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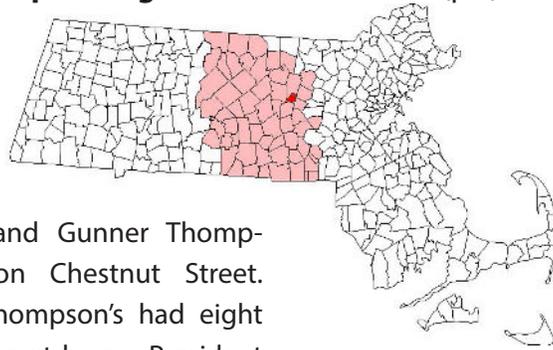
# Worcester Registry of Deeds

## Newsletter

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Kate and Gunner Thompson, on Chestnut Street. The Thompson's had eight children at home. President Carter sat and visited with the Thompson family and a few of their neighbors. The following day he was off to his next destination, but the Town of Clinton was a bright spot in his trip. The Thomp-

son family deed is located in our records in Book 5160, Page 365.

Clinton was first settled in 1654 as a part of Lancaster. It was officially incorporated as a separate town on March 14, 1850, and named after the DeWitt Clinton Hotel in New York, a favorite place of the town's founders, Erastus Brigham Bigelow and his brother Horatio. Clinton became an industrialized mill town, using the Nashua River as a source for water power. The Bigelow's and the Town of Clinton's success continued with the develop-

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### Community Statistics

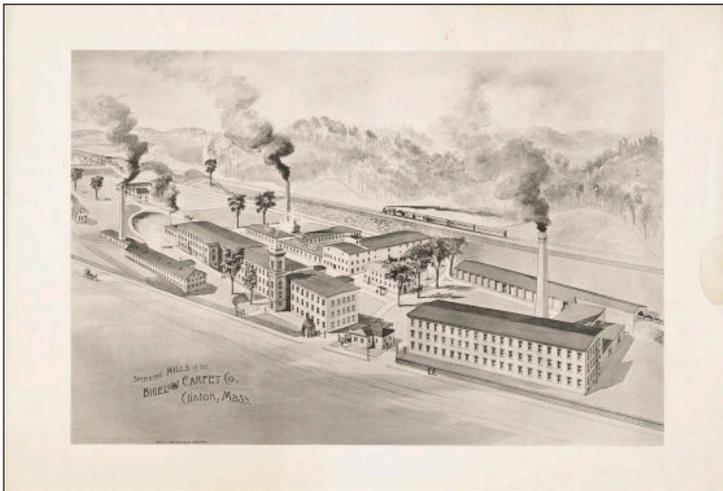
**104** Number of Recordings in February 2023

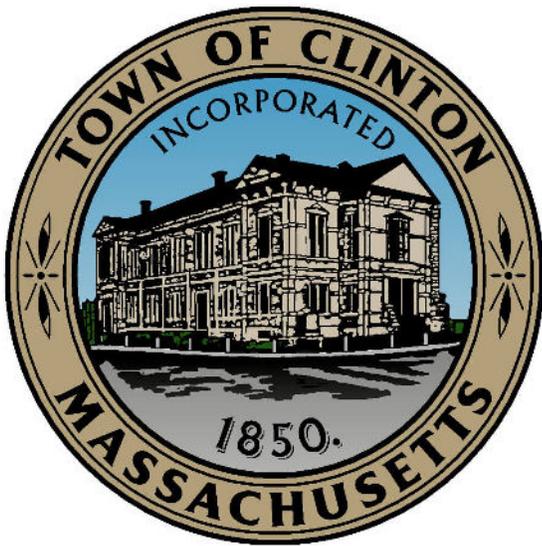
**\$270K** Median Home Value

**52%** Homes Owned vs. Rented

**5,844** Total Housing

**1,024** Density (Houses per Square Mile)





# Town Spotlight

## CLINTON

### Clinton *continued from page 1*

ment of the carpet loom. Bigelow's carpets were of superior quality and were found in the finest establishments including: the White House, the Waldorf-Astoria, and the SS Titanic. Erastus and Horatio Bigelow gave Clinton its name, and actually created the wealth in this village that would prove to be our economic base for many years. Erastus was a famous inventor. Horatio had an even greater impact on this community.

The school department, fire department, library, local banks, and many churches in town all got their start thanks to Horatio Bigelow. Central Park, the town common, was gifted to the town by Mr. Horatio Bigelow as well.

### Wachusett Reservoir: 1897

The Boston metropolitan area continued to grow rapidly through the 1890s. Indoor plumbing became

commonplace. Planners had not foreseen this development and the water supply had become inadequate. In searching for the supply, the following water sources were considered: the Nashua River, Lake Winnepesaukee, Sebago Lake, and the Merrimac River. Under the leadership of Frederic Stearns, Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Water Board, it was decided that the new water source should be gravity-operated and not require filtration.

