

Samuel Chandler Crafts (1768-1853)
Plans
MS 912.743 C843

Samuel Chandler Crafts (1768-1853) probably drew the maps in this leather-bound volume in the late 1790s or early 1800s. The 48 maps show lots with owners' names, town boundaries, rivers, roads, and relief by hachure.

A similar book of plans by John W. Chandler is also owned by the Vermont Historical Society (*XMS 912.743 C361). Chandler purchased the papers James Whitelaw, second surveyor general of the state, after his death. Chandler's maps may be based on Whitelaw's and Crafts' maps may be copies of Chandler's. According to the *Barre Dailey Times*, 5 May 1922, "[T]he Crafts book pales beside Chandler's, both for the reason that (both being well drawn and accurate) Chandler's has nearly twice as many as Crafts' and still more because there now arises a strong suspicion that Crafts copied from Chandler's ..."

Crafts, the son of Ebenezer Crafts, settled in Craftsbury in 1791 and was town clerk of that town for thirty years, from 1799 until March 1829. He held many public offices including member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1817-1825; Governor of the State of Vermont, 1828-1831, and U.S. Senator, 1842-1843.

Mary Todd Crafts Hill (1809-?), daughter of Samuel Crafts, gave this book of manuscript town plans to the Craftsbury Academy Library at an unknown date. In 1910 F. H. Dewart, a civil engineer with an interest in early Vermont maps, transcribed these maps; copies of these transcriptions are in the collections of the Vermont State Archives, Vermont Historical Society, and the University of Vermont. In July 1968, Mary P. Duston, librarian of the Craftsbury Public Library from 1914 to 1976, transferred the book of plans from the Craftsbury Academy Library to the Vermont Historical Society as a loan "for safe-keeping in the vault." A microfilm of the volume was created in 2002 (VHS- 265). The volume was donated to the Vermont Historical Society by the Craftsbury Academy in July 2019. Digital copies of each page were made the same year. Digital copies were made available to the public through the VHS's Digital Vermont archive in December 2020.

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