The following are on one long sheet:

**May 5, 1868** To Edward M. Lewis, William H. Sargent & Valentine Wilmot. Select Men of the town of Norwich The undersigned inhabitants and freeholders of said town, respectfully request that you will lay out and cause to be surveyed a public highway from on or near James C. Blood's dwelling house in Norwich southerly to or near the Cummings's crossing keeping on the westerly side of the Connecticut and Passumpsic River Rail Road----?----place of the old highway.

William E. Lewis

Appleton R. (?) Tilden Alonzo Moses (?)

Reuben C. Tilden

Jedediah Huntington

William W. Waterman

John A. Sargent

Horace B. Goodrich

A. Stevens

James Blood

Richard Waterman

Alanson Pierce

William H. Blood

John M. (?)

C (?) B. Seaver

Osson H. Sargent

Carlos Stephens

M.S. Walker

E.H. Wilmot

George Loveland

T. Hutchinson

**June 1, 1868** Norwich, Vermont. To the Select Men of Norwich

We propose to furnish land to build a good and sufficient road as far as our land extends without expense to the town and will build said road to the satisfaction & acceptance of the Select Men -- we make the above proposition provided the Select Men lay a road from near junction of Rail Road & Town Road near Cummings's place to near James C. Blood's--and--upon our completion of proposed road, the Select Men will discontinue the old road & sett it over according to law. The above has reference to the road petition presented you dated May 5th, 1868.

James C. Blood  
John A. Sargent  
James C. Blood for Florence Blood

**June 9th 1868.** Norwich, Vermont. We hereby discontinue a portion of the old highway known as the River Road from the R.R. Road Crossing near James C. Blood's dwelling house to the R.R. crossing at the southerly termination of the above described new laid highway--We also discontinue so much of the highway running from Reuben C. Tilden's to the "River Road" as lays between the easterly line of the new highway above described, and the "River Road," this day discontinued--We hereby set over, according to the laws of this state the highway & we have this day discontinued above described, to James C. Blood 21 rods to John A. Sargent 75 rods of the discontinued "River Road" also to John A. Sargent that portion of discontinued highway laying between the east line of the new road and "River Road" and to Horace Blood the discontinued highway laying between his land and Conn. river, all to be more or less, as full compensation for land taken from them for the above described new highway.

Norwich, Vermont

June 9th, 1868 Edward M. Lewis, William A. Sargent, Valentine Wilmot, Select Men

**June 9th, 1868.** Norwich, Vermont.

We the Select Men of Norwich after having given the parties interested, due personnel notice of the time and place we would hear claims for damage &c on the above road petition and having examined the premises, and given the parties a hearing, have decided to grant the request of the above petitioners, and have laid out a highway described as follows--beginning in the center of the highway known as the River Road, six rods and 10 feet south of the south east corner of James C. Blood's dwelling house and three rods north of said Blood's well, thence running South  $84\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  West on land of said Blood 11 rods, on land of John A. Sargent 73 rods, thence on land of Horace Blood S.  $71\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 10 rods S  $65\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 14 rods & S  $64^{\circ}$  9 rods -- thence on land of said Blood and the River Road, S  $54\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 12 rods to the center of the first mentioned highway near the R.R. Crossing, the road to be 3 rods wide, and the above described line being at the center.

Edward M. Lewis, William H. Sargent, Valentine Wilmot. Select Men

**June 20th, 1868** We hereby certify that the above described highway is , Valentine Wilmot.

Verso: Recorded

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**August 14, 1868.** Petition for having a pent-road laid from Payson (?) Boardman's house to the house now occupied by Richard Gile.

