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RESEARCH REPORT

DATE:

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TO: *[client name deleted]*

SUBJECT:

Father of William Manross

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

Client would like to apply to the Sons of the American Revolution and is attempting to prove that the father of William Manross (abt. 1790 –1852) was Jesse Manross (1759–1813), a Patriot. A birth record for William Manross has not been located. Client provided emailed information, document images, and a chronology created by another relative.

GOALS:

Overall Goal: Who was the father of William Manross?

This phase:

1. Obtain copies of documents concerning Jesse or William Manross at the Bristol, Vermont Town clerk's office.
2. Search for land records concerning Jesse or William Manross at the same office.
3. Search for birth or land records in New Haven, Vermont.

ANY RESTRICTIONS:

4 hours

REPOSITORIES:

Research was conducted at:

- Town Clerk's Office, Bristol, Vermont
- Town Clerk's Office, New Haven, Vermont

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

This section summarizes findings to date. See the next section for source-cited explanations supporting the following summary.

- No birth record for William Manross was located in Bristol or New Haven.
- The specifically requested records in Bristol were located and photographed: Jesse Manross as surveyor of highways in 1811, William as Hayward in 1812 and 1815, William admitted as a freeman in 1813, and William "M Ross" as highway surveyor in 1814.

- No land records were located in Bristol for Manross or any variants of the name.
- No papers or records regarding an estate of Jesse Manross were located in Bristol.

The chronology supplied by the client lists a sawmill and land in New Haven as being sold in 1789, but bought in 1795. In order to narrow the window of where Jesse Manross was when, and thus where William may have been born, it was necessary to resolve this conflict.

The researcher examined the deeds for the sale of the New Haven property, and discovered an error in the chronology. Real estate transactions attributed to 1789 therein actually occurred in 1798. Through examining deeds, locating another legal record, and creating a timeline, researcher determined that Jesse was likely in Middlebury between 1786 and 1788; in Essex at some point after 1788 until 1795 when he purchased land in New Haven, and likely in New Haven and/or Lincoln at least until 1803. (See timeline below.)

This supports the likelihood that son William was born in either Essex or (less likely) Middlebury.

See the end of this document for further research suggestions.

Jesse Manross informal timeline

Not all items are genealogically proven by the Genealogical Proof Standard.

Date	Event	Place	Source # (from client supplied chronology)
1780	Prisoner of war	Quebec – Canada	12, 16, 17, 18
1782 or 1783	Released	Quebec	12, 16, 17, 18
1786	Bought land, 100 Acres	Middlebury	19
1787	Married Eleanor Preston	Vermont	2,31,32,33
1788 Apr	Sold 100-acre parcel	Middlebury	19
Abt 1790	Son William born		No source given
1791 U.S. census (note: in Vermont the “1790” census was not taken until 1791. Vt became a state in 1791.)	Census, resident	Essex, Chittenden, Vt	22
1795 28 Oct	Bought land with sawmill	New Haven, Vt. Jesse identified as “of Essex” in Chittenden Co. [a]	
1798	Land dealings	New Haven, Vermont [b] . Jesse identified as “of New Haven.”	
1800	1800 U.S. Census, resident	New Haven, VT	26
1803	Debt settlement (Benjamin Russell owing Jesse \$) [c]	New Haven, VT	
1803 17 Dec	Sells land to Jacob Hoyt	New Haven, VT: Jesse identified as resident of Lincoln	27
a. New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 3:238, Benham Preston to Jesse Monross; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven. b. New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 3:241, Jesse Monross to Moses Hale Junr; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven. Also, New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 3:237, Daniel Garlick to Jesse Monross; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven. Also, New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 3:235, Jesse Monross to Daniel Garlick; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven. c. New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 4:328–329, Jesse Monross vs. Benjamin Russell; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.			

