9/27/1934 Last Will and Testament 12/28/1936 Hand written note

Selectboard

1937 News paper article
2/11/1937 Typed report of Trustees
2/4/1938 Typed report
5/10/1938 Hand written note
2/1/1939 Typed report
3/1/1994 Annual Town Meeting

5/19/1994 Work Order 12/29/1994 Office of Town Clerk and Treasurer (typed)

12/22/1995 Langrock Sperry & Woll

1995 through 2005 The Howard Bank

Will for Mary Edmunds

Lend to town at 3% interest

"for the purchase of books for public use in said town or for any other purpose thought more desireable for the town by the governing body"

"The Edmunds Fund of 15,000 has been loaned to the town at 3%"

"Guarantee of State of four-fifths cost of Edmunds Bridge \$12049.90"

"Received from State on Bridge \$11,667.11, Edmnds \$8,162.11

"Selectman's Orders Edmunds Fund note to F.H. Chessmore \$23507.36"

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For \$1.71 to LA County Superior Courts

Letter written to Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia looking for assistance in determining how the Town can use the money. Last Will and Testament attachd.

Letter to Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia requesting assistance in determing what money can be used for.

Several Date of Notice Documents (bank statements)

TOWN OF RICHMOND General Ledger Detail Transactions Report Period 1 Jul to Period 1 Jul

Last Year

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Last Will & Testament

OF

Mary May Lew Colmunds

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Vermont.

I, MARY MAYHER EDMUNDS, born in Burlington, Vermont, but work, and for many years past, legally a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, temporarily residing in Pasadena, California, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say:

FIRST: I direct my Executors hereinafter named to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of my estate, and should there be insufficient funds in my said estate to discharge such obligations, I direct my Executors to refer the same for payment to Girard Trust Company, Trustee under my certain Deed in Trust bearing date the 27K. day of Second: A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-four (1934).

SECOND: I desire and direct that my body, or asnes, be taken and deposited in the family lot in Green Mount Cemetery, Burlington,

THIRD: I give, devise and bequeath unto my cousin, Ralph Maynard Dyar of Detroit, Michigan, or to his issue should he not be living at the time of my death, the real property known as 841 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadene, California, the land, house, garage, and also the contents of the house and garage, with the exception of all articles designated and otherwise disposed of in this my Will.

FOURTH: I give and bequeath unto my goddaughter, Josephine Arthur Rohrer, now of Burlington, Vermont, my ruby and diamond pin.

FIFTH: I give and bequeath unto my friend, Susan Margaret de Garmo, now of Redondo Peach, California, the entire removable contents of my cottage at Redondo Beach, if I still continue to own that cottage.

SIXTH: I give and bequeath unto Alfred G. Allen, now of Pasadena, California, the tall "Grandfather" clock now standing in the entrance hall of my Pasadena house.

SEVENTH: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of whatsoever kind, whether real, personal or mixed and wheresoever situate and whether now owned or hereafter acquired by me, I give, devise

bequeath, limit and appoint unto Girard Trust Company. Trustee under my certain Deed in Trust bearing date the 27% day of September A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-four (1934), as an addition to the corpus or principal of the Trust under said Deed, as if originally a part thereof.

FIGHTH: I specifically direct that all personal and private articles, such as letters, diaries, books of devotion, and clothing, shall be destroyed as soon as possible after my death.

NINTH: I specifically direct that my cottage and land on the Esplanade, Redondo Reach, California, shall be sold, the assumit realized to be added to my residuary estate; and I generally authorize and empower my Executors to sell and make good conveyance thereof, in fee simple or for any less estate, any and all of my real estate not hereinotherwise disposed of, for such price or prices and upon such terms as to them may seem best, without any liability on the part of the purchaser or purchasers to see to or be responsible for the proper application of the purchase money.

TENTH: I direct that any and all inheritance, estate and transfer taxes that may be imposed upon my estate or any part thereof, or any estate or any interest herein given, by the State of Pennsylvania or any other State or by the United States, shall be paid proportionately out of the corpus or principal of my residuary estate and the corpus or principal of my Deed of Trust bearing date the 27% day of September A.P., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-four (1934), to Girard Trust Company, Trustee, as aforesaid.

ELEVENTH: I wish to state that in making disposition of my property, I have carried out the expressed desires of my father and mother, as well as my own, as to what should be done at the time of my death.

