

Under the Hump

SOCIETY BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9 meeting
at CBMS, 7 pm

- Election of Officers
- Video presentation by Senator William Doyle and Vince Franke: "Life in Washington County"
- "Life in Washington County" DVDs on sale at the meeting, \$16 (includes tax)
- Reminder: Anyone who has not paid their dues for 2010 will be removed from the voting and mailing list
- Historical Society calendars on sale at the next meeting. Also available at these Waterbury locations: Kinney Drugs, Depot Beverage, Waterbury Library, Waterbury Center Bakery, Stowe Street Emporium, and the Cabot Annex.
- We will be hosting the potluck luncheon this year at Town Meeting. We are requesting that Society members bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share. Lunch will be \$5 per person. We will also sell coffee/donuts/snacks in the morning per usual. Contact Mary Ethel Welch with questions, 244-7558.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER?



"Life in Washington County"

On February 9, following the business meeting, the DHS will host a presentation of "Life in Washington County," the fifth installment in a series of videos depicting life in each county of Vermont.

Each video is a collaborative effort between the students of Johnson State College, under the direction of Senator/Professor William Doyle, and the film production company Peregrine Productions, operated by Duxbury Historical Society member Vince Franke. "Life in Washington County" joins Grand Isle, Chittenden, Franklin, Orleans, and Lamoille counties, which have been previously produced. Caledonia county is slated for production and release in 2011.

These videos depict life of years long past and feature local residents of the various towns within the county explaining the life and times of the community. Some of the 19 residents featured in the Washington County segment are: Mary Reagan, Duxbury; Gleason Ayers, Waterbury; Jack Smith, Waitsfield; Huguette Abbott, Fayston, and George Thomas, Middlesex. There are over 200 historical photographs depicted in the video.

Each video is approximately 35-60 minutes. DVDs for the counties completed are priced at

\$16 each (includes tax) and will be available for sale at the February 9 presentation. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Duxbury Historical Society. Contact your friends and relatives and join us for an entertaining evening! Admission is free.

LIFE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY



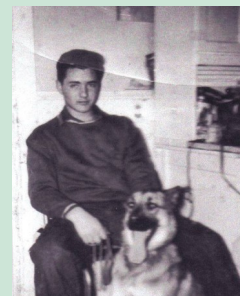
Produced by:

Peregrine Productions LLC
&
Bill Doyle's Vermont History and Government Class
at Johnson State College

Last Issue's Photo: George Welch

My fondest memory as a child in Duxbury...

As a ten-year-old boy, bringing logs to the Demeritt Mill on Crossett Hill and watching the mill in action and Clyde C. Morse sharpening saws. Perhaps these trips are what inspired me to start my own sawmill.



D U X B U R Y L E G I S L A T O R S

In 1896 the publication *Vermont - A Souvenir of Its Government* was created to provide the people with a directory of government officials. It included members of the legislative and judicial branches of the government, as well as the people that occupied the departments of the Vermont government. Along with contact information for the state offices, the Souvenir journal contained photographs and a biographical paragraph about each of the legislators. It was a private publication and the information was compiled by William Jeffrey until the 1917-1918 issue. It was then compiled by Walter J. Bigelow through 1934, Lillian W. Bryan through 1942, and Mari Tomasi until 1950 when it ceased to be published. In 1951, *The Legislative Directory*, was created. That publication did not include photographs but did have biographical sketches on the members of legislature. What follows is the information that was contained in these directories as well as information we gathered from their descendants. We know there are more people in Duxbury who were members of the legislature so if you have information and photos, please submit them to a newsletter committee member and we can run them in a future issue.



Janus Crossett, 74 years old
Menta Crossett Huntley, 52 years old
Mertie Huntley Palmer, 28 years old
Annie Dorothy Palmer, 7 months old
Photo taken May 9, 1898

Janus Crossett

Janus Crossett was born in a log cabin on a site overlooking the former Red School (District #4) on Nov. 12, 1823. The Red School is currently the home of Larry Benoit. Janus was born to Edward Jr. and Hannah (Carter) Crossett.

In 1844, Janus married Rachel Euretta Crosby of Duxbury. They had two children: Menta Fannie (later married E.W. Huntley) and James E., who succeeded his father on the family farm and also in the lumber business. After the death of Rachel, Janus later married Abbie Whitney of Stowe.

Janus represented his town in legislature during the 1855, 1856, and 1857 sessions as a member of the Whig party. In the 1870s he was also a side judge for Washington County.

In 1913, Janus died at age 90 in the home that he and his carpenter, William Deal of Waterbury, built in 1868.

Eber W. Huntley

Eber Willard Huntley was born in Duxbury to Gilbert and Mary (Nash) Huntley on Nov. 11, 1839. He lived all his life in Duxbury.

In 1863, he married Menta Crossett and they had one child, Mertie Eurette.

He had many trades, but his favorite was a 45-year career as the Duxbury Town Clerk. Mertie succeeded him after his death in 1916.

Eber was Duxbury's representative in legislature in 1882 and was also county senator in 1908.

Eber died in 1916 in the home that he purchased in 1869.