RESEARCH NOTES:**Bristol, Vermont****Jesse Manross, surveyor of highways¹ (*Image A*)**

At a town meeting held 4 March 1811:

“10th [order of business]” choose [*sic*] John A Summer, David Ingram, Sylvester Scott, Ezekiel Dunton **Jesse D[?] Manross**, Michael Dafoot Robert Dunshee, Henry Soper, Elijah Thomas, Asa Rathbone John Huntly David Hays, Chancy A. Stewart, Reubin Eborns & Benjamin Trombly Surveyors of highways”

Comment by ADW:

Very faded ink. Difficult to read.

William Manross, Hayward² (*Image B*)

At a town meeting held on 21 March 1812:

“15 [order of business] Asa Ingram, Isaac Drake, Amos Scott Jr Richard Allen, Reuben Eborns Beach W Bennett Philetus Pier Philip Vaderian [?] **W^m Manross** & Th^o Smith Haywards —————“

William Munross admitted as freeman³ — Abstract

Warning to meet on the 1st Tuesday of Sept. Warning dated 17 Aug 1813. The purpose of the meeting would be to elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, twelve councillors, and a representative from the town to the General Assembly for the year ensuing.

“The names of persons admited [*sic*] as freemen”: [17 names listed]

...

William Munross

...

Wm M Ross chosen as a Surveyor of highways⁴ (*Image C*)

At a meeting held 4 March 1814

“Chose Oliver Moody Robert Dunshee John Elworth Joseph Berry Wm Buss. **Wm M Ross**. Rub[?] Bicknell Abraham Gaige Reuben Aborn Abner Chase Wolcott Burnham John Huntley Titus Holcomb & Jeremiah Hollabird as Surveyors of Highways ———“

¹Bristol, Addison County, Vermont, Town Meeting Records 1810–1838, p. 5; Town Clerk's Office, Bristol, Vermont.

²Ibid., p. 17.

³Ibid., p.35.

⁴Ibid., p. 39.

Comment by ADW

Handwriting was difficult to read in some places.

The name is given as Wm M Ross. Is this the same person as William Manross?

Research should look into whether there was a William Ross in town at the time. The following document raises the same question.

Wm M Ross chosen as Hayward⁵ (Image D)

At a meeting held 6 March 1815:

Chosen as “Haywods”:

Ruben Rockwood

David Forman Lewis Stengel [?]

~~Samuel Eaton~~ **Wm M Ross**

~~James Laseton~~ [?] James Downey

Joseph Needham Uriah Arnold

Henry [?]ndenborough Afred Ingraham

Joel Hall

Land Records

No land records were found for Manross or variants in Bristol's General Index to land records.⁶

Jesse Manross estate

No mention of a Jesse Manross estate in Bristol Town Meeting records book 1810–1838.⁷

New Haven, Vermont

Vital Statistics

Robert H. Rodgers indexed all New Haven vital statistics prior to 1857. No Manross, Monroe, or variants was listed.⁸

Comment by ADW: Robert Rogers did meticulous research, so he probably did not miss anything. He is listed as the local New Member contact for the Sons of the American Revolution. The index covers all possible sources.

New Haven Land Records

⁵Ibid., p. 50.

⁶Searched in Bristol, Vermont, General Index to Land Records, Vol. 1.

⁷Bristol, Addison County, Vermont, Town Meeting Records 1810–1838, pp. 28–43; Town Clerk's Office, Bristol, Vermont.

⁸Robert H. Rodgers, compiler, “New Haven, Vermont Vital Statistics Prior to 1857 (Including Haywards Elected)” (MS., New Haven, Vermont, 1984); Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.

Note: Documents are hard copies and have been mailed separately by U.S. mail. The New Haven Town Clerk does not permit photographing of documents. Please staple documents to your report printout when you receive them.

Warranty Deed, Benham Preston to Jesse Monross, 25 October 1795⁹ [Document 1]

This deed for purchase of 1/3 of a sawmill and acreage in New Haven, Vermont, identifies Jesse as “of Essex in the county of Chittenden.

Comment by ADW:

This places Jesse in Essex as of 25 October 1795.

**Warranty Deed, Jesse Monross to Moses Hale Jun^r, 13 February 1798¹⁰
[Document 2]**

This deed for sale of land in New Haven identifies Jesse as “of New Haven in Addison County.”

