

SENATE... No. 57.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, February 8, 1872.

The Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition E. N. Holbrook and others to set off a portion of the territory of Randolph, and to incorporate the same as a new town, have considered the matter, and report the accompanying Bill.

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The undersigned dissent from the foregoing report.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-
Two.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Town of Holbrook.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1 SECT. 1. All the territory now within the town of
2 Randolph, in the county of Norfolk, comprised within
3 the following limits, that is to say: beginning at the
4 stone monument in the line between said Randolph
5 and the town of Braintree, on the easterly side of
6 Tumbling Brook; thence, taking a south-westerly
7 course, in a straight line, to a point six feet westerly
8 from the north-westerly corner in range of the north-
9 erly side of the so-called East Randolph station-house
10 of the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company;
11 thence, the same or other south-westerly course to a
12 point on the town line dividing Randolph and
13 Stoughton, one hundred and fourteen rods south-east-

14 erly from the town stone monument in said last men-
15 tioned dividing line, at the southerly terminus of Main
16 Street in said Randolph; thence south-easterly, north-
17 easterly, northerly and westerly as the present divid-
18 ing line between said Randolph and Stoughton, North
19 Bridgewater, Abington, Weymouth and Braintree
20 runs, to the first-mentioned bound, is hereby incorpo-
21 rated into a town by the name of Holbrook; and
22 said town of Holbrook is hereby invested with all the
23 powers, privileges, rights and immunities, and is sub-
24 ject to all the duties and requisitions to which other
25 towns are entitled and subjected by the constitution
26 and laws of this Commonwealth.

1 SECT. 2. The inhabitants of said town of Hol-
2 brook shall be holder to pay all arrears of taxes
3 which have been legally assessed upon them by the
4 town of Randolph, and all taxes heretofore assessed
5 and not collected, shall be collected and paid to the
6 treasurer of the town of Randolph in the same man-
7 ner as if this act had not been passed; and also their
8 proportion of all county and state taxes that may be
9 assessed upon them previously to the taking of the
10 next state valuation, said proportion to be ascer-
11 tained and determined by the last valuation in the
12 said Randolph.

1 SECT. 3. Said towns of Randolph and Holbrook
2 shall be respectively liable for the support of all per-
3 sons who now do or shall hereafter stand in need of
4 relief as paupers, whose settlement was gained by or
5 derived from a settlement gained or derived within
6 their respective limits; and the town of Holbrook

7 shall also pay annually to the town of Randolph one-
8 third part of all costs of the support or relief of those
9 persons who now do or shall hereafter stand in need
10 of relief or support as paupers, and have gained a
11 settlement in said town of Randolph, in consequence
12 of the military services of themselves or those
13 through whom they derive their settlement.

1 SECT. 4. The corporate property belonging to the
2 town of Randolph at the date of the passage of this
3 act, and the public debt of the said town existing at
4 said date, shall be divided between the towns of Ran-
5 dolph and Holbrook according to the valuation of
6 the property within their respective limits as assessed
7 May first, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-
8 one; and said town of Holbrook shall receive from
9 said town of Randolph a proportionate part of what-
10 ever amount may hereafter be refunded to said town
11 of Randolph from the state or United States, to reim-
12 burse said town of Randolph for bounties to soldiers,
13 or state aid paid to soldiers' families after deducting
14 all reasonable expenses; and said town of Holbrook
15 shall bear the expense of making the survey and
16 establishing the line between said towns of Randolph
17 and Holbrook.

1 SECT. 5. In case said towns of Randolph and
2 Holbrook shall not agree in respect to a division of
3 property, debts, or state or county taxes, the superior
4 court for the county of Norfolk shall, upon the peti-
5 tion of either town, appoint three competent and dis-
6 interested persons to hear the parties and award
7 thereon; and their award or the award of any two of

8 them, being accepted by said court, shall be final. In
9 making said award, said commissioners shall assign
10 the real estate belonging to the town of Randolph, at
11 the time of the passage of this act, to the town with-
12 in which said estate shall be situated, so far as such
13 a division shall be practicable.

1 SECT. 6. The town of Holbrook, until otherwise
2 provided by law, shall continue to be a part of the
3 second congressional district, of the second councillor
4 district, of the third Norfolk senatorial district and of
5 the ninth Norfolk representative district, and the
6 voters of the town of Holbrook shall vote for repre-
7 sentatives to congress, senators and representatives to
8 the general court and members of the council, in said
9 town of Holbrook, at meetings legally called for that
10 purpose; and the clerk of the town of Holbrook
11 shall make returns and meet with the clerk of the
12 town of Randolph, for the purpose of ascertaining the
13 result of the election of representatives for said ninth
14 Norfolk representative district, and making certificates
15 of the same, at the time and place now provided by
16 law for said meeting.

1 SECT. 7. Any justice of the peace, within and for
2 the county of Norfolk, may issue his warrant, directed
3 to any inhabitant of the town of Holbrook, requiring
4 him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof qual-
5 ified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the time and
6 place therein appointed, for the purpose of choosing
7 all such town officers as towns are by law authorized
8 and required to choose at their annual meetings; and
9 said warrant shall be served by publishing a copy

10 thereof in some newspaper printed in the town of
11 Randolph, and by posting up copies thereof, all
12 attested by the person to whom the same is directed,
13 in three public places in said town of Holbrook, seven
14 days at least before such time of meeting. Such
15 justice, or, in his absence, such inhabitant required
16 to notify the meeting, shall preside until the choice
17 of moderator in said meeting. The selectmen of the
18 town of Randolph shall, before said meeting, prepare
19 a list of voters in said town of Randolph qualified to
20 vote at said meeting, and shall deliver the same to
21 the person presiding at such meeting before the
22 choice of a moderator thereof.

1 SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.