From Alice DeLong archives:

July 2, 1845

Janus Crossett wrote in his diary:
"I went to Montpelier County Whig Convention"

Janus Crossett voted for Garfield in 1880.

DUXBURY LEGISLATORS

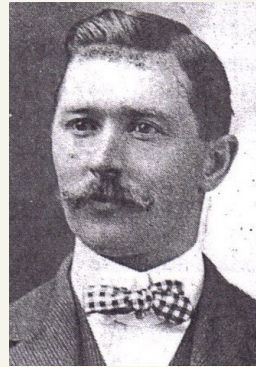
James E. Crossett

Born on Dec. 6, 1854, he was the son of Janus and Rachel Eurette (Crosby) Crossett. He was born on the farm site that his grandfather, Edward Jr., settled in the 1820s.

On Dec. 23, 1874, he married Mary Jane McMullen, his childhood sweetheart. They had one daughter, Tenie May, who later in life married Phillip Shonio.

James served on the board of selectmen for 26 years and was a representative to the legislature for Duxbury during 1890.

He died in 1916, on the same site he was born.

**Herbert G. Ward**

He was born in Duxbury in Dec., 1871.

He was a farmer and held the offices of Justice of the Peace, lister, and school director. In 1902 he represented Duxbury as a Republican.

**John A. Durkee**

He was born in Brookfield in 1836.

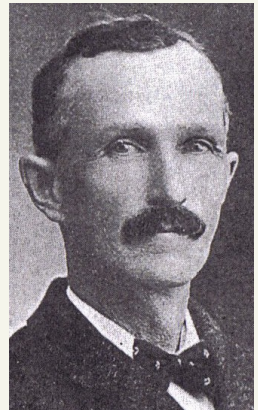
He settled in Duxbury in 1874 and was a lumber manufacturer and town selectman. He was a private in Companies I and D, 9th Vt. Vols., and mustered out in Dec., 1865.

He represented Duxbury in 1896 as a Republican.

George W. Davis

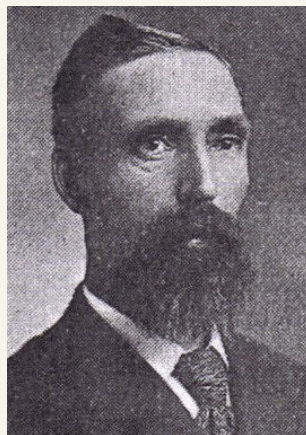
He was born in Duxbury on Nov. 30, 1852.

George was a farmer and held the offices of selectman, auditor, and juryman. He was a Republican and represented Duxbury in 1904.

**Orrin W. Hills**

He was born in Duxbury on August 27, 1843. He worked as a wheelwright and blacksmith.

Orrin was school director, lister, and selectman for Duxbury. He was a Republican representative to the legislature for Duxbury in 1898.

**Arthur Huntley Graves**

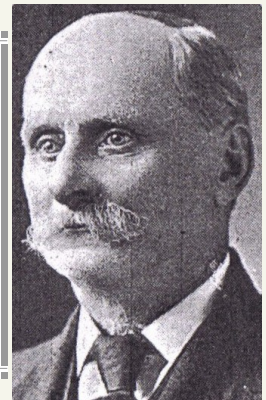
He was born Duxbury on April 16, 1863.

Arthur was a manufacturer of evaporated cider and cider jelly. He was town auditor, lister, high bailiff of Washington County, school director and chairman, and clerk of the school board. He represented Duxbury in 1906 as a Republican.

**Charles Ransom Kennedy**

Charles was born on May 20, 1849.

He was educated in the public schools of Bolton and Montpelier Seminary. Charles was a lumber grader, a petit juror, and represented Duxbury as a Republican in 1910.



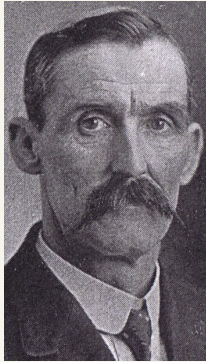
From Alice DeLong archives:

Lorenzo Davis — 1851, Free Democrat

Known Whigs in Duxbury:
Janus Crossett — 1845

Ebenezer W. Corse — 1847 but in 1849, "Third Party"

DUXBURY LEGISLATORS

**James Joseph Breen**

He was born in Richmond on Jan. 15, 1867.

He was a farmer and was educated in the public schools of Waterbury.

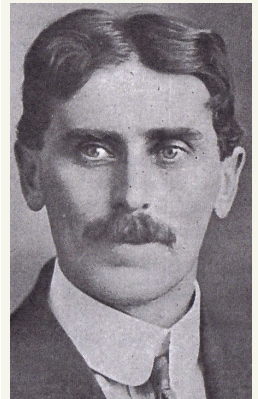
James was a Democrat and represented Duxbury in 1912.

C. Homer Kennedy

He was born in Duxbury on Oct. 23, 1885.

He was educated in Colchester and Duxbury public schools.