Comment by ADW:

This places Jesse in New Haven by 13 February 1798.

Warranty Deed, Daniel Garlick to Jesse Monross, 13 February 1798¹¹ [Document 3]

Identifies Jesse as “of New Haven in Addison County.”

Warranty Deed, Jesse Monross to Daniel Garlick, 14 February 1798¹² [Document 4]

Identifies Jesse as “of New Haven in Addison County.”

Comment by ADW:

For the purposes of establishing that Jesse lived in New Haven in February 1798, it was not necessary to transcribe the deeds.

**Court Case, Jesse Manross vs. Benjamin Russell, February and March 1803¹³
[Document 5]**

This case apparently involving an unpaid debt owed to Jesse Manross by Benjamin Russell, identifies Jesse as “of New Haven in said [Addison] County.”

Comment by ADW:

⁹New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 3:238, Benham Preston to Jesse Monross; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.

¹⁰New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 3:241, Jesse Monross to Moses Hale Junr; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.

¹¹New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 3:237, Daniel Garlick to Jesse Monross; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.

¹²New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 3:235, Jesse Monross to Daniel Garlick; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.

¹³New Haven, Vermont, Land Records, 4:328–329, Jesse Monross vs. Benjamin Russell; Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.

This supports that Jesse was in New Haven in 1803. (Chronology provided by client also references 1803 deed in New Haven Land Records 4:518.)

CONCLUSION AND FURTHER RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Discuss the case with SAR Member Contact for Arizona or other SAR helper. Find out what the SAR requires to prove such a case. Create a new research plan based on the information provided.

Other possibilities: It is unlikely that a birth record will be found, but these sources could be consulted:

- Search Essex, Vermont early records for a birth for William Manross. *FamilySearch.org*, "Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732–2005," path Chittenden > Essex > Index to births, deaths 1774-1915 vol 1; also, Town records 1774-1857 vol 1.
- Search Middlebury, Vermont index to vital records at Town Clerk's Office for a birth for William Manross.
- Search for early Middlebury Church of Christ (Congregational Church) records and if they are located, look for a baptismal record for William Manross.
- Consult land records in Lincoln, Vermont in case Jesse may have transferred any property to William.

My recommendation is that for a proof argument, you will need to focus on William Manross and his associates. Search for a death and other records (land, tax, and court) in Pennsylvania. Research William's siblings, friends, neighbors, and associates in Vermont, New York, and Pennsylvania.

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Vermont. Bristol. Town Meeting Records 1810–1838. Town Clerk's Office, Bristol.

Vermont. New Haven. Land Records. Vol. 3. Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.

Vermont. New Haven. Land Records. Vol. 4. Town Clerk's Office, New Haven.

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED/IMAGES:

