

town and offered it as a gift to the town. The following items were included: Five hundred dollars for a clock to be placed on the Methodist Church; five hundred dollars for Public Library of Lincoln; two thousand dollars, the income of which should go to the paupers of Lincoln and one hundred dollars to the Methodist and Congregational churches for books.

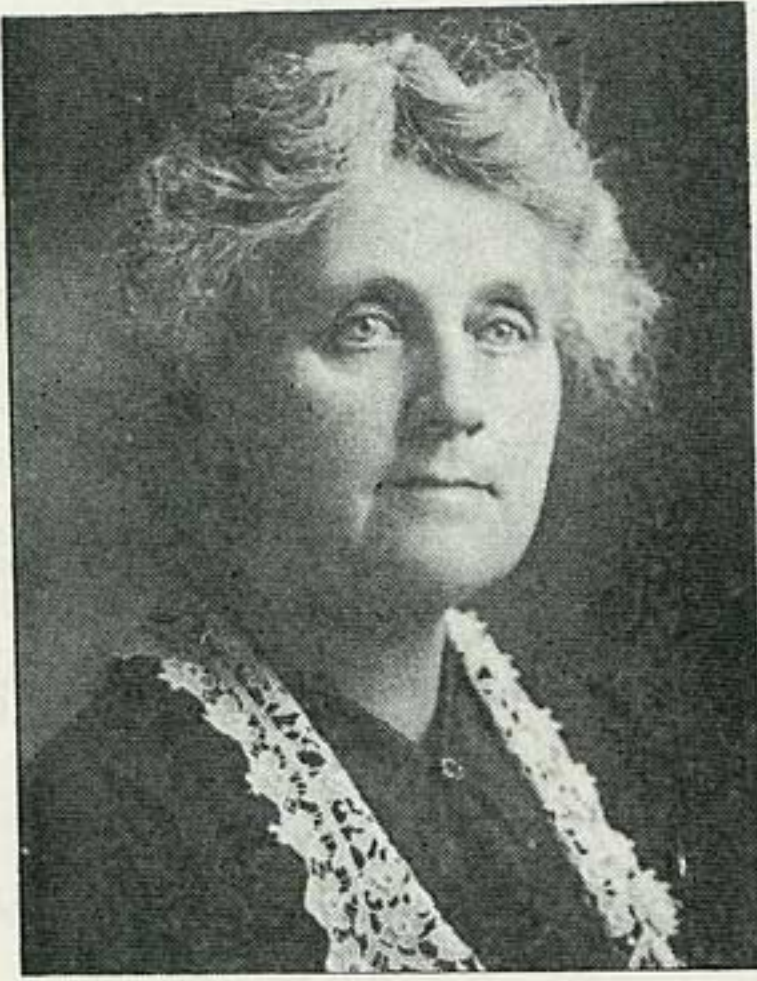
The town, with suitable acknowledgments, on the 25 Sept., 1878, accepted the gift.

It has been noted that the sound of the striking of the clock on the church was first heard on the 16 Nov., 1878.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

The Lincoln Memorial Library was an outgrowth of this gift of five hundred dollars and a printed catalogue is in existence which shows the books which made up the library at its beginning. The library was founded in 1879 and from a date recorded in the book bearing the number one, March 13th of that year may be regarded as the date of foundation. Miss Mary B. Ingersoll was the first librarian. Books were loaned at the rate of two cents each for a period of two weeks. This served both to pay the librarian and buy the books and three years later, in 1882, there is a record of \$25.00 paid the librarian as a year's salary. In 1895, \$200.00 was appropriated by the town to replenish the library, E. A. Weatherbee being chosen to select and purchase new books. One hundred eighty-four were added, bringing the number of books in the library up to six hundred, and the income for their use to about \$25.00 a year. The library continued under this financial arrangement until 1901 when the town appropriated \$25.00 for its expenses. At this time the librarian received \$15.00 a year.

In 1906 the library was made free to the town and a library committee was appointed to have full charge and management, the first committee being E. A. Weatherbee and Mary B. Ingersoll, and the appropriation was raised to



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\$50.00. This was gradually increased until in 1911 it reached \$200.00 and in 1920, \$450.00. The library now has about 3,500 volumes with a circulation of 16,000 a year and \$1,800.00 is raised for its support.