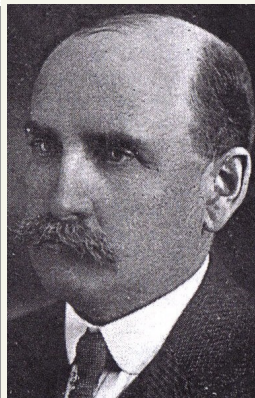
On June 26, 1912, he married Mary F. Leighon of Newbury. He was a merchant and farmer, lister, chairman of board of selectmen, constable and collector, auditor, moderator, and Old Age Assistance Investigator. He represented Duxbury in 1921, 1943, 1951, and 1961 as a Republican.

**Bertrand Richard Demeritt**

He was born in Waterbury on Oct. 25, 1862.

Bertrand was educated at Green Mountain Seminary, graduating in the Commercial Banking Department. He was a manufacturer. In 1886 he married Lillie M. Perry.

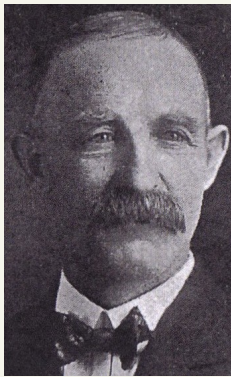
He was moderator, town grand juror, and school director for many years. In 1915 he represented Duxbury as a Republican.

**John R. Dillon**

He was born in Fayston on July 13, 1868.

He was educated in the public schools of Starksboro. In 1894 he married Bessie Devine of Waterbury.

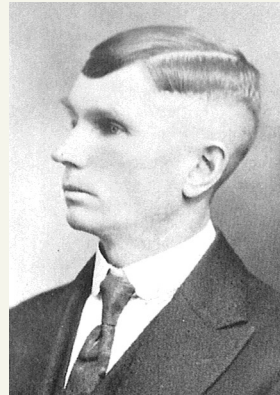
John was a farmer, a selectman, and chairman of the board for several years. He represented Duxbury in 1917 as a Democrat.

**Lester S. Hills**

Lester was born in Fayston on April 26, 1876. He settled in Duxbury in 1888.

On Dec. 24, 1898, he married Lilla M. Sherman. They had three children: Sidney, Stella, and Everett.

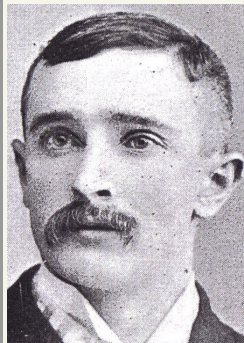
Lester operated a dairy farm. He was overseer of the poor in 1919 and for several years, a lister and town treasurer for Duxbury. He was Duxbury's representative in legislature in 1923.

**Alba J. Durkee**

He was born in Fayston on Nov. 12, 1869 and educated in Duxbury schools and Green Mountain Seminary.

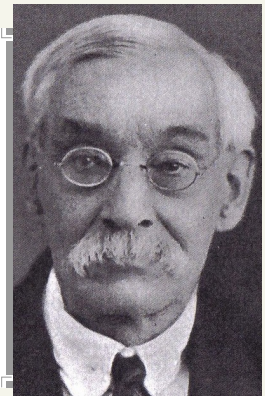
He worked in a mill until 1898, when he bought the lumber business of J.A. Durkee.

In 1912 he married Elizabeth M. O'Neil. He was an auditor, selectman, and chairman of the board. Alba was a Republican and represented Duxbury in 1919 but sadly, died that same year.

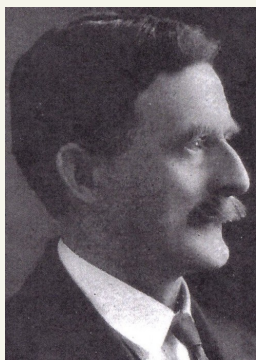
**Lewis A. Morse**

He was born in Duxbury, Dec. 26, 1860.

On Oct. 10, 1894, he married Mary A. Greene. Lewis was a farmer, school director, lister, auditor, and Justice of the Peace. He represented Duxbury as a Democrat in 1925.



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**Howard Prescott Kennedy**

He was born in Duxbury, Sept. 6, 1879.

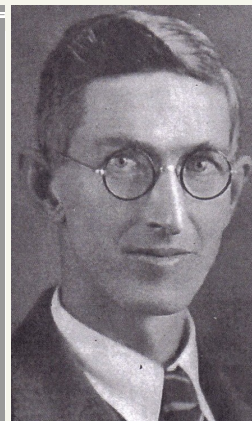
Howard married Alice M. Davis. He was a farmer, an auditor, truant officer, school director, chairman and clerk of the school board, Justice of the Peace, and trial justice, all for many years.

He was a Democrat and represented Duxbury in 1927.

Ray Turner Davis

He was born in Duxbury, Oct. 5, 1887.

Ray was a farmer and married Ethel M. Preston on May 20, 1915 (until her passing) and later married Marion P. Kimball on May 12, 1932. He was a selectman for Duxbury and represented the town in 1933 as a Republican.

**Warren A. Roby**

He was born in Kansas, March 27, 1881 and located in Duxbury in December 1881.

