



Records of the Second
social Library In
North Yarmouth
Founded Dec. 1793

Proprietor Names as Follows

Rufus Anderson	Nath ^l Merrill	Richard Stubbs
Will ^m Buxton	Will ^m Noyes	Edw ^d Wilson
Sam ^l Baker	David Prince	Will ^m Hamilton
Ozias Blanchard	Paul Prince Jun	Nath ^l Luffkin
Eben ^r Blanchard	Silvanus Drinkwater	Will ^m Hool
Benj ⁿ Buxton	Will ^m Reed	Paul Sanborn
Nath ^l Blanchard	Will ^m Sweetser	Moses []
Bezai Blanchard	Levi Sweetser	Elias Banks
Will ^m Blanchard	Jon: X Stubbs	Tobias Moore
Zar: Blanchard	Thom Prince Jun	Sam ^l Bacon
Asa Chase	Benj ⁿ Stubbs	Nicholas Loring
Hannah Fisher	James X Prince	Joshua Mitchell
Onesept ^s Fisher	Benj ⁿ Sanborn	Eliphalet Greely
	Benj ⁿ Sweetser	Cushing Prince

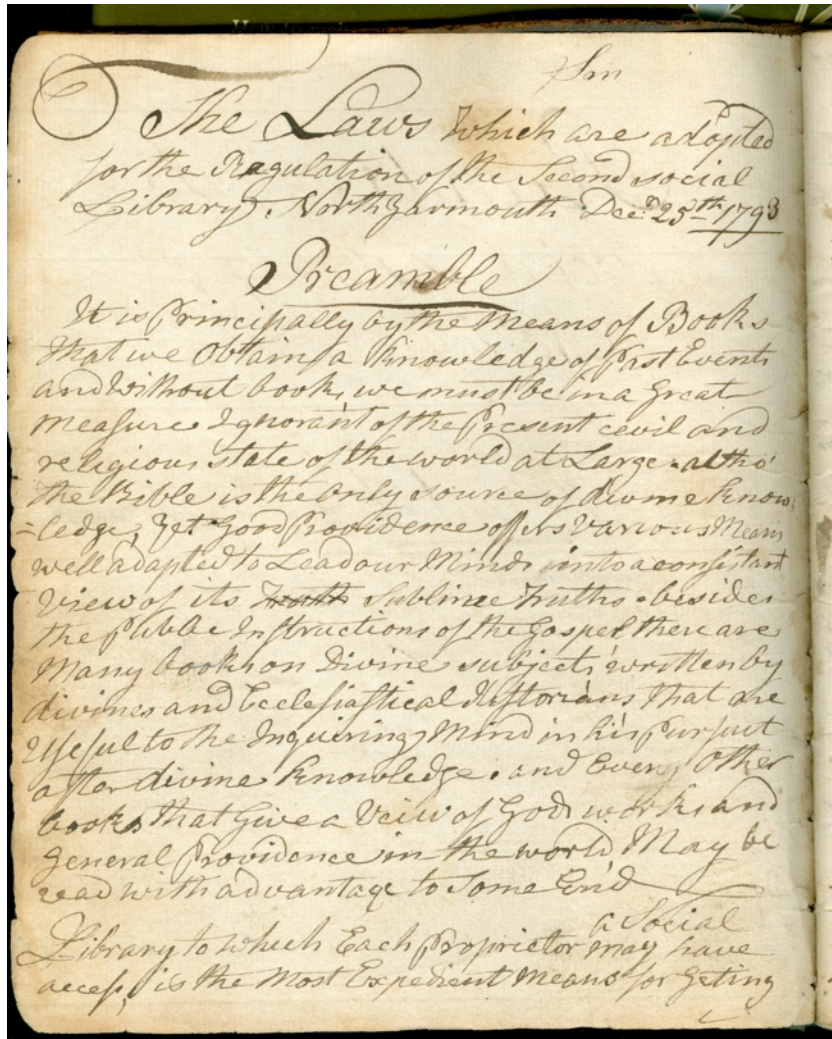
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The Laws which are adopted
For the Regulation of the Second social
Library, North Yarmouth, Dec. 25th 1793

Preamble

It is Principally by the means of Books
That we obtain a knowledge of Past Events
and Without books, we must be in a great
measure Ignorant of the Present civil and
religious state of the world at Large. altho
the Bible is the only source of divine know-
ledge, yet good Providence offers various Means
well adapted to Lead our Minds into a consistant
View of its Sublime Truths. Besides
the Public Instructions of the Gospel there are
Many books on Divine subjects written by
divines and Ecclesiastical Historians that are
Useful to the Inquiring Mind in his Pursuit
after divine knowledge. And even other
books that Give a View of God works and
General Providence in the world May be
read with advantage to some End.