For forty-six years the library had been housed in stores and homes and the space for display of books was becoming inadequate. In 1923 the town was presented with a gift of about \$7,000.00 toward a fund for a library building, made available by the will of Ella A. Pickering, a life-long and honored resident of Lincoln. To this was added an appropriation of \$12,500.00 raised by the town, and gifts in memory of John MacGregor, by his family. The building committee, which was composed of Roderick J. MacGregor, William D. Scanlon and Dr. George F. Way, showed a great deal of interest in the matter, the chairman, Mr. MacGregor, sparing neither personal expense nor trouble to make the building suitable for the town's present and future needs. The work was completed in 1924, and on March 11, 1925, the splendid new colonial brick building was opened to the public, with its up-to-date equipment making it a model type

of small town library and one of which Lincoln is justly proud.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

7 March, 1870.—Voted to have annual reports of Selectmen and School Committee printed in pamphlet form immediately and left with the town clerk for distribution to legal voters.

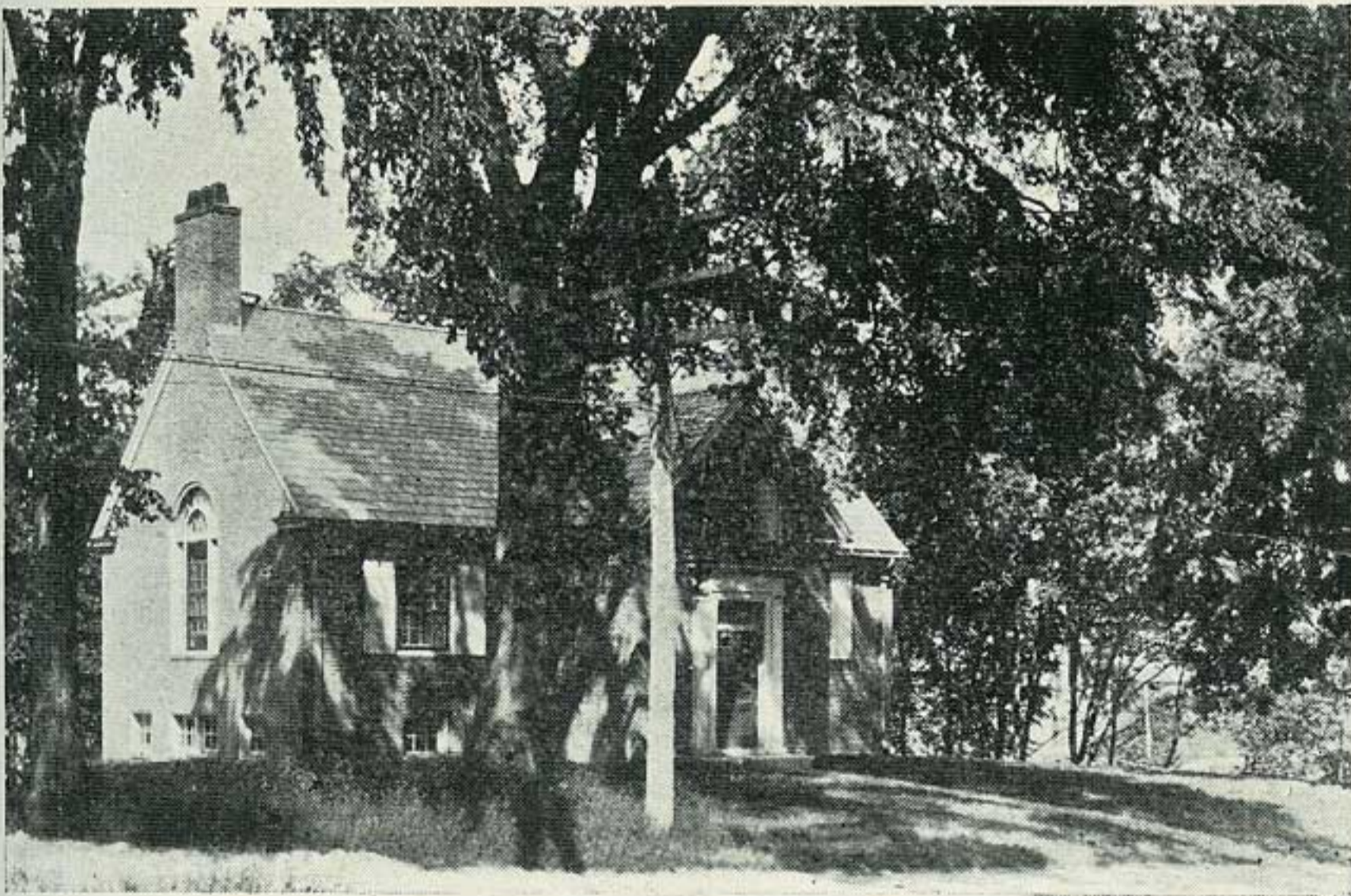
MORRIS AND IRELAND SAFE.

