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All ye rubes attention! Hi holler barn dance [with Springfield's Crack Rube Orchestra]

1931 (?) Apr. 14
Assessors notice [Enfield]

1938 Jan. 1
Beautiful drama in 3 acts -- Rebecca's Triumph [Playbill for performance at Good Templar's Hall, North Dana]

1888 Jan. 25
Farewell Ball, Enfield Fire Department

1938 Apr. 27
Grand Dance Labor Night [Riverside Hotel, Greenwich]

1894 Sept. 3
"Henry Fobes farm, at that time given him by will from father Jesse Fobes," Enfield. Survey map by Royal E. Blair

1859 Oct.
List of persons assessed a poll tax, town of Enfield

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List of persons assessed a poll tax, town of Enfield [includes manuscript additions]

1918 Apr. 1
List of voters for the town of Enfield

1936 Feb. 3
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1936 Apr. 28
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1888 July 27
National air mail week, local organization chart [filled in for Enfield]

ca. 1938
Notice to voters -- registration -- Office of Registrars of Voters of New Salem

1938 Oct. 5
Quabbin Aqueduct Company shares [not filled in]

ca. 1938
Specimen ballot [election for town officers, Enfield]

1938 Feb. 7
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1920 Feb. 2
Specimen ballot for the town of Enfield

1923 Feb. 5
Uncle Tom's Cabin [Playbill for performance by North Dana Dramatic Club, Good Templar's Hall, North Dana]

ca. 1893 (?) Mar. 17

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