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## MONTGOMERY MILESTONES

**First Settlers: 1793. Joshua and Abigail Clapp.**

**First Child born: 1793 - Joel Clapp.**

**First Girl born: 1796 - Harriet Clapp.**

**First Town Meeting: 1802. At the home of Reuben Clapp.**

**First Religious Group to Organize: 1802. Congregationalists would eventually build a church which is now the Town Hall.**

**First Schooling Appropriation: 1804. \$22.**

**First School Building: 1809. In the Village (District 1).**

**First Post Office: 1812. In the Center.**

**First Church Built: 1835. By the Episcopalians. Now Pratt Hall.**

**First Civil War Casualty: 1861. Charles Haile.**

**First Library organized: 1895. Approved at Town Meeting.**

**First Electricity: circa 1898. Nelson and Hall Mill electrified.**

**First Telephone: 1909. 24 X 7 service established in 1943.**

**First "Year Ahead" Budget in Town Report: circa 1925. School Section.**

**First Car: circa 1910. Less than 20 in 1913. First garage opened in 1926.**

**First Textual Reports in Town Report: 1919. Other than Auditors.**

**First Budget Committee: 1936. For one year. Reinstated in 1959.**

**First Photo on the cover of the Town Report: 1940. Covered Bridge. First color photo 2005. Billy Baker Jr.**

**First "Year Ahead" Budget in Town Report: 1959. Municipal Section.**

**Sources: Town Reports; "Montgomery, VT: The History of a Town", Taylor and Branthoover; "The Vermonter" magazine June/Jul 1913; "The New England Town Meeting as Icon and Ethnographic Object" Averill Leslie.**

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