

PETITIONERS FOR MUNICIPALITY

John Pettigrew	Thos Byland	Arthur Percy Gosset
Wm Hendon	Geo. Faircloth	Herbert B. Way
F. A. Forbes	Henry Buckley	Ambrose Eldridge
Christr Gorry	Thomas White	W. Munroe Smith
Henry Kilner	John Hamar	A. Femister
Jno. Cramp	Jos. Hopkins	James N. Hughes
Chas. F. Chubb	David Ansell	Albert Watson
D. D. Bethune	J. Ogilvie	Edwd. Jones
Enoch Bostock	J. Pascoe	Chas. Wheeler
Thos. Overell	M. O'Keefe	Henry W. Ransom
D. Rodger	John Barnes	Thomas Steel
Walter Grieve	James Gibson	Francis McLoughlan
James Bailee	Hugh Ed. Grey	James Given
S. F. Whitehead	Chas. S. Warner	Frank B. Bays
Geo. Maughan	Denis Thos. Burgess	Edmund John Bays
Evan J. Davis	Chas. S. Warry	Richard H. Bannan
Geo. Dowden	Robert Aland	Thomas M. Lang
William Keith	R. Gill	H. W. Haseler
William R. Twine	J. Smth	Geo. H. Wilson, jun.
Job Twine	Robert Bannerman	S. Southerden
E. Eggleston	John Millar	J. Blaine
Joseph Sealy	Daniel McDonald	H. Stowell
Charles Hanson	James Willis	T. Greasley
A. Macalister	Geo. Rose	B. Sloane
Jas. Bryant	J. Parkes	James W. Arthurs
Harry Skinner	David McBay	William Trotter
W. Sparks	Chris. C. Meyers	Samuel McCormick
Fredk. Hinton	James McIntosh	Robert Crosthwaite
Thos. G. Robinson	John Kent	Michael Christie
Geo. O'Rourke	Dan. Weems	R. S. Jones
Geo. Holt		

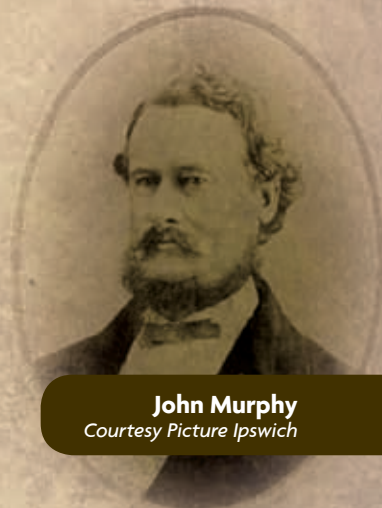
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Brisbane Street, Ipswich early 1900s
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ELECTION OF MAYOR

No time was wasted in conducting elections in the early days. The nomination of aldermen for the first Ipswich Municipal Council took place in the Court House, on 12 April, 1860. Mr Henry Buckley was the returning officer, and polling day was fixed for 19 April, allowing only a week for electioneering. The following gentlemen were duly elected:

John Murphy	191 votes
John Johnston	170 votes
Charles Watkins	157 votes
Donald Bethune	147 votes
Christopher Gorry	140 votes
J.M. Thompson	98 votes
John Pettigrew	86 votes
Francis North	79 votes
Thomas Stanley	76 votes



John Murphy
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At the first meeting Alderman Murphy was unanimously elected mayor, on the motion of Alderman John Pettigrew, seconded by Alderman John Johnston. He was re-elected mayor in the following year, and altogether was Mayor of Ipswich five times, earning him the popular title of “Murphy, the Mayor”. He was an adherent of the Church of England. The early meetings of the council were held in a brick building in East Street.

The pioneer aldermen met every Thursday afternoon, and it cannot be doubted that they got through a lot of useful and necessary work. The finance committee consisted of Aldermen Murphy, Gorry and Pettigrew, and the improvement committee of Aldermen Watkins, Bethune and Stanley.

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Ipswich Court House, Ipswich Circa 1887
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TOWN CLERK

At the second council meeting on 26 April, the chief business was to arrange for applications for the position of town clerk. A motion was presented to employ a clerk at a salary of £200 a year, for the “keeping of the books and conducting the correspondence and to find security and £500 for the due performance of the duties”.

An amendment was accepted that no specific salary for a town clerk should be mentioned and that tenders should be invited for the position.

The mayor was requested to write to the Court House authorities to request the use of a room for the use of the corporation.

The mayor’s request was granted and the council met in a room in the Court House on 1 May. That room then became the council chambers and office of the town clerk.

The consideration of the town clerk was the chief business of that meeting. Twelve tenders were received. The amounts ranged from £50 a year to £200 a year. EB Cullen’s tender of £200 was accepted and he was appointed as the first town clerk of the Municipality of Ipswich.

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View from Limestone Hill 1861-62

William Francis Emery, Oil on Canvas
Ipswich Art Gallery Collection
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