In 1904 the town voted to buy a Morris and Ireland safe for \$250.00.

PLAY-GROUND APPARATUS.

At the annual meeting in 1915, voted to accept a set of play-ground apparatus presented by Charles Stinchfield.

2 March, 1874. Voted to change the time of the annual Town Meeting from the first Monday in March to the third Monday in March.



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LINCOLN TRUST CO.

The Lincoln Trust Co. was chartered by the Legislature 8 March, 1905, and the following named persons were named as incorporators: W. R. Hunnewell, N. M. Jones, A. P. Libby, Pitt H. Jones, A. Weatherbee, W. L. Scribner, Jerome Butterfield, H. L. Haskell, S. H. Clay.

The Institution opened its doors to the public in 1913.

The present officers are:

President—Artemus Weatherbee.

Vice-President—James A. MacKenzie.

Secretary and Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Directors—Artemus Weatherbee, Frank R. Linton, Lester S. Clark, James A. MacKenzie, Jerome O Lynch.

TAX LIST OF 1829

Lincoln was incorporated 30 January, 1829. At its first meeting, 6 April of the same year, it chose its first officers, and at its second meeting, 25 April 1829, it was voted to raise two hundred dollars to defray town expenses for the year, and one hundred and fifty dollars for the support of schools. The following is a list of the tax-payers, with the amount of tax. The poll tax was \$0.60, and the rate was \$.02 on the property. The number of pupils in each family is also shown.

Adams, Erastus		Fernald, Randall,	2.00
Adams, Roswell F.,	\$1.40	Fernald, Sherburn,	3.40
Barnes, William,	1.50	Fish, Ira,	2 5.04
Bodge, Benjamin,	2 1.42	Fish, Ira, for Patten,	66.34
Bradbury, Hiram		Forbes, Daniel,	.70
and Caleb Prentiss,	3.60	Frost, David,	3 1.99
Briggs, Elisha		Frost, Henry,	2.04
Buzzell, Henry,	6 2.50	Frost, Winthrop,	5 4.84
		Gates, Alfred,	3 8.85
Caldwell, Wesley,	2.03	Gates, Solon,	2.18
Chase, T. H.		Gates, Zadoc,	4.20
Chamberlain, I. C.,	1.80	Hall, Noah,	1
Chamberlain, Pennel		Hall, Thomas F.	
Chesley, Benjamin,	4 2.58	Hammond, Benj.,	4 7.94
Chesley, Benjamin, Jr.,	2.30	Hammond, Joseph,	3.70
Chesley, Edward,	1.40	Hayes, Chesley,	3.92
Clay, Jonathan,	.95	Heald, Israel,	4 9.22
Clifford, John		Hobbs, Isaac,	5
Crocker, William,	4 3.62	Hopkins, Lewis,	2.38
Chase, Stephen,	6 7.36	Huntress, A. W.,	1 .06
		Huntress, James	
Davis, Edward,	4 1.51	Jameson, Jeremiah,	5 1.62
Davis, John,	2 4.26	Jipson, William,	5 2.18
Davis, Richard,	2 2.10	Johnson, Cyrus,	2 1.56
Doble, Francis,	.20	Junkins, Isaac	
Doble, William,	1.06		
Dow, Samuel,	1 1.76		
		Kneeland, Asa,	5 .88
Edwards, Azariah,	1.58	Kneeland, Abram,	1.02
Emery, Nehemiah,	2.76	Kneeland, Ebenezer,	1.50
		Kneeland, Ezra,	6
Fernald, Jonathan,	2 1.75		

Kneeland, Nehe- miah,	5	2.30	Peasley, William,		3.00
			Pinkham, James,	5	3.36
			Pratt, Job,		.90
Leighton, John,		2.40	Reed, William		
Lombard, Hezekiah,	2	2.92	Richman, Israel		
Lovett, Simon,		1.50	Ripley, Daniel,		2.36
Lovejoy, William,	5	2.86	Robbins, Samuel,	1	2.44
Low, David,	3	1.50	Roberts, Wm. T.,		1.40
Merrill, Humphrey,	3	5.28	Scribner, Aaron,		.06
Miles, Abraham,	4	.20	Scribner, Daniel,	4	.06
Myrick, Ezra,		3.82	Smith, Charles,		1.40
Myrick, Thomas,	5		Stinchfield, Jacob W.		
Nelson, Jeremy,		2.48	Weymouth, Mark G.,		3.32
Nelson, Jeremy, for B. Nelson,		1.34	Wheeler, Simon,	6	
Nelson, Oliver,		2.20	Whitehouse, Daniel,	1	1.62
Osborn, Benjamin,	4	2.34	Wiggin, Samuel,		1.00
Parsons, Jacob,		6.00	Willey, Hiram,		1.42
Patterson, John M.,	3	.06	Woodbury, Aaron,	2	2.86
Peasley, Thomas			Woodbury, Tyler,	1	2.36
			Wyman, William,		4.22

