In 1906, it appearing that a large number of Revolutionary soldiers were buried in the town, many of them in unmarked graves, a movement was started for the erection of a fitting memorial to them. A great feldspar boulder of some eight or ten tons weight was taken from its resting place on a neighboring hillside and erected upon the lawn in front of this cemetery. In a panel cut in one face was set a bronze tablet, 27 x 36 inches in size, bearing this inscription:

IN MEMORY OF THE
SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WHO LIE BURIED
WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THIS TOWN.

[Names of soldiers]

ERECTED 1906.

APPENDIX A.

A list of voters in the town of Waitsfield in the year 1797 prepared by Jennison Jones:

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MEMORANDUM OF COUNTY AND STATE OFFICES HELD BY RESIDENTS OF WAITSFIELD.

Members of Constitutional Conventions.

1814, Stephen Pierce. 1843, Norman Durant.
1822, Matthias Stone Jones. 1856, Benjamin Reed, jr.
1828, Jason Carpenter. 1857, Samuel Chipman.
1836, Matthias Stone Jones. 1870, Hiram Carleton.

Assistant Judges of the County Court.

1814, Stephen Pierce.
1835-37, Roderick Richardson, sr.
1838, William Morrill Flingry.
1840, Orson Skinner.
1848, Roderick Richardson, jr.
1855-56, Hiram Jones.
1863-64, Calvin Fullerton.
1868-69, Ira Richardson.
1880-84, Jonathan Hammond Hastings.
1892-98, Charles Edward Jones.
1908, Clarence Milton Richardson.

Judge of Probate.

1836, Jason Carpenter.

State's Attorney.

1853-54, Moses H. Sessions. 1870-72, Hiram Carleton.

Sheriff.

1854, James M. Richardson.
1857-58, Jonathan Hammond Hastings.

State Senators.

1844, Roderick Richardson. 1876-78, Ira Richardson.
1861, Calvin Fullerton. 1888-90, Walter Alonzo Jones.
1870-72, Jonathan Hammond Hastings.
1904-06, Oscar G. Eaton.

APPENDIX C.

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VERMONT.

1795-99, General Benjamin Wait.
1800, 1854-55, Benjamin Reed, jr.
1801-02, General Benjmin Wait.
1803-07, Bissell Phelps. 1856, Ira Richardson.
1811, Stephen Pierce. 1860-61, No choice.
1862-63, Jonathan Hammond Hastings.
1864-65, David Martin Phelps. 1866, Ira Richardson.
1867-68, Benjamin Reed, jr. 1869-71, Hiram Carleton.
1872-73, Henry Newton
1874-75, Moses E. Hadley.
1876-79, Lucius Merrill Tyler.
1877-79, Walter Alonzo Jones.
1884-85, Lucius D. Savage.
1888-89, Orville M. Eaton.
1888-89, Clarence Milton Richardson.
1890-92, Richardson James Gleason.
1892-93, Jonathan Hammond Hastings.
1894-95, Oramel Smith Joslin.
1896-97, Meriden Lee Richardson.
1898-1901, Jesse B. Norton.
1902-03, Oscar G. Eaton.
1904-05, Charles Henry Newcomb.
1906-07, George W. Wallis.
1908-09, Frederic Fremont Wilder.
APPENDIX D.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Clerks.
1794-95, Moses Henten.
1796-1801, Benjamin Wait, jr.
1802, Salah Smith.
1803, Benjamin Wait, jr.
1804, Ezra Jones.
1805-06, Salah Smith.
1807-09, Ezra Jones.
1810-15, Edmund Rice.
1816-25, Matthias Stone Jones.

*June, 1855 — , Richardson James Gleason.

Selectmen.
1794, Benjamin Wait, James Heaton, Moses Chase.
1795, Benjamin Wait, John Barnard, Salma Rider.
1796, Benjamin Wait, Phineas Rider, Aaron Minor.
1797, Jared Skinner, Stephen Pierce, Benjamin Wait, jr.
1798, Stephen Pierce, Aaron Minor, James Heaton.
1799, Benjamin Wait, Jared Skinner, Samuel Bayley.
1800, Stephen Pierce, Jared Skinner, Aaron Minor.
1801, Stephen Pierce, Benjamin Wait, jr., Simeon Stoddard.
1802, Bissell Phelps, Samuel Bayley, John Burdick.
1803, Bissell Phelps, Phineas Rider, Moses Fisk.
1804, Bissell Phelps, Moses Fisk, Aaron Minor.
1805, David Symonds, Aaron Phelps, Levi Wilder.
1806, David Symonds, Aaron Phelps, Levi Wilder.
1807, Bissell Phelps, Simeon Stoddard, Jennison Jones.
1808, Bissell Phelps, Jennison Jones, Simeon Stoddard.
1809, Jennison Jones, Amasa Skinner, Edmund Rice.
1810, Matthias Stone Jones, John Burdick, Edmund Rice.
1811, Edmund Rice, Elias Taylor, Matthias Stone Jones.
1812, Edmund Rice, Elias Taylor, Constant Freeman.
1813, James Joslin, Salma Smith, Levi Wilder.
1814, James Joslin, Phineas Rider, Matthias Stone Jones.
1815, John Burdick, John Campbell, Aaron Phelps.
1816, Ezra Jones, Andrew B. Minor, Ithamar Smith.
1817, Ezra Jones, Andrew B. Minor, David Symonds.

