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SECRETARIES OF STATE, Terms of Service

Thomas Chandler 1	1778-1778
Joseph Fay	1778-1781
Micah Townshend	1781-1788
Roswell Hopkins	1788-1802
David Wing, Jr.	1802-1806
Thomas Leverett	1806-1813
Josiah Dunham	1813-1815
William Slade, Jr.	1815-1823
Norman Williams	1823-1831
Timothy Merrill	1831-1836
Chauncey L. Knapp	1836-1841
Alvah Sabin	1841-1842
James McM. Shafter	1842-1849
Farrand F. Merrill	1849-1853
Daniel P. Thompson	1853-1855
Chas. W. Willard	1855-1857
Benjamin W. Dean	1857-1861
George W. Bailey, Jr. 2	1861-1865
George Nichols	1865-1884

Charles W. Porter 3	1884-1890
Chauncey W. Brownell	1890-1898
Fred A. Howland	1898-1902
Frederick G. Fleetwood	1902-1908
Guy W. Bailey 4	1908-1917
Frederick G. Fleetwood	1917-1919
Harry A. Black 5	1919-1923
Aaron H. Grout 6	1923-1927
Rawson C. Myrick 7	1927-1947
Helen E. Burbank 8	1947-1949
Howard E. Armstrong	1949-1965
Harry H. Cooley	1965-1969
Richard C. Thomas	1969-1977
James A. Guest	1977-1981
James H. Douglas	1981-1993
Donald M. Hooper	1993-1995
James F. Milne	1995-1999
Deb Markowitz	1999-

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NOTES: Secretaries of State, Terms of Service

- 1. Resigned October 8, 1778. [RETURN TO TEXT](#)**

- 2. Died in office July 1865; Governor Smith appointed Nichols on July 29, 1865. [RETURN TO TEXT](#)**

- 3. Secretary of State first elected by the people. [RETURN TO TEXT](#)**

- 4. Resigned September 1, 1917 and Governor Graham appointed Frederick G. Fleetwood on same date. [RETURN TO TEXT](#)**

- 5. Died April 9, 1923; Governor Redfield Proctor appointed Grout on April 21, 1923. [RETURN TO TEXT](#)**

- 6. Resigned March 4, 1927 and Governor Weeks appointed Rawson C. Myrick on May 2, 1927. [RETURN TO TEXT](#)**

- 7. Resigned September 1, 1947 and Helen F. Burbank appointed October 15, 1947. [RETURN TO TEXT](#)**

- 8. First woman Secretary of State in Vermont. [RETURN TO TEXT](#)**