Petitioners:

S. (?) H. Currier	William Rogers
Eleazer Spear	Frederick Newton
H. Russ	Nathaniel Wheeler (?)
James Brigham	Reuben Davis
Paschal Slack	Benjamin Clifford
G.H. Hawkins	James A. Spear
L.S. Partridge	Daniel Currier
P.A. Slack	Richard Gile
Fred E. Clough	
John W. Armstrong	
John A. Clough	
George Rogers	

Petition received August 20, 1868. Parties Notified. Decided not to lay the road. Edward M. Lewis, William H. Sargent, Valentine Wilmot: Selectmen

Petition dated **August 29, 1868**. Requested that selectmen not lay pent road as petitioned to do from Richard Gile house to Sharon road by P. J. Boardman house. No public necessity to do so nor any neighborhood convenience to be gained. Petition received September 2, 1868, to put pent road through P.J. Boardman farm.

Petitioners:

H.G. Hatch	Charles W. Brown
John Dutton	George W. Slack
(?)	Sylvanus Chadwick
Irene Classe ( )	D.H. Bragg
(?) Boardman	M. (?) J. Wharton C. (?)
E. Hutchinson	Joseph Rogers (?)
J.S.Sproat	Lewis Spaulding
J.S. Hovey	Lorenzo Goodrich
William Hovey	Daniel S. (?)
William Holt	Caleb West
Joseph H. Reynolds (?)	T. Slack
Myron D. Gibbs	N. (W.?) V. Baldwin
Ira B. Burton	E.E. Johnson
J.P. Root	William (?)
E. (?) Waterman	(?) Brigham
C.W. Spencer	P. (?) Smith
R. (?) Brigham	Samuel Hutchinson
A.W. Brigham	W.P. Smith
(? ?) Reynolds (?)	James Burnham
(?)	William P. Brown
Benjamin Clifford	(?)
William G. Barret	E. Hutchinson
(? ?) Louis Ray (?)	(?)
William G. Barrett	J.H. Brown
Hebard	
H.S. Goddard	
E.C. Wadsworth	
Rodney Clough	
William Moore	
L.C. Hebard	
Amos Hatch	
E.B. Brown	
Franklin Olds	
Charles E. Ensworth	
Henry Hutchinson	
D.A. Loveland	
Henry C. Burton	
S.S. Booth	
Aaron Loveland	
Don Brigham	

**April 1, 1869.** Petition for road from dwelling house of John Eastman to the road near his house in District No.--.

Petitioners:

A.E. Maxham  
L.C. Hebard



H.S. Wills  
F.H. Clifferd (?)  
William Holder  
Seth (? Master ?)  
J.L. Maxham (?)  
Gertrude Reynolds  
Lorenzo Goodrich

Verso: Selectmen disposed to act in favor of petition but change in family owning and occupying house suggest that there might not be necessity or desire.

**April 22, 1869.** Selectmen: E.B. Brown, William Brigham, George Loveland. Petition to lay road from house of Char- L. & E.S. Swasey to a point on highway leading from school house in School District #2 to Norwich plain at or near top of hill westerly from the "George Bridge."

Petitioners:

C.L. Swasey	S.E. Burton
E.S. Swasey	James Neal
D.H. Bragg	A. P. Hatch
G.S. Hovey	R. Smith
(?) T.S. Gile	Chester Bond
William W. Clough	G.W. Blanchard (?)
R.C. Gile	G. (?) Gile
B.F. Kimball	E.S. Messenger
T.B. Kimball	L.H. Currier
A. Gile	F. E. Spear
L.S. Partridge	John Dutton
George W. Sturtevant (?)	Henry Hawkins
A.W. Knapp	James Spear
	E.R. Goddard

Verso: June 24 1869. "decided not to grant" Not unanimous decision

**June 4, 1869.** To E.B. Brown, William Brigham & George Loveland, Selectmen. Petition for road from 'the house on the farm of C.A. & A.E. Goddard to the brook road leading from the school house in District No. 2 to Norwich plain."

Petitioners:

Ariel E. Goddard  
Jas. K. Egerton  
Franklin S. Olds  
T.L. Gile  
J.S. Hovey  
B.F. Kimball  
Eden Swasey  
C. (?) Swasey  
W.T. Hazen

On Verso: Petition examined. 4 June 1869 examined the premises and heard petitioners, etc. Granted request, laid our road, had surveyed. No damages claimed.

