An Alphabetical Index to the Town of Pomfret
Road Surveys, 1809-1823
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The Town of Pomfret was established on 11 March 1808 and the first Town meeting was on 5 April 1808. At that meeting, it was decided “to purchase a Book for Register.” That volume, designated the “Old Book” or “O.B.” by the Clerk, Mosely W. Abell in 1823, and “Book A” at a later date, was a general purpose record including minutes of meetings, cattle marks, financial records, etc. Certain pages were set aside for road surveys to be entered. The surveyors brought in their field notes, usually on small scraps of paper, which the Clerk carefully copied into the book. Although these records have been discarded, they were microfilmed.

The field notes and surveys in Book A have been printed off from the microfilm, and typed versions have been made for easier reading. The copies and typed versions are available at the Barker Historical Museum. The index which follows includes personal and place names and some modern equivalents such as “Central Ave.” where the original used “Dunkirk St.” Of course, “Dunkirk St.” is also indexed. The page numbers are those in Book A and repeated in the typed version. Other name indexes are available for the later records as well, called Books B, C, and D covering 1808 through 1889.

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