TWELFTH: I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint the said Girard Trust Company, a corporation, of the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, to be the Executor of this my Last Will, and I speci-

fically exempt the said Executor from giving of bond or security in any State for the faithful performance of its duties. If, however, the said Girard Trust Company for any reason is unable to act, or chooses not to act in the State of California, then I hereby nominate and appoint Alfred G. Allen, of Pasadena, California, as Executor of this my Will with respect to such portion of my estate as may be situated in the State of California at the time of my death.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of September A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-four (1934).

Mary May how Edwards

(SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared : on the day of the date thereof by : MARY MAYHEW EDMUNDS, the Testatrix : therein named, as and for her Last : Will and Testament, in our presence, and we at her request, in her presence : and in the presence of each other, all : being present at the same time, have : hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Bertha Thomas, Residence at Paradena, briefed D. Draw. Residence at Paradena.

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Journ Selectmen met and discussed the best way to invest the \$15000, a left to Journ by the will of Many Edmunds in mening of her father severe F. Edmunds and it was desided to let it to the Journ at 3% as of Jan 1-37 and a note was given to the Trustee of Public monogramment. He interest to be faid annually, the interest to be faid annually, the interest to be faid annually, the inse of which was to be desided later.

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Town from Jan. 11-37
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Jan. 22-37 Town Room at 10 am el meeting of Board of Civil Cuthenty was held-and motion was made to rebote 10.78 to Educid Hand 1936 tax which was an error Clyde Morthoop faid interest 45.19, of 17.50-m note CB andrews,

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Town of Richmond Gets \$7,200 From Edmunds Estate

The Town of Richmond will soon receive \$7,200 in memory of its distinguished son U.S. Senator George Franklin Edmunds, the legacy of his daughter, Mary M. Edmunds of Pasadena, California, who died May 16, 1936.

16, 1936.
Information that the bequest made in the will of Miss Edmunds would be paid soon was received by town officials recently from the Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia, which announced that California and Federal transfer inheritance taxes amounting to approximately \$100,000 had been paid on the estate and that a distribution to the legatees would be made as soon as schedules of securities as of December 31, 1937, could be approved by all of them.

The letter from the Girard Trust Company gives a value of \$208,000 on the estate after taxes, holds \$20,000 should be held contingent upon further taxes or costs, leaving \$188,000 for present distribution. Since bequests totaling \$391,000 were made the court has reduced each legacy in proportion of the bequests to the estate thus leaving \$7,200 to the town of Richmond.

In August 1938 the Girard Trust Company by letter informed the Richmond town officers of the bequest in part as follows:

"Please be advised that under a deed of trust made by Mary W. Edmunds of Pasadena, California, under date of September 27, 1934, there is a gift to you, upon her death, of \$75,000, and we quote from the above trust:

above trust:

"Unto the Town of Richmond mond, Vermont, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,-000), in trust nevertheless, to invest, reinvest and keep invested and to use the net income arising therefrom for the purchase of books for public than a said town or for any other purpose thought more desirable for the town by the governing body of the Town of Richmond, in memory of the Grantor's father, George Franklin Edmunds."

The late Senator Edmunds was norm in Richmond on property now mown as the Whitcomb estate, two niles from the village

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Public Buildings and school buildings are sanitary and in good repair. A few suggestions have been made to the School Directors, in regard to the school buildings.

Of the two water systems that supply Richmond with drinking water, one was found to be slightly contaminated with vegetable or animal matter. This matter of contamination has been taken care of.

Milk and stable inspection were carried out last fall. The samples of milk that were sent to the State Laboratory were very satisfactory and the stables were sanitary and conformed to State regulations.

DR. WM. O. HUTCHINSON,

Health Officer.



REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

The U. S. Deposit Fund of \$2,058.03 has been paid to the State by the town together with interest up to the time of payment.

The Edmunds Fund of \$15,000.00 has been loaned to the town at 3%. I hold the Selectmen's note for the above amount.

F. HARDING CHESSMORE, Trustee.

Richmond, Vt., February 11, 1937.

MARRIAGES 1936

Date	Married by	Names				μ	Plac
Russell G. Hallock Rachel Anderson	Richmond, Vt.		25	1936	Rev. W.	April 25 1936 Rev. W. W. White Starksboro, Vt	Ş
J. Harold Spence	Richmond, Vt. Richmond, Vt.	June	. 70	1936	Rev. C. I	1936 Rev. C. F. Regan Richmond,	Ş

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tain sections of the State mendable but remember ertain individuals who are veeds around gardens and as followed up year after and many tourists would veed country." The Vermont Statutes require the Health Officer to make weekly reports to the Vermont State Board of Health, of the number of contagious diseases in town. There should be more co-operation of the doctors and families in giving me this data.