**June 24, 1869** To the Select Men of the town of Norwich. The undersigned, inhabitants and freeholders of said town, respectfully request that you will cause to be opened, a public highway, from the house where Levi Frazer now lives to the brook, said highway being in a northerly direction from the said Frazer's dwelling house, and also is wholly in the said town of Norwich.

Winfield S. Manchester  
Curtis Parkhurst  
Jacob H. Porter (?)  
Rodolphus W. Wood

D. I. Gilman (?)  
Edward O. Newton  
Nelson Newton  
Edward N. Newton  
Levi (Leo?) Frazier

Verso: The undersigned E.B. Brown, Wm Brigham and George Loveland, Select Men of the town of Norwich after having given due personal notice to three of the within petitioners and also having given due notice to all persons owning or interested in lands through which the highway may pass that we would attend to the request of the petitioners on the 24th day of June 1869 and on that day we did examine the premises and heard the parties interested and after due consideration did decide not to grant the prayer of the written named petitioners. Norwich June 24, AD 1869.

E.B. Brown, Wm Brigham, George Loveland. Select Men of Norwich

Recorded Refused to grant. **October 30, 1869.**

To the Select Men . . . . Gentlemen, the undersigned freeholders . . . respectfully request that you would examine survey and lay out a new highway commencing from or near Samuel Goddard's barway (?) on the southerly side of the brook road not far from said Goddard's shed; thence running easterly keeping on the south side of the brook through Samuel Goddards, Clarissa (?) Wright's and Charles S & E.S. Swasey's land to the westerly line of Aaron Loveland's land to intersect with the old highway. Norwich, Vt. October 25, 1869.

David H. Bragg

(?)

J.S. Hovey	A. P. Hatch
B.F. Kendall	A. Gile
Caleb West	A.E. Maxham
James Neal	Irs B. Burton
(?) Gile	James Brigham
F.B. Kimball	
Cha(rles) Swasey	
Edward S. Swasey	
Lewis Burton	
L.S. Partridge	

Verso. We the undersigned . . . Select Men . . . after having given due personal notice to the within petitioners and also notified all persons owning or interested in lands through which a highway may pass . . . did on the 30th day of October AD 1869 examine the premises and heard the parties interested and after due consideration did refuse to grant . . . . Wm. Brigham, George Loveland, Select Men.

**November 6, 1869.** Refused.

To the Hon. Select Men . . . . We the undersigned inhabitants of Norwich & Thetford would respectfully request you to survey and cause to be made a public highway commencing near Mr. Lord's dwelling house & running northerly in the most feasible place to Thetford line as implicitly (?) bound will (?). Norwich. October 29, 1869.

(?)

H.S. Colburn  
F.C. Snow  
Wm. Lord  
G.H. Burton  
L>C. Kinney  
J.C. Kinney

Refused November 6, 1869 (after hearing interested parties).

Recorded? **January 1, 1870.**

To the Board of Select Men . . . . The subscribers would respectfully represent that it is for the public convenience that there should be a road at some point leading from the main road near W (?) J. Reynolds to the sawmill owned by Judd L. Maxham. We would therefore request that you should examine the premises and, if in your judgement you may think it necessary, we ask that the same should be laid as soon as conveniently may be--

C.H. Maxham	Benjamin Allcott (?)	Petition for road, 1869.
E. H. Reagiss?	G. Rix	
Wm. M. Norton	G. Eastman	Received too late upon the
W. Danforth	L. Hebard	ground being covered with
Wm Holden	E.J. Rix	snow.
D. Simonds	M. Rix	
A.E. Maxham	Calvin Sawyer	
Charles H. Smith	C.S. Adams	
Orange D. Avery	Lorenzo Goodrich	
Weth McNorton (?)	Harvey Carpenter	
George H. Kimball		
Caleb Holt		
R. Roberts		