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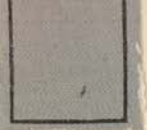
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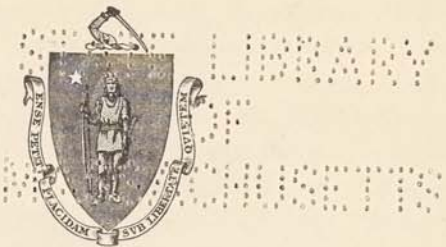
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By HENRY E. WOODS, COMMISSIONER. *Mass. of public records*



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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC RECORDS,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, JAN. 1, 1910.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

I have the honor to submit the eighteenth report of this commission, being the twenty-second in the series of reports on the public records.

### INSPECTION.

Inspection of public records — of registries of deeds and probate, the courts, or of the various city and town departments — has been made during the year in the following 91 places: Ashby, Ashfield, Athol, Ayer, Barnstable, Barre, Becket, Bernardston, Blandford, Boston, Bourne, Boylston, Braintree, Brockton, Buckland, Carver, Charlemont, Charlton, Chatham, Chester, Chesterfield, Chicopee, Clinton, Colrain, Conway, Cummington, Deerfield, Easthampton, Edgartown, Erving, Fall River, Falmouth, Fitchburg, Gill, Gloucester, Gosnold, Granville, Greenfield, Groton, Hampden, Hatfield, Hawley, Heath, Huntington, Leominster, Leverett, Leyden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Lunenburg, Lynn, Mansfield, Mashpee, Medway, Middleborough, Middlefield, Monroe, Montague, Montgomery, Nantucket, Northampton, Oak Bluffs, Petersham, Plainfield, Plympton, Provincetown, Rockport, Rowe, Russell, Salem, Sandwich, Shelburne, Somerset, Southampton, Southwick, Springfield, Sunderland, Tolland, Washington, Wendell, West Bridge-water, Westfield, Westhampton, Westminster, Whately, Wilbraham, Winchester, Woburn, Worcester, Worthington, and Yarmouth.

In many of these cities and towns, as the result of the inspections, vaults have been, or are to be, built or refitted, safes have been purchased, or other measures taken to safeguard the records.



## COUNTY RECORDS.

Important bills involving the fireproof protection of the records in county court houses at Attleborough, Fall River, Pittsfield, and Springfield, — in compliance with the law, at the instance of the commissioner, — were enacted by the Legislature during the year; and action, in many cases following a recommendation of the commissioner, has been taken by the various county commissioners for the better protection of records at Boston (Jamaica Plain), Clinton, Edgartown, Fitchburg, Gloucester, Greenfield, Leominster, Lynn, Nantucket, Northampton, Salem, Waltham, and Westfield.

## REPAIRING AND BINDING.

Records have been repaired or bound during the year by the Emery Record Preserving Company for the following places: Athol, Boxford, Boylston, Brockton, Charlemont, Charlton, Chatham, Chesterfield, Egremont, Falmouth, Heath, Huntington, Lakeville, Leominster, Leverett, Lunenburg, Mashpee, Millis, New Ashford, Otis, Petersham, Raynham, Sunderland, Westminster, Worthington, and Yarmouth. Also for the counties of Bristol, Dukes County, Middlesex, Nantucket, Plymouth, and Suffolk. In many instances the repairs were made by order of the commissioner.

## FIRE.

Just before midnight on March 6, 1909, a fire was discovered in the town hall of New Marlborough at the village of Mill River, which totally destroyed the building and most of the contents of a safe. Tax valuation lists 1893-98 and 1907-08, registration books, and some vouchers, were lost. All other records were in a safe elsewhere.

## COURT FILES.

The following extracts from the sixteenth report (for the year 1903) of the late commissioner, Robert T. Swan, are given in view of the serious problem with which county



commissioners must deal, and of the bill which was introduced at the last session of the Legislature and referred to the next General Court: —

In the county courts the accumulation of the files is large and rapidly increasing, and the proper protection of them means constant remodeling or refitting of the present buildings, or the erection of new at great expense.

That there may be a carefully guarded provision for the destruction of some of these papers after they are outlawed, or can no longer affect public rights, would seem practicable.