He married Cora C. Coon and was a farmer and switch operator in an electric plant. Warren was also health officer, deputy sheriff, and selectman. In 1929 he represented Duxbury as a Republican.

**William Augustus Cormier**

He was born in Williston on Sept. 9, 1891.

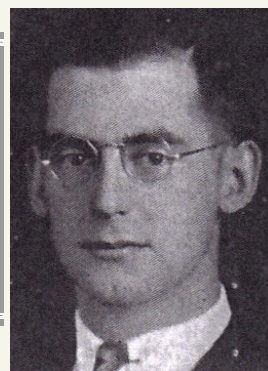
He was a farmer and selectman in Duxbury and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

William represented the town in 1935 as a Republican.

**Ralph C. Morse**

Ralph was born in 1907.

He worked in a lumber mill and represented Duxbury as a Republican in 1937. He served on the Suffrage and Elections and Temperance committee.

**Harry F. Harvey**

He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, Feb. 13, 1884, and located in Duxbury in 1917.

He married Mabel Johns and had many children. Harry was a farmer and livestock dealer. He was road commissioner in Waterbury and a selectman in Duxbury.

Harry represented Duxbury in 1931 as a Democrat.

**William Rex Callahan**

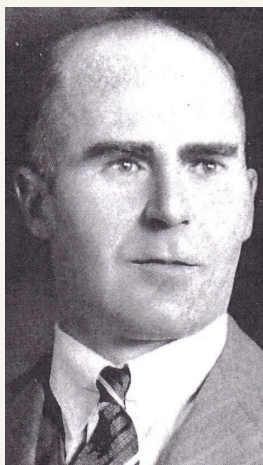
He was born in Duxbury on Dec. 7, 1905.

Rex was educated in Duxbury public schools and was a lumberman.

He represented Duxbury in 1939 as a Democrat on the State Institutions committee.



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**Lynn G. Lewis**

He was born in Duxbury, Feb. 21, 1905.

Lynn was educated in Duxbury Graded school and Waterbury High School, class of 1923.

On Oct. 31, 1927, he married Blanche Campbell Cook. He was a chair mill foreman and a member of Winooski Lodge of Masons in Waterbury. In 1941, he represented Duxbury as a Republican.

Howard Ezra Sherman

Born in Duxbury on April 17, 1919. He was educated in Duxbury Schools and Montpelier Seminary. On December 17, 1938, he married Katherine McGrath. They had three sons: Rodney, Ronald, and Howard Jr., and six daughters: Rebecca, Gladys, Rachel, Connie, Theresa, and Kathryn.

Howard owned and operated his own elementary school bus for the town of Duxbury for many years. He owned and operated his own dairy farm and also worked for the Vermont State Highway Department.

He was a Democratic member of the Vermont House in 1947 and 1963. He was a member of the Harry N. Cutting American Legion Post 59 and I.O.O.F. Mentor Lodge No. 51. He was active in the town and held positions such as selectman, Justice of the Peace, and school director (1947-1951). He served in the United States Army during WWII.

**Willis Howard Morse**

Born in Duxbury on July 9, 1915. He was educated in Duxbury Schools. On December 31, 1936, he married Barbara Calahan of Duxbury. They had two sons and five daughters: Willis, Mark, Marjorie, Judith, Joyce, Martha, and Laura.

Willis worked in the lumber mill and then owned and operated a dairy farm until 1965. Following those he worked for Davison Furniture of Waterbury and ran his own saw-sharpening business.

He was a Republican member of the Vermont House 1945, 1957, and 1959. He served on the Public Health, Military Affairs, and Fish and Game committees. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Mentor Lodge No. 51. He held town positions of cemetery commissioner, budget committee member, lister and selectman for several years.

**Mrs. Marion K. Davis**

She was born in Cornish, New Hampshire on March 1, 1895 and located in Duxbury in May 1932.

She was educated in the elementary schools of Cornish, N.H., Kimball Union Academy of Meriden, N.H., and Woodsville High School, Woodsville, N.H.

She was town auditor and school director and represented Duxbury as a Republican in 1949.

Ferdinand Collins Welch

Born in Duxbury on Aug. 7, 1905, he was the first child of James Lewis and Mabel (Collins) Welch.

He was employed by the former Whiting Creamery and Derby Ball Manufacturing Company, both of Waterbury, before farming on two sites in Duxbury.

On June 15, 1933, he married Lois Frances Batchelder of Plainfield. They had six children: David, Barbara, Donald, Carol, Judith, and Joyce.

Ferd held many town offices including selectman, fire warden, road commissioner, budget committee, and was the town's Republican representative in legislature during 1953.

DUXBURY LEGISLATORS

Fred L. Ravlin

He was born in Starksboro on April 12, 1882 and located in Duxbury in 1894.

Fred was educated in Duxbury and Waterbury schools. He was a sawmill operator, lumberman, and farmer. Fred was a member of Dillingham Grange and held offices in the town such as road commissioner, Overseer of the Poor, tax collector, grand juror, lister, school director, Justice of the Peace, and selectman. He represented Duxbury in 1955 as a Republican.