Richmond I think should line up with other towns and cooperate with the Department of Public Health, for the purpose of holding regular free clinics for children of all ages. Preventative medicine does more toward preventing sickness and saving lives, than the combined forces of medicine and surgery. In money it pays larger dividends then any other investment that could be made by the town.

The expense connected with the Health Officer Department for the past year was \$74.34.

Wм. O. Hutchinson, M.D., Health Officer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the reports of the several town officers as presented to us and find orders, notes and bonds outstanding as follows:

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Edmunds Fund note to F. H. Chessmore\$	23,507	46	
Cemetery Maintenance Fund note to Ceme-			
tery Trustees	6,427	95	
Barber Library Fund	884	10	
Shepardson School Fund	200	00	
Shepardson School Land		\$ 31,019	51
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OVERSEER'S ORDERS

21 Elizabeth Lawrence \$10.00	3 10	00
Unpaid Town bonds	37,000	00

The following are the bills of the Town Officers and recommended for payment:

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The following bills of the town officers are recommended for payment: M. D. Dimick, services as Treasurer\$ 100 00 L. C. Conant, services as School Director 15 00 C. B. Andrews, services as 1st Selectman 30 00 R. J. Towers, services as 2nd Selectman 25 00 B. E. McGovern, services as 3rd Selectman 20 00 Nellie Henley, services as Auditor, 3 days 9 00 Nellie Leonard, services as Auditor, 3 days 9 00 W. A. Church, services as Auditor, 3 days 9 00 Unpaid town bonds\$ 217 00
\$ 64,735 55
The following are assets of the town as shown the Auditors:
Cash on hand and in bank
Net indebtedness of town\$21,868 45
The School Directors carry fire insurance to the amount of \$58,100 on school property and the Selectmen carry \$4,600 on other town property. Nellie Henley, Nellie Leonard, W. A. Church,
Dated at Richmond, Vt., this 4th day of February, 1938.

Date1936 NamesDec. 23 Robert L. McMahe Beatrice O. Doney 1937 Mar. 10 Glenn T. Towers Margaret Hoskins Forrest W. Benwa Apr. 3 Charlotte A. Berry Apr. 10 Watson Larose Frances Hill Albert B. Edward Apr. 10 Mildred Fairbanks May Kedric Parent Gladys M. Smith Aug. 21 Frederick W. Hoo Eleanor Wallace Louis Bombardier Aug. 30 Mary O'Neil Sept. 6 James O'Neil Alice M. Stearns Levi Shepard Oct. 18 Bessie Howland 1938

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Cynda Williams inquired about the Edmunds Fund. Willard Conant explained that when he came on board as a member of the selectboard he found a paper that indicated that it was monies to be used for bridge repair.

Jeff Forward asked for an explanation of Expendable and Non-expendable. Wright Preston explained that you can spend the principle and interest in an expendable fund, but only the interest in a non-expendable fund. Monies can be transferred as they mature to the bridge account.

Mary Ann McMaster asked if anyone had ever researched the possibility of the money being used for the Library. Wright Preston responded yes and that it was specifically for bridges. The Farr Memorial Building Fund is for a new Town building or Library. Mary Ann McMaster will check with Harriet Riggs. The Board will investigate further. Amendment approved as written.

Peter Thomas asked for clarification on Mary Ann McMaster's question concerning use of the funds for the Library. Are we preventing any other use with this amendment? Wright Preston answered yes. We would have to come before voters again to modify use of the money. Scott Funk replied that the Selectboard did not come up with any use to be made of the funds except bridge work. Article 5 approved with amendment.

Moderator asked for motion to recess for school meeting. Motion by Peter Thomas to recess. Seconded by Tut Parmly. Meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

ARTICLE 6: Shall The Town of Richmond vote to increase the police department staff at a cost not to exceed \$33,000 in fiscal year 1994-1995 for salary, benefits, and training? Moved by Peter Thomas, seconded by Edwin Thorton.

Ed Adams asked if there were any crime statistics. Wright Preston replied that we are always looking for better coverage, 24-hours per day. We currently have coverage Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 1 a.m. fewer hours on Saturday, and eight hours on Sunday. We need coverage while officers are at the Police Academy (eight weeks) and other mandated training. We don't have the auxiliary staff for this coverage.

Bruce Bailey asked how many full time officers do we currently have. We have a chief, three full time officers, and two-three part timers.