Image A. Jesse Manross, surveyor of highways, Bristol, Vermont

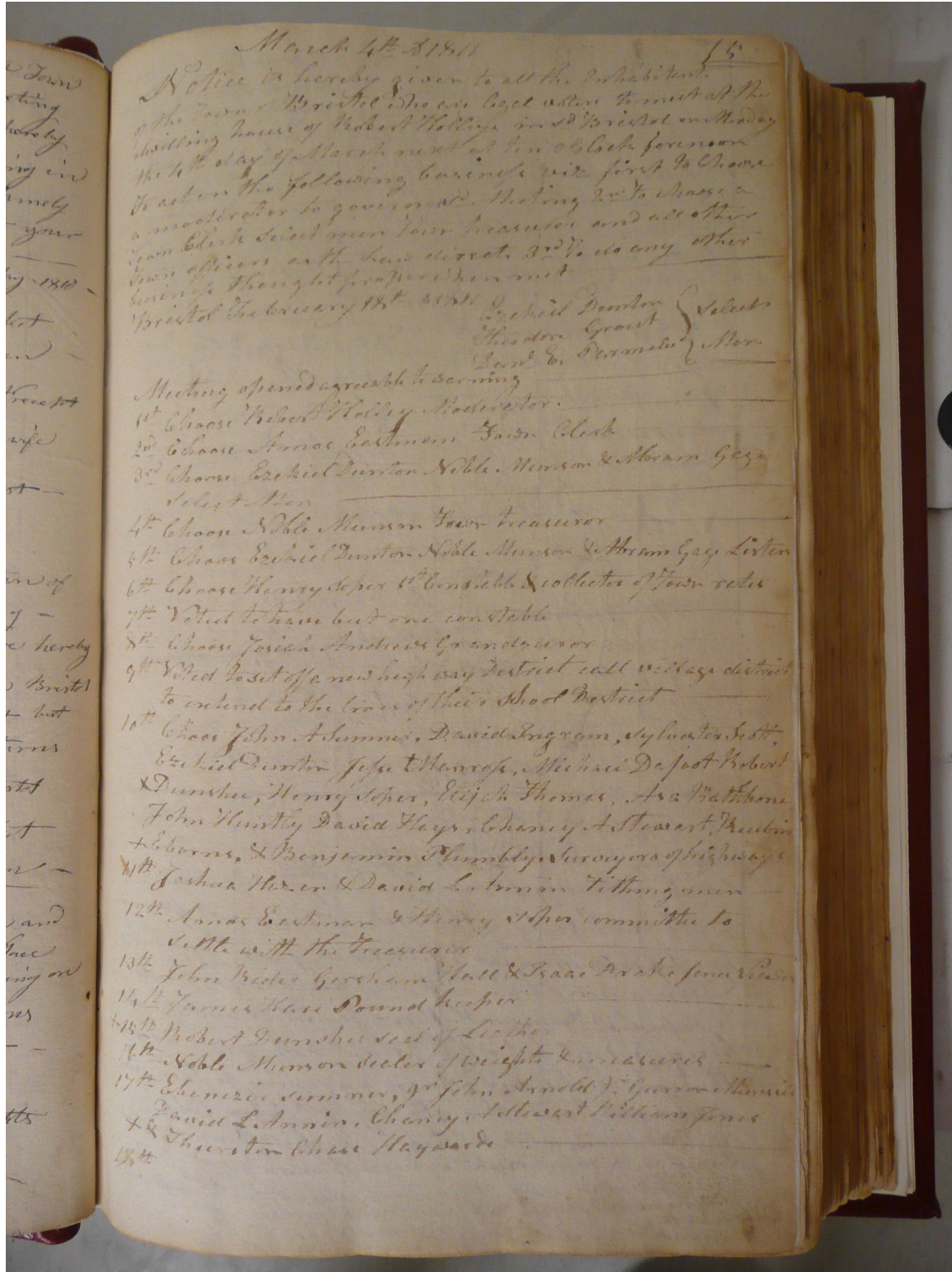
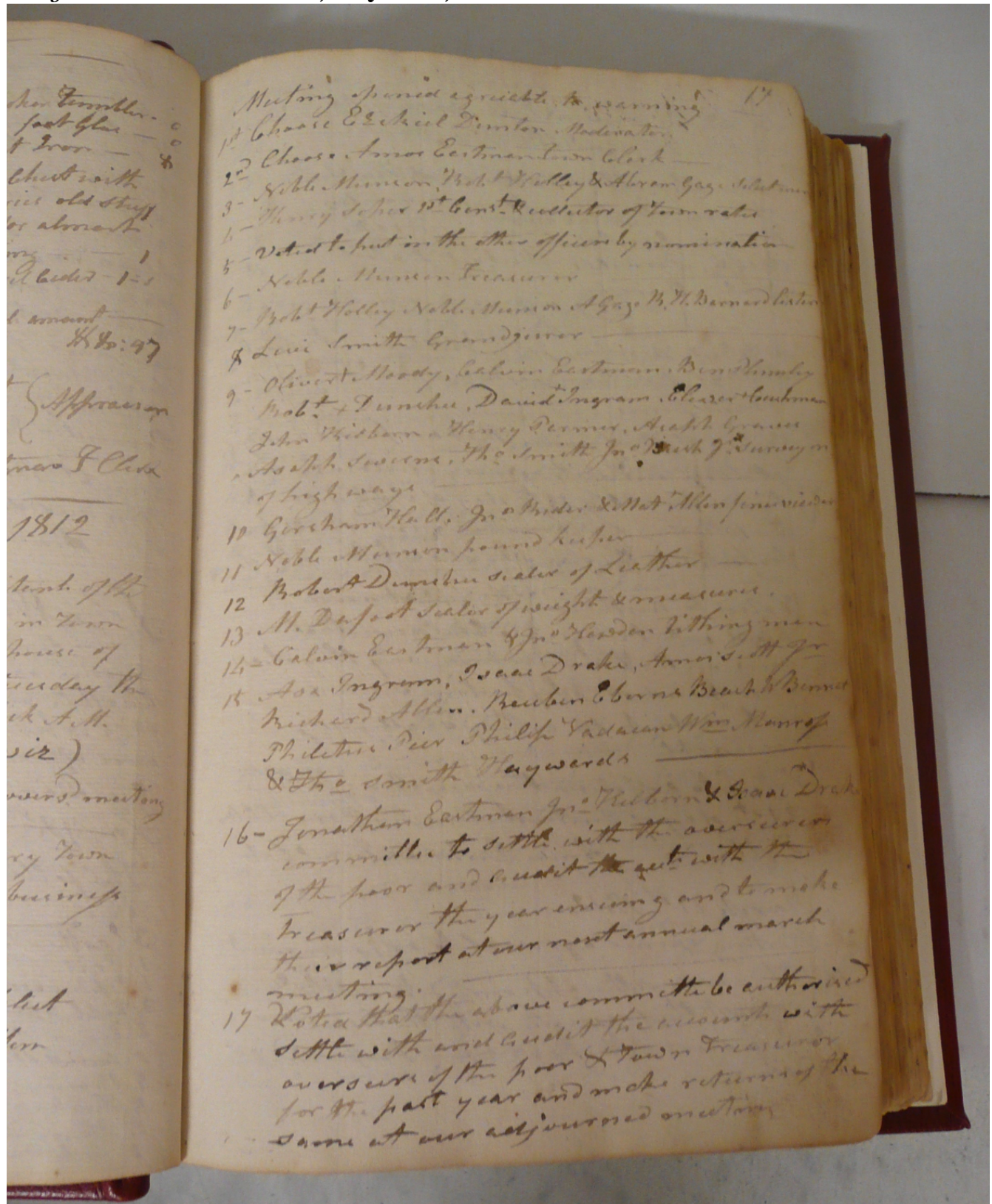