Frank J. Griffin

He was born in Warren on July 18, 1892, and located in town on Aug. 15, 1950.

He was educated at Warren Elementary school and Bliss Business College in Lewiston, Maine. Frank was a granite plant worker and married to Maude Clough.

Frank was a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Duxbury Grange, and the Farm Bureau. He was Overseer of the Poor for many years and represented Duxbury in 1965 as a Republican.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGISLATORS



Duxbury: Willis H. Morse (row 3, seat 6)

1945

WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGISLATORS



Duxbury: Howard E. Sherman (row 4, seat 2)

1947



Moretown: Aline Ward (row 1, seat 2); Waterbury: Bob Luce (row 2, seat 2); Barre City: Cornelius Granai (row 3, seat 2);
Duxbury: Ferd C. Welch (row 3, seat 7)

1953

WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGISLATORS



WASHINGTON COUNTY 1957

Moretown: Florence Ward (row 1, seat 1); Waterbury: Frank Guild (row 1, seat 5); Duxbury: Willis H. Morse (row 3, seat 1)

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VERMONT LEGISLATURE—1959

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DUXBURY LEGISLATORS

FATHER AND SON HAVE SEATS IN VERMONT'S LEGISLATURE

2/7/31

Harveys Elected on Democratic Tickets From Republican Towns of Waterbury and Duxbury



DAVID T. HARVEY,
REPRESENTATIVE FROM
WATERBURY, VT.



HENRY F. HARVEY,
REPRESENTATIVE FROM
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Special Dispatch to the Globe

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In the old days of the livery stable Mr Harvey operated a good one, and his office was the scene of many a stormy debate on political questions. He became known as sort of a sage, and has been elected time and again against strong opponents. He stands for the little red school and thinks that it should be preserved as one of America's greatest institutions. He also believes that the secondary roads should be improved for the benefit of the resident farmer instead of spending all on trunk lines. He also opposes the head tax and has promised to vote for its abolition.

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VERMONT LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

Legislative Sessions 1778-1807

This table shows the place of meeting and length of Legislature sessions before being held in Montpelier

Year and Place of Meeting		Time of Meeting		Adjournment		Days of Session.
1778	Windsor	March	12	March	26	15
1778	Bennington	June	4	June	18	15
1778	Windsor	October	8	October	24	17
1779	Bennington	February	11	February	26	16
1779	Windsor	June	2	June	4	3
1779	Manchester	October	14	October	27	14
1780	Westminster	March	8	March	16	9
1780	Bennington	October	12	November	8	28
1781	Windsor	February	7	February	23	17
1781	Windsor	April	4	April	16	13
1781	Bennington	June	13	June	28	16
1781	Charlestown now N. H.	October	11	October	27	17
1782	Bennington	January	31	February	28	29
1782	Windsor	June	13	June	13	9
1782	Manchester	October	10	October	24	15
1783	Windsor	February	13	February	27	15
1783	Westminster	October	9	October	24	16
1784	Bennington	February	19	March	9	20
1784	Rutland	October	14	October	29	16
1785	Norwich	June	2	June	18	17
1785	Windsor	October	13	October	27	15
1786	Rutland	October	12	October	31	20
1787	Bennington	February	15	March	10	24
1787	Newbury	October	11	October	27	17
1788	Manchester	October	9	October	25	17
1789	Westminster	October	8	October	29	22
1790	Castleton	October	14	October	28	15
1791	Bennington	January	10	January	27	18
1791	Windsor	October	13	November	3	22
1792	Rutland	October	11	November	7	28
1793	Windsor	October	10	November	4	26
1794	Rutland	October	9	October	30	22
1795	Windsor	October	8	October	27	20
1796	Rutland	October	13	November	8	28
1797	Rutland	February	4	March	10	35
1797	Windsor	October	12	November	10	30
1798	Vergennes	October	11	November	8	29
1799	Windsor	October	10	November	5	27
1800	Middlebury	October	9	November	7	30
1801	Newbury	October	8	November	6	30
1802	Burlington	October	14	November	12	30
1803	Westminster	October	13	November	14	33
1804	Windsor	January	26	February	6	12
1804	Rutland	October	11	November	9	30
1805	Danville	October	10	November	8	30
1806	Middlebury	October	9	November	11	34
1807	Woodstock	October	8	November	11	35