In view of the varied opinions, it does not seem worth while to ask for immediate legislation; but the subject should receive consideration by the county officers who are to provide, and the people who are to pay for, buildings in which to store these papers.

#### PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

Under the provisions of chapter 422 of the Acts of 1908, the following towns have voted not to receive the series of public documents, and their action has been ratified by the commissioner, in accordance with the act: Carver, East Longmeadow, Egremont, Grafton, Hamilton, Monterey, Montgomery, Mount Washington, and New Ashford.

#### PRINTING.

During the year the vital records to 1850 of the following towns have been printed, under the provisions of chapter 470 of the Acts of 1902: Ashburnham, Brookfield, Danvers (Vol. I.), Methuen, Scituate (Vols. I. and II.), Sharon, Spencer, and Winchester.

#### MANUAL OF THE LEGISLATURE.

At the request of the clerk of the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives, the table entitled "Counties, Cities, and Towns of Massachusetts," in the Manual, is prepared by the commissioner, who has continued to receive from the department on the topographical survey and map of the State, of the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, the benefit of its exhaustive search of all records.

## TYPEWRITING RIBBONS AND STAMPING PADS.

In accordance with the provisions of section 9 of chapter 35 of the Revised Laws, and of chapter 57 of the Acts of 1908, the following ribbons, pads, and other devices used for printing by typewriting machines and hand stamps, made by any of the manufacturers named below, are approved for use upon the public records of the Commonwealth, and of the several counties, cities and towns therein. The use of any other is a violation of law.

The arrangement of the list is alphabetical by the names of the manufacturers, without regard to preference. The name of the manufacturer should be particularly noted in connection with the name of the ribbon, pad or ink.

*Typewriter Ribbons.*

Eagle Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by American Ribbon and Carbon Company, Rochester, N. Y.

Markwell Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by The Frank Bayer Company, 22 North William Street, New York.

Carter's Black Record Typewriter Ribbon.

Manufactured by The Carter's Ink Company, 162 Columbus Avenue, Boston.

Columbia Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Columbia Ribbon and Carbon Manufacturing Company, New York.

Crown Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Crown Ribbon and Carbon Manufacturing Company, Rochester, N. Y.

Du-ra-bul Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by The Dodge Company, Syracuse, N. Y.

How-Ko Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by The How Company, Old Town, Me.

Empress Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Imperial Manufacturing Company, Newark, N. J.

Kee Lox Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Kee Lox Manufacturing Company, Rochester, N. Y.

Little's Satin Finish and Gold Seal Brands, Black Record Ribbons.

Manufactured by A. P. Little, Rochester, N. Y.

Carnation Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Miller-Bryant-Pierce Company, Aurora, Ill.

Eureka Brand Special Black Record Ribbon, ink No. 158.

Manufactured by Mittag & Volger, Park Ridge, N. J.

Cotton King Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Pen-Carbon Manifold Company, New Brunswick, N. J.

Diamond Brand Official Black Record Ribbon, ink No. 621.

Manufactured by The S. T. Smith Company, 11 Barclay Street, New York.

Underwood's Black Record Ribbon, ink No. 655.

Manufactured by John Underwood & Co., 30 Vesey Street, New York.

Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Union Ribbon and Carbon Company, 9th and Thompson streets, Philadelphia.

Paragon, Premier, Invincible, Monarch, and Success Brands, Black Record Ribbons, and Yost Black Record Pad.

Manufactured by The Union Typewriter Company, Ribbon Factory, Bridgeport, Conn.

The Webster Star Brand Black Record Ribbon, ink No. 147.

Manufactured by F. S. Webster Company, 332 Congress Street, Boston.

*Stamping Pads.*

The Carter's Ink Company's Black Record Pad, and Pad Ink.

Manufactured by The Carter's Ink Company, 162 Columbus Avenue, Boston.

Superb Immediate Drying Pad (Black).

Manufactured by Stewart & Holihan, Inc., 201 Broadway, New York.

Union Typewriter Company's Black Record Pad Ink.

Manufactured by The Union Typewriter Company, Ribbon Factory, Bridgeport, Conn. (Same ink as used on the Yost typewriter pad, and applied to any plain uninked pad.)

HENRY E. WOODS,  
*Commissioner.*