Lee Jones doesn't see a need as we are a very small community and the State Police do not provide 24-hour coverage. How much crime do we have between 1 and 6 a.m.?

Jack Linn questioned the 30% increase in two years, \$167,000 to \$224,000. He felt it was agreed a few years ago that we did not want a very large police force.

Joyce Livak commended the police force on the work they have done for the town. She feels there are many needs in the town, the town changing, new people coming

RICHMOND VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 1, 1994

The 199th town meeting for the Town of Richmond was called to order by Moderator, Howard Buxton. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given, the Moderator noted that the meeting would be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order, and announced that it was our Bicentennial Year and encouraged residents to take time to celebrate. Town Clerk, Velma Godfrey, read the warning. Selectboard members present were Wright Preston, Harvey Lawrence, and Scott Funk.

Selectboard Chairman, Wright Preston, asked Howard Buxton to speak about his experiences at the Olympics. He was the United States coordinator of activities. Howard enjoyed his Olympic experience and felt that Norway was very much like Vermont.

ARTICLE 1: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Article moved to accept by Tut Parmly, seconded by Peter Thomas.

David Johnson asked for a explanation for differences in the financial reports and the dog licenses. Clerk, Velma Godfrey, explained that both the cash basis of accounting and modified accrual were printed and that dog licenses are sold on an annual basis and our financial reporting is on a fiscal basis. Article I approved as written.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to pay its Real Estate and Personal Property Tax to the Town Treasurer in four (4) equal installments, with due dates being August 15, November 15, February 15, and May 15. Peter Thomas moved article. Seconded by Tut Parmly. Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money when needed, to meet current expenses and indebtedness of the Town. Jeffrey Hard moved article. Seconded by Tut Parmly. Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to match advance State Aid Money. Duane LaRose moved article. Seconded by Lee Jones. Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town of Richmond establish a bridge reserve fund, pursuant to 24 VSA 2804, to be under the control and direction of the Selectboard, for bridge repairs and replacement to be funded annually by unexpended highway money budget in fiscal year 1994-1995 and in future years for bridge repair? Article moved by Peter Thomas. Seconded by Mary Carroll.

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OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

PO Box 285

RICHMOND, VERMONT 05477

December 29, 1994

Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia `Two Girard Plaza 2210 South Penn Square Philadephia, PA 19102

Estate of Mary M. Edmunds and/or Re: Estate of George Franklin Edmunds

Gentlemen:

In reference to the above estates, we are searching documentation that would advise us as to how the Town of Richmond Vermont can use the funds received from the Estate of Mary M. Edmunds. The will was filed in the Superior Court of Los Angeles, California, on June 25, 1936.

Enclosed is a copy of Mary Edmunds' will. We would appreciate any assistance you can give in determining the legal use of these funds.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Velma E. Godfrey

Town Clerk/Treasurer

LANGROCK SPERRY & WOOL



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A PARTNERSHIP

INCLUDING A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

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REPLY TO: BURLINGTON OFFICE

December 22, 1995

Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia Two Girard Plaza 2210 South Penn Square Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: Estate of Marry M. Edmunds and/or Estate of George Franklin Edmunds

Dear Sir/Ms.:

I represent the Town of Richmond, Vermont, which is seeking information as to what restrictions it may have regarding use of funds distributed to it under a certain trust of which Girard Trust Company is or was Trustee.

The only information the Town has is that on September 27, 1934 Mary Mahue Edmunds, then "legally a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, temporarily residing in Pasadena, California" executed a Will leaving her estate to Girard Trust Company, Trustee under a Trust dated September 27, 1934. That document is not of public record.

An ancient newspaper article indicates that in August of 1936 Girard Trust Company informed Town officials that under the Trust, there was a gift to the Town of some \$15,000:

in trust, nevertheless, to invest, reinvest, and keep invested and to use the net income arising therefrom for the purchase of books for public use in said Town or for any other purpose thought more desirable for the Town by the governing body of the Town of Richmond, in memory of the Grantor's father, George Franklin Edmunds.

Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia December 22, 1995 Page -2-

Inasmuch as no correspondence from Girard Trust Company can be found, the Town seeks to confirm the terms upon which it is required to hold these funds.

While I suspect that this particular Trust may long since have terminated, I wonder if you might check your records, and confirm whether or not the above accurately reflects the terms upon which these funds were transferred to the Town.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark L. Sperry

MLS/tcb

cc: Ron Rodjenski

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