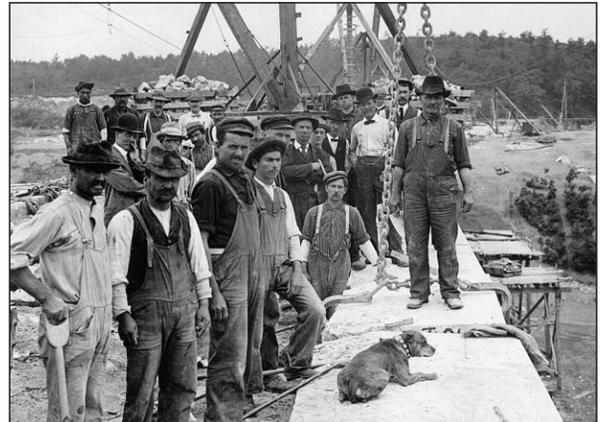
In 1897, the Nashua River above the town of Clinton was impounded by the Wachusett Dam. To complete

this task 6.5 square miles were flooded in the towns of Boylston, West Boylston, Clinton and Sterling. Work was completed in 1905 and the reservoir first filled in May 1908.

Armies of men wielding shovels were put to work stripping the basin floor of its dark farm soil, endlessly filling horse carts and railroad cars for transport to the great dike in Clinton where more

men with shovels dumped the soil and spread it.

The reservoir project was basically built by hand. They used what was available at the time: Horses and carts, steam engine locomotives, cables and derricks. This project took several years and many man hours. In 1908 it was the largest reservoir in the state and today it is the second largest only to the Quabbin Reservoir.



# Spring Word Search



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|-----------|---------|----------|
| APRIL     | FLOWERS | PASSOVER |
| BASEBALL  | GREEN   | PUDDLE   |
| BLOOM     | GROW    | RAINBOW  |
| BUNNY     | HATCH   | RAINCOAT |
| BUTTERFLY | JUNE    | SEEDS    |
| CHICK     | MARCH   | SHOWERS  |
| EASTER    | MAY     | SPRING   |
| EGGS      | NEST    | UMBRELLA |



C H I C K E J U N E G R W O W  
H P U D D L E M A P R I L H S  
I B L O H B U N N Y E B O M E  
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S A N E R A N B O W S H E S O  
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T H A S P R I N G P U D D E T

## What are The Seven Hills of Worcester?

- 1 Pakachoag (Mount St. James)** – where the largest number of Nipmuck Indians lived.
- 2 Sagatabscot (Union Hill)** – the second settlement, where Digory Sargent was killed in his home by Indians in 1701.
- 3 Hancock Hill** – Once owned by John Hancock.
- 4 Chandler Hill (Belmont Hill)** – site of the first reser-voir, , and East Park.
- 5 Green Hill** – ancestral home of the Green family since 1755, now a public park.
- 6 Bancroft Hill** – named for the well-known historian, George Bancroft.
- 7 Newton Hill** – farmland that was purchased by the city for a public park.

# Upcoming Speaking Events

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:30pm**

Oxford Senior Center  
323 Main St, Oxford, MA 01540

**Monday April 24, 2023 12:30pm**

Shrewsbury Senior Center  
98 Maple Ave, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

**Tuesday May 23, 2023 11:00am**

Leicester Senior Center  
40 Winslow Ave, Leicester, MA 01524

If there are any other Senior Centers or organizations that would like to have Katie Toomey come and do a presentation with questions and answers, please email me at [margaret.freeman@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:margaret.freeman@sec.state.ma.us) or call 508-368-7000  
Katie would gladly accommodate your group.

## Special Notice: Regarding Registered Land Recording

**Effective January 1, 2023**

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Registered Land documents that you intend to submit to us for registration must first be emailed to us for pre-approval. Send your fully executed documents to [worcester.deeds@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:worcester.deeds@sec.state.ma.us). We will review the documents and email our determination that the documents may be submitted to us as is or we will specify any changes that must be made before sending the documents to us.

Beginning January 1, 2023, original Registered Land documents will be returned to customers once the recording process is completed.

**A return envelope with postage will be required so that we can return the documents to you via the USPS.**

*Thank you – Register Kathryn A. Toomey*

## Consumer Notification Service

**Get notified when documents are recorded.**

This service alerts you by email whenever a new document is recorded for your property. If you made this change, you don't need to do anything. If you did not, you should contact your local Registry of Deeds office.

**Who can set up an account?**

This service is provided at no cost to Massachusetts residential property owners. You can set up an account and register up to 3 properties. This service is not available for commercial properties. Create a new account by visiting the link below.

**[cns.masslandrecords.com](https://cns.masslandrecords.com)**