It is believed that the length of Mr. Gleason's service is without equal in the State of Vermont.

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1818, Ezra Jones, Edmund Rice, Erastus Woodward.
1819, Roderick Richardson, John Campbell, Levi Wilder.
1820, Roderick Richardson, John Campbell, James Joslin.
1821, Jason Carpenter, Asaph Burdick, Orson Skinner.
1822, Roderick Richardson, Matthias Stone Jones, Lynde Wait.
1823, Roderick Richardson, Jennison Jones, Andrew B. Minor.
1824, Jennison Jones, Lynde Wait, Roderick Richardson.
1825, Ralph Turner, John Campbell, Orson Skinner.
1826, Ralph Turner, Matthias Stone Jones, Nathan Stowell.
1827, Matthias Stone Jones, James Joslin, Elias Taylor, jr.
1828, James Joslin, Orson Skinner, Jason Carpenter.
1829, Roderick Richardson, Robert Leach, Francis Wilder.
1830, Robert Leach, John Campbell, Jennison Jones.
1831, John Campbell, Rufus Barret, Jedediah Bushnell.
1832, Orson Skinner, Robert Orton Stoddard, Thomas Prentis.
1833, Thomas Prentis, John Campbell, Lewis Holden.
1834, John Campbell, Timothy Reed, Jonathan H. Brown.
1835, Jason Carpenter, Lyman Fisk, Roderick Richardson.
1836, Roderick Richardson, Lyman Fisk, Robert Orton Stoddard.
1837, Roderick Richardson, Lyman Fisk, Robert Orton Stoddard.
1838, Jennison Jones, Orson Skinner, Roderick Richardson.
1839, Jennison Jones, William Morrill Pingry, Samuel Chipman.
1840, Roderick Richardson, jr., John Campbell, Samuel Chipman.
1841, Samuel Chipman, James Joslin, Hiram Jones.
1842, Hiram Jones, Jonathan Morse, Cyrus Joslin.
1843, Hiram Jones, Cyrus Joslin, Crowell Matthews.
1844, Cyrus Joslin, Crowell Matthews, Cornelius Emerson Joslin.
1845, Crowell Matthews, Cornelius Emerson Joslin, Hiram Joslin.
1846, Roderick Richardson, Hiram Jones, Nathaniel Graves Reed.
1847, Cornelius Emerson Joslin, Jedediah Bushnell, Nathaniel Graves Joslin.
1848, Jedediah Bushnell, Nathaniel Graves Joslin, Cyrus Joslin.
1849, Cyrus Joslin, Elijah Holden, John Stafford Campbell.
1850, Roderick Richardson, John Stafford Campbell, Stephen Perry Joslin.
1851, John Stafford Campbell, Stephen Perry Joslin, Timothy Reed.
1852, John Stafford Campbell, Timothy Reed, Hiram Jones.
1853, Nathan Robinson, Almon Joslin, Luther Durant.
1854, Luther Durant, A. G. Murray, James M. Richardson.
1855, A. G. Murray, Ira Richardson, Pardon Bushnell.
1856, Ira Richardson, Pardon Bushnell, Horatio Fullerton.
1857, Horatio Fullerton, Cornelius Emerson Joslin, Orvis Jones.
1869, Erastus Parker, John Waterman, Samuel Chipman.
1870, John Waterman, John C. Parker, Oras C. Wilder.
1871, John C. Parker, Thomas D. Poland, David Martin Phelps.
1872, Thomas D. Poland, David Martin Phelps, John C. Parker.
1873, David Martin Phelps, John C. Parker, Hiram Jones.
1874, John C. Parker, Hiram Jones, Ira Richardson.
1875, Hiram Jones, Ira Richardson, David Martin Phelps.
1876, Ira Richardson, Jonathan Hammond Hastings, Henry Newton Bushnell.
1879, Henry Newton Bushnell, Plina E. Lockwood, Cornelius Emerson Joslin.
1880, Hiram Jones, Abel Alonzo Kneeland, Lucius D. Savage.
1881, Abel Alonzo Kneeland, Lucius D. Savage, Otis Wallis.
1882, Lucius D. Savage, Otis Wallis, Rufus Bucklin.
1884, Charles Edward Jones, Edward Anson Fisk, Albert Frederick Richardson.
1885, Edward Anson Fisk, Albert Frederick Richardson, Thomas D. Poland.
1886, Albert Frederick Richardson, Thomas D. Poland, Henry Newton Bushnell.
1889, Josiah Holden, George Hiland Hastings, Ira Edwin Richardson.
1890, George Hiland Hastings, Ira Edwin Richardson, George L. Walbridge.
1892, George L. Walbridge, Henry Newton Bushnell, Lucius D. Savage.
1897, Wesley Green McAllister, George Weymouth Folsom, George Hiland Hastings.
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1806-07, David Phelps.
1808-14, Salah Smith.
1815-22, Jennison Jones.
1823, Dan Richardson.
1827-30, Richardson James Gleason.
1831-34, Bissell Phelps.
1835-36, Stephen Pierce.
1837-39, Bissell Phelps.
1840-42, Stephen Pierce.
1843-44, Bissell Phelps.
1845-46, Stephen Pierce.
1847, Dan Richardson.
1848-51, Hiram Jones.
1852-53, Calvin Fullerton.
1854, Samuel Chipman.
1855, Hiram Jones.
1856-57, James M. Richardson.
1858-59, Samuel Chipman.
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1861, Calvin Fullerton.
1862, Samuel Chipman.
1863-64, Ebenezer Ainsworth.
1865, Cornelius Emerson.
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1869, Loren Washburn.
1870-71, Franklin J. Greene.
1872, Hiram Jones.
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1892, Henry Newton.
1895, Nathan Boyce.
1896-97, Jesse H. Norton.
1898, Henry Newton.
1899-1904, Charles Edward Jones.
1895-96, Charles Edward Jones.
1907, Daniel Ralph Bisbee.
1908, Burton Dewey Bisbee.

