

## Walpole, Massachusetts in 1860

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Walpole, Norfolk County, Post-town, 18 miles S.W. of Boston. Incorporated Dec. 10th, 1724, and has 1935 inhabitants. Bounded north by Dedham, east of Sharon, south by Foxboro, west by Medfield. This town was formerly a part of Dedham. Three considerable branches of Neponset River from Sharon, Foxborough and Medfield, unites in this town. These streams furnish good water power, much of which is well employed. There are three cotton mills with 3,000 spindles, amount of cloth made 120,000 yards; of thread 5,000 pounds.

There are also woolen mills, and forges for anchors, hollow ware, shovels, paper, etc., manufactured here.

It is a pleasant and flourishing town with several villages. The Norfolk County railroad, intended as a part of the Air-line railroad from Boston to New York traverses this town. A church was formed here early in the last century, and Rev. Phillips Payson ordained in 1728. Rev. Phillips Payson, formerly of Chelsea, and Rev. Seth Payson, D.D., formerly of Rindge[?], D.H.[?], were his sons. There are at present (1860?) Trinitarian, Unitarian and Methodist Societies. Valuation is \$812,984.

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