The following lists of the largest tax-payers in the years previous to the great fire of 1856, serve to recall the names of the leading business men of the town's early days. The names of only five men appear in all four lists, showing that many changes took place during this comparatively brief period:

LARGEST TAX-PAYERS

1839

Barnes, William,	\$22.04	Lombard, Hezekiah,	18.33
Chase, T. H.,	18.21	Merrill, J. C.,	19.14
Chamberlain, Jacob,	47.74	Nelson, J.,	25.64
Chesley, Benjamin,	17.04	Parsons, J.,	36.48
Edwards, Azariah,	29.35	Roberts, W. T.,	21.11
Edwards, Andrew,	18.12	Smith, Nathaniel,	28.13
Fish, Jacob,	70.18	Sampson, Joel,	23.72
Fish, Ira,	58.46	Stinchfield, J. W.,	25.81

Hall, Taylor G.,	34.56	Stevens, Israel,	49.36
Hammond, Benjamin,	36.83	Towle, G. W.,	41.53
Hersey, Wm. R.,	22.84	Hayes, C., heirs,	34.40
Heald, Israel,	30.68	Whittier, Joseph,	312.94
Heath, Jacob,	18.15	Merrill, Charles,	135.84

1849

Adams, R. F.,	20.21	Hammond, Joseph,	20.32
Bowler, J. H.,	29.88	Houston & Ayer,	129.30
Barnes, William,	19.20	Hersey, Wm. R.,	42.08
Boobar, Ezra D.,	36.95	Ingersoll, A. O.,	19.14
Bodwell, Nathaniel,	22.11	Jones, P. T.,	118.30
Crane, Allen,	33.04	Lombard, Hezekiah,	19.43
Chase, Stephen,	19.56	Nute, John T.,	22.10
Edwards, Andrew,	20.40	Nelson, J.,	19.93
Edwards, Azariah,	20.24	Plumly & Hartwell,	22.40
Fuller, Timothy,	40.47	Parsons, J.,	21.55
Fish, Jacob,	65.38	Pratt, James,	20.88
Howe, Wm. B.,	24.38	Stinchfield, J. W.,	21.08
Heath, Jacob,	22.45	Smith, Nathaniel,	23.91
Heald, Israel,	22.37	Whittier, Joseph,	148.05
Heald, Timothy,	19.65		

1852

Ayer, Wm. R.,	20.17	Hersey, Wm. R.,	30.89
Barnes, William,	24.58	Hall, H. C. & S.,	28.38
Crane, Allen,	28.09	Ingersoll, A. C.,	28.89
Chesley, Benj., Jr.,	19.31	Jones, P. T.,	31.14
Edwards, Azariah,	20.25	Lombard, Hezekiah,	20.87
Edwards, Andrew,	19.91	Merrill, J. C.,	29.54
Emerson, Jas. C.,	20.47	Morrison & Co.,	24.70
Fuller, Timothy,	45.12	Merrill & Houston,	74.01
Fuller & Remick,	36.05	Nelson, J.,	29.90
Fish, Sally,	23.81	Nute, John F.,	21.57
Gove, A. J. & Co.,	37.06	Plumly, D. S.,	28.68
Hopkins, J. R.,	24.36	Parsons, J.,	22.08
Howe, Eli,	32.37	Randall, A. G.,	21.49
Hall, Solomon,	19.68	Smith, Asa,	21.33
Heath, Jacob,	21.81	Stinchfield, J. W.,	20.41
Heald, Israel,	22.47	Whittier, Joseph,	130.71
Hammond, Joseph,	22.76	Hammond, Jas. H.,	23.01

1854

Barnes, William,	24.58	Hersey, Wm. R.,	29.02
Bither, Asa,	20.62	Heath, J.,	23.29
Burton, Isaac S.,	30.92	Hammond, J. H.,	23.82
Chesley, Benj., Jr.,	19.94	Hall, H. C. & S.,	29.35
Crane, Allen,	36.36	Ingersoll, A. O.,	23.20
Croxford, B. F.,	20.04	Jones, P. T.,	28.04
Edwards, Azariah,	19.25	Jordan, Nelson,	20.02
Emerson, J. E.,	19.02	Merrill, J. C.,	23.55
Fuller, Timothy,	57.24	Merrill & Houston,	75.29
Gove, J. Q. A.,	26.10	Moore, W. B. S.,	36.12
Hopkins, J. R.,	28.62	Stinchfield, J. W.,	32.82
Howe, Eli,	26.95	True, A. M.,	30.32