APPENDIX E.

CENTENNIAL.

At the annual town meeting held March 5, 1889, it was voted to arrange for a suitable observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the town by General Benjamin Wait. A small appropriation was made; and Edward Anson Fisk, Walter Alonzo Jones, Ziba Hamilton McAllister, Milo Albert Bushnell and Abel Alonzo Kneeland were chosen a committee to have the matter in charge.

An invitation to "come home" on this occasion was sent to hundreds of former residents of the town and their descendants, and on Sunday, August 4, a large audience listened to a commemorative sermon preached in the Congregational Meeting-house by Rev. Pliny Fisk Barnard, a son of the town.

Wednesday, August 7, 1889, was chosen as the day for the general centennial exercises, and no event in the history of the town has ever brought together a larger company than gathered on the lawn between the Methodist Meeting-house and the Union Meeting-house on the morning and afternoon of that beautiful summer day. Conveyances, both public and private, were taxed to bring home the returning children of the town.

At half past ten in the morning the procession formed in the village square, and marched to the spot chosen for the exercises, which were opened with singing, and a prayer by Rev. Harvey Webster. Abel Alonzo Kneeland welcomed the assembly in the name of the town, and the song Old New England was rendered by a choir under the leadership of Ziba Hamilton McAllister.

An historical address dealing with the life of General Wait and the early days of the town, delivered by Walter Alonzo Jones, and listened to with marked interest by all present, closed the morning exercises.

Immediately a bountiful dinner was spread by the women of Waitsfield in the vestry of the Congregational Meeting-house, and several hundred guests sat around the tables. Dinner over, all paid a visit to the museum of ancient relics gathered for the
day in the vestry of the Methodist Meeting-house, and then repaired to the scene of the morning exercises, where after preliminary exercises a centennial poem was read by Dorris A. Kneeland. Edwin F. Palmer, Esq., of Waterbury, a son of the town, delivered a scholarly oration, and at its close a centennial hymn, of which both words and music were written by Rev. Perrin Batchelor Fisk, was sung by the choir. Following this Mrs. Alice (Wilder) Richardson recited Ithamar Smith's poem "The Burning House," and the formal exercises of the day closed with the reading of letters from absent friends and a benediction by Rev. Elisha S. Pisk.