Image B. William Manross, Hayward, 1812



10. Chose John Howden 1st Constable 39
11. Chose Sethial Sargent 2nd Constable
12. Chose Noble Munson Town Treasurer
13. Chose Nathan Rider Grand Juror
14. Chose Henry John John Stewart Wm J
Charles Oliver Moody & John Holborn as
Justices —
15. Chose Oliver Moody Robert Dunham
John Elworth John Berry Wm
Bass. Wm M Ross. Nicholas Bicknell
Abraham Gaige Nubben Aborn Aborn
Chose Wm Hatt Burnham John Huntley
Titus Halcomb & Jeremiah Hallbird
as Surveyors of Highways —
16. Chose John Rider Matthew Allen Gershom
Hall as fence Viewers —
17. Chose Noble Munson as Pound Keeper
18. Chose Theodore Groat as Scales of Livestock
19. Chose Michael Dupont Scales of weight & measure
20. Chose Elizabeth Mason Lythingman also
James Hair —
21. Chose Editha Clark Benjamin Carter James
Sargent Luther Graves Noble Munson Theodore
Groat James Gay Charles Richardson Henry Perkins
Smith Forman and Nath Halcomb Jr as hayward
22. Chose Robert Holley Theodore Groat & John
Holborn as Committee to settle with the Treasurer
and oversee of the Book —
23. Voted that the select men be authorized
to receive and allow votes continued to the 2nd May

Image D. Wm M Ross, "Haywod," 1815



Bristol, Addison County, Vermont, Town Meeting Records 1810-1838, p. 50; Town Clerk's Office, Bristol.