The following list gives the names of the principal Town Officers of Lincoln from the date of incorporation in 1829, until 1925, and also the dates and places of meeting at which the elections were held. The Selectmen were, in all cases, also the Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

6 April, 1829, at the School-house; adjourned to Fish's barn.

Moderator—Ira Fish.

Selectmen—Ira Fish, Benjamin Chesley, Israel Heald.

Treasurer—Chesley Hayes.

Collector of Taxes—Joseph Hammond.

Constable—Joseph Hammond.

School Committee—(25 April) Jacob Parsons, Cyrus Johnson, Daniel Forbes.

Clerk—Chesley Hayes.

1 March, 1830, at School-house.

Moderator—Aaron W. Huntress.

Selectmen—Benjamin Chesley, Israel Heald, Benjamin Hammond.

Treasurer—Chesley Hayes.

Collector of Taxes—Azariah Edwards; rate 6%.

Constable—Azariah Edwards.

School Committee—Daniel Forbes, Cyrus Johnson, Jacob Parsons.

Clerk—Chesley Hayes.

7 March, 1831, at School-house.

Moderator—Stephen Chase.

Selectmen—Benjamin Chesley, Benjamin Hammond,
John Leighton.

Treasurer—Chesley Hayes.

Collector of Taxes—Isaac Junkins; rate $5\frac{1}{2}\%$.

Constable—Isaac Junkins.

School Committee—Daniel Forbes, Cyrus Johnson,
Jacob Parsons.

Clerk—Chesley Hayes.

5 March, 1832, at School-house.

Moderator—Stephen Chase.

Selectmen—Israel Heald, Abraham B. Adams, Jeremy
Nelson.

Treasurer—Chesley Hayes.

Collector of Taxes—Isaac Junkins; rate $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.

Constable—Isaac Junkins.

School Committee—H. C. Field, Abraham B. Adams,
Chesley Hayes.

Clerk—Abraham B. Adams.

4 March, 1833, at School-house.

Moderator—Walter P. Carpenter.

Selectmen—Jeremy Nelson, Benjamin Chesley, Daniel
Whitehouse.

Treasurer—Chesley Hayes.

Collector of Taxes—Chesley Hayes, 5% .

Constable—George W. Towle.

School Committee—Chesley Hayes, Dr. Thos. Lindsay,
A. B. Adams.

Clerk—Abraham B. Adams.

3 March, 1834, at School-house.

Moderator—Walter P. Carpenter.

Selectmen—Abraham B. Adams, Daniel Whitehouse,
Reuben E. Carpenter.

Treasurer—Chesley Hayes.

Collector of Taxes—Wm. R. Hersey. Rate, 4%.

Constables—Wm. R. Hersey, John Tobin, Abraham Doble.

School Committee—Dr. Thomas Lindsay, Abraham B. Adams, Chesley Hayes.

Clerk—George W. Towle.

2 March, 1835, at School-house.

Moderator—Walter P. Carpenter.

Selectmen—Abraham B. Adams, Reuben E. Carpenter, Silas Coburn.

Treasurer—William R. Hersey.

Collector of Taxes—James Huntress. Rate, 4½%.

Constables—James Huntress, David Brock.

School Committee—Abraham B. Adams, Thomas Lindsay, Jr., Walter P. Carpenter.

Clerk—George W. Towle.

7 March, 1836, at School-house.

Moderator—Benjamin Palmer.

Selectmen—Benjamin Palmer, Benjamin Chesley, Jr., Benjamin Chesley.

Treasurer—Jeremy Nelson.

Collector of Taxes—Jason Weston. Rate, 3%.

Constable—Jason Weston.

School Committee—John Burnham, Thomas Lindsay, A. B. Adams.

Clerk—George W. Towle.

6 March, 1837, at Daniel H. Lombard's Hall.

Moderator—Abraham B. Adams.

Selectmen—Benjamin Palmer, Joseph Hammond, Peter Coburn.

Treasurer—Jeremy Nelson.

Collector of Taxes—Jason Weston.* Rate, 3%.

*Jason Weston did not furnish bonds and Zadoc Gates was chosen Collector and Constable. Rate, 6%.