A Social
Library to which Each Proprietor may have
access, is the Most Expedient Means for getting

a right in the Greatest Number of Books,
with the least cost, and for Enjoying the
the greatest advantage of Reading. We the subscribers
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comply with, and adhere to the following
Articles.

1st That the Books Procured and disposed
of according to the following regulations
shall be called the Second Social
Library in North Yarmouth.

2^{dly} That a Right in the Library, shall
stand at Nine Shillings, until by a Vote of
the Proprietors at a Regular Meeting it be
raised to Ten, Eleven, or Twelve Shillings,
but a right shall not be raised above two
dollars unless it be Unanimously Voted
at a Regular Meeting.

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4^{thly} That no Person shall be a Proprietor nor have the ability
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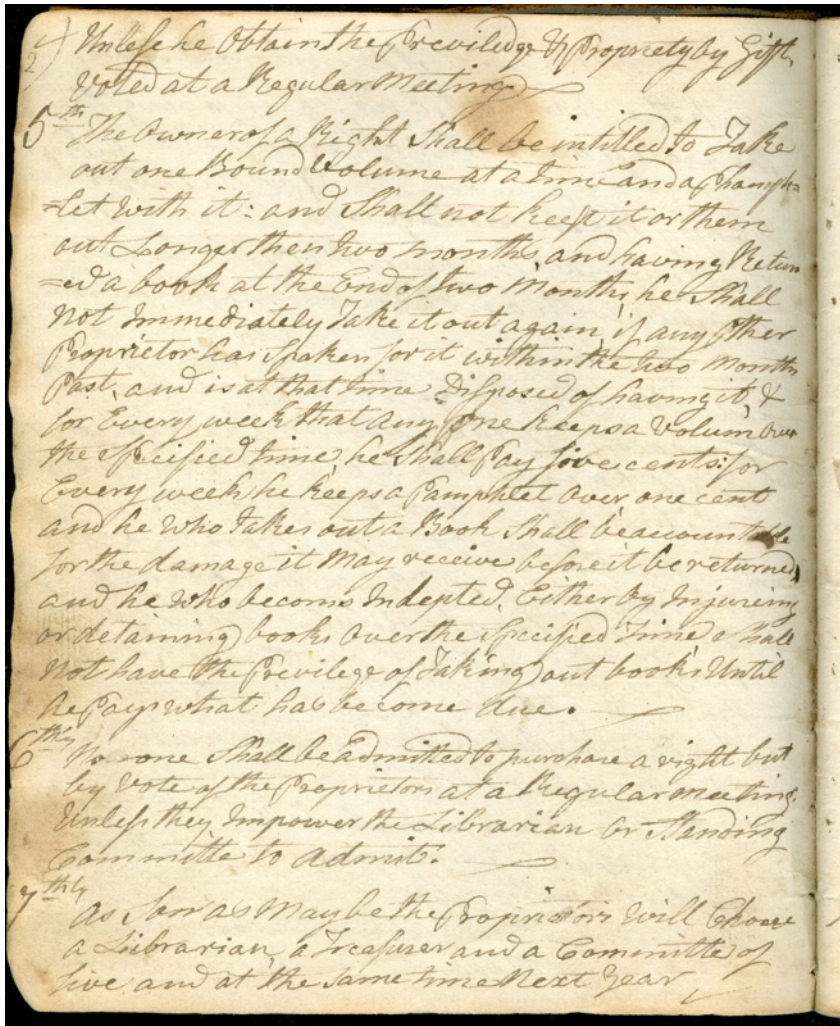
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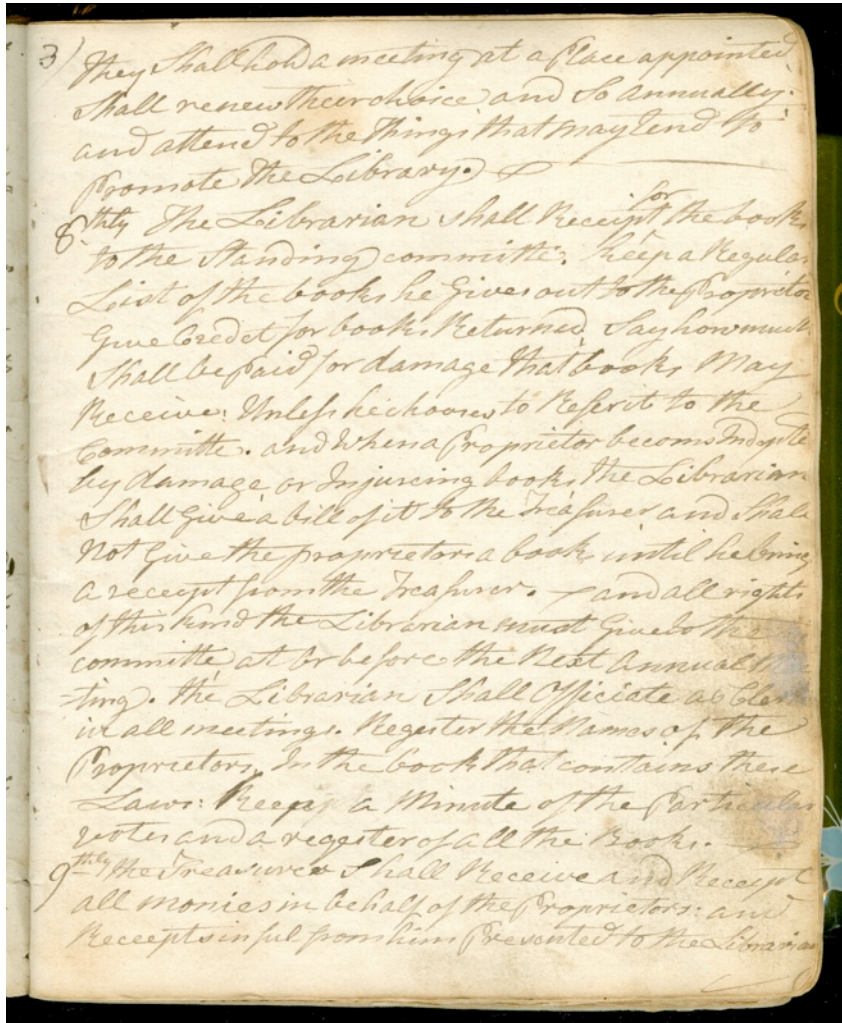