D U X B U R Y L E G I S L A T O R S

<u>Session</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth-Death</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Committee</u>
1794-1795	Benjamin Davis	21+	<1774-		
1796	Jesse Arms	24	1772-1848		
1797-1799	Moses Heaton	42+	<1775		
1800-1802	Joseph Nash	26+	<1774		
1803-1804	Ebenezer Corse	27+	<1775-1861		
1805	Benjamin Davis	32+	<1774		
1806	Ebenezer Corse	30+	<1775-1861		
1807	James Smalley	28+	<1780		
1808-1810	Ebenezer Corse	31+	<1775-1861		
1811	Curwin Wallace	52	1759-1833		
1812	Ebenezer Corse	36+	<1775-1861		
1813	James Smalley	34+	<1780		
1814	Curwin Wallace	55	1759-1833		
1815-1816	Ebenezer Corse	39+	<1775-1861		
1817-1818	Curwin Wallace	58	1759-1833		
1819	Ebenezer Corse	43+	<1775-1861		
1820-1821	Curwin Wallace	61	1759-1833		
1822-1823	Edward Crossett	40	1782-1843		
1824	Ebenezer Corse	48+	<1775-1861		
1825-1827	Nathan Huntley	43	1782-1857		
1828-1830	Ira Arms	30	1798-1861		
1831-1832	Samuel Turner	27	1804-1857		
1833	Ira Arms	35	1798-1861		
1834	Lyman C. Turner	35	1799-1850		Distributing
1835-1836	Horace Atkins	45+	<1791		
1837	David Belding	42	1795-1860		
1838-1839	Lyman C. Turner	39	1799-1850		
1840	Samuel Turner	36	1804-1857		
1841-1842	Lyman C. Turner	42	1799-1850		
1843	John Towle	34+	<1810-		
1844	None				
1845	Chester Marshall	36+	<1810-		
1846	Ebenezer W. Corse	41	1805-1885	Whig	
1847	David Belding	52	1795-1860		
1848-1849	Ebenezer W. Corse	43	1805-1885	Whig	Distributing
1850-1851	Lorenzo Davis	31	1819-		
1852	None				
1853	James Stewart	41	1812-		
1854	John Towle	45+	<1810-		
1855-1857	Janus Crossett	32	1823-1913	Whig	
1858-1859	Gilbert Huntley	52	1806-1861		
1860	None				
1861-1862	Isaiah Huntley	55	1806-1890		
1863-1864	Edwin C. Crossett	46	1817-1880		Grand List compilation
1865-1866	Luther Graves	53	1812-1889		Grand List compilation
1867-1868	None				
1869-1870	Jesse J. Ridley	30	1839-1897		Federal Relations
1872*-1874	Harry Bulkley	45	1827-1902		Highways, Bridges, Ferries
1876	David E. Farrand	42	1834-1901	Republican	
1878	Lyman V. Turner	53	1825-1906	National Greenback	Mileage & Debentures

D U X B U R Y L E G I S L A T O R S

<u>Session</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth-Death</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Committee</u>
1880	None				
1882	Eber W. Huntley	43	1839-1916		
1884	William M. Turner	52	1832-1885		
1886-1888	Hiram O. Ward	44	1842-1914		
1890	James E. Crossett	36	1854-1916		
1892	Samuel S. Foster	48	1844-		
1894	Samuel M. Turner	59	1835-1907		
1896	John A. Durkee	60	1836-1902		
1898	Orrin W. Hills	55	1843-1928		
1900	Albert C. Turner	51	1849-1916		
1902	Herbert G. Ward	31	1871-	Republican	Agriculture
1904	George W. Davis	52	1852-1925	Republican	Elections
1906	Arthur H. Graves	43	1863-	Republican	Manufacturers
1908	Benjamin F. Hart	63	1845-1926	Republican	Military Affairs
1910	Charles R. Kennedy	61	1849-1915	Republican	Conservation
1912	James J. Breen	45	1867-	Democrat	Claims
1915**	Bertrand R. Demeritt	53	1862-	Republican	Elections, Manufacturers
1917	John R. Dillon	49	1868-1949	Democrat	Military Affairs
1919#	Alba J. Durkee	49/50	1869-1919	Republican	
1921	C. Homer Kennedy	36	1885-1972	Republican	Taxation
1923	Lester S. Hills	47	1876-1956	Republican	Library, Military Affairs
1925	Lewis A. Morse	65	1860-1935	Democrat	Public Health, Temperance
1927	Howard P. Kennedy	48	1879-1957	Republican	State & Court Expenses
1929	Warren A. Roby	48	1881	Republican	Municipal Corporations
1931	Harry F. Harvey	47	1884-1965	Democrat	Minor Courts
1933	Ray T. Davis	46	1887-1980	Republican	Commerce & Labor
1935	William A. Cormier	43	1891	Republican	Minor Courts
1937	Ralph C. Morse	30	1907-1998	Republican	Suffrage & Elections, Temperance
1939	William Rex Callahan	34	1905-1993	Democrat	State Institutions
1941	Lynn G. Lewis	35	1905-	Republican	Corporations & Franchises
1943	C. Homer Kennedy	58	1885-1972	Republican	Social Security
1945	Willis H. Morse	30	1915-1974	Republican	Public Health
1947	Howard E. Sherman	28	1919-1987	Democrat	Veterans' & Military Affairs
1949	Marion K. Davis	54	1895-1978	Republican	Education, Library
1951	C. Homer Kennedy	66	1885-1972	Republican	Minor Courts, Social Security
1953	Ferdinand C. Welch	48	1905-1991	Republican	State & Court Expenses
1955	Fred L. Ravlin	73	1882-1960	Republican	Education
1957-1959	Willis H. Morse	42	1915-1974	Republican	Military Affairs, Fish & Game
1961	C. Homer Kennedy	76	1885-1972	Republican	Municipal Corporations
1963	Howard E. Sherman	44	1919-1987	Democrat	Highway Traffic
1965	Frank J. Griffin	73	1892-1976	Republican	Social Welfare
1967-***	no Duxbury residents elected				

Note: Ages are based on year of session, not actual age at start of session.