CENTENNIAL POEM.

My friends: The music of a hundred years
Is far too grand—a theme for my rough rhyme;
The pleasures and the pains, the hopes and fears,
And what we've gained, and lost, in all that time.

One hundred years ago, no melody
From blended cornets' brazen throats was heard.
The only song was one trilled merrily
By some wild, happy and unfrightened bird.

Luxuriantly beech and maple grew
Where now are grassy fields and fertile farms;
And yonder, where the corn is waving now,
The graceful elms entwined their giant arms.

Our predecessors, sturdy men and strong,
Trod paths marked only by the settler's axe;
In easy carriages we roll along,
And sometimes grumble at the highway tax.

Full often they at night were roused in fear,
By wild beasts prowling round their homes for prey;
But now about the only growls we hear
Are those which listers list to annually.

They read and studied by the firelit hearth,
Or used a tallow candle, sputtering low;
And light we bring from the bowels of earth,
And heaven's lightning tame to steady glow.

It used to be that crops were cut by hand;
The mower and the reaper had to sweat.
Machines now swiftly glide o'er all the land,
And farmers long to harvest faster yet.

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They carried grist so very far to mill
That on the road they'd quite devour the whole;
The handy miller grinds it now, and will,
Perhaps, with practice, take it all for toll.

New England rum, in times of long ago,
Was drunk by kegs and barrels in each home;
The peddled pints we get are poisoned so
That General Wait would never dream 'twas rum.

The streams were teeming then with sportive trout,
Requiring pole and line quite thick and strong;
The little newly-hatched ones we pull out
Are estimated at six inches long.

In those good times the folks were rarely ill,
As we've heard many aged people tell;—
They had both strength of body and of will,—
When sick, they drank some herb tea and got well.

We scarce can realize a change so great,
As forty years will make in friendly faces;
In place of early chum or gay schoolmate,
We see but aged forms, or vacant places.

We gladly greet all those who gather here,
And shake long-absent hands most heartily;
But something sometimes starts the blinding tear,—
Fair faces formed in many a memory.

Where are the friends we loved so long ago?
Have they checkmated been in life's great game?
How happens it in this wide world of woe,
That some of them have wealth and some have fame?

Some left their homes to seek the lauded West;
Some sent their children, thinking that might do;
Some sent their mighty dollars to invest,
And sometime they may wish they had them, too.

But if you think we've parted with our best,
And sent away no sample drone or dunce,
Just look around you and size up the test,
Then own that Waitsfield raised smart children once.

But why so prone to leave these fertile fields,
And fonder friends than you'll soon find again,
For "down east's" stony soil and scanty yields,
Or lonely, wild, and wind-swept western plain?
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Equipped with health and strength, we need not fear Life's battle in Vermont, although she's rough; Those qualities we all need anywhere, Whatever gives them not, gives not enough.

Ungrateful we should never be, indeed, To those who donned the blue at duty's call. The nation borrowed them for time of need, But when the need was past, returned not all.

Some, with devotion that we well may prize, Believing all men should be like brothers be, With worthy spirit of self-sacrifice, Have shortened life in toil beyond the sea.

May each one here today, or old or young, Draw lessons from the past and con them well; And in the future, with both pen and tongue, The story glad of God's great good next tell.

When other hundred years have rolled away, And each been added to eternity, When Waitsfield's people gather that glad day, To celebrate another century,

May that dear flag, our own Red, White and Blue, In freedom float o'er faces just as fair, O'er homes as happy and o'er hearts as true, As e'er have fallen to our century's share.

Not ours, dear friends, to mingle in that throng, But on a brighter and far happier shore, We'll raise our voices in triumphant song, Where centuries are counted never more.

GENEALOGIES OF WAITSFIELD FAMILIES.

Throughout these records it has been the general intention to begin the record with the emigrant ancestor or with the earliest known generation. In the case of families not now resident in Waitsfield, whose record may be found in print elsewhere, only the briefest mention is made of the generations preceding the first of the name to settle in Waitsfield.

The arrangement follows closely that adopted by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The numeral preceding the name of each head of a family refers back to the immediate ancestor, in the list of whose children the same person is designated by the same number at the left of the Roman numeral used to indicate the number of children in each family.

The Christian names numbered in order and found in parenthesis after the name of a head of a family denote the direct ancestral line, the generations being given in consecutive order and the number 1 given to the emigrant ancestor, or if he is unknown, to the earliest known ancestor.

Free use has been made of certain abbreviations, chiefly the following:

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1908.