Unless he obtain the Privilege of Propriety by Gift, voted at a Regular Meeting.

5th The Owner of a Right Shall be intitl'd to Take out one Bound Volume at a time and a Pamphlet with it; and Shall not keep it or them out Longer then two months, and having Return'd a book at the End of two Months, he Shall Not Immediately Take it out again, if any other Proprietor has Spoken for it within the two Months Past, and is at the time Disposed of having it, & for Every week that Any One keeps a Volume Over the Specified time, he Shall pay five cents; for Every week he keeps a Pamphlet over, one cent and he who takes out a Book Shall be accountable for the damage it May receive before it be return'd, and he Who becomes Indepted, Either by Injuring or detaining books over the Specified Time, Shall Not have the Privilege of Taking out books Until he Pays what has become due.

6^{thly} No one Shall be admitted to purchase a right but by Vote of the Proprietors at a Regular meeting. Unless they Impower the Librarian Or Standing Committee to Admit.

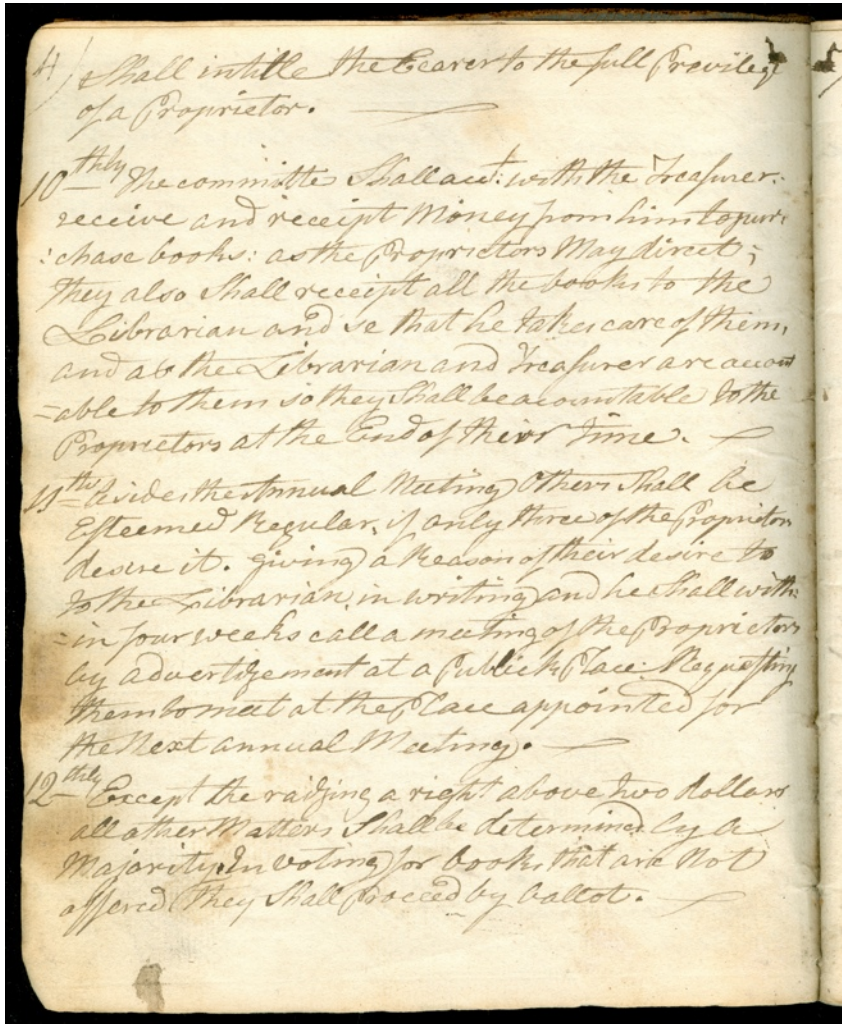
7^{thly} As Soon as May be the Proprietors will Choose a Librarian, a Treasurer and a Committee of five and at the same time Next Year



They Shall hold a meeting at a Place appointed, Shall renew their choice and So annually and attend to the Things that may lend to Promote the Library.

8^{thly} The Librarian Shall Receipt for the books to the Standing Committee. keep a Regular List of the books he gives out to the Proprietors Give Credit for books Returned, Say how much Shall be paid for damage that books May Receive, Unless he chooses to Report to the Committee. and When a Proprietor becomes Indebted by damage or Injuring books, the Librarian Shall give a bill of it to the Treasurer, and Shall Not Give the proprietor a book until he bring a receipt from the Treasurer. and all rights of this kind the Librarian must Give to the committee, at or before the Next Annual Meeting. The Librarian Shall Officiate as Clerk in all meetings. Register the Names of the Proprietors In the book that contains these Laws; keep a Minute of the Particular votes and a register of all the Books.