< = Person was born prior to given year based on US Census info. No birth records were required before 1850.

+ = Minimum age of individual. Actual age may be 9-20 years greater due to no birth record available before 1850.

* = Began meeting every two years

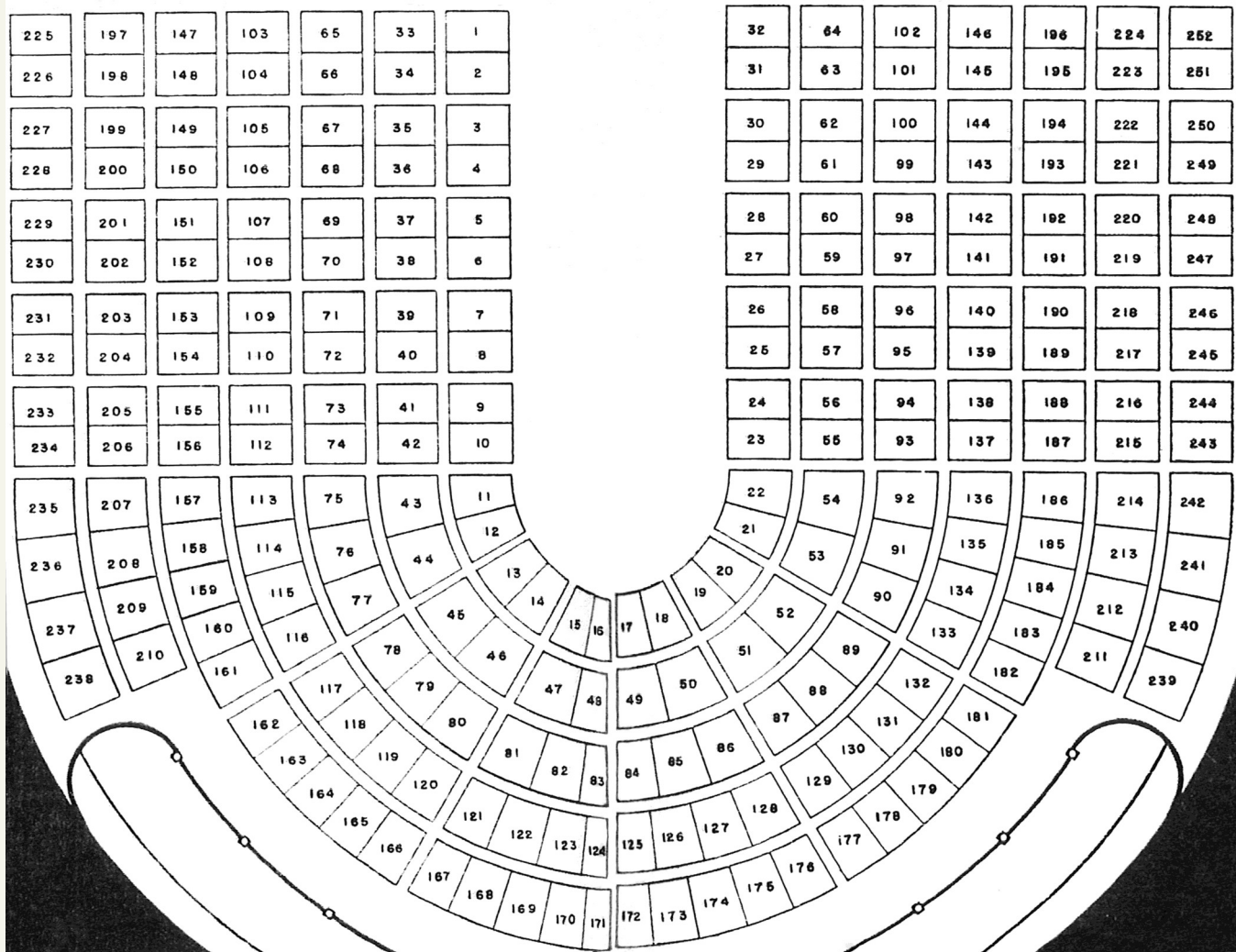
** = Began biennial sessions

*** = House re-apportioned by district population

= died Jan. 26, 1919

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Match the names of your friends and family to the seat they sat in at the Vermont State House.



