

**Presented to Joyce Nelson, second-longest serving Colebrook
Town Clerk in the history of the town (and the best!)**

Colebrook Town Clerks 1779 – 2006

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	<u>Years in office</u>	<u>Rank by Time</u>
1779	Elijah Rockwell	1816	37	1
1817	Lancelot Phelps	1831	14	8
1832	Arthur Howell	1849	17	7
1850	Abiram Chamberlain	1850	(3 months)	
1850	C. F. Barber	1851	(10 months)	
1851	Lancelot Phelps	1852	1	
1853	Reuben Rockwell	1854	1	
1855	Seth Pease	1857	2	
1858	Reuben Rockwell	1876	18	6
1877	John S. Wheeler	1885	8	9
1886	Andrew J. Terrell	1888	2	
1889	Reuben Rockwell	1898	9 (died in office)	8
1898	Albert Kelsey	1899	(2 months)	
1899	Chester S. Smith	1899	(6 months – died in office)	
1899	Samuel A. Cooper	1899	(3 months)	
1899	Howard Smith	1902	3	10
1902	Hiram D. Northrop	1923	21	4
1924	Theodore Phillips	1925	1	
1925	Lester N. Smith	1927	2	
1928	Henry H. Vining	1929	1	
1930	Clarence F. Stotts	1953	23	3
1953	Jean A. Stevens	1953	(11 days as acting town clerk)	
1953	Mildred Seymour	1955	2 (resigned)	
1955	Genevieve Phillips	1974	19	5
1974	N. Joyce Nelson	2006	32	2

Elijah Rockwell, who served 37 years, began when he was 35 and ended when he was 72. (He died at age 97.)

Reuben Rockwell served three nonconsecutive terms for a total of 28 years.

Compiled by Robert Grigg, Colebrook town historian.