

[Bill accompanying the petition of Henry Robert Shaw and others for legislation to authorize the setting off and annexing of a part of the town of Tewksbury to the city of Lowell. Towns. Jan. 31.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

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AN ACT

To annex a portion of the Town of Tewksbury to the City of Lowell.

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

1 SECTION 1. So much of the town of Tewks-  
2 bury in the county of Middlesex, with all the in-  
3 habitants and estates thereon, as is thus bounded  
4 and described, to wit:—Beginning at a stone  
5 bound at an angle in the present boundary line  
6 between the city of Lowell and the town of  
7 Tewksbury in the county of Middlesex at the  
8 junction of the northerly line of Rogers street  
9 with the easterly line of Butman road, so called,  
10 thence southerly by a straight line crossing the  
11 tracks of the Lowell and Andover railroad and  
12 the Lowell and Lawrence railroad about fifty-one  
13 hundred feet to the junction of Whipple street, so  
14 called, and a road crossing said Whipple street

15 near the residence of one Porter Livingston,  
16 which point is about one hundred and twenty-five  
17 feet westerly of the most westerly corner of the  
18 town school house, known as, and called, "the  
19 west school house district number five;" thence  
20 southwesterly in a straight line about forty-two  
21 hundred feet to a point where the easterly line  
22 of the location of the Boston and Lowell railroad  
23 crosses the boundary line between said town of  
24 Tewksbury and the town of Billerica in said  
25 county; thence northwesterly by said boundary  
26 line between said towns to the thread of the Con-  
27 cord river; thence northerly by the thread of said  
28 Concord river to the present boundary line be-  
29 tween said Lowell and Tewksbury; thence north-  
30 easterly by said boundary line between said  
31 Lowell and Tewksbury crossing Lawrence street  
32 to the northerly side of the location of the Lowell  
23 and Andover railroad; thence easterly by the  
34 said boundary line between Lowell and Tewks-  
35 bury and along the northerly line of the location  
36 of the said Lowell and Andover railroad to an  
37 angle in the said boundary line between the said  
38 town of Tewksbury and the said city of Lowell  
39 at the junction of the easterly line of Boylston  
40 street with the northerly line of the said Lowell  
41 and Andover railroad location; thence northeast-  
42 erly by the boundary line between said Lowell  
43 and Tewksbury to a stone bound at the point of  
44 beginning, is hereby set off and separated from  
45 said town of Tewksbury and annexed to and  
46 made a part of the said city of Lowell in said  
47 county, and shall be considered a part of the

48 ninth ward of said city until a new division of  
49 wards is made; and said inhabitants shall here-  
50 after be inhabitants of the said city of Lowell,  
51 and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges, and  
52 be subject to all the duties and liabilities of the  
53 inhabitants of said city of Lowell.

1 SECTION 2. The inhabitants and estates within  
2 the territory above described, and the owners of  
3 said estates, shall be holden to pay all taxes  
4 which have been heretofore legally assessed upon  
5 them by the town of Tewksbury; and all taxes  
6 heretofore assessed and not collected shall be  
7 collected and paid to the treasurer of the town  
8 of Tewksbury, in the same manner as if this act  
9 had not been passed. And until the next state  
10 valuation the city of Lowell shall annually, on  
11 or before the first day of November, pay to the  
12 town of Tewksbury the proportion of any estate  
13 or county tax which the town of Tewksbury may  
14 be required to pay upon the inhabitants or estates  
15 hereby set off, said proportion to be ascertained  
16 and determined by the last valuation next pre-  
17 ceding the passage of this act; and the assessors  
18 of Tewksbury shall make return of said valuation  
19 and the proportion thereof in the town of Tewks-  
20 bury and the city of Lowell, respectively, to the  
21 secretary of the Commonwealth and to the county  
22 commissioners of the county of Middlesex.

1 SECTION 3. If any person who has heretofore  
2 gained a settlement in said town by reason of  
3 residence in said territory set off as aforesaid,

4 or by having been proprietor of any part thereof,  
5 or who may derive such settlement from any  
6 such residence or proprietorship, shall come to  
7 want and stand in need of relief, aid and support  
8 as a pauper, he shall be relieved and supported  
9 by the city of Lowell, in the same manner as he  
10 would have been by said town of Tewksbury had  
11 he gained a legal settlement therein.

1 SECTION 4. Until a new apportionment of  
2 representatives shall be made the inhabitants of  
3 the territory described in the first section of this  
4 act shall, for the purpose of electing state and  
5 county officers, members of the executive council,  
6 senators and representatives to the general court,  
7 electors of president and vice-president of the  
8 United States, and representatives to congress,  
9 remain and continue to be a part of the town  
10 of Tewksbury; and shall vote at the place or  
11 places at which the inhabitants of Tewksbury  
12 vote. The registrars of voters of the city of  
13 Lowell shall annually make a true list of all per-  
14 sons resident in said territory qualified to vote  
15 at every such election, and post the same in said  
16 territory according to law. They shall also de-  
17 liver one such list, corrected as required by law,  
18 to the mayor and aldermen of Tewksbury before  
19 the time of meeting for election, to be used  
20 thereat.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.