Session	Name	Seat	Session	Name	Seat	Session	Name	Seat
1847	David Belding	33	1912	James J. Breen	186	1945	Willis H. Morse	77
1848-1849	Ebenezer Corse	170/40	1915	Bertrand R. Demeritt	141	1947	Howard E. Sherman	52
1850-1851	Lorenzo Davis	38/152	1917	John R. Dillon	179	1949	Marion K. Davis	100
1854	John Towle	55	1919	Alba J. Durkee	167	1951	Homer C. Kennedy	38
1861-1862	Isaiah Huntley	44/44	1921	Homer C. Kennedy	113	1953	Ferdinand C. Welch	107
1863-1864	Edwin C. Crossett	78/38	1923	Lester S. Hills	167	1955	Fred L. Ravlin	156
1865-1866	Luther Graves	113/159	1925	Lewis A. Morse	244	1957-1959	Willis H. Morse	52/52
1869-1870	Jesse J. Ridley	35/55	1927	Howard P. Kennedy	48	1961	Homer C. Kennedy	4
1872-1874	Harry Bulkley	218/35	1929	Warren A. Roby	5	1963	Howard E. Sherman	182
1876	David E. Ferrand	169	1931	Harry F. Harvey	215	1965	Frank J. Griffin	21
1878	Lyman V. Turner	99	1933	Ray T. Davis	206			
1902	Herbert G. Ward	251	1935	William A. Cormier	127			
1904	George W. Davis	61	1937	Ralph C. Morse	234			
1906	Arthur H. Graves	151	1939	William Rex Callahan	47			
1908	Benjamin F. Hart	166	1941	Lynn G. Lewis	46			
1910	Charles R. Kennedy	65	1943	Homer C. Kennedy	113			

P O T P O U R R I

Excerpts from Clyde C. Morse's Diary1917

Sun. Feb 4 Freda's baby born this P.M.
 Sat. Mar 1 Paid M. J. Maloney .60 for shoeing.
 Mon. Mar Paid A. D. Talbert .15 for groceries.
 Mon. Apr 2 Got my eye full of glass. Paid Dr. Bidwell \$1.00.
 Tue. May 1 Addie Colton's folks had baby boy.
 Mon. May 7 Dick Armington has moved into Demeritt house.
 Thu. May 31 Planted my potatoes.
 Thu. Jul 12 Bought 10 qts. strawberries off Arthur Graves \$1.25.
 Fri. Jul 13 Katy Dillon has Infantile Paralysis.
 Sat. Jul 14 Katy Dillon died.
 Mon. Aug 27 Forest Harvey's folks had a baby girl born this morning.
 Sun. Nov 4 Sold R. [Richard] Lyman 2 pigs \$8.00

1918

Wed. Mar 6 Bought of F. C. Lamb, ½ # coffee .10, 1# soda .08, 5# rye flour .40, 3 ½ #
 Sugar .35, 1# raisins .15, 1# crackers .30, 1 box soap .07, 1 qt. molasses .32.
 Sat. Mar 9 Auction of John Tilton's property.
 Sun. Mar 10 Sherman boys [??] went down with herd of cattle that came from Tilton auction.
 Sat. Mar 30 Bought small chair off John Blanchard .25. M. J. Maloney 1 ring .10.
 Sun. Apr 7 Harold bought cow off A. J. Patterson \$50.00.
 Sat. May 11 James Stewart badly injured in auto accident.
 Mon. Sep 16 Bert Dalley was killed today by tree falling on him.
 Wed. Oct 23 Ferd came over & ate supper with Freda, it was their 27th birthday.
 Mon. Dec 16 William McGrath died this morning.

1934

Tue. Apr 3 Ferd Welch's folks have a boy born today. (David)
 Fri. Jun 15 Whiting Milk Co. ice house burned today.
 Sun. Jul 15 Northfield Woolen Mills burned tonight.

1935

Sat. Feb 2 Fred Currier's house burned last night.
 Tue. Mar 5 At town meeting, Ralph was elected Lister and Fred Ravlin road commissioner.
 Sat. Mar 23 Frank McGrath died today.
 Thu. Apr 25 Ray Parizo & Ruby Pelkey were married this evening.
 Sat. Jun 8 Fred Davis died this morning.
 Wed. Jun 19 Mrs. A. J. Patterson died this A.M.
 Tue. Jun 25 Everett [Morse] & Loren [Morse] were here tonight.
 Sat. Jun 29 Lewis Morse went to hospital, operated on for strangulated hernia.
 Sun. Jun 30 Lewis died this morning.
 Mon. Jul 8 The help at the Veneer Mill went on strike this morning.
 Sat. Jul 13 Harvey, Willis & Charlie Pelkey cleaned up what hay was down.
 Sun. Jul 14 The Audy boys were in a wreck at Casey bridge. 2 of them badly hurt.
 Tues. Jul 23 Lightning hit Lewis Welch barn but did not set it afire.
 Tue. Aug 20 I went to Lodge meeting, 9 were initiated Ralph, Willis, Harold Sherman,
 Cy Thurston, Heman Stewart Jr., E. F. Clifton Jr., E. C. Harvey, E. Woodard, Luther Norton
 Sat. Sep 21 Harry Whitefield died this morning.
 Fri. Oct 11 Mrs. [Jessie] Callahan died tonight
 Thu. Oct 31 Clint & Francis Miller shot a bear on Scrabble Hill today.
 Thu. Nov 23 Crossett Shonio's barn burned tonight, they lost 3 horses & 2-3 calves.
 Tue. Dec 17 Walter Deal's wife died this morning.

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CROSSETT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - 7 PM

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