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INTRODUCTION

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

December 16, 1913.

This volume contains an abstract copy of all the records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths contained in the book lettered "A" of the old records of the Town of Fitchburg, with the exception of some minor details which the experience of this office has shown are never required for reference, but which if included would have greatly decreased the usefulness of the volume and made the cost of production almost prohibitive.

Book A was the first under the Act of 1844 relating to the registry and returns of births, marriages and deaths. It includes the births from May, 1843, through the year 1849; the marriages from May, 1844, through October, 1851; and the deaths from May, 1845, through the year 1855.

The arrangement is alphabetical, instead of chronological as in the original, thereby obviating the necessity of an index. All those of one surname are grouped together. The surname is printed in heavy capitals with the first name of each group, and is not repeated with the other entries.

In regard to the spelling of some of the names it must be borne in mind that the period covered was one in which the tide of immigration was becoming marked and that the names of the newcomers were unfamiliar to the officers charged with the duty of making returns, as well as frequently of uncertain form among the individuals themselves. As a result of this condition the records of some families are under as many as five or six forms widely separated by the alphabetical arrangement, although phonetically they are not materially different.

An appendix contains statistics compiled from the records of deaths, showing the deaths by ages and the causes of death for the period covered by this volume.

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WORCESTER, SS.

FITCHBURG, December 16, 1913.

I, Walter A. Davis, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, hereby certify that the records contained in this volume are in the case of each entry, true and correct copies of so much of the information therein contained as is included in the purpose for which it is published.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter A. Davis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name "Walter A. Davis".

City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

FRANK D. PAGE, *Notary Public.*