

¹³ Playbill, Battle of Bunker Hill, Waldo Hall, Worcester, Mass., Dec. *6, 1851, in *Am. Antiq. Soc.*; *Boston Transcript*, Dec. 8, 1838.

¹⁴ Playbill, Battle of Bunker Hill, Boston Museum, Jan. *11, 1847, in Houghton Library; *Boston Transcript*, Dec. *8, 1838, Oct. 11, 1842; *Advertiser* (Lowell, Mass.), May *29, 1839; *Worcester Playbill.

¹⁵ *Boston playbill; *Worcester playbill; *New York Herald*, Oct. *10, 1844; *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, Nov. 2, 1843; *Washington National Intelligencer*, June *19, 1850.

¹⁶ *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, Nov. *2, 1843; *Boston Transcript*, Jan. *7, 1847; *Boston playbill; *Worcester playbill.

¹⁷ *Worcester playbill; *Washington National Intelligencer*, June *19, 1850; *Boston Transcript*, Oct. 11, 1842.

¹⁸ *Washington National Intelligencer*, June *19, 1850; *Baltimore Sun*, July *14, 1843; *Worcester Spy*, Dec. *6, 1851; *New York Herald*, Oct. *10, 1844; *Boston playbill; *Boston Transcript*, Oct. *11, 1842; *Lowell Advertiser*, May *29, 1839.

Contract for Building Portions of a Turnpike in 1806

(FROM THE SOCIETY'S MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS)

ARTICLES of agreement made this thirty first day of March Eighteen Hundred & six between Peleg Slocum & Nath^l Merrill of Lynn, County of Essex on the One Part & Fitch Hall in behalf of the Directors of the Andover & Medford Turnpike Corporation on the other part—Witnesseth

That the said Slocum & Merrill do Covenant Contract & agree to make & Complate in a Workmanlike manner Those parts of said Turnpike Road here-after Mentioned Viz^t—The Job Denominated N^o 3 begining at the North End of Marshall & French' Job in Jon^a Porter' Wood Lott & near the Stoneham Line—Running Notherly about Two hundred and fifteen Rods untill it meets said Slocums Job across Spot-pond Meadows & on this Job the Hills are all to be cut

down so as not to have more than one foot rise in a Rod—Job N^o 5. begins at the north End of said Slocums Job (being denominated N^o 4 & sixteen Rods Long across Spot-pond Meadows for which he is to have six Hundred Dollars when Completed) & on Land of M^r Barns & runs Notherly to hills Road so Called in Stoneham which is about Three Hundred Rods & there is to be no rise on this Job of more than One foot in Twenty except one at the Hill in James Hill' Land & near the above mentioned Road which is to rise one foot in a Rod—Job N^o 6 begins at Hills Road so called & runs Notherly to the Line between Reading & Stoneham & is about Six Hundred & Forty Rods—Job N^o 8—begins at the North End of Job N^o 7 & in Land of Jonas Parker & runs Noth-

erly about Three Hundred & Forty Rods untill it comes to the Burying Ground near the West Parrish meetinghouse in Reading & there is to be no rise on this Job of More than One foot in twenty— All the Jobs are to be Completed in the following manner, The Rises as above mentioned & the Travelling part of the Road is to be Twenty four feet wide on the Top. To be raised Two feet on soft Land & One & an half on hard Land, that is above the natural Surface of the Ground & to be sufficiently Gravelled, not less than Nine Inches in any place & Eighteen Inches on Soft Land—& the Road to be made as Levell on the Surface as the nature of the Ground will admitt of. & all fitt to Travell on, there are to be sufficient Ditches & Water Courses, Cover'd With Stone & Stone abutments to carry of all the water—The Ground is [to] be all Ploughed within six feet of the Center on each side the Travelling Path (where a Plough can work) there are to be no large Stones nor Stumps nor Rubish of any kind within One foot of the Surface of s^d Road—The Stones are to be all Raked off & the Whole of the Road to be Crowning Eighteen Inches in the Center—The Whole to be finished

in a Workmanlike manner, & to the acceptance of the Directors by the last day of October next—

and the said Fitch Hall for himself & in behalf of the Directors & Proprietors of said Corporation, doth agree & promise to pay said Slocum & Merrill at the Rate of Fourteen Dollars p^r Rod for Job denominated N^o 3 & Six Hundred Dollars for Job N^o 4 being Across the Meadows & Six Dollars & fifty Cents p^r Rod for Job N^o 5 & four Dollars p^r Rod for Job N^o 6—& Three Dollars & fifty Cents p^r Rod for Job N^o 8 According as the said Jobs shall seperately measure when the Whole are Completed & Accepted by the Directors provided said Work is done by the last day of October next—

In witness whereof the Contracting Parties have hereunto set their hands & seals this Twenty third day of April 1806

Signed Sealed & Exchanged in presence of us

Eben ^r Hall Jun ^r	Fitch Hall
Heze ^k Blanchard	Peleg Slocum
Nathan Parker	
Jonathan Weste	Nathaniel Merrill