9^{thly} the Treasurer Shall Receive and Receipt all monies in behalf of the Proprietors; and Receipts in ful from him Presented to the Librarian

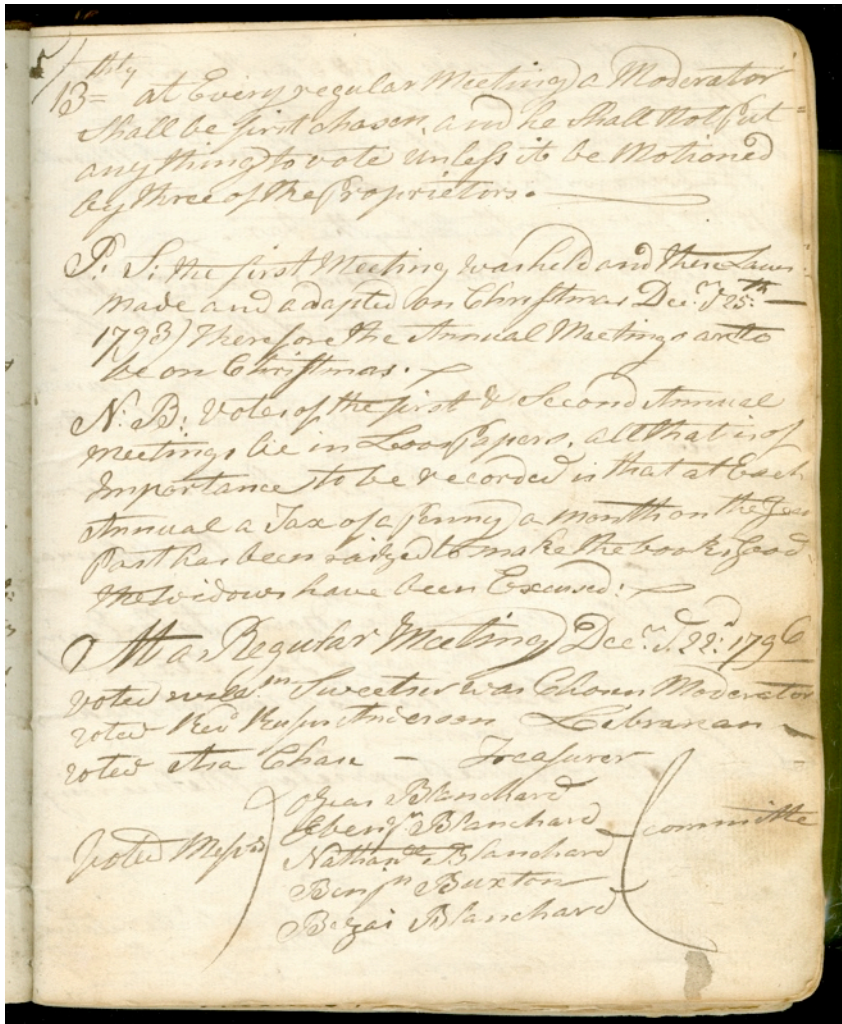


Shall intitle the bearer to the full Privilege of a Proprietor.

10^{thly} The committee Shall act with the Treasurer; receive and receipt Money from him to purchase books; as the Proprietors May direct; They also Shall receipt all the books to the Librarian and se that he takes care of them, and as the Librarian and Treasurer are accountable to them so they Shall be accountable to the Proprietors at the End of their time.

11th [Pe]vide, the Annual Meeting Others Shall be Esteemed Regular, if only three of the Proprietors desire it. giving a Reason of their desire to the Librarian in writing and he Shall within Four weeks call a meeting of the Proprietors by advertisement at a Publick Place Requesting them to meet at the Place appointed for the Next annual Meeting.

12^{thly} Except the raising a right above two dollars all other Matters Shall be determined by a Majority in voting for books that are Not offered they Shall proceed by ballot.



13^{thly} at Every regular Meeting a Moderator Shall be first chosen, and he Shall Not Put anything to vote unless it be Motioned by three of the Proprietors.

P.S. The first Meeting was held and the Laws Made and adapted on Christmas Dec. 25th 1793 Therefore the Annual Meetings anto be on Christmas.

N.B. Vote of the first & Second Annual Meeting, be in Loos Papers, all that is of Importance to be recorded is that at Each Annual a Tax of a Penny a month on the Year Past has been raised to make the books Good. The widows have been Excused.

At a Regular Meeting Dec. 22 1796
Voted Will^m Sweetser was Chosen Moderator
Voted Rev. Rufus Anderson Librarian
Voted Asa Chase – Treasurer

Voted Messr.s
Oziah Blanchard
Ebenez^r Blanchard
Nathan^l Blanchard committee
Benjⁿ Buxton
Bezai Blanchard